



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

Charity name: Babyloss Support Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

Charity registration number: 1194212

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit to relieve the needs of bereaved parents and families who have suffered the loss of a baby during pregnancy or after birth in particular, but not restricted to Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland in such ways and by such means as are charitable within the laws of England & Wales and in particular, but not exclusively, by: • Working closely with healthcare professionals to offer peer to peer support via the phone, email and face to face meeting by anyone affected by the death of a baby; • Funding items and resources to aid parents in the memory making process and to enable the maternity and neonatal units to provide comforts to parents going through loss; • Removing the barriers to accessing bereavement support for all families by working collaboratively with other local organisations, bereaved parents, healthcare professionals and education providers; • Signposting the beneficiaries to relevant information to help anyone affected by the death of a baby; • Providing peer to peer support for parents in subsequent pregnancies through our Pregnancy After Loss support group.

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	Activities <u>Direct support</u> – monthly face to face support meetings and additional ad hoc contact depending on need. Support also offered over the phone, face to face or by email depending on need following referrals from midwives, GPs, other organisations and parents themselves. <u>Pregnancy After Loss support</u> – Direct support offered over the phone, face to face or by email depending on need following referrals from midwives, GPs, other organisations and parents themselves.; <u>Wave of Light service</u> – this annual service held on the 15th October during Baby Loss Awareness Week was attended by approximately 120. It was jointly organised and promoted with University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust. <u>Annual Remembrance service</u> – approximately 35 families attended the annual service held on 25th November 2023 at St Mary de Castro Church. It is held ahead of Christmas, a difficult time for many grieving families to give them a safe space to reflect. <u>Family Social event</u> - We held a Christmas family social at Blaby District Social Club on the 2nd December which was attended by approximately 20 families. <u>Raising Awareness</u> – BLS United, a Sunday League football team made up of players and supporters aims to raise awareness of the charity. Education: <u>Bereavement Study Day</u> – Supporting sessions delivered to approximately 50 third year midwifery students at DeMontfort University, Leicester. Raising Awareness <u>Radio Interview</u> 8th February 2024 – BBC Radio Leicester interview discussing all the support available to bereaved parents and their families experiencing babyloss in our local area.
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		Breaking barriers to accessing Support: <u>Collaboration</u> – Working alongside other local support organisations, we have co-created a leaflet outlining the support options available to bereaved parents and their families locally, with a view of improving information, accessibility, inclusiveness and choice. Funding of Equipment: We funded contents for our memory boxes including inkless kits, SD cards and pin badges.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity's activities for this period are detailed above. The Trustees have complied with their duties to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers The charity is extremely grateful for the tireless efforts of its many volunteers and supporters who are involved in service provision and raising awareness. These include: • Providing compassionate peer support to grieving families via telephone, email and face to face meetings; • Organising and helping during the Wave of Light, the Annual Remembrance Service and other social events; • Managing the charity's social media and website; • Administrative duties and management of BLS United;

Contribution made by Supporters		Supporters The charity is also extremely grateful for the generosity of its many supporters without who we would not be able to reach as many families as we do. These include: • Generous contributions from supporters knitting blankets and clothing we pass on to the hospital to offer bereaved parents; • The players and Manager of BLS United who keep raising awareness about baby loss and the charity every time they play football or wear our logo; • Everyone who has donated and raised funds to support our work and in particular the marathon runner and his running club.
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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	Approximately 100 individuals bereaved parents and family members have accessed support from the charity in the year to 30th September 2024 at least once through one of the following means: Telephone (including messaging), email, support group and private messages on the charity's social media. We currently receive 2-3 new contact per month. In addition, bereaved families attended our social events and services of remembrance. Impact: The opportunity to talk, connect and reflect on a devastating loss that stays with parents and families indefinitely. Parents returning to the support groups or for one-to-one ongoing communication indicates they are benefitting from these support mechanisms. The training delivered to healthcare professionals and students enables them to deliver sensitive and compassionate care to families that have suffered the loss of a baby within a hospital and community setting. The annual social events we hold are aimed at allowing families on-going and long-term support. Many families regularly attend these events and have said they feel connected to others on a similar grief journey.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity has reserves of £10,963 at 30.09.24; Income of £5,844 from donations and Expenditure of £1,923.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Funds raised are spent on equipment, memory making items and support services. Minimum of £2k held back for day to day operations.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,963.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

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	Donations and External fundraising
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	None
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
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	

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	Babyloss Support Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194212
Charity's principal address	1 Elm Tree Gardens, Leicester, LE2 3NG

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	Roopal Shah	Chair		
2	Deepa Masani	Vice-Chair		
3	Moiri McLean	Safeguarding lead		
4	Mark Finney			
5	Lee Calvert			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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)

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Exemptions from disclosure**Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details**

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Other optional information

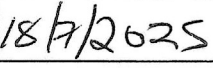
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Roopal Jaimini Shah	Mark Finney
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date 

Babyloss Support Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland**Charity number 1194212****Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income & Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income		
Donations	5,844	5,741
Total	<u>5,844</u>	<u>5,741</u>
Expenditure		
Donations	0	
Supervision		
Other	(1,923)	(6,884)
Total	<u>(1,923)</u>	<u>(6,884)</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the year	3,921	(1,143)
Total funds brought forward	7,042	8,185
Total funds carried forward	<u>10,963</u>	<u>7,042</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 September 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Cash funds		
Debtors		
Cash at bank	11,895	7,042
Total cash funds	<u>11,895</u>	<u>7,042</u>
Liabilities - Due within 1 year	932	0
	<u>10,963</u>	<u>7,042</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	10,963	7,042
Restricted funds	0	0
Total funds	<u>10,963</u>	<u>7,042</u>

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Print name

Date of approval

Mark Finney



18/07/25

Roopal Shah



18/07/25