

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

CHARITY NO. 1192670

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
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The trustees present their report for the year ending 31st March 2024.

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

The address for Caring Matters Now is:

Bridge Chapel Centre
Heath Road
Liverpool
L19 4XR

The trustees for the year were:

Val Unsworth (Chair)
Ian Chance (Treasurer)
Ruth Gold
Emma Robins
Tracy Traverse-Burley
Kuhan Valleekanthan
Robert Jackson – Resigned 9th September 2023
Bronagh Cleland – Resigned 21st March 2024

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 international conferences 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, who is supported by 4 members of staff; Support Pathway Practitioner, Finance Officer and Fundraising & Communications Officer. With the growth of the charity, a Charity Administrator was appointed to support the team.

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, improving website content and producing new support materials and fundraising campaigns.

Developed our Support Pathway ensuring tailored support is provided to all members, with specific focus on continuing to develop support for siblings and adult members, alongside enhancing our EDI focus.

Continued to host online communities for families affected by CMN, including a gaming community tailored to attract 'dads and lads', a monthly baby & toddler group, new members meeting and our annual online research presentation.

Hosted our 2-day annual CMN national support conference at PGL, Liddington with 109 people attending.

Hosted 8 regional support events across the UK, providing children, teenagers and adults 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. A large proportion of the day was focused on EDI training for our volunteer team.

Developed our support literature library by producing a CMN awareness card for those affected by CMN to give to people in their community.

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.

Continued to provide parents of a new-born baby affected by CMN the opportunity 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 our third 'how do you C Me Now?' personal story documentary 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.

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 2023.

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

Participated in the Rare Diseases Day Feb 2024 to raise the profile of CMN.

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

Expanded our staff team by an additional part-time staff member to support administrative tasks, alongside expanding our key volunteers' team with an additional 3 new volunteers providing support across the UK.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Reserves Policy

With the increase in charity expenditure the retained cash reserve has been increased to £75,000.

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.

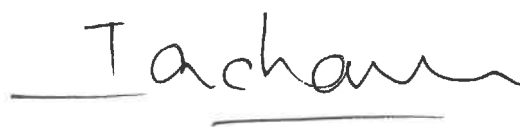
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

Bank Accounts

The Charity's bankers are:
Charities Aid Foundation
Flagstone

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

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Ian Chance (Trustee / Treasurer)

Dated: 15/01/2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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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 2024 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)
32a East Street
St. Ives
Cambs
PE27 5PD

Dated:

16th January 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	2023
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations	10,654	6,355	17,009	11,625
Grants	-	160,000	160,000	230,750
Fundraising events	18,869	2,256	21,125	32,448
Caring Matters Now events	29,075	-	29,075	354,354
Other income	16,147	-	16,147	19,317
Interest received	21,389	-	21,389	2,012
TOTAL INCOME	96,134	168,611	264,744	650,506
EXPENDITURE				
Support costs	40,377	34,070	74,446	64,388
Awareness costs	5,847	15,810	21,656	25,259
Research costs	199	180,383	180,582	140,270
Fundraising costs	19,502	3,906	23,408	189,192
Governance costs	42,927	3,906	46,833	38,686
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	108,851	238,075	346,926	457,795
Surplus/Loss for the year	(12,717)	(69,464)	(82,182)	192,711
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Accumulated Fund brought forward	280,080	219,287	499,367	306,656
Accumulated Fund carried forward	267,363	149,823	417,185	499,367

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	2023
	Note	£	£	£	
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	4	3,429	-	3,429	2,909
		<u>3,429</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,429</u>	<u>2,909</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	3,601	-	3,601	6,033
Cash at bank & in hand		263,330	149,823	413,153	493,683
Total Current Assets		<u>266,931</u>	<u>149,823</u>	<u>416,753</u>	<u>499,716</u>
Less Current Liabilities					
Creditors	6	(2,997)	-	(2,997)	(3,258)
Net Current Assets		<u>263,934</u>	<u>149,823</u>	<u>413,756</u>	<u>496,458</u>
Total Assets		<u>267,363</u>	<u>149,823</u>	<u>417,185</u>	<u>499,367</u>
Represented by					
Income Funds					
Unrestricted funds	7	267,363	-	267,363	280,080
Restricted funds	7	-	149,823	149,823	219,287
TOTAL		<u>267,363</u>	<u>149,823</u>	<u>417,185</u>	<u>499,367</u>

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

Ian Chance 15/01/2025
Ian Chance (Trustee / Treasurer)

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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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2 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	843	-
Subsistence	90	-
Accommodation	286	-
Other (please specify):		
Gift	49	-
TOTAL	1,268	-

Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or 3 -

3 STAFF COSTS

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

2024	2023
<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

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

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4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

**Computer
Equipment**

Cost

As at 1st April 2023

4,600

Additions

1,524

Disposals

-

As at 31st March 2024

6,124

Depreciation

As at 1st April 2023

1,691

Charge for the year

1,004

On disposals

-

As at 31st March 2024

2,695

Net Book Value

As at 31st March 2024

3,429

Net Book Value

As at 31st March 2023

2,909

5 DEBTORS

2024

2023

Trade debtors

-

-

Gift Aid

3,601

6,033

3,601

6,033

6 CREDITORS

2024

2023

PAYE creditor

1,997

2,149

Other creditors

160

334

Accruals

840

775

2,997

3,258

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7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds	280,080	(12,717)	267,363
Restricted funds	219,287	(69,464)	149,823
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>499,367</u>	<u>(82,182)</u>	<u>417,185</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains & losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds	96,134	(108,851)	-	(12,717)
Restricted funds	168,611	(238,075)	-	(69,464)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>264,744</u>	<u>(346,926)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(82,182)</u>