Commentary on the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts:

The Defendant CIO Charity no. 1192671

For the year ending 6th April 2024

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 6th April 2024.

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	07	04	2023	To	06	04	2024

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
- Continuous Email Support
  - The Defendant has 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 (b), the following activities have been undertaken:

- Events
  - The Defendant hosted a legal event in conjunction with a law firm to raise awareness of the impact of mental health on 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 600 people this year via the helpline and continuous support email. Service users are often at crisis point and feedback from them has indicated that they have found The Defendant an invaluable lifeline. To further the objective of educating the wider public, The Defendant has organised an event alongside a Law Firm to discuss how Defendants' mental health is affected when criminal proceedings are brought against them. The Defendant continues to engage in conversations surrounding corporate partnerships, as part of its growth and funding strategy for the next year.

Section E Financial review

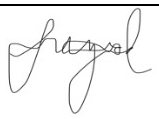
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The Defendant does not have a reserves policy.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

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 6th January 2024

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

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	7th April 2023	To	6th April 2024

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Donations	350	-
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	350	-
Grants		
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
	-	
		-
Sub total		-
Investment income		
Bank interest	0	-
Sub total	0	-
Total Gross Income	350	
Total receipts	350	

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

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	7th April 2023	To	6th April 2024

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Insurance	188	-
Virtual Office	111	
Materials and equipment		-
Printing and photocopying		-
AGM and trustee expenses		-
Helpline Fee	540	-
Volunteer Expenses		
Website and email Fees	652	-
Sub total	1,490	-
Fundraising expenses		
Fundraising expenses	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	1,490	-
Total payments	1,490	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,140	-
Cash funds last year end	3,841	-
Cash funds this year end	2,701	-

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

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	7th April 2023	To	6th April 2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	2,701	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	2,701	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)		
Sub total	2,701	
Liabilities		
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	210	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	210	-
Total net assets	2,491	-

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 6th January 2025 (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