

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1194581

CLEFT
Unaudited Financial Statements
30 June 2022

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Financial Statements

Period from 25 May 2021 to 30 June 2022

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Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

Period from 25 May 2021 to 30 June 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	CLEFT
Charity registration number	1194581
Principal office	10a Warren Estate Lordship Road Writtle Chelmsford CM1 3WT

The trustees

The trustees who served during the period and at the date of approval were as follows:

B Sommerlad (Chairman - Appointed 25/05/2021)
R Allan (Appointed 25/05/2021)
E Anderson (Appointed 25/05/2021)
J Baldwin (Appointed 25/05/2021)
M Dwyer (Appointed 25/05/2021)
M Fell (Appointed 25/05/2021)
T Goodacre (Appointed 25/05/2021)
N Hay (Appointed 25/05/2021)
Y Kahn-Pascual (Appointed 25/05/2021)
K Knowles (Appointed 25/05/2021)
T Morris (Appointed 25/05/2021)
M Pinkstone (Appointed 25/05/2021)
B Richard (Appointed 25/05/2021)
D Sainsbury (Appointed 25/05/2021)
R Slator (Appointed 25/05/2021)
R Walker (Appointed 25/05/2021)
A Steel (Resigned 07/04/2022)
J Hollingbery (Resigned 18/04/2022)
R O'Malley (Resigned 30/06/2022)

Executive Officer M Baldwin (Appointed 25/05/2021)

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Objectives and Activities

Our Mission

CLEFT is a charity focused on providing permanent, sustainable, ways to improve cleft care in both the UK and overseas.

Supporting a variety of projects, we are helping improve the lives of people born with clefts in many different ways. Broadly speaking, they can be described in two categories:

- Firstly, through our sponsorship of research projects in the UK, we are helping to identify the likely causes of clefts, and to find ways in which to improve the treatment and outcomes for children born with a cleft.
- Secondly our projects in lower income countries aim to support local medical teams to provide long-term treatment and care for people born with clefts.

Research Projects

A core principle of CLEFT is to invest in research projects that study the cause and treatment of clefts. When it comes to clefts, there is still so much that is unknown.

The progression of knowledge and understanding of clefts is therefore a key component in improving the methods used by surgeons, speech therapists and other medical professionals, to treat and provide quality, long-term care for all people born with clefts, both in the UK and overseas.

Overseas Projects

CLEFT works with local surgeons and other specialists in several lower income countries to help them develop high quality, multidisciplinary cleft centres.

We do this by visiting and working with local teams regularly, helping to provide education and training, and donating much-needed equipment.

Our visits are by selected UK cleft specialists who are invited by the local team to visit, primarily for teaching, collaboration and support. We also do not pay local surgeons to perform operations. We help to establish cleft centres in teaching hospitals so that the next generation of specialists will also benefit.

Our goal is to support local teams so that children born with clefts in these countries will have the same opportunities of having quality cleft care as those in the UK.

Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives for the period and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit including, The Public Benefit Requirement (PB1), Running a Charity (PB2) and Reporting (PB3).

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Achievements and Performance

On 21st July 2021 CLEFT moved from an unincorporated charity (previous charity number 1119630) to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The CIO structure is specifically designed for charities and regulated by charity law under the Charity Commission. As a CIO CLEFT benefits from a more user-friendly and better suited structure to operate within.

The CIO was formed on the 25th May 2021 and whilst the transition from the former charity did not take place until the 21st July, these accounts reflect the period from the 25th May 2021 until 30th June 2022.

Alongside the change to status as a CIO, the charity expanded its charitable objectives. Whereas previously CLEFT was linked to the North Thames cleft team, research is now open to all cleft teams in the UK. In addition, CLEFT can now support more centres in lower- and middle-income countries.

During the period work has focused on these new objectives whilst continuing to drive our current projects and raise both donations and the profile of the charity. A number of investigative trips have been made to explore opportunities for new cleft centres in lower- and middle-income countries and communication lines have been opened with all designated cleft centres in the UK to find new research projects to support.

Plans are currently underway to launch the new CIO to the wider Cleft community at CLEFT 2022, which runs from the 11-15th July 2022 in Edinburgh, Scotland. CLEFT 2022 is the 14th International Congress of cleft lip, palate and related craniofacial anomalies. The Congress provide an opportunity to share clinical experience, audit and research and build on and develop new collaborations. The charity sees this an opportunity to involve a number of the centres we support abroad and in particular to provide key members of their teams with an opportunity to attend and to submit research papers.

For the benefit of the Trustees report comparatives have been provided to prior year but please note that these reference the prior entity of CLEFT, charity number 1119630.

Charity Events

After a difficult prior year, due to the impact of Covid, we were able to resume many of our regular live events. Of note these included the Royal Parks Half Marathon (Oct 2021), Ride London 2022 (May 2022) and our Thorndon Park Golf Days (September 2021 and June 2022). A number of other events took place throughout the year including a new Celebrity Quiz night and a Chamber Concert.

Fundraising Committee

The fundraising committee had its first birthday in March 2022. Since its inception the committee's contribution has consisted of supporting regular fundraising events, organising independent events and in raising CLEFT's national profile. The committee has doubled in size this year and is hoping to attract new members from all the disciplines involved in cleft care.

Committee members showed great commitment in participation and robust support in many of the regular challenge and online events this period. For example, they made a significant contribution to the total raised by the Royal Parks Half Marathon and to the Celebrity Online Quiz, which took place in December 2021. In addition, members organised events including a sale of used clothes on eBay and a Chamber Music Concert for CLEFT.

The committee has helped support marketing of CLEFT's events both on social media and by raising awareness amongst friends and family. Members also contributed to improving the fundraising help given on the website, for example, with suggestions on Top Tips or Fundraising ideas A - Z.

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Student Section

In March 2021, CLEFT established a Student Ambassador Section. CLEFT's Student Section aims to promote education and awareness of cleft lip and palate, as well as the endeavours of the charity, through events held by enthusiastic student ambassadors from universities across the UK.

The new Student Ambassadors Section will have five key aims:

1. Improve the general public's and students' understanding of the medical, psychological and social impact of cleft lip and palate.
2. Increase student engagement and involvement with CLEFT.
3. Increase the public's awareness, engagement, and interaction with CLEFT.
4. Innovate new fundraising methods and increase the scope of CLEFT's impact.
5. Assist and contribute to CLEFT's mission of providing sustainable and permanent ways to improve cleft care in the UK and globally.

Applications were sent out to students from medicine, dentistry, and speech and language therapy courses in June/July and September/October 2021. In total, 68 ambassadors were recruited from 21 universities/courses (representing 30% of applicable universities/courses and 1 team from the Czech Republic).

Between November 2021 and June 2022, approximately 35 events were held by student ambassadors, either individually or as a team. As of June 2022, £5,711 was raised through students' fundraising pages alone, with further funds being raised offline and through ticket sales.

From January-May 2022, with the help of Trustee Bruce Richard, student teams were linked to their regional cleft multidisciplinary team units with the hopes of increasing involvement of cleft care professionals in fundraising and collaboration on international projects. Students also gained the opportunity to receive first-hand exposure to the management of cleft lip and palate in the UK.

Trainee Doctors' Section

At the start of 2022 a Trainee Section was presented to the Trustees meeting. This was created to unite trainees of all disciplines who are passionate about improving global cleft care. The trainees across the United Kingdom provide a valuable network of facilitating and promoting regional audit and education on sustainable global surgery, as well as developing CLEFT's presence at regional events. The Trainees Section also provides a forum for trainees to discuss global cleft surgery.

Social Media & Communication

The charity continues to build its social media presence and the numbers of followers across Facebook (1904 followers), Instagram (1655 followers) and Twitter are growing steadily.

During the year, a new format newsletter was created. Fourteen newsletters were created for our supporters with an average open rate of 48.1%.

CLEFT Website

CLEFT has continued to focus on driving donations through the website, providing a more secure and seamless route for funds whilst maximizing opportunities for the addition of Gift Aid. During the year donations through the website amounted to £48,715, a rise of 114% on prior year.

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The CLEFT Policies and Fundraisers' Stories sections have been newly created. A restricted access section has been a hub for communicating internally with steering committee members and trustees. New developments have also been made to the back end of the website so that the charity can create subsites in different languages for countries where it has a notable donor base. Plans are afoot to translate the website into Italian first.

International Update - Bangladesh

During the period to June 2022 the government hospital in Dhaka slowly returned to its normal activities with the treatment of covid patients reducing progressively. The number of cleft operations increased each month until by June excellent results were being achieved. Throughout the year the speech and language specialist was treating high volumes of patients both in person and remotely. This is part of the comprehensive care programme which we strongly support.

In February 2022 our chairman made a two week visit to the hospital in Dhaka providing support and training for local surgeons. He was greatly encouraged to learn that the local director was setting up a cleft workshop event that would provide training for the cleft team, including a number of medical students.

At the time that this report was produced final plans were being made for nine members of the cleft team in Bangladesh to attend the International Cleft Conference in Edinburgh. Several papers had been accepted for presentation to the delegates including a report on the research project which sought to shed light on the causes of craniofacial clefts in Bangladesh. We now know that unfortunately, due to difficulties in obtaining timely visas, many of the team were not able to make the journey.

Looking ahead, our chairman will make another visit in August 2022. He plans to discuss possible future projects including the setting up, in association with the Bangladesh Government, of a National Cleft Foundation. He will also examine the feasibility of using CLEFT funds to establish a Cleft Outreach Unit. This would pay for nursing staff to visit outlying areas providing support for patients who were finding it difficult to make the journey to the hospital in Dhaka. This is a most important development which could pave the way to better cleft care for many mothers and babies living in rural communities.

International Update - Other Centres

During the period we have reviewed opportunities for new international projects in the semi-autonomous Kurdish region of Iraq, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Nepal and Pakistan. Exploratory visits were made by individual members of the International Steering Committee to Mozambique and Nepal, where we see significant need and opportunity to assist in the future. Visits are currently planned for Pakistan and Sierra Leone later in the year.

CLEFT facilitates observerships for international medical professionals with cleft centres in the UK through the development of a new twinning programme.

CLEFT continues its association with centres in Sri Lanka, Uganda and upper Egypt (Sohag).

CLEFT will present a workshop entitled "How best to support sustainable interdisciplinary and comprehensive cleft care in low-resource countries" at the International Confederation meeting in Edinburgh in July 2022. This is to be presented by trustees and steering committee members of CLEFT and by partners from low and middle income countries who are able to attend the conference.

Research Update

Following the change to CIO status eleven new members were invited to join the Research Steering Committee (RSC) to ensure it now represents the whole of the UK as well as all the disciplines involved in cleft care. New application forms and advice for researchers were created and added to the CLEFT website and a list of criteria was drawn up to assist with application reviews.

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All previously funded projects were reviewed with three projects confirmed as closed and completed, two projects closed as uncompleted and four projects as outstanding and ongoing. The two projects that were closed uncompleted were both studies linked to the Speech and language department at Great Ormond Street Hospital, which had been significantly affected by the Covid pandemic. It was felt that due to staffing levels these projects could no longer be supported and as such the funds set aside for these projects were better redesignated for new projects.

The charity has received one application for funding for a new research project - Speech outcomes following Orticochea pharyngoplasty in patients with cleft and non-cleft velopharyngeal dysfunction. The RSC is keen to support the study but a number of suggestions have been made to the researchers to improve the quality of the study before the RSC feel that funding can be recommended. Following these suggestions the researchers have been advised by the R&D department at GOSH about draft costs of the project. The draft costs are considerably less than those originally proposed making the project better value for money and more appropriate for support. The RSC will consider the proposal again when the researchers have addressed all the suggestions made.

A call for applications for funding for research projects related to cleft lip and palate has been made with a closing date of September 30th, 2022. Applications may be made for funding of individual projects up to £50k and we anticipate a number of new applications.

The RSC has also made an application for a workshop at CLEFT 2022 being held in Edinburgh between July 11-15th. They were awarded a poster which will be presented at the conference and explains the role of the charity in supporting cleft research, offers advice for researchers making research project applications, and advertises the call for applications for research funding.

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Financial Review

Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 14 shows CLEFT's income and expenditure for the period. During the period ended 30th June 2022, income exceeded expenditure by £321,357. These high net incoming resources are a result of the transfer of funds (£245,855) from the old CLEFT charity to the new CLEFT CIO.

Total Expenditure during the period was £92,452, up 41% on the prior year (£65,579). Total new donations exceeded total expenditure by £92,452, contributing to total available funds carried forward of £321,357.

These available funds now provide opportunity for the call for new research projects from the UK cleft centres as well as the new international cleft centres we seek to support in lower- and middle-income countries.

Donations, Legacies and Other Income

Total donations (excluding the funds transferred from the old charity) during the period were £165,037, which was 33% above the prior year (£123,716).

Of these donations £48,715 (plus gift aid) were taken through the CLEFT website with the rest coming from private individuals, companies, trusts, legacies and third-party websites.

CLEFT received Royalties of £2,917 from S Murray & Co Ltd who pay a royalty for equipment sales made on the Sommerlad set of instruments. The instruments were developed by CLEFT Chair and plastic surgeon, Brian Sommerlad, in conjunction with S Murray.

Costs of Raising Donations and Legacies

Event costs during the period were £30,957. Of these £17,969 was disbursed for the upcoming 14th International Cleft Congress 2022 (further details in 'Future Plans' section below) with the remaining £12,988 expended on charitable events within the year. Total charitable profits from these events after all costs were deducted amounted to £15,190.

Expenditure on Charitable Activities

During the period, CLEFT allocated new funds of £16,727 for grants and awards to continue the ongoing projects that are central to the objects of the charity.

Of that total £10,888 was allocated to the Bangladesh overseas project, £5,087 was used to provide surgical kits for Bangladesh and Sri Lanka and £752 was allocated to the Speech at Home research project.

Existing Projects and Outstanding Commitments

A balance of £69,213 is included as designated funds. These monies are payable to the institutions based on the contracts / awards agreed by the trustees and are laid out below:

- A study on the long-term effect of vomerine flap closure of the hard palate at lip repair on appearance, dental arch relationship and growth of the upper jaw, speech, hearing and psychosocial outcome in patients born with cleft lip and palate (£20,000).
- Designing robust single case studies to provide an evidence base speech therapy for cleft speech characteristics (£16,500).
- Do audio-visual aids improve the experience of patients undergoing an alveolar bone graft? (£3,498).

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- Analysis of North Thames Cleft Q data (£1,215).
- Continued support of the multi-disciplinary cleft centre in Bangladesh for July 2022 - 2023 (£28,000).

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain sufficient funds to cover all agreed future commitments and at a level which considers inflation. Our funds are separated into three distinct fund types as explained in the notes to these accounts.

Level of Reserves

As of 30th June, 2022, CLEFT was holding funds of £321,357 of which £16,100 are restricted funds. Of the remaining £317,814 unrestricted funds, £69,213 is designated for current and planned projects.

CLEFT's reserves policy is to hold nine months unrestricted costs as core operating costs in reserves to guard against fluctuations in income. At the end of the 2021/22 financial year the trustees deemed nine months support costs to be £69,908. On 30th June 2022, CLEFT was holding £236,044 in free reserves, well above the level required for the charities reserve policy.

These reserves are intended to drive our expansion plans for CLEFT's reach and the trustees will be looking to allocate these available funds towards new projects in the coming year.

Restricted Funds as of 30th June 2022:

£16,100 is restricted for the following project:

A REASSESSMENT OF THE FUNCTION OF THE MUSCLES OF THE SOFT PALATE IN SPEECH AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IN CLEFT PALATE SURGERY (costed at £149,000).

This will be a three year project that aims to improve diagnosis of palate abnormalities, better muscle reconstruction in cleft palate repair and further understanding and value of investigations in the muscles of the palate.

Designated funds as of 30th June 2022:

As shown above in 'Existing projects and Outstanding Commitments' the charity has designated funds of £69,213.

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Plans for Future Periods

Charity Events

In October 2022 eleven pieces of art work donated to CLEFT will be sold as part of an auction entitled 'Post-War and Contemporary Art Day Auction' at Christies Auction house. The works have been donated by Iftikhar & Elizabeth Dadi, Rasheed Araeen, Haroon Mirza, Prabha Meoayil, Barthi Kher, Ayesha Sultana and Rana Begum. The auction is likely to raise in excess of £100,000 and the proceeds are designated for our projects in Bangladesh.

The 14th International Cleft Congress 2022 will take place between 11-15th July 2022 in Edinburgh, Scotland and offers cleft care specialists from all over the world an opportunity to share clinical experience. Delegates will be able to hear about the latest research in cleft care and develop new collaborations. CLEFT will host a stand for the full week, using this opportunity to raise awareness and build new relationships with cleft professionals from the UK and all round the world.

Fundraising

CLEFT will continue to grow the Fundraising Committee and expand the role of its members beyond organising fundraising activities. Plans are being developed to start working on grant applications and working with corporations to support our more ambitious developments.

Student Ambassadors

The Student Section has had a positive first year and it is reassuring that the group's model and structure works. Following their success, the first year Chair of the Student Section has submitted a paper to the Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal for publication, entitled 'The CLEFT Student Section: engaging the future of cleft through fundraising; structure of the section and results from inaugural year'.

The CLEFT Student Section has been a model for other cleft charities to develop their own student sections.

The future of the section will involve streamlining and expansion to make the students' endeavours easier and to reach students from all denominations of the cleft multidisciplinary teams (from the UK and abroad).

This will be supplemented by centrally organised student events and collaboration with other national-scale healthcare student/trainee groups with an interest in cleft care.

Trainee Doctors Section

Our primary goal for 2022 is recruiting trainees from different disciplines to sit on our three teams: research, events and education. Over the next 6 months, the event team will be building a database of small-scale academic events for 2023 that CLEFT can attend to promote CLEFT's charitable goals. The education team will be finalising the proposal for 'Global Health in Surgery' and will contact several medical schools to pilot proposing the inclusion of cleft in the medical school curricula. The research team will be responsible for creating a database of audit, QIP and research projects relating to cleft care. They will use CLEFT's regional network to promote these research projects locally.

Research Projects

Two new projects have been recently proposed to the steering committee for funding:

1. A REASSESSMENT OF THE FUNCTION OF THE MUSCLES OF THE SOFT PALATE IN SPEECH AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IN CLEFT PALATE SURGERY - £149,000 This will be a three-year project that aims to improve diagnosis of palate abnormalities, better muscle reconstruction in cleft palate repair and further understanding and value of investigations in the muscles of the palate.

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2. A STUDY ON THE LONG-TERM EFFECT OF VOMERINE FLAP CLOSURE OF THE HARD PALATE AT LIP REPAIR ON APPEARANCE, DENTAL ARCH RELATIONSHIP AND GROWTH OF THE UPPER JAW, SPEECH, HEARING AND PSYCHOSOCIAL OUTCOME IN PATIENTS BORN WITH CLEFT LIP AND PALATE - £22,000 This will be a four-month project that will look at the outcomes following a vomerine flap repair of the hard palate at the time of lip repair. This will be an extremely important study in the literature on the vomerine flap repair of the hard palate aimed at making palate repair more effective and improving speech outcomes.

Bangladesh

The cleft surgeon based in Khulna, Bangladesh, who is keen to establish a small cleft unit in his hospital is developing a plan of action and our chairman hopes to visit in August 2022 to ascertain what financial support would be required.

Overseas Projects

CLEFT will continue to offer support for cleft centres in Dhaka (Bangladesh), Kandy and Colombo (Sri Lanka), Sohag (Upper Egypt) and Sulaymaniyah (Kurdistan) with the hopes to now extend this to Nepal, Paksitan and Mozambique. An observership is now set up for a surgeon from Nepal to spend a month under the supervision of David Sainsbury in Newcastle.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

CLEFT is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and a charity registered in effect from 25 May 2021. The charity is constituted and governed by trustees under the terms of its memorandum and articles of association.

The current board of trustees and the changes which have occurred since the previous annual report are as stated in the reference and administrative details for these accounts.

Organisational Structure

The trustees are responsible for the governance of the charity.

Initial appointment of trustees is made through a nomination by a member of the charity. All trustees hold office for three years, subject to reappointment.

The trustees convened for six meetings during the year, to discuss fundraising, allocation of funds and strategy for the charity.

The charity has a Research Steering group of medical and scientific advisers and an International Steering group which consider submitted projects and make recommendations to the trustees.

During the year, the following members served on the steering groups:

Members of the Research Steering Committee:

Name	Position
Rona Slator	Chair of the Research Steering Committee
Emily Anderson	Clinical Geneticist, Vice-Chair of the Research Steering Committee
Norman Hay	Consultant Orthodontist
Paul Morris	Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Great Ormond Street Hospital
Dr Malcolm Birch	Director of Clinical Physics at Barts and the London
Prof Phil Stanier	Professor of Craniofacial Biology and Genetics, University College London
Raouf Chorbachi	Audiological Physician, Great Ormond Street Hospital
Fiona Gilchrist	Senior Lecturer & Hon. Consultant in Paed. Dentistry
Stephanie van Eeden	Lead Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
Jo Shearer	Clinical Psychologist
Yvonne Wren	Chief Investigator of the Cleft Collective
Helen Robson	Lead Nurse Cleft Lip and Palate
Sophie Butterworth	Plastic Surgical Trainee
Ambika Chadha	Oral and maxillo-facial surgeon
Prof Martyn Colbourne	Professor of Academic Orthodontics, King's College London
Gillian McCarthy	External Engagement Officer, CLAPA

Non-voting Members of Research Steering Committee

Mark Dwyer	CLEFT Trustee
Brian Sommerlad	Consultant Plastic Surgeon and Chair of the Committee and of CLEFT

The charity has also established an international steering group. During the year, the following members served on the overseas steering group:

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Members of International Steering Committee:

Name	Position
Brian Sommerlad Consultant	Plastic Surgeon, Chair of the International Steering Committee and CLEFT
Tim Goodacre	Retired plastic surgeon, Vice-Chair of the International Steering
Committee Marie Pinkstone	Speech and Language Therapist, Great Ormond Street Hospital
Debbie Sell	Senior Research Fellow/ Speech and Language Therapist, Great Ormond Street Hospital
Bruce Richard	Consultant cleft surgeon (retired)
Raouf Chorbachi	Audiological Physician, Great Ormond Street Hospital
Justhna Motlib	Radiographer, University College London Hospital
Matt Fell	Plastic Surgeon Trainee
David Sainsbury	Cleft Surgeon, Newcastle upon Tyne
Richard Allan	CLEFT Trustee
Paul Whittaker	Film maker
Chris Hill	Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon
Mahen Bulumulla	Accountant
Kate le Marechal	Consultant Clinical Psychologist
David Orr	Consultant Plastic Surgeon
Triona Sweeney	Speech and Language Therapist, Dublin
Neil Brierley	Cleft surgical trainee, Newcastle
Khurram Khan	Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Birmingham
Jonathan Syme-Grant	Consultant Cleft Surgeon
Adrian Sugar	Retired Consultant in Cleft and Maxillofacial Surgery
Patricia Rorison	Consultant plastic surgeon
Liz Grant	Professor of Global Health

Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operation risks which the Charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

True and Fair Override

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Independent Examiner Reappointment

A resolution to appoint L Thurston of Lovewell Blake LLP as independent examiner will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 21/12/2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


B Sommerlad (Chairman)
Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CLEFT

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

 4/1/23

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Statement of financial activities

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		Period from 25 May 21 to 30 Jun 22		
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	394,792	16,100	410,892
Other income	5	2,917	—	2,917
Total income		<u>397,709</u>	<u>16,100</u>	<u>413,809</u>
Expenditure				
Raising funds				
Costs of raising donations and legacies	6	30,957	—	30,957
Charitable activities	7	61,495	—	61,495
Total expenditure		<u>92,452</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>92,452</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>305,257</u>	<u>16,100</u>	<u>321,357</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		—	—	—
Total funds carried forward		<u>305,257</u>	<u>16,100</u>	<u>321,357</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 16 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

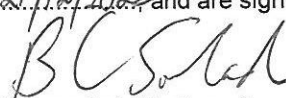
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Balance sheet

30 June 2022

	Note	£	30 Jun 22 £
Current assets			
Debtors	10	4,186	
Cash at bank and in hand		318,731	
		<u>322,917</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(1,560)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>321,357</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>321,357</u>
Net assets			<u>321,357</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			16,100
Unrestricted funds			<u>305,257</u>
Total charity funds	12		<u>321,357</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 21/12/2022 and are signed on behalf of the board by:


B Sommerlad (Chairman)
Trustee

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Notes to the financial statements

Period from 25 May 2021 to 30 June 2022

1. General information

The charity is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England and Wales. The address of the principal office is 10a Warren Estate, Lordship Road, Writtle, Chelmsford, CM1 3WT.

2. Statement of compliance

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Fund accounting

Restricted Funds:

The restricted funds are funds subject to specific projects or areas of work, which may be declared by the donor(s) or with their authority (eg in a public appeal), but still within the wider objects of the charity.

Designated Funds:

Designated funds are part of the unrestricted funds which trustees have earmarked for a particular project or use, without restricting or committing the funds legally. The designation may be cancelled by the trustees if they later decide that the charity should not proceed or continue with the use or project for which the funds were designated.

Unrestricted Funds:

All other funds generated from the fundraising activities, events and advertising less all the associated expenditure constitute the unrestricted funds of the charity and as such are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Period from 25 May 2021 to 30 June 2022

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

- Income from grants and contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Period from 25 May 2021 to 30 June 2022

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	165,037	—	165,037
Donation upon incorporation	229,755	16,100	245,855
	<u>394,792</u>	<u>16,100</u>	<u>410,892</u>

Donation upon incorporation relates to the closing value within CLEFT (charity number 1119630) before conversion to CIO.

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Royalties received	<u>2,917</u>	<u>2,917</u>

6. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Event costs	<u>30,957</u>	<u>30,957</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Research grants	752	752
Overseas projects	15,975	15,975
Support costs	44,768	44,768
	<u>61,495</u>	<u>61,495</u>

Analysis of support costs

	2022 £
Salaries	21,404
Bank charges	146
Just giving charges	144
Membership fees	50
IT and website fees	7,452
Printing, postage and stationery	1,564
Advertising and promotions	3,907
Consultancy and specialist staff support	7,381
Independent examination fees	1,560
Legal and professional fees	1,160
	<u>44,768</u>

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Period from 25 May 2021 to 30 June 2022

8. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefit for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022
	£
Wages and salaries	20,640
Pension costs	764
	<u>21,404</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 1.

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and senior management team as listed on the reference and administration details page of these accounts. The total value of remuneration and benefits received by Key Management Personnel was £21,404.

9. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees were neither entitled to, nor received, any remuneration from the charity during the period. One trustee received reimbursed expenditure totalling £149 during the period.

10. Debtors

	30 Jun 22
	£
Other debtors	<u>4,186</u>

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	30 Jun 22
	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,560</u>

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Period from 25 May 2021 to 30 June 2022

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Year ended 30 June 2022

	At 25 May 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 Jun 2022 £
Restricted Funds					
CLEFT Palate Surgery	—	16,100	—	—	16,100
Designated funds					
UCLP Speech Outcomes	—	1,533	—	(1,533)	—
Vomerine Flap Closure	—	22,000	—	(2,000)	20,000
Private Donor	—	15,000	—	(15,000)	—
TBX22 Mouse Model Project	—	633	—	(633)	—
Investigation of absent uvula	—	7,759	—	(7,759)	—
Evidence based speech therapy	—	16,500	—	—	16,500
Alveolar bone graft	—	3,498	—	—	3,498
Submucous cleft palate repair	—	36,650	—	(36,650)	—
North Thames	—	1,215	—	—	1,215
Complex craniofacial clefts in Bangladesh	—	3,821	—	(3,821)	—
Bangladesh multi-disciplinary cleft centre	—	28,000	—	—	28,000
	—	136,609	—	(67,396)	69,213
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	—	261,100	(92,452)	67,396	236,044

Purpose of Restricted Funds

CLEFT Palate Surgery - Following a review of the donation from the unincorporated entity, this restricted fund relates to amounts restricted for a reassessment of the function of the muscles of the soft palate in speech and their importance in cleft palate surgery.

Purpose of Designated Funds:

UCLP Speech Outcomes - 20 year follow-up of patients with UCLP - speech outcomes. This project has been deemed to be closed during the period and accordingly the funds were released back to general funds.

Vomerine Flap Closure - Following a review of the donation from the unincorporated entity, this designated fund is for a study on the long-term effect of vomerine flap closure of the hard palate at lip repair on appearance. Dental arch relationship and growth of the upper jaw, speech, hearing and psychosocial outcome in patients born with cleft lip and palate.

Private Donor - Following a review of the donation from the unincorporated entity, this designated fund relates to research from a private donor that has been previously expensed and is no longer required to be carried forward, accordingly this has been released back to general funds.

TBX22 Mouse Model Project - Use of the TBX22 Mouse Model to investigate submucous cleft palate

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development. This project has been deemed to be closed during the period and accordingly the funds were released back to general funds.

Investigation of absent uvula - Molecular and genetic investigation of absent uvula. This project has been deemed to be closed during the period and accordingly the funds were released back to general funds.

Evidence based speech therapy - Designing robust single case studies to provide an evidence base speech therapy for cleft speech characteristics.

Alveolar bone graft - Do audio-visual aids improve the experience of patients undergoing an alveolar bone graft?

Submucous cleft palate repair - Speech outcomes following submucous cleft palate repair. This project has been deemed to be closed during the period and accordingly the funds were released back to general funds.

North Thames - Analysis of North Thames Cleft Q data.

Complex craniofacial clefts in Bangladesh - Clinical study on complex craniofacial clefts in Bangladesh. This project has been deemed to be closed during the period and accordingly the funds were released back to general funds.

Bangladesh multi-disciplinary cleft centre - Support of the multi-disciplinary cleft centre in Bangladesh.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

30 June 2022

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Current assets	237,604	69,213	16,100	322,917
Current Liabilities	(1,560)	—	—	(1,560)
Net Assets	236,044	69,213	16,100	321,357

14. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year for website lease and servicing	1,868	—

15. Related parties

M Baldwin (spouse of a trustee of this charity) is the executive officer and related to the trustee J Baldwin for CLEFT. During the year she received salary and expense reimbursement totalling £32,077. CLEFT owed no money to M Baldwin at the period end.

There were no other related party transactions in the period.