

# ANNUAL REPORT | 2024 - 2025



**The EPIC Charity – Bristol** | Registered Charity No. 1193713

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# 1. OBJECTIVES | ACTIVITIES | VALUES

-  The EPIC Charity– Bristol, was established on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021, and is informally known as ‘EPIC’.
-  EPIC is a small grant-giving charity supporting care-experienced children and young people.
-  Our grant-making policy and funding criteria can be found on our website, in brief, the charity provides grants of up to £500 to children or young people who have grown up in the care of Bristol City Council Local Authority. On occasion EPIC may provide larger grants to organisations or groups working specifically with Bristol's care-experienced young people.
-  EPIC's values centre around promoting access to activities and opportunities, as well as inspiring memories.

## 2. CARE EXPERIENCE | THE CONTEXT

-  Internationally, nationally, and locally in Bristol, the number of children in care increases year-on-year.
-  This also means young people aging out of the care system, around age 18 and known as care leavers, is a growing population.
-  It is understood that care-experienced young people experience disproportionately worse outcomes in adulthood than general populations, for example financially, risk of homelessness, risk of involvement in justice systems, and poorer physical and mental health.

### 3. IMPACT ASSESSMENT | MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- In 2024-25 we approved 21 grants including music lessons, horse-riding lessons, sports equipment and driving lessons. Due to funding restrictions, we were only able to run one grant cycle.
- We have invested in our online presence through a new website and dedicated social media channels resulting in increased awareness and understanding on the purpose of the charity.

### 4. FINANCIAL REVIEW | ACCOUNTS

- EPIC is mainly dependent on payroll giving and small fundraising activities. We have been unable to secure any grant-funding this year.
- Achieving a sustainable income will be a key focus for 25/26 to allow us to increase our grant-giving.

*Cashflow summary table:*

|                        | 2024-25 |
|------------------------|---------|
| Total Income           | £2,368  |
| Total expenditure      | £5,384  |
| Cash funds at year end | £10,822 |

- 🍌 The board have agreed a Reserves Policy is not yet necessary but will require further consideration upon more consistent funding.

### **Grant making windows**

- 🍌 During 2024-25 EPIC gave out a total of 14 grants to 14 individual young people.

## **5. STRUCTURE | GOVERNANCE | TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 🍌 Over 2024 – 2025, the EPIC board of Trustees had two new trustees join and one resign totalling eight. The board meets six times per year.
- 🍌 EPIC has a Finance Committee made up of four Trustees who meet after every application window to make decisions regarding funding applications based on the relevant criteria. The Funding Policy is on our website.
- 🍌 Trustees are generally sought based on experience and by word of mouth, as well as advertising on volunteer forums. The Trustees regularly review the make-up of the board to ensure it is representative. New Trustees have an introductory discussion and are invited to observe a meeting.
- 🍌 In 2024-25 the board undertook formal training from a local provider on roles and responsibilities of a Trustee.
- 🍌 The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with charity law and accounting standards. In preparing these reports the trustees are required to:
  - Apply policies appropriately and consistently
  - Comply with the Charity Commission requirements
  - Confirm appropriate accounting standards have been followed
  - Complete them on a going concern basis
- 🍌 The Trustees are responsible for keeping financial records that will accurately disclose the financial position of the charity, as well as

safeguarding the assets of the charity – and detecting and preventing fraud.

## 6. EPIC PRIORITIES | LOOKING AHEAD

-  Secure a more secure income stream
-  Recruit a Patron
-  Continue to develop our Trustee board



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Epic Charity Bristol

No (if any)  
1193713

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
4/6/2024

To

Period end date  
4/5/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

|                                                       | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds  | Total funds      | Last year        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                       | to the nearest £   | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  | Restated         |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Donations, legacies and grants                        | 2,368              | -                | -                | 2,368            | 1,355            |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)                | 2,368              | -                | -                | 2,368            | 1,355            |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | 2,368              | -                | -                | 2,368            | 1,355            |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Website consultancy                                   | 1,872              | -                | -                | 1,872            | -                |
| Rent of rooms                                         | -                  | -                | -                | -                | 45               |
| Training                                              | 543                | -                | -                | 543              | 63               |
| Cost of fundraising events                            | -                  | -                | -                | -                | 70               |
| Grants and donations paid                             | 2,969              | -                | -                | 2,969            | 9,323            |
| Accountancy                                           | -                  | -                | -                | -                | 600              |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | 5,384              | -                | -                | 5,384            | 10,101           |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | 5,384              | -                | -                | 5,384            | 10,101           |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | 3,016              | -                | -                | 3,016            | 8,746            |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | 14,825             | -                | -                | 14,825           | 22,584           |
| <b>Prior year adjustment</b>                          | 987                | -                | -                | 987              | -                |
| <b>Restated cash funds brought forward</b>            | 13,838             | -                | -                | 13,838           | -                |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | 10,822             | -                | -                | 10,822           | 13,838           |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories    | Details                                                | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|               |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|               |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|               | Total cash funds                                       | 10,822                             | -                                | -                               |
|               | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                                 | OK                               | OK                              |

|                          | Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

|                      | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |

|                                              | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |         |                             | -               | -                        |

|                | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

|                                                             |           |                 |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name      | Date of approval |
|                                                             | #VALUE!   | Elizabeth Small | 2/4/2026         |
|                                                             | #VALUE!   | Michael Starr   | 2/4/2026         |