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30 June 2023

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Financial statements

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Trustees' annual report

Year ended 30 June 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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 year and at the date of approval were as follows:

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M Fell
T Goodacre
M Gwyther (Appointed 22/09/2022)
N Hay
Y Kahn-Pascual
K Knowles
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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:

- First 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.

We do not send large teams to operate on a number of babies and leave after several days. 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

The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

This year, CLEFT has significantly advanced its mission through a series of successful events and initiatives. The 14th International Cleft Congress in Edinburgh was a major highlight, fostering global collaborations and knowledge sharing in cleft care. Our fundraising efforts were exceptionally fruitful, with notable events like the Christies Auction raising over £115,000 for our Bangladesh project, and various challenge events collectively contributing high levels of donations.

Impressive growth and achievement were seen particularly in the Student and Trainee Sections, with substantial fundraising and expansion in membership and activities. Our social media presence and communications significantly improved, enhancing engagement and awareness.

Additionally, CLEFT's international collaborations continued to strengthen, with impactful visits and workshops in Bangladesh, Iraq and Egypt, and exploratory links being established in Nepal and Mozambique. Research initiatives remained a focus, with several funded projects making progress and new research proposals being evaluated for their potential impact.

Overall, this year has been marked by significant achievements and progress across various fronts.

Charity Events

Cleft 2022 - The 14th International Cleft Congress 2022 took place between 11-15th July 2022 in Edinburgh, Scotland and offered cleft care specialists from all over the world an opportunity to share clinical experience. Delegates were able to hear about the latest research in cleft care and develop new collaborations.

CLEFT helped to support the attendance of several of our international partners, from Bangladesh and the semi-autonomous Kurdish region of Iraq. Unfortunately, difficulties in obtaining UK visas prevented many from attending.

CLEFT had a stand and hosted a reception at the Congress - paid for personally by several trustees - to which our international partners and those from the UK who wished to be involved were invited. CLEFT also held a workshop on 'How best to support sustainable inter-disciplinary and comprehensive cleft care in low resource countries'. Several of our international partners spoke of their experience. A number presented papers and posters.

Post-War and Contemporary Art Day Auction - In October 2022 eleven pieces of artwork were donated to CLEFT and sold as part of an auction entitled 'Post-War and Contemporary Art Day Auction' at Christies Auction house. The works were donated by Iftikhar & Elizabeth Dadi, Rasheed Araeen, Haroon Mirza, Prabha Meoayil, Barthi Kher, Ayesha Sultana, Matthew Krishanu and Rana Begum. The auction raised £115,260 and the proceeds are designated for our projects in Bangladesh.

Challenge events - CLEFT took places in a number of large, organised events. 11 supporters ran for CLEFT in the Great North Run 2022 raising £3,796; 10 runners took part in the Great Bristol Run raising £1,593 and 5 runners took part in the Royal Parks Half Marathon raising £624. Two Fundraising Committee members also took part in 'The Great North Swim' in June 2023, raising £1,382 between them.

CFSGBI stand- CLEFT had a presence at the Craniofacial Society of Great Britain and Ireland (CFSGBI) Annual Scientific Meeting in April 2023. This was an opportunity to expand our contacts amongst cleft clinicians around the UK and to raise the profile of the charity.

CLEFT Awayday - CLEFT held its first Awayday on the 13th May 2023 for all members of CLEFT committees to meet together face-to-face to discuss strategy and the future of the charity. The day was held in the offices of one of the trustees. Each division first met separately to discuss their individual strategies and requirements in break-out rooms, and then gathered together to assemble and discuss any issues as well as plans for the future.

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Feedback gathered after the meeting has allowed us to gauge the value of an annual face-to-face meeting and we plan to make this an annual event.

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising has been slowly returning to normal since Covid and we have successfully held a number of unique events including a formal dinner in October 2022, a virtual wine tasting in November 2022, 'The 12 runs of Christmas' in December 2022, 'Swim the Channel virtually' in March 2023 and a 'Come Dine With Me' evening in May 2023, to name a few.

The Fundraising Committee has also been much more proactive in supporting the Trainee and Student Sections over the last year and will continue to liaise regularly with the leads of each section.

Corporate and Major Donor Committee

The Corporate and Major Donor Committee was formed in November 2022 and has recruited a number of members. Its aim is to solicit donations from larger businesses, other charitable foundations and high net worth individuals from around the world.

Student Section

In its second year, the Student Section grew by a third in size and almost doubled its fundraising income.

The primary aims of the section were to fundraise for CLEFT and to raise awareness of the charity. Both aims were met with 80 student ambassadors spread over 17 UK universities, and internationally in Prague. Students joined from every discipline involved in cleft care, including: medicine, dentistry, speech and language therapy, nursing and physiotherapy.

A total amount of £9,305 was raised, spread over around 30 events throughout the year. The trustees of CLEFT are very proud of all the students' efforts throughout the year to achieve this.

The Student Section has continued its links with external organisations such as BAPRAS and BSPD, for events, student conferences and fundraising and are grateful for their continued support. It has also developed more links with cleft units around the UK. Students have been able to gain shadowing and research experience in their local cleft units, as well as promoting CLEFT at these local centres. This has been very successful for both raising awareness and giving students first-hand experience of cleft care.

Trainee Section

The CLEFT Trainee Section was founded at the start of 2022 and aims to unite trainees of all disciplines involved in the treatment of cleft lip and palate who are passionate about improving global cleft care. During the July 2022 - June 2023 period, the section has finalised its primary aims into two areas: education and research.

The education branch aims to deliver teaching on global surgery and cleft care targeted at healthcare students and trainees.

The research branch aims to complete collaborative research projects using the network established by CLEFT.

Since establishing these aims the section has been focused on recruitment and has grown from two to six members over the course of 6 months, with some of the students planning to join in the coming months on graduation.

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Social Media & Communications

This last year has been an important year in building the foundations for the year ahead. We have developed a good understanding of how and when our community interacts with CLEFT on the different social media platforms, helping to inform the future strategy. This includes building an understanding of the reception to the type of posts we share, the imagery we use and the copy we share. We've seen simple, striking, high-quality images of the trips we have taken and the people we have worked with internationally garner great support. Alongside this, bright and uplifting photos and stories of our incredible fundraisers, hard at work at the variety of events they take part in throughout the year, have also been received well.

CLEFT continues to build its social media presence across Facebook (1,991), Instagram (1,186) and Twitter (1,504). Recently, the charity reinvigorated its LinkedIn account, updating the branding and newly starting to post on this platform, with the response positive thus far.

A part-time Communications Lead has been appointed to drive the social media strategy forward.

CLEFT Website

The website is updated weekly with new stories and information. The aim of the website is to share with donors what their money is being spent on, and to raise awareness of the charity. Areas of note:

'Our fundraisers' - where supporters can hold their fundraising pages for an event. This section has expanded and developed and continues to be an area of great pride to the charity.

'Trainee Section' - new area to support the Trainees with their recruitment.

'CLEFT Policies' - for transparency, we have listed all our internal policies that can also be downloaded.

'CLEFT News' - updated regularly.

'Bangladesh' - following the team visit to Bangladesh in February 2023, four new stories were published looking at the different specialties of nursing, surgery, orthodontics and speech and language therapy.

'Team information' - (restricted access section) has been improved for the trustees to provide improved communication and sharing of information.

International Update

The year 2022-3 saw a lot of activity and progress in several of CLEFT's international projects and collaborations.

Bangladesh - The chairman visited Bangladesh in August/September 2022. He worked with the team and participated in a cleft workshop in the Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burns and Plastic Surgery in Dhaka. Most of the lectures were given by the local team. He also visited Khulna and Mymensingh which had been proposed as potential cities for new comprehensive interdisciplinary cleft centres.

In January/February 2023, the chairman went ahead of a multi-disciplinary team of 9 clinicians from the UK. The team worked with their surgical, orthodontic, speech therapy, audiological and nursing counterparts in the centre and contributed to a 3-day workshop. Rana Begum, a UK artist of Bangladeshi origin, who had inspired an art auction to raise substantial funds for CLEFT's Bangladesh activities, was in the country at the same time and was able to visit the centre and meet the team.

The semi-autonomous Kurdish Region of Iraq - In November 2022, the chairman visited Sulaimania. He participated in the opening of the new cleft centre, joined in a cleft conference and saw patients and operated with the Sulaimania team.

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Egypt - CLEFT has a long-standing relationship with the cleft centre in Sohag, Egypt. The chairman spent a few days in Sohag in October 2022 to work with the team and join in a workshop.

Nepal - CLEFT is establishing a link between the Newcastle Cleft team and a centre in Kathmandu, Nepal. An exploratory visit was made in May 2022 and the head of the Nepal centre visited Newcastle for a month in February 2023.

Mozambique - A potential link between the Birmingham cleft team and Mozambique is also being explored. An exploratory visit took place in August 2022.

Other links

CLEFT retains links with centres in Sri Lanka and Uganda.

Research

Previously funded research projects

The Research Steering Committee reviews all funded projects with brief updates from the researchers at each meeting.

In March 2023, three previously funded projects were discussed (all three are with the North Thames Cleft Service). Of these, one is progressing albeit slowly, and two are still awaiting the appointment of an individual to do the work on the project. Both these latter projects are actively looking for a researcher.

One further project has been discussed and revised by the researchers and will be resubmitted to the committee ('The role of the transverse component of palatopharyngeus muscle in palate movement for speech').

The application regarding the project 'Speech outcomes following Orticochea pharyngoplasty in patients with cleft and non-cleft velopharyngeal dysfunction' was reviewed with the final costings. The Committee agreed to recommend this project to the Trustees for funding.

Applications for funding for research projects following a research call in July 2022

The charity received four applications for funding for a research project:

1. Understanding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the early speech and language development of children born with cleft lip and/or palate. (Bristol)
2. Development of an automatic scoring software tool utilising artificial intelligence to measure a cleft aesthetic outcome for children born with a complete unilateral cleft lip. (Birmingham)
3. Eye-tracking - A first step towards an automated measure of success in cleft lip surgery. (Newcastle)
4. Assessment of variance in caries prevalence and impact of two sustained oral hygiene intervention approaches in children with orofacial clefting in UK and India. (Liverpool)

These four projects were assessed by the Research Steering Committee members. Structured lists of comments by the members about each project were collated and circulated, as were scores for each project on scientific quality, likely impact, value for money, likelihood of completion and likelihood of publication. The projects were also discussed at the meeting in November 2022, and an opportunity given for rescore following the discussion.

The first three projects listed all scored well and the Committee agreed to recommend all three to the Trustees for funding. The fourth project scored less well, and the Committee unanimously agreed it could not be recommended for funding. One of the Committee members agreed to contact the applicants to see if they could help improve the quality of the project.

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Financial review

Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 17 shows CLEFT's income and expenditure for the year. During this period, the charity's total income reached £349,078 and exceeded expenditure by £181,541. Total Expenditure during the year was £167,537, up 81% on the prior year (£92,466). Total income exceeded total expenditure by £181,541, contributing to total funds carried forward of £502,898. These funds present an excellent opportunity to support both existing and new research projects and extend our support to emerging international cleft centres in lower and middle-income countries.

Donations, Legacies, and Other Income

Total donations and legacies during the year were £231,242, which was 64% above the prior year (£110,509). One notable donation of £150,000 was received in May 2023 to specifically support the new cleft centre in Sulaimania, and two charitable Trusts each made donations of £5,000.

A further £116,513 was raised through fundraising activities with a significant proportion of this coming through an auction at Christies for a range of artworks donated to CLEFT. Additionally, the charity generated £1,148 from bank interest income.

Costs of Raising Donations and Legacies

Event costs during the year were £25,758. Of these £11,680 was disbursed for the 14th International Cleft Congress 2022 with the remaining £14,078 expended on charitable events within the year.

Total amounts generated from these events after all costs were deducted amounted to £102,435, however this was substantially boosted by the generous artwork donations for the Christies auction.

Expenditure on Charitable Activities

During the year, CLEFT provided funds of £141,779 for support costs, grants and awards to continue the ongoing projects that are central to the objects of the charity.

Of that total £42,928 was allocated to international projects in Bangladesh and Sulaimania, and £27,949 was allocated to the following research projects

- 'Is it feasible to analyse facial images of repaired cleft lips by artificial intelligence to produce an automated and valid aesthetic outcome score?' (£24,941)
- 'Understanding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the early speech and language development of children born with cleft lip and/or palate.' (£3,008)

Existing Projects and Outstanding Commitments

A balance of £114,793 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:

Research Grants:

- A study on the long-term effects 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 psychological outcome in patients born with cleft lip and palate (£20,000).
- Designing robust single case studies to provide an evidence-based speech therapy for cleft speech characteristics (£17,567).

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- Do audio-visual aids improve the experience of patients undergoing an alveolar bone graft? (£3,498).
- Analysis of North Thames Cleft Q data (£1,215).
- A research project to assess how effective orticochoea pharyngoplasty is in improving speech in children with both cleft and non-cleft velopharyngeal dysfunction (£27,186).
- Using eye tracking to measure success in surgery (£14,984).
- Development of an automatic scoring software tool utilising artificial intelligence to measure a cleft appearance outcome for children born with a complete unilateral cleft lip (£24,941).

International Grants:

- Continued support of the multi-disciplinary Cleft centre in Bangladesh (£5,402).

Reserves Policy

Introduction

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:

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 (e.g. in a public appeal), but still within the wider objects of the charity.

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.

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.

Levels of Reserves

As of 30th June, 2023, CLEFT was holding funds of £502,898 of which £255,076 are restricted funds. Of the remaining £247,822 unrestricted funds, £141,793 is designated for current and planned projects. CLEFT's reserves policy is to hold nine months core operating costs (Support Costs) in reserve to guard against fluctuations in income. At the end of the 2022/23 financial year the trustees deemed nine months' support costs to be £53,176. On 30th June 2023, CLEFT was holding £133,029 in free reserves, above the level required for the charity's 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.

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Restricted Funds as of 30th June 2023:

£255,076 is restricted for the following projects:

- A research project to reassess the function of the muscles of the soft palate in speech and their importance in cleft palate surgery (£16,100). - The funding of clinicians at the multi-disciplinary cleft clinic in Bangladesh (£103,095). - The purchase of a surgical microscope for a cleft centre in Sulaimania, northern Iraq (£135,881).

Designated Funds as of 30th June 2023:

As shown above in 'Existing projects and Outstanding Commitments' the charity has designated funds of £114,793.

Plans for future periods

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee has a new lead, Dr Tracy Morris. Fundamentally, the Committee aims to continue supporting regular fundraising events, organising independent events and in raising CLEFT's national profile. To achieve these aims a more structured approach will be developed over the coming 12-18 months whereby a 12-month calendar will be planned with a different fundraising event, one for each month of the year. These will be driven by the Fundraising Committee, promoted on the website, posted on all social media platforms, highlighted in CLEFT's regular newsletters and promoted by each of the other committee sections. Some of these events have been trialled including 'Pub Quiz', 'Come Dine With Me' and 'Thrift+' with positive feedback to date. Although there is much work to do, this more structured approach to fundraising does seem to be the way forward and can be easily used by the other CLEFT committees.

The Committee is planning to expand its membership to ensure that its members represent as many cleft units and regions across the UK as possible to reflect the charity, its ethos and its new national status. Longer term plans would be to encourage the Committee members to create local CLEFT communities, each fundraising and raising awareness.

Corporate & Major Donor Committee

The Corporate and Major Donor Committee has established three main goals for the next twelve months:

- Secure an additional £65k in income.
- Engage three new corporate supporters.
- Engage three major donor gifts (£10k +) by end of May 2024.

Student Section

The underlying aims of the Section remain the same, to continue to:

1. Fundraise for CLEFT
2. Raise awareness of CLEFT

The Student Section hopes to increase its reach across universities both in the UK and internationally, through continued recruitment of student ambassadors from all specialties of the cleft multidisciplinary team and increased retention of ambassadors.

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It aims to use the coming year to increase its collaborative work with the other committees of CLEFT, specifically the Fundraising Committee, to make fundraising easier and less daunting for the ambassadors, and also the Trainee section, to help strengthen and develop the student-trainee links with local cleft units.

The CLEFT student conference was piloted over the past year, and the students plan to hold another conference during the coming year. This was a well-received event by the student ambassadors and additionally a good fundraising opportunity.

Trainee Section

Following the initial growth of the Section, projects in both education and research domains are now underway and their aim is for these to be rolled out over the next 6 months to 1 year. They also aim to continue recruitment for the section with a target of 10-15 members by June 2024. They hope future members will establish new projects based on their interests within cleft and global surgery. The Section as a whole hopes to participate in fundraising activities to further integrate into the CLEFT community.

Social Media and Communications

CLEFT has a very exciting year ahead, with a newly developed social media strategy ready to be rolled out in the coming year across all key social media platforms. The goal of the strategy is to drive awareness of CLEFT (the charity and clefts (the condition)), utilising our available skills and tools to do so.

Building on what we have learnt in the last year, going forwards we will be optimising what and when we post to drive better engagement across the platforms. To achieve this, we have built a detailed social media calendar to ensure we have structure for the following year, enabling us to hit our goals in growing followers, engagement, and website visits. The calendar brings in the incredible images we take and receive across the year, from international trips to fundraising training and events, and aligns this with copy, written to reflect the platform it is being posted on.

Over the next year, a new look and feel for CLEFT will be rolled out, with posts designed to feel modern and eye catching whilst maintaining our key design principles. In the future, the plan is to tie this look and feel into other areas, with the newsletter the first area we have refreshed.

The first new and improved newsletter was sent out at the start of June, using a more condensed copy style and a simple but eye-catching design. We immediately saw the benefit of the changes, with link click rates improving significantly. We are going to continue to test small differences over the year to build an understanding of what resonates best with our newsletter audience, reviewing the data and optimising as we go.

CLEFT Website

Plans for the website over the next 12 months include:

- Improving and expanding the content of the Research section, including providing regular updates on projects.
- Working with the Student Section to improve the functionality of their section and to streamline processes for recruitment and communication.
- Creating a new restricted access section for the Student Section.
- Creating a subsite of the website in Italian for our international community. This will be trialled in Italian and, if successful, will be translated into other languages.

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International

Tim Goodacre has succeeded Brian Sommerlad as chair of the CLEFT International Steering Committee in July 2023.

Bangladesh - At a further visit by a small team from the UK in August 2023, it is planned to help the Dhaka team to expand the scope of their cleft surgery, to further explore the developments of cleft centres in other cities and to promote the concept of a Bangladesh National Cleft Foundation in collaboration with the Bangladeshi government.

The semi-autonomous Kurdish Region of Iraq - A planned visit in November 2023 will mark the official naming of a cleft operating theatre with a videofluoroscopy machine and an operating microscope funded by a very generous donation and named after the late brother of the donor.

Nepal - A multi-disciplinary team, mainly from Newcastle, will visit in October 2023 to work with the team in Kathmandu for a week. It is hoped that this will be the beginning of a long collaboration.

Mozambique - Similarly, a multi-disciplinary team from Birmingham will visit Mozambique in May 2024 to explore how the link can develop further.

Egypt and the Middle East - An Egyptian cleft meeting is planned for February 2024. CLEFT has offered to help support cleft surgeons and other clinicians from the region and especially from Yemen, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Egypt, to attend the conference.

Other Centres and Links

Further links with centres in low and middle income countries are being actively investigated.

There are plans to organise and fund short educational visits by some members of the Dhaka and Sulaimania teams to the UK in early 2024.

As CLEFT enters a new era, with an expanded remit after the substantial restructure over the past couple of years, we hope that every cleft team working within the UK and Ireland might consider where it might focus effort to develop a partnership outside its boundaries. CLEFT is keen to use every opportunity to improve the care of those of all ages with cleft related disorders in less privileged situations - encouraging truly bilateral partnerships in capacity building and resourcing towards a self-sustaining future of high standard comprehensive care. We are most keen to hear of suggestions and initiatives in new parts of the most needy areas of the globe.

Research

Research degrees

During 2022, we received two enquiries as to whether the charity would help fund research degrees. Both the individuals enquiring were starting an MRes degree. Their research projects were both related to cleft lip and palate.

The first request was discussed by the Trustees. It was agreed that the charity had not made any mention of funding research degrees, and that in the interests of equity it would not be possible to fund such a one-off enquiry.

The issue of funding research degrees was also discussed by the Research Steering Committee. The Committee felt this was a complex issue requiring careful consideration due to the fact that there are a number of different research degrees available, and that different departments and universities organise such degrees in different ways.

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It was agreed that the charity would not fund such requests at the present time.

Some members of the Research Steering Committee felt this is an area where the charity could provide support which would lead to higher quality research in cleft lip and palate. This subject area will continue to be explored in the coming year.

Working with cleft research data

Also, during 2022, it was suggested that the research arm of the charity could work with the current owners of cleft data, namely The Cleft Collective and CRANE (please see appendix below), to provide opportunities each year for a researcher to use the data already collected. Exactly how this might work and how much it might cost would need developing.

CLEFT Away Day Discussion and Plans for 2023/24

At the CLEFT Awayday in May 2023, the Research Steering Committee proposed that over the following year they would clarify the above issues, and agree a research ethos and strategy. It was suggested that a workshop with cleft clinicians, parents, patients and cleft researchers would be helpful in agreeing where the need for help with cleft research is, and how CLEFT might best support this need.

Future funding for research projects

A further call for applications for funding for research projects related to cleft lip and palate will be made from July 1st, 2023, with a closing date of September 30th, 2023. Applications may be made for funding of individual projects up to £50,000.

Appendix

- CRANE (The Cleft Registry and Audit Network) was established in 2000 as a national cleft audit database. It has collected demographic, epidemiological, and outcome data from all the cleft centres in England, Wales and Northern Ireland since 2000.

- The Cleft Collective is a research study initially funded by The Scar Free Foundation. It is a cohort research study where families affected by cleft are recruited to the study and continue to participate in the study over a long period of time. There are two separate cohorts: a Birth Cohort and a 5-year-old Cohort and mothers can also be recruited antenatally. The aim of the study is to understand more about what causes cleft, what the best treatments are, and the psychological impact of cleft.

www.crane-database.org.uk

www.bristol.ac.uk/dental/cleft-collective

www.wrh.ox.ac.uk/research/osprea/osprea-current-studies/osprea-current-studies/the-cleft-collective-cohort

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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 Committee of medical and scientific advisers and an International Steering Committee which considers submitted projects and makes 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, Great Ormond Street Hospital
Paul Morris	Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Great Ormond Street Hospital
Dr Malcolm Birch	Director of Clinical Physics at Barts and the London NHS Trust
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

Resigned from Research Steering Committee

Name	Position
Cherry Le Roy	CLAPA Representative (Resigned October 2022)
Jo Shearer	Clinical Psychologist (Resigned January 2023)

Non-voting Members of Research Steering Committee

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

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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, Oxford
David Sainsbury	Cleft Surgeon, Newcastle upon Tyne
Richard Allan	CLEFT Trustee
Paul Whittaker	Film maker
Chris Hill	Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Belfast
Mahen Bulumulla	Accountant
Kate le Marechal	Consultant Clinical Psychologist,
David Orr	Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Dublin
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, Nottingham
Adrian Sugar	Retired Consultant in Cleft and Maxillofacial Surgery Consultant
Patricia Rorison	Plastic Surgeon, Great Ormond Street Hospital
Liz Grant	Professor of Global Health

New members joined in 2023

Name	Position
Helen Robson	Lead Nurse Cleft Lip and Palate
Chloé Rolland	Consultant Orthodontist
Ghassan Abu-Sittah	Consultant Plastic Surgeon

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

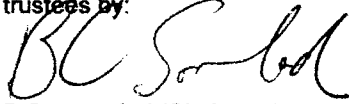
A resolution to appoint L Thurston of Lovewell Blake LLP as independent examiner will be proposed at the May 2024 Trustees Meeting.

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Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2023

The trustees' annual report was approved on 23/12/2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Sommerlad', written over the printed name.

B Sommerlad (Chairman)
Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CLEFT

Year ended 30 June 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023 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.



L Thurston FCCA
Independent Examiner

Lovewell Blake LLP
Chartered accountants
First Floor Suite
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Bury St Edmunds
IP32 7EA

3 January 2023

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Statement of financial activities

Year ended 30 June 2023

		Year to 30 Jun 23			Period from 25 May 21 to 30 Jun 22
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	81,242	150,000	231,242	410,892
Other trading activities	5	1,253	115,260	116,513	–
Investment income	6	1,148	–	1,148	–
Other income	7	175	–	175	2,917
Total income		<u>83,818</u>	<u>265,260</u>	<u>349,078</u>	<u>413,809</u>
Expenditure					
Raising funds					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	8	25,758	–	25,758	30,957
Charitable activities	9	115,495	26,284	141,779	61,495
Total expenditure		<u>141,253</u>	<u>26,284</u>	<u>167,537</u>	<u>92,452</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>(57,435)</u>	<u>238,976</u>	<u>181,541</u>	<u>321,357</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		305,257	16,100	321,357	–
Total funds carried forward		<u>247,822</u>	<u>255,076</u>	<u>502,898</u>	<u>321,357</u>

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

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

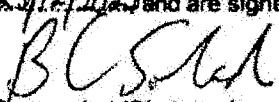
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Balance sheet

30 June 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	13		1,161		—
Current assets					
Debtors	14	1,198		4,186	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>503,780</u>		<u>318,731</u>	
		504,978		322,917	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(3,241)</u>		<u>(1,560)</u>	
Net current assets			501,737		321,357
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>502,898</u>		<u>321,357</u>
Net assets			<u>502,898</u>		<u>321,357</u>
Funds of the charity					
Restricted funds			255,076		16,100
Unrestricted funds			<u>247,822</u>		<u>305,257</u>
Total charity funds	16		<u>502,898</u>		<u>321,357</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 23/12/2023 and are signed on behalf of the board by:


B Sommerlad (Chairman)
Trustee

The notes on pages 19 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 30 June 2023

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.

Income tax

The activities of CLEFT are exempt from United Kingdom Income and Corporation taxation, provided that the income is applied to charitable purposes.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)***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.

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.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Computer equipment - 20% straight line

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.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	81,242	150,000	231,242
Donation upon incorporation	—	—	—
	<u>81,242</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>231,242</u>

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Year ended 30 June 2023

4. Donations and legacies (continued)

	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 trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	<u>1,253</u>	<u>115,260</u>	<u>116,513</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Interest income	<u>1,148</u>	<u>1,148</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

7. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Royalties received	–	–	2,917	2,917
Compensation received	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>2,917</u>	<u>2,917</u>

8. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Event costs	14,078	14,078	30,957	30,957
Fundraising costs	<u>11,680</u>	<u>11,680</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>25,758</u>	<u>25,758</u>	<u>30,957</u>	<u>30,957</u>

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2023

9. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Research grants	27,949	–	27,949
Overseas projects	16,644	26,284	42,928
Support costs	70,902	–	70,902
	<u>115,495</u>	<u>26,284</u>	<u>141,779</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted 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>–</u>	<u>61,495</u>

Analysis of support costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	38,834	20,640
Pension costs	535	764
Bank charges	298	146
Just giving charges	–	144
National travel	404	–
International travel	6,252	–
Membership fees	614	50
IT and website fees	9,535	7,452
Printing, postage and stationery	2,341	1,564
Advertising and promotions	692	3,907
Consultancy and specialist staff support	5,671	7,381
Depreciation	51	–
Insurance	1,659	–
Independent examination fees	2,100	1,560
Legal and professional fees	1,916	1,160
	<u>70,902</u>	<u>44,768</u>

10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	51	–
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>2,100</u>	<u>1,560</u>

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2023

11. Staff costs

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	38,834	20,640
Pension costs	535	764
	<u>39,369</u>	<u>21,404</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2022: 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 £28,240 (2022: £21,404).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees were neither entitled to, nor received, any remuneration from the charity during the year. Two trustees received reimbursed expenditure totalling £2,476 (2022: one trustee £149) during the year.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 July 2022	—
Additions	1,212
At 30 June 2023	<u>1,212</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2022	—
Charge for the year	51
At 30 June 2023	<u>51</u>
Carrying amount	
At 30 June 2023	<u>1,161</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>—</u>

14. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>1,198</u>	<u>4,186</u>

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Year ended 30 June 2023

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	96	–
Accruals and deferred income	2,100	1,560
Social security and other taxes	1,045	–
	<u>3,241</u>	<u>1,560</u>

16. Analysis of charitable funds

Year ended 30 June 2023

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 Jun 2023 £
Restricted Funds					
Palate Muscle Anatomy (Nth Thames)	16,100	–	–	–	16,100
Bangladesh - Private Donor Project	–	115,260	(12,165)	–	103,095
Kurdistan - Private Donor Project	–	150,000	(14,119)	–	135,881
	<u>16,100</u>	<u>265,260</u>	<u>(26,284)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>255,076</u>
Designated funds					
Vomerine Flap Closure	20,000	–	–	–	20,000
The impact of COVID on Speech	20,575	–	(3,008)	–	17,567
Speech therapy for cleft speech characteristics project	16,500	–	(16,500)	–	–
Alveolar Bone Graft	3,498	–	–	–	3,498
North Thames CLEFT Q Data (Nth Thames)	1,215	–	–	–	1,215
Bangladesh multi-disciplinary cleft centre	28,000	–	(22,598)	–	5,402
Orticochea Pharyngoplasty (Nth Thames)	27,186	–	–	–	27,186
Eye Tracking to measure success in surgery	14,984	–	–	–	14,984
Kurdistan project	–	935	(935)	–	–
Mozambique project	–	816	(816)	–	–
Nepal project	–	1,988	(1,988)	–	–
Development of Auto Scoring Tool	–	49,882	(24,941)	–	24,941
	<u>131,958</u>	<u>53,621</u>	<u>(70,786)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>114,793</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>173,299</u>	<u>30,917</u>	<u>(70,467)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>133,029</u>

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2023

Year ended 30 June 2022

	At 25 May 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 Jun 2022 £
Restricted Funds					
Palate Muscle Anatomy (Nth Thames)	—	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)	—
The impact of COVID on Speech	—	20,575	—	—	20,575
Speech therapy for cleft speech characteristics project	—	16,500	—	—	16,500
Alveolar Bone Graft	—	3,498	—	—	3,498
Submucous cleft palate repair	—	36,650	—	(36,650)	—
North Thames CLEFT Q Data (Nth Thames)	—	1,215	—	—	1,215
Complex craniofacial clefts in Bangladesh	—	3,821	—	(3,821)	—
Bangladesh multi-disciplinary cleft centre	—	28,000	—	—	28,000
Orticochea Pharyngoplasty (Nth Thames)	—	27,186	—	—	27,186
Eye Tracking to measure success in surgery	—	14,984	—	—	14,984
	—	199,354	—	(67,396)	131,958
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	—	198,355	(92,452)	67,396	173,299

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Palate Muscle Anatomy (Nth Thames): 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.

Bangladesh - Private Donor Project: To provide services for purposes defined by the income provider.

Kurdistan - Private Donor Project: To provide surgical equipment to hospitals in Kurdistan.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2023

Purpose of Designated 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.

The impact of COVID on Speech: 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.

North Thames CLEFT Q Data (Nth Thames): Analysis of North Thames Cleft Q data.

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

Orticochea Pharyngoplasty (Nth Thames): A research project to assess how effective orticochea pharyngoplasty is in improving speech in children with both cleft and non-cleft velopharyngeal dysfunction.

Eye Tracking to measure success in surgery: A research project to assess using eye tracking to measure success in surgery.

Development of Auto Scoring Tool: A designated project to improve the reach of the charity as outlined in the objectives of the charity.

The following designated projects have been completed:

Speech therapy for cleft speech characteristics project: This was a designated project about designing robust single case studies to provide an evidence based speech therapy for cleft speech characteristics. Unfortunately, the project was cancelled due to the impact of Covid on the researchers.

Kurdistan project: A designated project to improve the reach of the charity as outlined in the objectives of the charity. This project was fully completed in the year.

Mozambique project: A designated project to improve the reach of the charity as outlined in the objectives of the charity. This project was fully completed in the year.

Nepal project: A designated project to improve the reach of the charity as outlined in the objectives of the charity. This project was fully completed in the year.

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 was released back to general funds in the period ended 30th June 2022.

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 was released back to general funds in the period ended 30th June 2022.

TBX22 Mouse Model Project: Use of the TBX22 Mouse Model to investigate submucous cleft palate development, a project completed in the prior year.

Investigation of absent uvula: Molecular and genetic investigation of absent uvula, a project completed in the prior year.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 June 2023

Submucous cleft palate repair: Speech outcomes following submucous cleft palate repair, a project completed in the prior year.

Complex craniofacial clefts in Bangladesh: Clinical study on complex craniofacial clefts in Bangladesh, a project completed in the prior year.

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
30 June 2023				
Tangible fixed assets	1,162	–	–	1,162
Current assets	135,108	114,793	255,076	504,977
Current liabilities	(3,241)	–	–	(3,241)
Net Assets	<u>133,029</u>	<u>114,793</u>	<u>255,076</u>	<u>502,898</u>
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
30 June 2022				
Current assets	174,859	131,958	16,100	322,917
Current liabilities	(1,560)	–	–	(1,560)
Net Assets	<u>173,299</u>	<u>131,958</u>	<u>16,100</u>	<u>321,357</u>

18. Operating lease commitments

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within 1 year: Website lease and servicing	<u>1,868</u>	<u>1,868</u>

19. Related parties

M Baldwin is the executive officer and related to the trustee J Baldwin. During the year M Baldwin received salary and expense reimbursements totalling £29,874 (2022: £32,077). CLEFT owed no money to M Baldwin at the year end date.

Other than those elsewhere disclosed in the accounts, there were no other related party transactions in the year.