CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 06/04/2024 Period start date To 05/04/2025
Period end date

Charity name: The Defendant

Charity registration number: 1192671

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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 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	In advancement of the objectives, the following activities have been undertaken: • Helpline o 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 o 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 o The Defendant's website has been maintained with information for the public to access on every stage of the criminal justice process
Statement confirming	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the

whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		relevant guidance.

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

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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	In this period The Defendant continued to support individuals and their families navigating the Criminal Justice System via its helpline and email support service. It also hosted an event on the mental health impact of the going through the Criminal Justice System on defendants. The event positive feedback, with attendance from lawyers, judges, academics and member of the public interested in criminal justice.

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

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity holds £0.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserves policy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Defendant paused activity in February 2025 with no remaining liability.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Defendant currently holds no funds and has no upcoming fundraising planned. Its activities have been paused for a year with no restart date planned.

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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	Appointed by existing trustees.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Defendant
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1192671
Charity's principal address	25 Jutland Gardens Coulsdon CR5 1DW

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	October 2020 -	
2	Christian Weaver		October 2020 - June 2024	
3	Ella Blake		October 2020 - June 2024	
4	Kieran Donnelly		June 2024 - February 2025	
5	Rachel Kunz			
6	Niccola Parkes			
7	Liam Allan			
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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	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

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)

Exemptions from disclosure

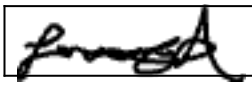
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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)	Freya Wood	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date		

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

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	6th April 2024	To	5th April 2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Donations	1,019	-
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	1,019	-
Grants		
	-	
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
	-	
		-
Sub total	-	-
Investment income		
Bank interest	0	-
Sub total	0	-
Total Gross Income		
Total receipts		

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

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	6th April 2024	To	5th April 2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Insurance		-
Virtual Office	-	
Materials and equipment	-	-
Printing and photocopying	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Helpline & Web Server Fee	1,009	-
Volunteer Expenses	-	
Sub total	1,009	-
Fundraising expenses		
Fundraising expenses		-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	1,009	-
Total payments		-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-
Cash funds last year end		-
Cash funds this year end		-

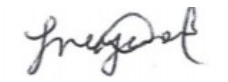
The Defendant (Charity no. 1192671)
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	6th April 2024	To	5th April 2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

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

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 12 February 2026 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Freya Wood (Chair)