Commentary on the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts:

The Defendant CIO Charity no. 1192671

For the year ending 1st April 2022

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 1st April 2022

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	07	12	2020	To	05	04	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Defendant
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1192671
Charity's principal address	Capital House, Kemp House
	152-160 City Road
	London
Postcode	EC1V 2NX

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	Freya Wood	Chair		
2	Christian Weaver			
3	Ella Blake			

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

Hannah Arkwright, Liam Allan

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO

Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about: • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The objectives of The Defendant are: (a) to promote and protect the mental health of persons subject to criminal proceedings or prosecution by promoting and providing services that provide emotional and practical support through online resources and a national helpline (b) to advance education of the general public in the criminal justice system by providing information and advice in relation to the process and procedure in criminal prosecutions

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In advancement of objective (a), the following activities have been undertaken:

- Helpline
  - We have continued to run a volunteer-led helpline that provides callers with information and support as they navigate the Criminal Justice System
  - In the past year, our helpline was expanded from 3 to 5 days a week to increase the availability of our services
  - We have recruited helpline volunteers to increase the availability of the helpline
- Continuous Email Support
  - In the past year, The Defendant has created a continuous email support service as an alternative way for the public to access support
  - The purpose of this service is to provide ongoing support, as the criminal justice process can span over months if not years for defendants
- Website
  - The Defendant's website has been maintained across the past year with information for the public to access on every stage of the criminal justice process

In advancement of objective (a), the following activities have been undertaken:

- Public Legal Education Conference 2022
  - The Defendant hosted a conference in partnership with the University of Manchester that educated the public on the criminal justice process, as well as their rights in other areas of law
- Blog
  - The Defendant has launched a blog in to provide up to date commentary on current issues affecting defendants

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the trustees of The Defendant have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when carrying out their duties.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Defendant has supported over 3000 people via the helpline and continuous support email. Feedback from service users has been consistently positive and demonstrative of how valued and important The Defendant's work is.

The Defendant has partnered with 3 police forces and engaged in conversations with the Crown Prosecution Service on recognising the impact of the CJS on defendants.

To further the objective of educating the wider public, The Defendant has created a campaign on reforms to the process for disclosure of evidence. This campaign was due to launch in the past year but has been pushed back to this year. The campaign is titled 'Just Disclosure' and will engage the wider public in an issue impacting defendants, while making the case for reform.

The Defendant is in the early stages of entering corporate partnerships, as part of its growth and funding strategy for the next year.

Section E Financial review

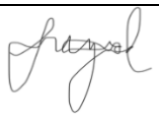
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The Defendant does not have a reserves policy.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Freya Wood	Ella Blake
Position	Chair	Trustee

Date 31st January 2023

The Defendant (Charity no. 1192671)
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	7th December 2020	To	5th April 2022

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Donations	8,040	-
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	8,040	-
Grants		
Lush grant		800
Wakeham Trust	1,500	
Sub total	1,500	800
Fundraising events (gross)		
Yoga Event	184	
Launch Party	574	-
Sub total	758	-
Investment income		
Bank interest	0	-
Sub total	0	-
Total Gross Income	10, 298	800
Total receipts	11,098	

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Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	7th December 2020	To	5th April 2022

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Insurance	381	-
Materials and equipment	178	-
Printing and photocopying	23	-
AGM and trustee expenses	30	-
Helpline Fee	2,187	-
Volunteer Expernses	125	
Website Fees	385	-
Sub total	3,309	-
Fundraising expenses		
Fundraising events expense	766	-
Sub total	766	-
Total Gross Expenditure	4,075	-
Total payments	4,075	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,023	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-
Cash funds this year end	7,023	-

The Defendant (Charity no. 1192671)
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	7th December 2020	To	5th April 2022

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	7,023	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	7,023	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)		
Sub total	7,023	
Liabilities		
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	161	-
Other liabilities	12	-
Sub total	173	-
Total net assets	6,850	-

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 31st January 2023 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Freya Wood (Chair)
	Ella Blake