

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1195373

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-08-03

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE, IMPROVE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER AND LIFE-CHALLENGING CONDITIONS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN LONDON AND THE SOUTH-EAST THROUGH THE PROVISION OF DIRECT SUPPORT, PRACTICAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL AS WELL AS PROVIDING HOLIDAY HOMES FOR RESPIRE, DAYS OUT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY. TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER AND OTHER LIFE-CHALLENGING CONDITIONS AT KINGSTON HOSPITAL AND OTHER LOCAL HOSPITALS IN LONDON AND THE SOUTH-EAST BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES AND SERVICES. TO OFFER BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TO FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF CANCER AND LIFE-CHALLENGING CONDITIONS IN LONDON AND THE SOUTH-EAST.

**Activities:** On 30.06.2022 we converted from a Trust (Reg 1106677) to a CIO. Our activities have not changed. We support children with life challenging conditions, and their families, across London, Surrey and Sussex by providing tailored support, in hospital and at home. Copies of recent Trustee Reports and Financial Statements may be found at <https://www.momentumcharity.org/about/our-impact/>

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- East Sussex
- Surrey
- West Sussex
- Throughout London

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£1,128,233	£1,206,284	£950,535	20
2024-04-30	£1,192,666	£1,122,377	£1,028,586	19
2023-04-30	£1,033,143	£1,148,416	£958,297	17
2022-04-30	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Graham Smith</b>	Chair	2023-03-21
Carly Snowball		2025-12-01
Christopher David Johnson		2024-06-10
Fiona Loveless		2023-03-21
James Patterson		2023-09-12
Jenny Peat		2025-09-08
KIERON LYNCH		2023-03-21
Mario Bodini		2023-03-21
Robert Lawrence Read		2025-02-27
Victor De Cruz		2023-03-21

## Linked charities

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- Momentum Children's Charity (1195373-1)

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2025



  
**momentum**  
children's charity

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# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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### Trustees

Graham Smith (Chair of Trustees)  
Robert Read (Appointed 27 February 2025)  
Christopher Johnson (Treasurer) (Appointed 10 June 2024)  
James Patterson  
Dr Kate Irwin  
Fiona Loveless  
Kieron Lynch  
Mario Bodini (Deputy Chair)  
Victor De Cruz

### Founders

Bianca Effemey  
Alison Trigg  
Jacqui Coppellotti

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### Auditor

Warner Wilde Limited  
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HSBC  
1 Centeneray Square  
Birmingham  
B1 1HQ

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## TRUSTEES REPORT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025*

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2025.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity. 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 July 2019.

Momentum Children's Charity is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Our aims and objectives are regularly reviewed by the Trustees, in line with the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In particular, the Trustees consider how the charity's planned activities will contribute to these agreed aims and objectives.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Why families need our support**

A diagnosis of cancer or a life-challenging condition has a devastating and wide-ranging impact for children, young people and their families and carers. The sick child will receive appropriate medical care, but the wider emotional, practical and financial needs of the whole family are often overlooked. The vast demands on NHS resources are extensively highlighted, and the importance of the role and services that Momentum provides as it enters its 21st year continues to be reinforced. From the moment a family is referred to us from one of our local hospital partners, following the diagnosis or death of a child, a dedicated Momentum Family Support Worker assesses their individual needs in order to offer personally tailored emotional and practical support, both in hospital and at home, when it's needed most.

#### **Our vision**

Our vision is to ensure that no family whose child has cancer or a life-challenging condition has to cope alone.

#### **Our mission**

Our mission is to make the experience of cancer or life challenging illnesses more bearable for children and their families in London, Surrey and Sussex. We're there whatever the outcome, and provide support to families for as long as needed.

#### **Our objects**

The charity was established to promote, improve and protect the physical and mental health of children with cancer and life-challenging conditions and their families in London, Surrey and Sussex. We do this through the provision of direct support, practical advice and support services at home and in hospital, as well as providing holiday homes for respite, days out and other activities in the community. We aim to relieve sickness and preserve the health of children with cancer and other life-challenging conditions at our local hospitals in London, Surrey and Sussex by providing or assisting in the provision of equipment, facilities and services. Additionally, we offer bereavement support to families in the same geographic area, whose children have died either as a result of cancer, life challenging conditions, or through suicide or sudden death.

#### **About us**

We work with children, siblings, parents and carers to understand their needs, offering them personally tailored support both in hospital and at home. Our support services include counselling, peer to peer support and a range of creative therapy services, such as play, art and music, as well as special experiences and respite breaks to ease some of the stresses that come with a gruelling treatment plan. If the unthinkable happens, and a child dies – either from cancer or a life challenging condition, or by suicide or sudden death – we offer bereavement support and stand by families for as long as they need us. We also improve the environment for children treated in hospital with children's ward refurbishments, transforming bare, clinical areas into bright, child-friendly spaces.

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## TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### **Our hospital partnerships**

Our family support work starts when one of our nine NHS partner hospitals refer a family to us:

East Surrey Hospital (Redhill)

Epsom Hospital

Kingston Hospital

The Royal Marsden Hospital (Sutton)

Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital (Brighton)

Royal Surrey County Hospital (Guildford)

St George's Hospital (London)

St Peter's Hospital (Chertsey)

Worthing Hospital

### **Our areas of operation**

We work across London, Surrey and Sussex covering the following areas:

#### **London boroughs**

Croydon

Hounslow

Kingston upon Thames

Lambeth

Merton

Richmond

Sutton

Wandsworth

#### **Outside London local authorities**

Crawley

Elmbridge

Epsom and Ewell

Guildford

Horsham

Reigate and Banstead

Runnymede

Spelthorne

Surrey Heath

Woking

#### **Sussex boroughs**

Chichester

Bognor Regis

Petworth and Pulborough

Arundel and Littlehampton

Worthing

Adur Valley

Brighton and Hove

Mid Sussex

### **Who we support**

We support children from birth to adulthood, and will continue to support them and their family for as long as they are being treated as a paediatric patient in one of our partner hospitals. We support the entire family, including parents, carers, siblings and grandparents. Families are referred to us from one of our partner hospitals although we occasionally have referrals from other hospitals in the area such as Croydon, Berkshire, Hampshire, Kent and West Middlesex. We do not select which families we support based on any socio-economic criteria. Families are offered appropriate support services depending on their emotional and practical needs.

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*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025*

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### **Message from our Chair of Trustees**

It is perhaps strange to start a review of the year at its end. But certainly, the biggest event of the year occurred right at the end when Bianca Effemey, our founder and CEO retired after 21 years. Bianca founded Momentum in 2004 after seeing a gap in the service to families with a child with a life-challenging condition. She recognised that the NHS couldn't provide these families with the emotional support they needed during this time and decided to create a charity to ensure that no family would have to cope alone. And so, Momentum was founded. From a blank piece of paper and often on a wing and a prayer, Bianca with her dedication, energy, passion and at times sheer defiant willpower, supported by the staff, volunteers and supporters, grew Momentum into the wonderful charity that it is today. She will be greatly missed in Momentum's day-to-day operations, but she will continue to be involved as Founder and Honorary President.

But no charity can stand still, and we set about the difficult task of finding Bianca's successor and were delighted to appoint Sarah Woods as our new CEO. Sarah comes from a very impressive background of having worked with various charities including Comic Relief and Starlight Children's Foundation. We are totally confident that she will successfully take Momentum forward while embracing our values.

As to the rest of the year, an early highlight was the opening of the new oncology refurbishment at Kingston Hospital which was opened to great acclaim and received very positive feedback. Always, the most important people are the children and the families that we support and yet again the excellent service ratings achieved demonstrate the value Momentum brings to those families. The year saw our Family Support services continue to grow, reaching a record number of 502 families with a child undergoing treatment, a 16% increase. This was a difficult year for fundraising not least caused by a long delay in finding a new Fundraising Director. As a result, we struggled to achieve ambitious targets for corporate and community income, but we were fortunate to receive an unsolicited major legacy donation of over £100,000 towards the end of the year. Now fully staffed and with investment in marketing and social media resources which have improved our visibility, we are confident of seeing strong growth next year.

In June, Chris Johnson joined the Trustee Board as our new Treasurer. With his experience working with various organisations including the Police and Crime Commissioner Audit Committee and as Head of Audit, Risk and Compliance and Revenues and Benefits at the London Borough of Merton, he is a welcome addition to the Board.

My sincere thanks to all of our amazing staff, volunteers, ambassadors and all of you who have given your time and money to Momentum Children's Charity.

**Graham Smith**  
**Chair of Trustees**

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## TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025*

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### **Message from our Founder and Honorary President**

What a year it has been, as Momentum Children's Charity celebrated its 20th anniversary, and my final year as CEO. I've been blown away by the dedication, heart and ambition shown across every part of the charity. It's been a year of connection, growth and deepening support for families at the toughest time of their lives.

At the centre of everything is our Family Support team. Their presence across our partner hospitals and in the community continues to be a lifeline for families navigating a diagnosis. I was particularly proud to see their work recognised nationally, as Momentum won the Family Support Award at the Children & Young People Now Awards in November. It was such a meaningful moment that highlights the care and compassion that the team show every single day.

Alongside emotional support, we've also expanded our social work service this year, to provide more practical help to families who are struggling, particularly those facing real financial pressure as a result of their child's diagnosis. Whether it's help navigating benefits, support with housing, or easing the pressure of everyday costs, this practical, hands-on support has become an increasingly vital part of what we do.

We've also seen real growth in our bereavement service, Momentum Echoes. This year, our team created more opportunities for families to come together, to talk, to remember, and to make something special in honour of their children. Whether it's through memory making crafts or quiet moments shared with others who understand, these spaces have been so important.

Despite a challenging external environment, and our own capacity constraints while recruiting into the fundraising team, we have still seen a remarkable level of fundraising support this year. From challenge events and community partnerships, to a record-breaking level of individual donations, there's been a collective effort to help us raise the funds we need. Whether it's someone taking on a marathon, hosting a quiz night, making us their Charity of the Year or leaving us a gift in their will, the support we've received across the board has made it possible to reach more families than ever before.

Our volunteers have been, as always, incredible. We came together in February to say a proper thank you, and it reminded us just how many people give their time, energy and skills to help keep Momentum going strong. Their support is invaluable.

It has been the privilege of my lifetime to lead this charity and to work alongside such a passionate and committed team. As many of you will already know, I retired at the end of the financial year, moving into my new role as Founder and Honorary President and passing the baton for running of Momentum to new CEO, Sarah Woods. I know the charity is in incredibly safe and capable hands with her, and look forward to seeing it go from strength to strength in this next chapter

And so, whether you're a family we support, one of our brilliant volunteers, a fundraiser, donor or partner, you have been a part of this journey with me. I truly cannot thank you enough for all that you do so that we can continue to be there for families, for as long as they need us.

**Bianca Effemey OBE**  
**Founder and Honorary President**

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### **Message from our CEO**

As I step into the role of CEO following the end of the 2024/25 financial year, I'm excited and honoured to be leading Momentum Children's Charity at a pivotal moment in its journey. With 20 years of impact behind us, and a new strategic period ahead, this is a time of both reflection and renewed ambition.

Throughout 2024/25, the charity made meaningful progress under the first year of our 2024–2027 strategy. This period provided valuable insights into our capacity and resilience as an organisation. Despite internal changes and the increasingly challenging external environment, including rising operational costs and changes to employer NICs from April 2025, we've remained focused on our mission to ensure that no family with a seriously ill child has to cope alone.

Looking ahead, our updated 2025–2028 strategic plan extends our vision, building on what we've learned so far. It focuses on expanding support for families affected by cancer and life-challenging conditions, while laying the foundations for longer-term sustainability and growth. Key areas include deepening our bereavement services, scaling hospital and community support in new regions, and investing in our people, systems, and digital access. These priorities will ensure that we remain responsive, inclusive, and impactful as demand continues to grow.

We've also introduced a stretched growth plan within this strategy, outlining the ambitious targets we believe we can achieve if the funding environment allows. These targets reflect our long-term vision and provide flexibility to respond to future opportunities.

A key focus for me personally is fundraising and financial sustainability. I'm currently working closely with the team to strengthen our income strategy so we can deliver on our mission, safeguard core services, and prepare for responsible growth in the years ahead.

Our strategic goals remain rooted in the voices and needs of the children and families we support. With continued input from families, frontline professionals, staff, volunteers and partners, we are confident in our ability to adapt and thrive.

**Sarah Woods**  
CEO

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### Achievements and performance

#### Support for children and their families

Over the past year, we have supported more than 2,000 children, siblings, parents, and carers across our catchment area, with 502 families receiving support while their child was in active treatment. Our family support teams provided a vital presence in hospital settings, with 4,523 family interactions and 3,331 support hours delivered directly in hospitals across London, Surrey and Sussex. This year alone, we provided 667 hospital visits, ensuring consistent contact and continuity of care.

Of the children we supported, 76% were facing cancer diagnoses, while 24% were living with other life-challenging conditions. Beyond the hospital environment, our team delivered 4,787 hours of community-based support and 1,320 hours of dedicated social work interventions, reflecting our commitment to standing alongside families wherever they need us most.

#### Support by region

Our support reaches families across a wide geographic area. This year:

- 37% of the families we supported were based in Surrey;
- 27% in London;
- 30% in Sussex;
- with a further 6% of families coming from nearby counties, including Berkshire, Hampshire, Kent and West Middlesex.

#### Bereavement support – Echoes

Our Echoes bereavement service has seen considerable growth, reflecting the ongoing need for compassionate, long-term support for families coping with loss. Over the past year, we have supported 186 bereaved families, reaching a total of 558 individuals.

Our dedicated Bereavement Family Support Workers provide families with one-to-one support, access to counselling and creative therapies, along with opportunities to connect with others with shared experience. A variety of tailored services have been delivered, including regular "Cruise and Craft" sessions for bereaved parents, creative therapy workshops, facilitated peer support groups, and newly introduced sibling events that cater to children and young people of all ages. We remain committed to supporting families without time limit, recognising that grief has no fixed timeline.

#### Working in partnership with healthcare professionals

Our strong relationships with healthcare professionals across our nine NHS partner hospitals remain central to the delivery of our services. These close partnerships allow us to offer timely, integrated support that is responsive to the evolving needs of each child and family.

#### Therapy services

Facing a life-challenging diagnosis can profoundly affect not only the child, but the entire family. Emotional wellbeing often suffers, with impacts on education, employment, relationships, and daily life.

Over the past year, we provided access to 304 counselling sessions and 365 creative therapy sessions, offering a holistic range of therapies adapted to the needs of different family members. For younger children, our creative therapies, including play, music, and art help them process and express emotions in age-appropriate ways. For parents and young adults, counselling and psychotherapy provide vital coping strategies to navigate the mental health challenges that accompany serious illness.

#### Respite services

Time away from hospitals and treatment regimens is vitally important for families to reconnect, rest, and enjoy precious moments together. Despite the challenges posed by unpredictable weather, our respite services continued to bring joy and relief to many families. This year, we offered:

- 105 boat trips on our specially adapted riverboat, welcoming 474 individuals
- 174 short breaks at our holiday cabins, enjoyed by 739 family members

These moments of respite allow families to step away from the intensity of treatment, if only for a little while, and simply enjoy being together.

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#### Special moments

Alongside the everyday support we provide, we also recognise the importance of creating small but meaningful moments of happiness. This year:

- 161 hand-painted pebbles were gifted as personal keepsakes
- 417 individuals enjoyed special trips, treats and experiences, ranging from exciting outings to surprise treats delivered to homes
- 104 children got a much-loved surprise Doorstep Santa visit, bringing festive cheer directly to their doors

These special moments can make a real difference, offering brief but much-needed lightness amid the challenges of serious illness.

#### Volunteering

Our work would not be possible without the dedicated support of our volunteers, who generously give their time, skills, and energy across every area of our charity. This year, volunteers contributed a remarkable 2,382 hours, helping on our riverboat, assisting in our office, supporting at events, fundraising, painting pebbles, and even dressing up to entertain the children. Their commitment enriches every aspect of our service delivery.

#### How we fund our services

[31]% Trusts and foundations

[20]% Donations from individuals

[17]% Corporate

[17]% Community and schools

[9]% Challenge events

[4]% Special events

[2%] Other

#### Trusts and foundations

We were grateful for support from more than 35 charitable trusts and foundations this year. This includes our many loyal supporters, including The Brothers Trust and St Faith's Trust, multi-year donors including the National Lottery Community Fund and the Masonic Charitable Foundation, and funders local to us such as the Hampton Fund, the Community Foundations for Surrey and Sussex, and the Elmbridge Partnership Fund. We received grants towards specific projects and services, including our family support workers, social work service and programme of respite activities, as well as towards our general charitable activities.

#### Individual giving

Every donation, regardless of its size, whether a one-off contribution, a regular gift, or a donation made in memory of a loved one, makes a significant difference to the families that we support. Our campaigns in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and throughout December were notable milestones in individual giving, in addition to a generous legacy donation, that meant that we raised more than £220,000 this year in donations from individuals.

#### Corporate

Our partnerships with Valero, Air Charter Services, Finyx, Merkur Casino and Doubletree by Hilton in Kingston continued, supporting us with a combination of annual events, fundraising activities, pro bono services and volunteering. Thanks to our work with Remarkable Partnerships, and as a result of a number of introductions from team members and supported families, we also added a number of new corporate partners throughout the year, including AMS Media Group, QUALCO, Acora, SAE Media Group and Menzies LLP.

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### Community and schools

We continued to see a fantastic level of support from our local community and schools. Our charity of the year partnership with Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club raised more than £15,000, as did post-pantomime collections at the Capitol Theatre in Horsham in the festive period. We saw continued longstanding support from James Whurr, whose annual golf day has now raised more than £50,000 in total since it first started in 2012. Regular events in the community fundraising calendar, including Ann and Jeff Brown's annual Valentine's collection and quarterly Café Bridge events, also made a considerable contribution. We were selected as charity of the year by a number of local schools, including Lady Eleanor Holles and Shrewsbury House Pre-Prep.

### Challenge events

Between May 2024 and April 2025, we saw more than 180 individuals take on various sporting challenges for Momentum, including the TCS London Marathon, London Landmarks Half Marathon, London Winter Walk and a range of own place challenges. In total, our sporty supporters raised a phenomenal £101,471 over the course of the year.

### Special events

From music to comedy to sport, our special events this year brought people together and raised vital funds. Our annual celebrity golf day teed off the year in style, followed by our first football tournament, which saw teams compete with passion and purpose. Summer brought sunshine and community spirit at *Now That's What I Call Summer*, while our comedy night in October had everyone in stitches. Together, these events raised over £40,000 – a fantastic reminder of the impact we can have when we come together.

### Financial review

The 2024–25 financial year has been the most financially testing in our recent history, a year intended to launch steady growth instead required us to pause, reassess, and adapt.

Total income for the year was £1,128,233, a 5.4% decline from last year's £1,192,666. Though not a dramatic drop, it was out of step with our strategic intention for the year to be one of growth. Nearly every income stream underperformed, with corporate partnerships particularly hard hit. Fundraising conditions were tougher across the sector, and recruitment challenges meant we were not fully resourced to deliver our income plan. However, a late-year legacy provided an unexpected and much-needed uplift.

On the expenditure side, we had planned to invest £1.40 million this year to drive long-term growth, but in response to income pressures, we scaled that back to £1.21 million, a reduction of £198,903. This allowed us to preserve financial stability while still prioritising service delivery. We ended the year with a deficit of £78,051, compared with a surplus of £70,289 the year before. Importantly, this was within tolerance: we had planned for a larger deficit of £165,446, giving reassurance that our financial controls remain strong.

Despite these challenges, we maintained focus on our mission. We invested £933,005 into charitable activities, up from £899,703 in 2024. Within that, direct investment in Provision of Services to Support Patients and Families rose by 20% (£83,272) clear evidence of our commitment to impact even in difficult times. Our "pence in the pound" ratio improved from 75p last year to 83p this year, meaning a greater proportion of income was spent directly on charitable work.

We began the year with £636,659 in reserves and closed at £593,051, a reduction of £43,608, moving from 7 months of operating reserves to 6 months. While we never take reserve use lightly, it was part of our three-year strategic plan to drawdown on reserves to sustain services during a period of transition and investment. Our reserves remain within policy and continue to give us the flexibility and stability needed to respond to uncertainty.

Entering our 22nd year, we are no strangers to challenge or resilience. Momentum weathered the storm of COVID-19 and emerged stronger; we're applying that same strength of purpose now. Strong financial stewardship, an improved internal structure, and a diversified income portfolio have all helped mitigate this year's risks.

We close the year in a difficult but manageable position: the internal challenges that slowed our progress have been addressed, our team is now fully resourced, and rebuilding of our fundraising pipeline is well underway. We remain cautious, but optimistic and committed to ensuring that financial decisions continue to support the children and families who rely on us.

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### Reserves policy

#### Introduction

Momentum Children's Charity exists to support children with cancer or life-challenging conditions, and their families. When a family is referred to us, we make a commitment to provide support and services to children, siblings, and parents for as long as is needed.

Our reserves policy has therefore been set to reflect this commitment to the community we support, and – in the unlikely event that we should cease to operate – to ensure families would not experience a sudden or immediate change to the care we provide. In addition, this policy considers possible risks to our charity's operations and how we safeguard against these.

#### Definitions

In accordance with Charity Commission guidance: Free reserves are uncommitted reserves freely available, which exclude restricted and designated funds and amounts invested in tangible fixed assets. Designated funds arise when the Trustees set aside unrestricted funds for specific purposes. Restricted funds arise when conditions are imposed by the donor, or by the specific terms of appeal and can only be spent on the activities specified.

#### Free reserves

Trustees agreed to hold four to seven months' operating costs (excluding hospital refurbishments which would only be undertaken if restricted funding had been secured) to ensure the sustainability of support services for seriously ill children and their families, as well as essential costs required to support the delivery of this service. The Trustees consider the free reserves policy annually. Currently £593,051 is held, the equivalent of six months operating costs, showing that the charity is able to sustain itself in the short to medium term.

#### Designated funds

The Trustees have not designated any funds in 2024/25.

#### Restricted funds

Restricted funds amounted to £189,630, of which £114,583 related to a portion of the charity's fixed assets, including three holiday homes and the riverboat. All four assets are available for family respite holidays and trips, through our respite breaks programme. The remaining £75,047 is being held to cover the costs of activities scheduled for delivery in 2025/26.

### Investment policy and performance

The trustees have adopted a conservative investment policy designed to preserve the charity's capital and maintain liquidity, while achieving a reasonable return. The primary objective is to ensure funds are readily available to meet operational needs and unanticipated cash flow requirements.

The charity's liquid reserves are invested in low-risk, short-term deposit accounts to protect capital, reflecting the trustees' cautious approach given the organisation's reliance on voluntary income. Surplus income from these investments contributed £25,171 during the year (2024: £24,165).

Where appropriate, and where funds are not required to meet the reserves ratio, the charity may hold less liquid assets, such as holiday cabins, if they are used directly for the benefit of the families supported. These assets are not required to generate a financial return.

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### **Structure, governance and management**

On 30th June 2022 we converted from a Trust (Reg 1106677) to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Reg 1195373).

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Graham Smith (Chair of Trustees)

Robert Read

(Appointed 27 February 2025)

Christopher Johnson (Treasurer)

(Appointed 10 June 2024)

James Patterson

Dr Kate Irwin

Fiona Loveless

Kieron Lynch

Mario Bodini (Deputy Chair)

Victor De Cruz

James Conway

(Resigned 10 June 2024)

Vanessa Walters

(Resigned 2 December 2024)

Michele Settle

(Resigned 4 June 2025)

Christian Butter

(Resigned 10 June 2024)

The charity's Trustees are not remunerated but their expenses are reimbursed in accordance with Momentum's expenses policy. Trustees are recruited through an open selection process and receive an induction on appointment.

### **Staff and volunteers**

Our team shares a huge passion for the work we do, and as we are a small organisation every team member sees first-hand the difference we make to families. At the year end, we have 31 employees and 3 consultants. This equates to 11 full-time equivalent staff (FTE) in family support roles, 10 FTE in fundraising and marketing roles, and 1 FTE in operational roles. We also have around 100 regular volunteers from the local community who support us in a range of roles including service delivery, office work and raising awareness.

### **Risk management**

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **Financial policy**

The charity has a written financial policy that sets out the procedures for the day-to-day management of the charity's finances. This is reviewed annually.

### **Safeguarding**

The charity is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and vulnerable adults. We have a comprehensive safeguarding policy which outlines these responsibilities and those of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). It also outlines the procedures to be taken when a child or vulnerable adult may be identified to be at risk of harm, or may require additional support to ensure they reach their potential. The policy is reviewed and updated annually.

### **Diversity and Inclusion**

We actively support diversity and inclusion and ensure that all our employees are valued and treated with dignity and respect. We have made developments to our recruitment process with the introduction of an online application form with Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) monitoring questions and improvements to our job advertisements which include more inclusive language and reduction of the essential specification criteria. Our formal Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy is implemented in accordance with the appropriate statutory requirements and ensures that no service user, job applicant, employee or worker is discriminated against either directly or indirectly on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025*

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### **Trustees induction, training and insurance**

New Trustees receive information on the charity's history, governing document, finances, activities, objectives, and their role and responsibilities. The induction includes meetings with other Trustees, the Chief Executive, and Senior Leadership Team. Training needs are identified during recruitment and provided as needed. The charity holds trustee indemnity insurance to protect its Trustees against personal liability arising from their duties in managing the charity, provided they have acted in good faith and in accordance with their responsibilities. This insurance ensures that the Trustees are safeguarded from potential legal claims, allowing them to carry out their roles with confidence and in the best interest of the charity.

### **Remuneration of staff and key management personnel**

The Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Operations review staff remuneration, including key management personnel, with pay based on industry benchmarks, professional experience, performance, and the charity's long-term needs. Pay reviews are conducted annually, with mid-year reviews as needed.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Graham Smith (Chair of Trustees)  
**Chair**

Date: 16/12/25 .....

# **MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025***

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Momentum Children's Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 April 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 April 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# **MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY**

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#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, the Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- testing controls with walk through procedures and substantive transaction testing;

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining any accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions; and

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and relevant regulators such as the Charity Commission.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Other matters**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared 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)" (as amended) 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 now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



#### **FJ Wilde FCCA DChA MBA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

For and on behalf of Warner Wilde Limited, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Certified Accountant

4 Marigold Drive

Bisley

Woking

Surrey

GU24 9SF

Date: .....16/12/25.....

Warner Wilde Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	732,528	-	732,528	804,963	-	804,963
Charitable activities	4	-	327,650	327,650	-	323,630	323,630
Other trading activities	5	42,884	-	42,884	39,908	-	39,908
Investments	6	25,171	-	25,171	24,165	-	24,165
<b>Total income</b>		<b>800,583</b>	<b>327,650</b>	<b>1,128,233</b>	<b>869,036</b>	<b>323,630</b>	<b>1,192,666</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
<u>Raising Funds and Other Trading Activities</u>							
Fundraising and publicity	7	318,613	-	318,613	266,200	-	266,200
Charitable activities	8	541,064	346,607	887,671	554,364	301,813	856,177
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>859,677</b>	<b>346,607</b>	<b>1,206,284</b>	<b>820,564</b>	<b>301,813</b>	<b>1,122,377</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		<b>(59,094)</b>	<b>(18,957)</b>	<b>(78,051)</b>	<b>48,472</b>	<b>21,817</b>	<b>70,289</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 May 2024		819,999	208,587	1,028,586	771,528	186,769	958,297
<b>Fund balances at 30 April 2025</b>		<b>760,905</b>	<b>189,630</b>	<b>950,535</b>	<b>820,000</b>	<b>208,586</b>	<b>1,028,586</b>

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

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	14		282,437		305,475
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	102,547		76,032	
Investments	16	511,401		532,170	
Cash at bank and in hand		251,977		160,324	
			865,925		768,526
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	(197,827)		(45,415)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			668,098		723,111
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			950,535		1,028,586
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	20	189,630		208,586	
Unrestricted funds	21	760,905		820,000	
			950,535		1,028,586

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 16/12/25 .....



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Graham Smith (Chair of Trustees)  
Chair

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	25		49,216		71,570
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,504)		(3,635)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		20,769		(532,170)	
Investment income received		25,171		24,165	
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>			42,436		(511,640)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			91,652		(440,070)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			160,324		600,394
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			251,977		160,324

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Momentum Children's Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements 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 Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### **1.4 Income**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income from charitable activities for generating funds includes income earned from fundraising vents and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has incurred.

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Short leasehold	Over the duration of the licence (12,25 and 30 years respectively)
Fixtures and fittings	5 years straight line
Computers	3 years straight line
Plant and Equipment	5 years straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### ***Basic financial assets***

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### ***Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>
Donations and gifts	732,528	804,963

### 4 Income from charitable activities

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2024 £</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Performance related grants	327,650	323,630

### 5 Income from other trading activities

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>
Fundraising events	42,774	39,908
Merchandise Sales	110	-
Other trading activities	42,884	39,908

### 6 Income from investments

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>
Interest receivable	25,171	24,165

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Fundraising and publicity</b>		
Special Events	14,407	22,497
Fundraising agents	27,616	55,185
Other fundraising costs	35,619	22,438
Staff costs	240,971	166,080
	<u>318,613</u>	<u>266,200</u>

### 8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	518,502	467,651
Depreciation and impairment	19,451	13,659
Provision of services to support patients and families	75,329	62,669
Enhancing the healing environment	1,355	34,728
Running costs of family respite breaks	66,640	65,069
Marketing costs	12,361	14,662
	<u>693,638</u>	<u>658,438</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)</b>		
Support	181,202	186,080
Governance	12,831	11,659
	<u>887,671</u>	<u>856,177</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	541,064	554,364
Restricted funds	346,607	301,813
	<u>887,671</u>	<u>856,177</u>

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	79,511	93,889
Depreciation	7,090	11,861
Premises and other related costs	31,612	31,704
Office administration, management and finance	53,085	39,770
Organisational development	9,304	7,700
Bank charges	600	1,156
Governance costs	12,831	11,659
	<u>194,033</u>	<u>197,739</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Charitable activities	<u>194,033</u>	<u>197,739</u>

<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fees	9,803	9,598
Legal and professional	3,028	2,061
	<u>12,831</u>	<u>11,659</u>

### 10 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	9,803	9,598
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	26,541	25,520
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	20	19
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 12 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	742,223	648,451
Social security costs	67,937	53,796
Other pension costs	28,824	25,373
	<u>838,984</u>	<u>727,620</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-
£70,001 - £80,000	-	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>119,964</u>	<u>107,157</u>

### 13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Short leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Plant and Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 May 2024	360,073	11,242	15,228	52,868	439,411
Additions	-	-	2,401	1,103	3,504
At 30 April 2025	360,073	11,242	17,629	53,971	442,915
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 May 2024	109,226	8,786	8,649	7,276	133,937
Depreciation charged in the year	16,672	1,228	5,069	3,572	26,541
At 30 April 2025	125,898	10,014	13,718	10,848	160,478
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 30 April 2025	234,175	1,228	3,911	43,123	282,437
At 30 April 2024	250,847	2,457	6,579	45,592	305,475

### 15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	249	5,869
Other debtors	57,991	30,615
Prepayments	44,307	39,548
	102,547	76,032

### 16 Current asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Unlisted investments	511,401	532,170

### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security		17,809	13,977
Deferred income	18	162,628	8,200
Other creditors		6,688	9,503
Accruals		10,702	13,735
		197,827	45,415

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

#### 18 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Other deferred income	162,628	8,200

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	162,628	8,200
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 May 2024	8,200	10,098
Released from previous periods	(8,200)	(10,098)
Resources deferred in the year	162,628	8,200
Deferred income at 30 April 2025	162,628	8,200

#### 19 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	28,824	25,373

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

#### 20 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 May 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2025 £
Family support activities	192,240	308,857	(327,814)	16,347	189,630
Hospital projects	6,725	-	-	(6,725)	-
Marketing costs	-	1,402	(1,402)	-	-
Office administration, management and finance	-	17,391	(17,391)	-	-
Organisational development	9,622	-	-	(9,622)	-
	208,587	327,650	(346,607)	-	189,630

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 20 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 May 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Family support activities	132,321	321,718	(261,799)	-	192,240
Hospital projects	37,127	1,912	(32,314)	-	6,725
Organisational Development	17,321	-	(7,700)	-	9,621
	<u>186,769</u>	<u>323,630</u>	<u>(301,813)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,586</u>

### 21 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 May 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	810,679	800,583	(859,677)	751,585
Revaluation reserve	9,320	-	-	9,320
	<u>820,000</u>	<u>800,583</u>	<u>(859,677)</u>	<u>760,905</u>

Previous year:	At 1 May 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	771,528	869,036	(820,564)	820,000
	<u>771,528</u>	<u>869,036</u>	<u>(820,564)</u>	<u>820,000</u>

### 22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£
<b>At 30 April 2025:</b>			
Tangible assets	167,854	114,583	282,437
Current assets/(liabilities)	593,051	75,047	668,098
	<u>760,905</u>	<u>189,630</u>	<u>950,535</u>

# MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 22 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 30 April 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	183,341	122,134	305,475
Current assets/(liabilities)	636,659	86,452	723,111
	<u>820,000</u>	<u>208,586</u>	<u>1,028,586</u>

### 23 Related party transactions

For the year ended 30 April 2025, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer and Director of Finance and Operations were identified as related parties.

The aggregate donations received from the Trustees in the year were £447 (2024 - £1,433). There were no other transactions with related parties for the year.

### 24 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

### 25 Cash generated from operations

	2025 £	2024 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(78,051)	70,289
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(25,171)	(24,165)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	26,541	25,520
<b>Movements in working capital:</b>		
(Increase) in debtors	(26,515)	(4,190)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(2,016)	6,014
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	154,428	(1,898)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<u>49,216</u>	<u>71,570</u>

**MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S CHARITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1195373

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report

Annual Report of the Trustees and  
Audited Financial Statements for the  
year ended 30th April 2024



Helping seriously ill children and their families to keep moving forward

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# Report of the Trustees

## For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

The Trustees present their report and the audited Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

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 July 2019.

Momentum Children's Charity is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Our aims and objectives are regularly reviewed by the Trustees, in line with the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In particular, the Trustees consider how the charity's planned activities will contribute to these agreed aims and objectives.

### Why families need our support

The impact of a diagnosis of cancer or a life-challenging condition is devastating and wide-ranging for children, young people and their families and carers. The sick child will receive appropriate clinical care, but their wider needs – and those of their family - are often neglected. The vast demands on NHS resources are extensively highlighted, and the importance of the role and services that Momentum provides as it enters its 20th year continued to be reinforced. From the moment a family is referred to us from one of our local hospital partners, a dedicated Momentum Family Support Worker assesses their individual needs in order to offer personally tailored emotional and practical support, both in hospital and at home, when it's needed most.

### Our vision

Our vision is to ensure that no family whose child has cancer or a life-challenging condition has to cope alone.

### Our mission

Our mission is to make the experience of cancer or life-challenging illnesses more bearable for children and their families in London, Surrey and Sussex. We're there whatever the outcome, and provide support to families for as long as needed.

### Our objects

The charity was established to promote, improve and protect the physical and mental health of children with cancer and life-challenging conditions and their families in London and the South-East through the provision of direct support, practical advice and support services at home and in hospital as well as providing holiday homes for respite, days out and other activities in the community.

We aim to relieve sickness and preserve the health of children with cancer and other life-challenging conditions at Kingston Hospital and other local hospitals in London and the South-East by providing or assisting in the provision of equipment, facilities and services.

Additionally, we offer bereavement support to families whose children have died as a result of cancer and life-challenging conditions in London and the South-East.

### About us

We work with children, siblings, parents and carers to understand their needs offering them personally tailored support both in hospital and at home.

Our support services include counselling, peer to peer support and a range of creative therapy services - such as play, art and music - as well as special experiences and respite breaks to ease some of the stresses that come with a gruelling treatment plan. If the unthinkable happens, and a child dies, we offer bereavement support and stand by families for as long as they need us. We also improve the environment for children treated in hospital with children's ward refurbishments, transforming bare, clinical areas into bright, child-friendly spaces.

### Our hospital partnerships

Our family support work starts when one of our nine NHS partnership hospitals refer a family to us:

- East Surrey Hospital (Redhill)
- Epsom Hospital
- Kingston Hospital
- The Royal Marsden Hospital (Sutton)
- Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital (Brighton)
- Royal Surrey County Hospital (Guildford)
- St George's Hospital (London)
- St Peter's Hospital (Chertsey)
- Worthing Hospital

## Our areas of operation

We work across London, Surrey and Sussex covering the following areas:

### London boroughs

Croydon  
Hounslow  
Kingston upon Thames  
Lambeth  
Merton  
Richmond  
Sutton  
Wandsworth

### Outside London local authorities

Crawley  
Elmbridge  
Epsom and Ewell  
Guildford  
Horsham  
Reigate and Banstead  
Runnymede  
Spelthorne  
Surrey Heath  
Woking

### Sussex boroughs

Chichester  
Bognor Regis  
Petworth and Pulborough  
Arundel and Littlehampton  
Worthing  
Adur Valley  
Brighton and Hove  
Mid Sussex



## Our beneficiaries

We support children aged 0-18 years and will continue to support them and their family for as long as they are being treated as a paediatric patient in our partner hospitals. We support the entire family, including parents, carers, siblings and grandparents.

Families are referred to us from one of our partner hospitals although we occasionally have referrals from other hospitals in the area such as Croydon, Berkshire, Hampshire, Kent and West Middlesex. We do not select which families we support based on any socio-economic criteria. Families are offered appropriate support services depending on their emotional and practical needs.

# Message from our Chair of Trustees



**The end of the year marked the 20th anniversary since the start of Momentum. From those first tentative steps, Momentum has grown into a large, modern and successful charity. From that very first child who needed somewhere to keep ice lollies cold to help with sore gums from their treatment, Momentum has raised over £9m to support the families and children with life challenging illnesses. A quite amazing achievement and one that all can be very proud of.**

Against this background, it seemed very fitting that Bianca Effemey, our founder and CEO, was awarded an OBE in the King's first honours list. We were all so proud when in October, Bianca was presented with her award at Windsor Castle by the Princess Royal.

Once again, despite the background of continued economic uncertainty, I am delighted to report that this has been another excellent year. The fundraising team made the outstanding achievement of exceeding an income of £1.1m. We also saw the completion of the first year using our Momentum Outcomes tool designed to measure changes throughout our relationship with families from our personalised plan of support. The results showed a marked improvement in our families' journey showing that the services provided by our family support workers had a very real and positive impact.

We also completed the Paediatric Oncology Unit at Kingston Hospital which was met with universal acclaim.

In June and September 2023 the Board welcomed Rob Read and James Patterson, strengthening our all-round business expertise.

On a personal note, it never ceases to amaze me, how many people are prepared to give up their time and energy for Momentum. Of course, I'm talking about our wonderful volunteers.. This year we employed a Volunteer Co-ordinator, who has been very successful in achieving a significant upturn in numbers. Whether it is painting pebbles, helping in the office, being part of our Doorstep Santa or Grotto festivities, crewing the boat or acting as a trustee, volunteers give their precious time with tremendous enthusiasm and great ability. My sincere thanks go to everyone who has helped this year, it's been so appreciated.

As ever and quite rightly, the most important people are the children and the families that we support. The decision made to boost the number of Family Support staff to meet the very high demand from our supported hospitals has been successful and allowed us to support over 400 families during the year. I am delighted that the excellent service ratings achieved demonstrate the value Momentum brings to those families.

Again, my sincere thanks go to all of our amazing staff, volunteers, ambassadors and all of you who have given your time and money to Momentum Children's Charity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Smith'.

Graham Smith  
Chair of Trustees

## Message from our CEO and Founder



**What a year it has been for Momentum Children's Charity. I feel immensely proud of everything we achieved in our 19th year – a testament to the continued need for the services we provide for families facing the unimaginable. We reached some remarkable milestones last year both in the support we delivered and the fundraising we achieved.**

**The practical and emotional support provided by our Family Support Team remains at the forefront of what we do. We know that most parents experience an impact on their emotional health and wellbeing after receiving their child's diagnosis, leaving them feeling anxious, worried, and alone. Recognising this, we increased the number of hours our Family Support Team spent in hospitals by 56%. Our presence in Sussex has continued to grow, as does the need for our service. Almost a third of the families we supported last year were in Sussex – a huge increase on previous years.**

Our bereavement service, Echoes, has shown tremendous growth and development. A generous three-year grant from St. James's Place has funded 40 hours a week of dedicated bereavement support. Our team has introduced new face-to-face events, helping families to connect with each other, and giving siblings and parents opportunities to talk about their loved ones and the treasured memories they have of them. Families can get involved in crafting activities, including creating beautiful memory bracelets. We are working closely with other organisations, to build on signposting and referral schemes, ensuring effective use of resources and maximising the support available to bereaved families.

We have introduced 'Momentum Outcomes', a programme which allows us to work with family members to assess the suitability and value of what we offer and to listen and adapt to their changing situation and to give us a better understand the impact of our support.

The new Paediatric Oncology unit at Kingston Hospital opened at the end of January – it is incredible and something I feel very honoured to be part of. Momentum funded the interior environment of the unit, including wall-art and sensory light panels. The result is a wonderfully calm and stimulating space for young patients, their families, and hospital staff too.

Income from fundraising and donations was at an all-time high – raising more than £1.1m. Our London Marathon team raised a record-breaking amount, and a unique and quite epic event took place when Sam Hall took on his Cycle4Sepp challenge last Spring, pedalling from Finland to England in memory of his young son, Sepp. The challenge raised more than £57,000 for Momentum and generated a huge amount of awareness.

The impact volunteers have on Momentum cannot be underestimated – we simply wouldn't be able to support our families in the ways we do without them. Supported by our new Volunteer Coordinator role, volunteers donated an incredible 2227 hours of their time to us last year.

On a personal level, it has been a very special year for me, as I received an OBE for services to young people with life-challenging conditions in the King's first Birthday Honours List. It was a true honour to be presented with my OBE by the Princess Royal, an experience that will be etched in my memory for years to come.

We were delighted to win the 'Best Charity' award at the Kingston Borough Business Awards last year – it means so much to see local communities valuing what we do.

Nobody should face the toughest challenges life can throw at you alone, and we are a helping hand for as long as needed. As we head into our 20th year and beyond, I hope we can continue to strive to be there for more families who are going through incredibly challenging times.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Effemey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath.

Bianca Effemey OBE  
Founder CEO

# Our Impact

## Year ending 30 April 2024

### Support for children and their families

**1676**

Children, siblings and parents

**419**

Families with child undergoing treatment

72% children with cancer

28% children with life-challenging condition

**766**

Hospital visits

**5718**

Family interactions in hospitals

**4004**

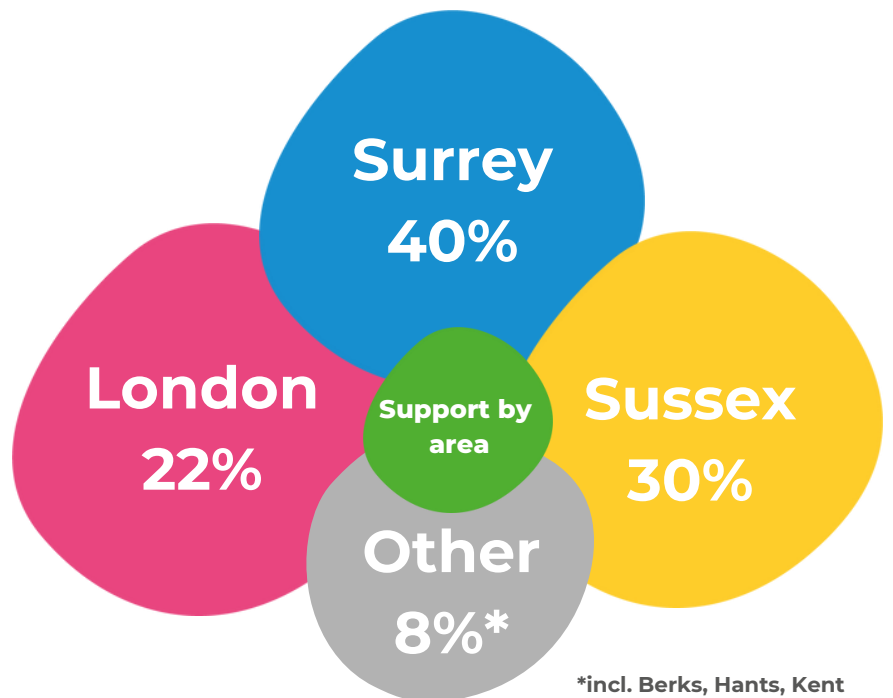
Support hours in hospitals

**3938**

Support hours in the community

**660**

Social work hours



I can't imagine having to navigate through this awful journey without the support from Momentum along the way.

Having that contact and a base person to go to with queries or reassurance or to have sit with your child for a break was lifesaving for me.

## Echoes

**164**  
bereaved families

**492**  
individuals

The Echoes Bereavement service has grown significantly in the last year. We stand side by side with families without time limit as they face the unimaginable. Our focus is on personal contact from our dedicated Bereavement Family Support Workers, as well as counselling, and peer to peer support opportunities for all family members.

This has included regular “Walk and Talks” for parents, facilitated group meetings, creative activities and workshops for Mums or Dads, and new sibling events for all ages.



**Sometimes it can feel like people don't really understand what you're going through, or like you're burdening them. With the Echoes group, you don't feel that at all, you can share memories, feelings and experiences in a relaxed and open way.**



**A tragic event like this ripples out and people want to help, however they don't always know what to say. Momentum does and can.**



## Healthcare Professionals

Our close working with healthcare professionals across all our partner hospitals gives us a critical advantage in our ability to provide the right support for families at the right time.

**100%**

**said that the Family Support Team had a positive impact on the emotional wellbeing of patients and their families when on the wards.**



**Many of the families are very anxious when on the ward, nursing staff cannot spend enough time with them so it is a great support for parents and helps nursing staff with their patients.**



**A stable point of contact for a family during a very difficult time.**

# Therapy Services

Children often struggle to deal with the emotional and physical changes they suddenly face after diagnosis, causing a decline in their mental wellbeing. Sibling and parent mental health can also be severely affected, impacting schooling, work, finances and relationships.

Our range of age-appropriate therapies for the whole family include for younger children creative therapy - music, art and play - to encourage them to communicate how they feel, when traditional talking therapies are not appropriate, and for older children and parents, specialist counselling and psychotherapy, providing strategies to help them cope more easily.



# 285

Creative Therapy sessions

# 218

Counselling sessions



**Momentum has been there when I had nobody else, they cared when I thought I was alone.**



# Respite Services

Despite the challenges of the weather, numerous respite activities were enjoyed throughout the year. Our three holiday homes and “Moments on the river” riverboat gave families the chance to spend precious time together away from the stresses of hospital visits and treatment, whether for an afternoon, overnight or a weekend.



**90**  
boat trips  
for 423  
individuals



When my son was in hospital I couldn't work which financially impacted our family as I have separated from his father. Being able to access a break/holiday and knowing I won't have to worry about the cost has been so helpful, and the time away from thinking about medical appointments and the hospital meant we could truly relax.



**182**  
cabin breaks  
for 771  
individuals



The cabin break was phenomenal. Having an opportunity like that meant we could make some positive memories when things had been so difficult in the first few months.



“After a bad few months it was great to see my daughter smile again.”



**185**  
handpainted  
individual  
pebbles

**428**  
trips, treats,  
visits

“He was delighted with his pebble, and shows it to everyone who visits!”



## Special Moments

After hospital visits and gruelling treatment, our special treats, trips and visits can offer families a few moments of delight. From Doorstep Santa and owl visits, a treat in the post with an advent calendar, to a family day out.

“A memory my family will never forget.”



“They have made the darkest day seem a bit brighter. It has given all the kids something to look forward to and enjoy that takes their minds off cancer.”



Thank you so soooo much for organising to have Santa and his elf visit us last weekend. It was the most wonderful experience and we all truly loved it. O's eyes nearly popped out of his head with happiness.

Our daughter is so poorly at the moment so we wouldn't have been able to take her to experience something like this, it was amazing and magical.

**54**  
families received a  
Doorstep Santa  
visit

You get so much taken away and so many disappointments when your child/brother is going through treatment, so little gifts and Santa messages really cheer them up.



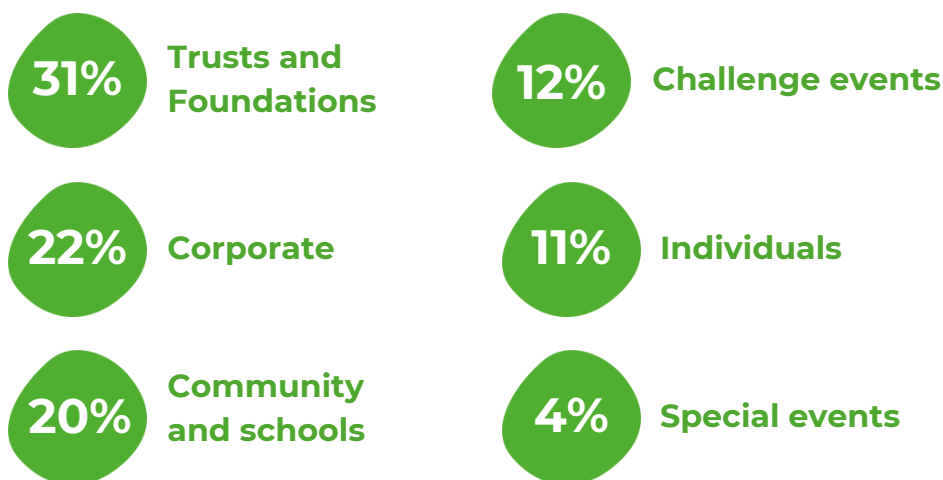
**2227**  
Volunteer  
hours

On the boat, in our office, painting pebbles, at events, fundraising, donating their skills, and donning costumes.....

Volunteering at Momentum never feels like a chore because you are surrounded by amazing, caring people who all want to make a difference in any way they can – it genuinely feels like a family and that's what I think is so special.



# How we fund our services



## Corporate Fundraising

Our partnerships with Berkeley St Edward, Valero, Lendlease and Air Charter Service continued, and all supported us through their annual events and a variety of other fundraising activities. Although our partnership with Manulife ended at the end of December 2023, they supported us to the end with a Treasure Hunt and Quiz Night and their support of our matched giving campaign. While that relationship ended, we developed partnerships with other corporates across Surrey and are continuing to raise the profile of Momentum within the areas local to our partner hospitals. Our corporate supporters raised a fantastic £263,972 for Momentum this year.

The financial support our corporate partners provide is crucial but of equal importance is all the other ways in which they help. Local supporters ProNursing provided their premises for our Christmas Grotto enabling us to maximise fundraising potential, Colets Health & Fitness Club provided important meeting space, and Finyx Consulting offered their time and expertise through staff training and consultancy, support that is ongoing.

Our corporate supporters also supported us through volunteering – being elves at our Grotto, running stalls for us at craft fairs, cleaning our river boat and decorating it for Halloween, packing presents for our Doorstep Santa campaign and numerous other ways.

## Challenge events

Between May 2023 and April 2024, an incredible 167 individuals took part in various sporting challenges for Momentum. The resulting Challenge Events annual income totalled an impressive £138,723. Whilst fundraising highlights came from the many unexpected and varied Own Place events, which always complement our regular pre-paid events, the TCS London Marathon in April 2024 was the undisputed star of the show raising a record breaking £74,156, thanks largely to two Momentum families' phenomenal fundraising.

# How we fund our services

## Trusts & Foundations

We were grateful for the support from over 40 charitable trusts and foundations this year, including our many loyal supporters, as well as new funders including the Manny Cussins Foundation and Hays Travel Foundation. They provided grants towards specific projects and services, as well as towards our general charitable activities.

## Community

The continued support from the local community and schools, always amazes us. It was not just the funds raised that were impressive, but also the inventive methods used to gather them. Cycle for Sepp surpassed its £50,000 goal, marking a significant achievement despite an injury. We established a new partnership with the Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club, becoming their charity of the year for both the Men's and Women's teams and the 2023 pantomime collection at the Capital Theatre was a resounding success, raising an impressive £13,357. Our loyal supporters, Ann and Jeff Brown, held their annual Valentine's Day collection in memory of Kiera, which once again raised over £3,500. Schools efforts went far beyond our expectations, with Hampton School, Reed's School, Claremont and St. John's Leatherhead raising over £26,000.

## Special events

Our 'Magic Moments' Christmas campaign, which was launched in October, once again brought joy and excitement. The campaign featured an online auction, a text raffle, a five-day Christmas grotto, and a delightful mix of carols and music. It truly set a magical tone for the holiday season.

The annual Golf Day attended by golf pro's and celebrities including Tom Holland, was a resounding success, raising £23,996. 'Mada Mia', a night of music, contributed £2,445 to our cause. Additionally, a comedy night featuring Chris McCausland and Romesh Ranganathan brought laughter and cheer, raising over £5,000.

## Individual Giving

Every donation, regardless of its size, whether it's a one-time contribution, a regular gift, or a donation made in memory of a loved one, holds immeasurable value. In January, we unveiled our Tribute Fund film, a heartfelt project made possible by the Smith family who generously shared their personal story, and the exceptional pro bono support from BAFTA winners Darrell Macqueen. Regular contributions continue to be a crucial part of our fundraising efforts, providing us with a stable foundation to plan more effectively for the future.



# Structure, governance and management

## Governing document

On 30th June 2022 we converted from a Trust (Reg 1106677) to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Reg 1195373).

## Trustees

The charity's Trustees are not remunerated but their expenses are reimbursed in accordance with Momentum's expenses policy. Trustees are recruited through an open selection process and receive an induction on appointment.

## Staff and volunteers

Our team shares a huge passion for the work we do, and as we are a small organisation every team member sees first-hand the difference we make to families. At the year end, we have 28 employees and 3 consultants. This equates to 11 full-time equivalent staff (FTE) in family support roles, 8 FTE in fundraising and marketing roles, and 2 FTE in operational roles. We also have around 100 regular volunteers from the local community who support us in a range of roles including service delivery, office work and raising awareness.

## Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## Financial policy

The charity has a written financial policy that sets out the procedures for the day-to-day management of the charity's finances. This is reviewed annually.

## Safeguarding

The charity is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and vulnerable adults. We have a comprehensive safeguarding policy which outlines these responsibilities and those of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). It also outlines the procedures to be taken when a child or vulnerable adult may be identified to be at risk of harm, or may require additional support to ensure they reach their potential. The policy is reviewed and updated annually.

## Diversity and Inclusion

We actively support diversity and inclusion and ensure that all our employees are valued and treated with dignity and respect. We have made developments to our recruitment process with the introduction of an online application form with Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) monitoring questions and improvements to our job advertisements which include more inclusive language and reduction of the essential specification criteria. Our formal Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy is implemented in accordance with the appropriate statutory requirements and ensures that no service user, job applicant, employee or worker is discriminated against either directly or indirectly on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

## Trustees induction, training and insurance

New Trustees receive information on the charity's history, governing document, finances, activities, objectives, and their role and responsibilities. The induction includes meetings with other Trustees, the Chief Executive, and Senior Leadership Team. Training needs are identified during recruitment and provided as needed. The charity holds trustee indemnity insurance to protect its Trustees against personal liability arising from their duties in managing the charity, provided they have acted in good faith and in accordance with their responsibilities. This insurance ensures that the Trustees are safeguarded from potential legal claims, allowing them to carry out their roles with confidence and in the best interest of the charity.

## Remuneration of staff and key management personnel

The Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Operations review staff, including key management personnel, with pay based on industry benchmarks, professional experience, performance, and the charity's long-term needs. To avoid conflicts of interest, the Trustees set the salaries of the Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Operations, following the same process used for the rest of the team. Pay reviews are conducted annually, with mid-year reviews as needed.

## Financial Review

We are pleased to report that the financial year 2023/24 has been marked by significant income growth, whilst maintaining a similar level of spending.

This year, our total income increased by 15%, rising from £1,033,143 in the previous year, to £1,192,666 in the current year. This growth was primarily driven by Community Fundraising, which saw a notable rise of 70%, reflecting strong support from our community and new fundraising initiatives. We also secured additional grant funding totalling £125,489, a testament to our impactful programs and robust grant applications.

Despite the significant increase in income, we have managed to maintain a similar level of expenditure, with total spending remaining at £1,122,377 in the current year, closely aligned with the previous year's £1,148,416.

The combination of increased income and stable expenditure has resulted in an improved return on investment, ensuring a larger proportion of our income is directed towards our charitable objects and enhancing our overall impact.

As a result, our financial position remains robust. We have achieved a surplus of £70,289, which will be strategically reinvested into expanding our services over the next three years. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors, volunteers and partners for their unwavering support. Your contributions are vital to our continued success and the fulfilment of our mission.

## Reserves Policy

### Introduction

Momentum Children's Charity exists to support children with cancer or life-challenging conditions, and their families. When a family is referred to us, we make a commitment to provide support and services to children, siblings, and parents for as long as is needed. Our reserves policy has therefore been set to reflect this commitment to the community we support, and – in the unlikely event that we should cease to operate – to ensure families would not experience a sudden or immediate change to the care we provide. In addition, this policy considers possible risks to our charity's operations and how we safeguard against these.

## Definitions

In accordance with Charity Commission guidance:

- Free reserves are uncommitted reserves freely available, which exclude restricted and designated funds and amounts invested in tangible fixed assets.
- Designated funds arise when the Trustees set aside unrestricted funds for specific purposes.
- Restricted funds arise when conditions are imposed by the donor, or by the specific terms of appeal and can only be spent on the activities specified.

## Free reserves

During the year, The Board of Trustees agreed to adjust the charity's reserves policy down in support of the investment required to deliver the 2024 to 2027 strategy. Trustees agreed to hold four to seven months' (2023 - six to nine months) operating costs (excluding hospital refurbishments which would only be undertaken if restricted funding had been secured) to ensure the sustainability of support services for seriously ill children and their families, as well as essential costs required to support the delivery of this service. The Trustees consider the free reserves policy annually.

Currently £636,658 is held, the equivalent of seven months operating costs, showing that the charity is able to sustain itself in the short to medium term.

## Designated funds

The Trustees have not designated any funds in 2023/24.

## Restricted funds

Restricted funds amounted to £208,586, of which £122,134 related to a portion of the charity's fixed assets, including three holiday homes and the riverboat.

All four assets are available for family respite holidays and trips, through our respite breaks programme. The remaining £86,452 is being held to cover the costs of activities scheduled for delivery in 2024/25.

## Investment policy and performance

The trustees have adopted a conservative investment strategy aimed at protecting the charity's reserves while seeking an appropriate return, considering the associated risks. During the year, they approved changes to the charity's banking arrangements, allowing surplus funds to be placed in a range of short-term deposits. This decision was intended to generate an additional £10,000 in interest for 2024. The income from these investments surpassed expectations, bringing in £24,165.

## Strategic goals 2024 to 2027

As we mark 20 years of supporting families in June 2024, development of this strategy has given us the opportunity to reflect on our work to date. We have helped thousands of local families and launched new programmes and services including bereavement support, hospital refurbishments, in hospital distraction activities including massage, music and character events, educational support and respite breaks. We have branched into other areas and partnered with an increasing number of NHS hospitals. We have faced challenges and learnt from mistakes.

For the next three years our focus will be on:

- Enhanced family support resources in our hospitals to meet existing and anticipated future demand, particularly in Sussex.
- Evolving the family support model to provide separate hospital and community focused teams.
- Collaboration with other charities to take over the provision of in hospital distraction activities.
- Growing specialist social work support and bereavement services.
- Increase growth of volunteer pool to support the community including manned helplines.

With input from our team, children and families, our network of therapy providers, our partners in local NHS hospitals, and the wider community, we have identified six key strategic goals:

1. Improve Accessibility
2. Develop Our Specialist Services
3. Demonstrate Impact
4. Collaborate and Consolidate
5. Build our Team
6. Grow Income

Each of these goals is supported by a detailed operational plan. We will regularly evaluate and measure our work, communicating updates in our Impact Report and Trustees Annual Report. Children and families are at the heart of all we do, and we will continue to listen to their voices to maximise our impact.

## Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 2nd December 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Graham Smith, Chair of Trustees

# Independent Auditor's Report

## To the Trustees of Momentum Children's Charity For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Momentum Children's Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 April 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 April 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Independent Auditor's Report

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- The information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees report; or
- Sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, the Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- We assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- Identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- Making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and testing controls with walk through procedures and substantive transaction testing;

# Independent Auditor's Report

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- Tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- Assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining any accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions; and

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- Reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing correspondence with HMRC and relevant regulators such as the Charity Commission.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared 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)" (as amended) 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 now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



2nd December 2024

F J Wilde FCCA MBA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

Warner Wilde, Chartered Certified Accountants, Statutory Auditor 4 Marigold Drive, Bisley, Surrey GU24 9SF  
Warner Wilde is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Accounts

For the year ended 30th April 2024

## Current financial year

	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	804,963	-	804,963	734,563
Charitable activities	4	-	323,630	323,630	257,241
Other trading activities	5	39,908	-	39,908	38,824
Investment income	6	24,165	-	24,165	2,515
<b>Total income</b>		<b>869,036</b>	<b>323,630</b>	<b>1,192,666</b>	<b>1,033,143</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	7	188,518	-	188,518	220,005
Charitable activities	8	597,891	301,812	899,703	896,025
Cost of other trading activities	9	22,497	-	22,497	21,249
Governance costs	10	11,659	-	11,659	11,137
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>820,565</b>	<b>301,812</b>	<b>1,122,377</b>	<b>1,148,416</b>
<b>NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>48,471</b>	<b>21,818</b>	<b>70,289</b>	<b>(115,273)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Fund balances at 1 May 2023		771,528	186,769	958,297	1,673,570
<b>Fund balances at 30 April 2024</b>		<b>819,999</b>	<b>208,587</b>	<b>1,028,586</b>	<b>958,297</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Accounts

For the year ended 30th April 2024

## Prior financial year

	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	DESIGNATED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2023 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	734,563	-	-	734,563
Charitable activities	4	-	-	257,241	257,241
Other trading activities	5	38,824	-	-	38,824
Investment income	6	2,515	-	-	2,515
<b>Total income</b>		<b>775,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>257,241</b>	<b>1,033,143</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	7	220,005	-	-	220,005
Charitable activities	8	504,241	-	391,784	896,025
Cost of other trading activities	9	21,249	-	-	21,249
Governance costs	10	11,137	-	-	11,137
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>756,632</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>391,784</b>	<b>1,148,416</b>
<b>NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>19,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(134,543)</b>	<b>(115,273)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains</b>					
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		61,057	(61,057)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>80,327</b>	<b>(61,057)</b>	<b>(134,543)</b>	<b>(115,273)</b>
Fund balances at 1 May 2022		691,201	61,057	321,312	1,073,570
<b>Fund balances at 30 April 2023</b>		<b>771,528</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>186,769</b>	<b>958,297</b>

# Balance Sheet

At 30th April 2024

	NOTES	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets - restricted		122,134	123,893
Tangible assets - unrestricted		183,341	203,466
<b>Total</b>	13	<b>305,475</b>	<b>327,359</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	76,033	71,843
Cash at bank and in hand		160,322	600,394
Investments		532,170	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>768,525</b>	<b>672,236</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b> Amounts falling due within one year	15	45,414	41,299
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		723,111	630,938
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,028,586</b>	<b>958,297</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVED FUNDS</b>			
Restricted funds	19	208,587	186,769
Unrestricted funds - designated		819,999	771,528
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,028,586</b>	<b>958,296</b>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 2nd December 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Graham Smith (Chair).

# Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30th April 2024

	NOTES	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	18		71,570		(69,152)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,635)		(5,871)	
Purchase of current asset investments		(532,168)			
Investment income received		24,165		2,515	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			(511,638)		(3,356)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(440,068)		(72,508)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			600,394		672,902
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>			<b>160,326</b>		<b>600,394</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## For the year ended 30th April 2024

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### Charity information

Momentum Children's Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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)" (effective 1 January 2019).

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements 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 Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, which is referred to in the Regulations, but which has since been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements. Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. Income from charitable activities for generating funds includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has incurred.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated based on time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Depreciation is recognised to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

- Short leasehold - over the duration of the licence agreement (12,25 and 30 years respectively)
- Fixtures and fittings – 5 years (straight line)
- Computers – 3 years (straight line)
- Plant and machinery - 5 years (straight line)

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

## 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

## 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

## 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

## Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method. Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

## 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

## 1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

## 3. Donations and legacies – unrestricted

	2024 £	2023 £
Individual donations	129,147	150,228
Community	230,803	135,804
Corporates	259,847	286,516
Challenge events	138,723	144,015
Trusts and foundation	46,443	18,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>804,963</b>	<b>734,563</b>

## 4. Charitable activities: performance related (restricted) grants

	2024 £	2023 £
Individual donations	-	16,710
Community	1,912	12,377
Corporates	4,125	6,607
Trusts and foundation	317,593	221,547
<b>Total</b>	<b>323,630</b>	<b>257,241</b>

## 5. Other trading activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Fundraising events	39,841	38,332
Merchandise sales	67	492
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,908</b>	<b>38,824</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 6. Investment income

	2024 £	2023 £
Deposit	24,165	2,515

## 7. Expenditure on raising funds

	2024 £	2023 £
Individual donations	43,884	37,300
Community	37,012	46,635
Corporates	75,349	54,613
Challenge events	32,273	81,457
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,518</b>	<b>220,005</b>

## 8. Expenditure on charitable activities

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2024 £	2023 £
Provision of services to support patients and families	174,781	260,039	434,820	430,119
Enhancing the healing environment	2,414	32,314	34,728	68,623
Running costs of family respite breaks	65,069	-	65,069	58,284
Freelance cost for grant applications	55,185	-	55,185	34,227
Short leasehold depreciation	11,899	1,760	13,659	19,451
Fixtures and fittings/computer depreciation	11,861	-	11,861	4,858
Marketing costs	110,162	-	110,162	103,389
Office administration, management and finance	133,659	-	133,659	76,805
Organisational development	-	7,700	7,700	65,179
Premises and other related costs	31,704	-	31,704	34,827
Bank charges	1,156	-	1,156	263
<b>Total</b>	<b>597,890</b>	<b>301,813</b>	<b>899,703</b>	<b>896,025</b>

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## 9. Expenditure on other trading activities

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	2024 £	2023 £
Fundraising events	22,497	22,497	20,667
Merchandise sales	-	-	582
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,497</b>	<b>22,497</b>	<b>21,249</b>

## 10. Governance costs

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fees	9,598	-	9,598	8,712
Legal costs	2,061	-	2,061	2,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,659</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,659</b>	<b>11,137</b>

## 11. Trustees

During the year, no Trustee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits or were reimbursed for expenses paid on behalf of the charity (2023 nil).

## 12. Employees

	FAMILY SUPPORT £	FUNDRAISING £	MARKETING £	OFFICE AND ADMIN STAFF £	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	331,781	147,221	84,807	84,642	648,451	565,067
Social security costs	26,456	13,893	7,425	6,022	53,796	50,697
Pension contributions	13,914	4,966	3,268	3,225	25,373	19,181
<b>Total</b>	<b>372,151</b>	<b>166,080</b>	<b>95,500</b>	<b>93,889</b>	<b>727,620</b>	<b>634,945</b>

The average number of full time equivalent staff during the year was: 19 17

The number of employees earning between £80,000 - £90,000 were: 1 1

Aggregate employee benefits of key management personnel £107k (2023: £115k).

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 13. Tangible fixed assets

	HOLIDAY HOME (short leasehold) £	PLANT AND MACHINERY £	FIXTURES AND FITTINGS £	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT £	TOTAL £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1st May 2023	360,073	52,868	11,243	11,593	435,777
Additions	-	-	-	3,635	3,635
<b>At 30th April 2024</b>	<b>360,073</b>	<b>52,868</b>	<b>11,243</b>	<b>15,228</b>	<b>439,412</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT</b>					
At 1st May 2023	92,552	3,925	7,558	4,382	108,417
Charge for the year	16,674	3,351	1,228	4,267	25,520
<b>At 30th April 2024</b>	<b>109,226</b>	<b>7,276</b>	<b>8,786</b>	<b>8,649</b>	<b>133,937</b>
<b>CARRYING AMOUNT</b>					
<b>At 30th April 2024</b>	<b>250,847</b>	<b>45,592</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>305,475</b>
At 30th April 2023	267,521	48,943	3,684	7,211	327,359

## 14. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	5,869	2,000
Other debtors	8,894	10,000
Prepayments	39,548	35,832
Accrued income	21,721	24,011
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,032</b>	<b>71,843</b>

## 15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	NOTES	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fees		7,800	7,800
Deferred income	16	8,200	10,098
Accrued expenses		5,935	2,235
Taxes and social security		13,977	13,334
Creditors		9,503	7,832
<b>Total</b>		<b>45,415</b>	<b>41,299</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 16. Deferred income

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	8,200	10,098
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 May 2023	10,098	10,487
Released from previous periods	(10,098)	(10,487)
Resources deferred in the year	8,200	(10,098)
Deferred income at 30 April 2024	<b>8,200</b>	<b>10,098</b>

## 17. Retirement benefit schemes

### Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

Contributions to defined contribution schemes amounted to £25,373 (2023: £19,181).

## 18. Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	70,289	(115,273)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(24,165)	(2,515)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	25,521	24,309
Movements in working capital		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(4,190)	29,943
(Decrease) in creditors	(5,227)	(5,227)
(Decrease) in deferred income	(389)	(389)
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	<b>61,839</b>	<b>69,152</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 19. Movement in funds

	2023 £	INCOMING RESOURCES £	RESOURCES EXPENDED £	FIXED ASSETS DEPRECIATION £	TRANSFERS £	2024 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>						
General fund	771,528	869,036	796,804	23,761	-	819,999
<b>Total</b>	<b>771,528</b>	<b>869,036</b>	<b>796,804</b>	<b>23,761</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>819,999</b>
<b>Restricted fund</b>						
Family support activities	132,321	321,718	260,039	1,760	-	192,240
Hospital projects	37,127	1,912	32,314	-	-	6,725
Organisational development	17,321	-	7,700	-	-	9,621
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,769</b>	<b>323,630</b>	<b>300,053</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>208,586</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>958,297</b>	<b>1,192,666</b>	<b>1,096,857</b>	<b>25,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,028,585</b>

## Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 30 April 2024 are represented by:

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL 2024 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL 2024 £	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL 2023 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL 2023 £
Tangible assets	183,341	122,134	305,475	203,466	123,893	327,359
Current assets/ (liabilities)	1,100,307	86,452	723,111	568,062	62,876	630,938
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,283,648</b>	<b>208,586</b>	<b>1,028,586</b>	<b>771,528</b>	<b>186,769</b>	<b>958,297</b>

## 20. Related party transactions

For the year ended 30th April 2024, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer and Director of Finance and Operations were identified as related parties.

The aggregate donations received from the Trustees in the year were £1,433 (2023 - £663). There were no other transactions with related parties for the year ended 30th April 2024.

## 21. Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

# Reference and administrative details

## Registered charity number

1195373

## Principal address

11a Creek Road,  
East Molesey,  
Surrey,  
KT8 9BE

## Founders

- Bianca Effemey (Chief Executive)
- Alison Trigg
- Jacqui Coppellotti

## Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

- Graham Smith (Chair of Trustees and Treasurer)
- Christian Butter
- Mario Bodini (Deputy Chair)
- James Conway
- Victor De Cruz
- Dr Kate Irwin
- Fiona Loveless
- Kieron Lynch
- James Patterson – appointed September 2023
- Robert Read – appointed June 2023
- Michele Settle
- Vanessa Walters

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report

Annual Report of the Trustees and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th April 2023.

  
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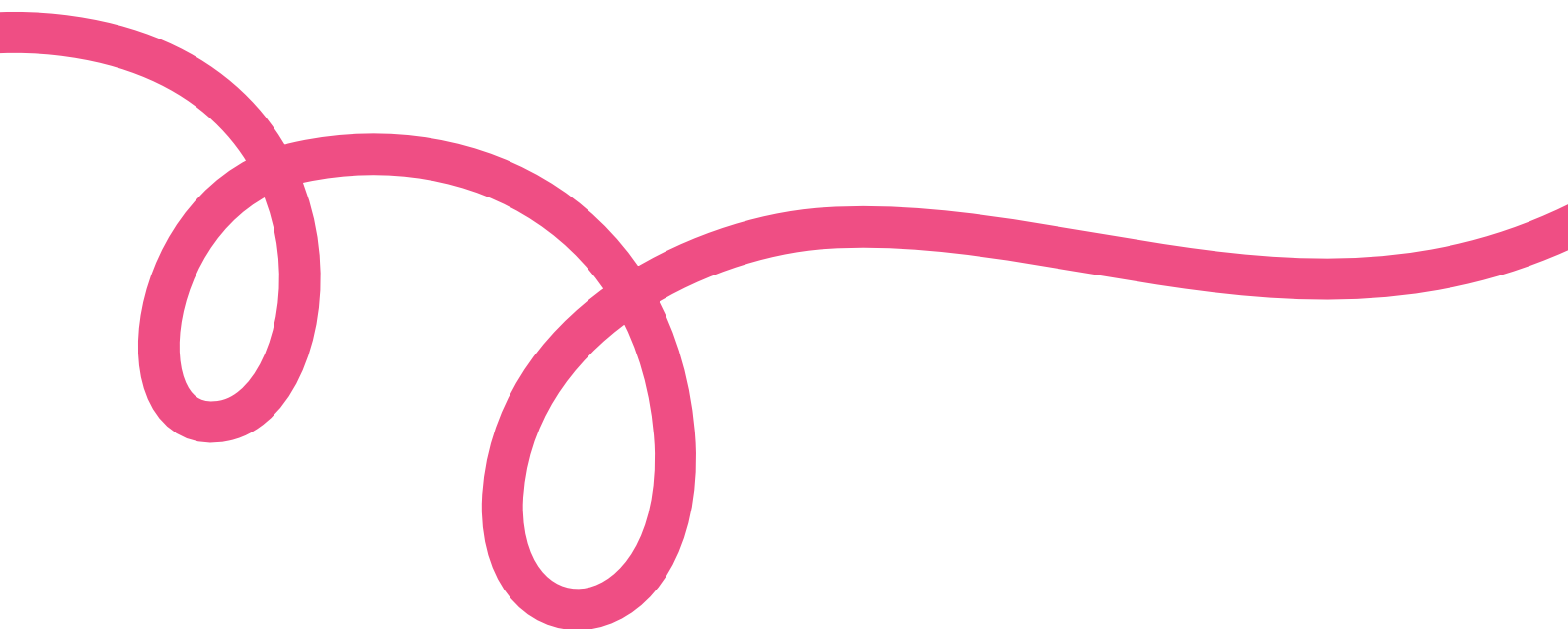
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# Report of the Trustees

## For the Year Ended 30th April 2023

**The Trustees present their report and the audited Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.**

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 on 16th July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2nd February 2016).

Momentum Children’s Charity is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Our aims and objectives are regularly reviewed by the Trustees, in line with the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit. In particular, the Trustees consider how the charity’s planned activities will contribute to these agreed aims and objectives.

### Why families need our support

The impact of a diagnosis of cancer or a life-challenging condition is devastating for children, young people and their families and carers. 150 children are diagnosed with cancer in England monthly, with around 10 of these in South West London, Surrey and Sussex\*. A further 9000 children are diagnosed with a life-challenging condition (e.g. congenital, neurological, respiratory) in England,\*\* resulting in hundreds more families in our geographical catchment area learning that their child is seriously ill.

### Our vision

Our vision is to ensure that no family whose child has cancer or a life-challenging condition has to cope alone.

### Our mission

Our mission is to make the experience of cancer or life-challenging illnesses more bearable for children and their families in London, Surrey and Sussex. We’re there whatever the outcome, and provide support to families for as long as needed.

### About us

We work in partnership with hospitals who refer families to us following a child’s diagnosis. Through our Family Support Workers, we’re able to offer them personally tailored support both in hospital and at home.

Our support services include counselling and a range of creative therapy services - such as play, art and music - as well as special experiences and respite breaks to ease some of the stresses that come with a gruelling treatment plan. If the unthinkable happens, and a child dies, we offer bereavement support and stand by families for as long as they need us. We also improve the environment for children treated in hospital with children’s ward refurbishments, transforming a number of bare, clinical areas into bright, child-friendly spaces.

### Our hospital partnerships

As a partner of the NHS, the families we support are referred to us from one of nine hospitals.

- East Surrey Hospital (Redhill)
- Epsom Hospital
- Kingston Hospital
- The Royal Marsden (Sutton)
- Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital (Brighton)
- Royal Surrey County Hospital (Guildford)
- St George’s Hospital (London)
- St Peter’s Hospital (Chertsey)
- Worthing Hospital

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(\*CRUK \*\* University of York 2020)

## Our areas of operation

We work across London, Surrey and Sussex covering the following areas:

### London boroughs

- Croydon
- Hounslow
- Kingston upon Thames
- Lambeth
- Merton
- Richmond
- Sutton
- Wandsworth

### Outside London local authorities

- Crawley
- Elmbridge
- Epsom and Ewell
- Guildford
- Horsham
- Reigate and Banstead
- Runnymede
- Spelthorne
- Surrey Heath
- Woking

### Sussex boroughs

- Chichester
- Bognor Regis
- Petworth and Pulborough
- Arundel and Littlehampton
- Worthing
- Adur Valley
- Brighton and Hove
- Mid Sussex



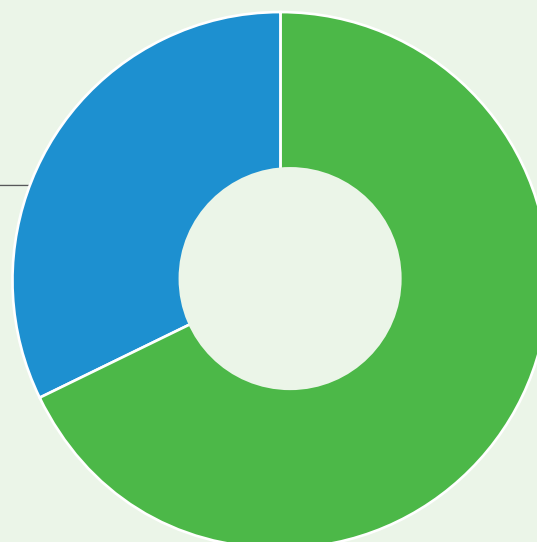
## Our beneficiaries

We support children aged 0 to 18 years. However, if a teenager is referred to us aged 18 years old and is going to be undergoing several years of treatment, we will continue to support them and their family for as long as they are being treated as a paediatric patient in our partner hospitals. In addition, we support the entire family, including parents, siblings and even grandparents.

Families are referred to us from one of our partner hospitals although we occasionally have referrals from other hospitals in the area such as Croydon and West Middlesex. We do not select which families we support based on any socio-economic criteria. Families are offered appropriate support services depending on their emotional and practical needs.

**Children with a life-challenging condition - 32%**

68% of the families we support have a child who is undergoing treatment for cancer. A further 32% have a child with a life-challenging condition, which include a range of illnesses such as epilepsy and diabetes.



**Children with cancer - 68%**

# Message from our Chair of Trustees



**Hello, I would like to start this, my first message as Chair of Trustees, by thanking my predecessor, Hilary Paxman, who had been a Momentum Trustee for many years latterly as Chair, for all of her tireless dedication and excellent leadership of the Board. We all wish her well for the future.**

At the start of the year, just when things looked as though they might be settling down after COVID, so the invasion of Ukraine and the Cost of Living crisis took over and along with all other charities, Momentum felt the impact both directly and indirectly.

Despite this dark background, once again the fundraising team made the outstanding achievement of reaching an income of over one million pounds, achieved without the high income Energy Rocks event of the previous year. It was particularly encouraging to see gains in Voluntary income from all sources including Individual donations, Community, Corporates and Challenge events accompanied by excellent support from Trusts.

Last year saw the start of our partnership with University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, and good progress has been made with the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital in Brighton and Worthing Hospital. Our short term plan is to now strengthen our existing relationships with hospitals in London, Surrey and Sussex.

I am pleased to report that we finally managed to catch up with the hospital projects that had been delayed by COVID, completing successful fit-outs in the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Worthing Hospital and three in Kingston Hospital.

In June 2022 Momentum changed its status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This is in line with many charities who are changing their status in this way to one that is more appropriate for the size and requirements of Momentum. The change took up considerable time and resources and I would like to thank all of those who got it over the line. Also in June 2022 the Board welcomed Michele Settle and Fiona Loveless strengthening our expertise in the charity sector and hospital relationships.

The change of status and the achievement of over one million pounds of income was also a good time for us to review our Governance. This resulted in the Management Team and the Board reviewing, updating and strengthening many of the processes within the office, investing in IT, additional training for all staff including trustees and developing the way that the Board and Senior Management team operate to provide a solid basis for Momentum's future.

But, of course, the most important people are the children and the families that we support. The decision was made to boost the number of Family Support staff to meet the very high demand from our supported hospitals. This allowed us to support over 430 families during the year. I am delighted that the excellent service ratings achieved demonstrate the value Momentum brings to those families.

Again my sincere thanks to all of our amazing staff, volunteers, ambassadors and all of you who have given your time and money to Momentum Children's Charity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Smith'.

Graham Smith  
Chair of Trustees

8 November 2023

# Message from our CEO and Founder



**Over the last 19 years, the one thing that has been demonstrated time and again is that Momentum lives up to its name, constantly evolving and changing. The last year has been no exception and another one of firsts. Our Family Support Team was able to support 300 families in active treatment and a further 130 bereaved families through our Echoes service, a record for us. We also had the highest number of new families being referred to us, some 25% more than last year. For these families who are already going through extremely difficult times, now along with the challenges of the cost-of-living crisis, and an NHS that is stretched to capacity for resources, the valuable emotional and practical support our team provides, is something that I am immensely proud of.**

Last year we introduced a new social work service for our families, offering support specifically around access to practical information, enabling them to access grants, gain financial support and advice on key challenges they may face such as housing and employment. We helped to source over £302,000+ in grants for families and Disability Living Allowance payments. In a year when families have faced tremendous pressure with challenging financial times, parents also reported a significant impact on their emotional and mental wellbeing; we recognise how vital our service is. We have also grown our Echoes service for bereaved families and offered new 'Precious Moments Tribute Funds'. We will continue to develop this service investing in team members to ensure that families have the support they need.

Our NHS Foundation Trust Partnership has again enabled us to complete some wonderful projects; a beautiful garden in the Paediatric Department of Kingston Hospital, transforming an Isolation Room at Worthing hospital, and a calming parent's room and kitchen at Royal Surrey County Hospital. Seeing these spaces transformed is a visual reminder for me of how Momentum began; with a simple vision to help a young girl suffering the painful effects of Chemotherapy.

In this period of growth and change, the essence of who we are at our core remains the same, a service for families to support them, whatever the outcome, for as long as we are needed. This growth would not have been possible without the generosity of incredibly loyal supporters who have become such an integral part of our Momentum Family, along with our passionate and dedicated team who through collaborative and responsive working help us continue to reach our ambitious goals.

As we head towards a milestone that I simply never have dreamt of, our 20th anniversary, my hopes for the future are firmly focussed on being able to support more families, and to grow our bereavement services, while staying true to our vision; to support the unique needs of each family so they do not have to cope alone.

Bianca Effemey  
Founder CEO

# How we have supported families

**As a parent you are unable to prioritise yourself and your needs - it can take a toll on your wellbeing. It can sometimes be too much to talk to people close to you but services such as Momentum gave us access to people who genuinely wanted to listen. Our support worker's empathetic approach and caring nature gave me room to breathe, she made me feel heard and know she is always there to listen... We couldn't have come this far without Momentum's constant support.** Supported Parent

## Personalised family support

Collaboration sits at the heart of all we do. Through our ten hospital partnerships, our bespoke family support programme begins from the moment a child is referred to us. Every child and every serious illness is unique, so we work closely with families to understand their individual needs, offering a personalised tailored pathway of emotional and practical support both in hospital and at home.

Through regular visits, phone calls and group activities every week, our team of Family Support Workers delivered 205 hours of one-to-one support last year with the development of a tailored support pathway for each family. We were able to support 300 families with a child in active treatment, an increase of 13% on the previous year.

Whilst fortunately, most children have a good prognosis, sadly some do not survive and our support services continue for the whole family after their child's death. As part of our strategy we promised to deliver support to 120 bereaved families through our Momentum Echoes services, however we actually reached 130 families providing 24 hours a week of dedicated bereavement support work which included help with funeral arrangements, remembrance gifts, arranging special events and a further 192 hours of specialist therapeutic support.

**130**  
bereaved families

## Family Support Social Worker pilot programme

We always strive to adapt our support to the changing needs of families, and piloted a new service with the introduction of a Family Support Social Worker. This service recognised an unmet need for more social work support for all of our supported families. During our 12-month pilot period a total of 43 families used the Momentum Social Work service, mainly for Disability Living Allowance (DLA), general advice, signposting and grants. Our DLA support helped these families receive c. £300,000 + in annual benefits along with a further £2,000 awarded in grants.

## One-to-one therapies

The emotional and physical changes that occur when a child is diagnosed can be difficult for them to cope with. We continue to provide a range of creative therapies and activities including art, music, and play therapy for younger children and siblings to assist them, as well as counselling or psychotherapy sessions for older children, siblings and parents. This support helps families develop coping strategies for the challenges they may face.

We delivered 712 hours of therapeutic support and wellness sessions to families in need, whose children were in active treatment. With 91%\* of parents stating the impact of their child's diagnosis had a moderate to severe impact on their emotional health and wellbeing our service is vital in helping to improve their overall wellbeing.

(\*from annual parents survey relating to 2022/23 support)

**300**  
families with a child in active treatment  
(up 13% YoY)

**712** hours of therapeutic support

**192** hours of therapeutic support accessed by our bereaved families



# 175

respite holidays  
benefitting 744  
individuals

## Respite breaks

The chance to exhale and spend some precious family time together away from treatment and hospital visits in one of our three holiday homes in the New Forest and West Sussex, or to sail gently aboard our riverboat "Moments on the River", remained hugely popular last year. 1,064 people were able to create precious memories during their Momentum respite break.

**Our trip gave me an opportunity to realise we actually can go away from home and our hospital, though initial thought was terrifying. This trip also took a lot of financial stress away. We probably would not have been able to go anywhere at all this time round.**

## Special experiences

We know that treatment plans can be gruelling for the whole family. To ease the families' stress and strain, we provide a bespoke, wide range of trips, experiences and magical moments, both in and out of hospital which are designed to bring a smile to every child's face, despite the difficulties they are experiencing.

Extra special Christmas magic was delivered through 70 doorstep Santa visits across London, Surrey and Sussex as well as the sending of 467 advent calendars. These annual experiences continue to be one of the most commented upon services, providing a unique and magical experience for families that would otherwise struggle to visit Santa.

Throughout the year we offered a variety of activities including Mo's Boat Skills and River Training on our 'Moments on the River' respite boat, along with Starry Night Sleepovers and during Halloween half term, Spooky Sleepovers and a Halloween trail.

**The Santa was brilliant and very funny, the boys thought that he was great. Definitely made our weekend after a long week in hospital.**

Special days out for families this year included Disney on Ice at the O2 tickets for 40 people, a jam-packed day at Bocketts Farm for 47 people, 10 'fairy in training' experiences, along with a further 47 people enjoying the thrills at Thorpe Park, and 8 of our supported tweens and teens getting together for a gaming event. Along with many more one-off experiences thanks to our kind supporters.

Our Echoes events play a special role in enabling our supported families to connect with other families. Events have included memory making quilting, festive wreath making, family bowling, Dads evening and a peer to peer bereavement support evening facilitated by a counsellor.

# 69

boat trips  
benefitting 120  
individuals



# Our efforts to improve the hospital experience

Ensuring that the hospital environment and experience is the least frightening and isolating for children and their families that it can be is hugely important, particularly as many face frequent visits over lengthy periods. Our hospital refurbishment projects aim to change bare and clinical spaces into child friendly ones. Sadly restricted NHS budgets do not stretch to such things despite the fact research shows that this environment can even impact how well children respond to treatment. We have been able to complete the following key projects which have already begun making a difference to children and their families whilst in hospital.

## Hospital visits and special experiences

Whilst our Family Support Team spent 2,560 family support hours on the wards of our partner hospitals visiting in patient families, we also aim to break up long days, alleviate stress, lift moods and ensure children can still laugh and play in spite of their circumstances through our wellness distraction visits. This has included 216 massage, music and character visits benefiting 1,030 people.

### Kingston Hospital

- Refurbishment of paediatric isolation room, garden murals and play equipment

### Royal Surrey County Hospital

- Refurbishment of a parents room

### Worthing Hospital

- Refurbishment of an isolation room

I wouldn't be able to do my job as well without the support of Momentum. It helps complete our service to the families.

Epsom Ward Staff

Meeting Momentum in the hospital brought hope to us, it was like a light in the middle of the darkness, they were very kind to us.

Supported parent

## Our impact\*

88%

of ward staff reported a positive impact on the emotional wellbeing of families following Family Support Worker visits on the ward.

83%

of ward staff felt that Family Support Worker visits had improved the access to practical information for families.

92%

of ward staff reported a positive impact on the overall experience of families through their contact with a Family Support Worker.

\*Hospital 22/23 Impact Summary



# The commitment of our volunteers

Our team of over 100 volunteers are an essential part of the Momentum community, bringing with them skills, a wealth of knowledge and a relentless drive and commitment. From raising awareness, holding numerous fundraisers, expertly painting 250 individual pebbles for children to carry through treatment, delivering special doorstep treats dressed as Santa and elves at Christmas, to helping to deliver our support services whether as deckhands and skippers on our riverboat or through to office administration, we simply cannot thank them enough for their dedication.

**Without our incredible volunteers, Momentum simply wouldn't be able to exist in the way that we do. Our volunteers show so much passion and dedication- we cannot thank them enough.**

Bianca Effemey, Founder  
CEO, Momentum

## Alan's story

"I have been interested in birds since I was a young boy after watching a man fly a hawk and then getting my own. I made a profession out of falconry over 50 years ago and have been doing it ever since!

I have a collection of birds which includes hawks, owls, falcons, and kookaburras - 23 in total. Elmo, Gizmo and Mo are just a few of the owl's names! In 2016 I bought an owl which I called Mo. Mo the owl is Momentum's mascot. It became a mascot after a boy visiting one of their respite cabins shared how he enjoyed his stay. He said he felt safe and like he was being looked after through the night by an owl in a nearby tree who would talk to him while everyone else slept. Soon afterwards, another child said something similar. A couple of years later, another child asked why Momentum didn't have a mascot, and the rest is history!

I became a volunteer with Momentum after receiving a phone call asking if I would visit a young boy called Ollie who was very poorly and had requested to see some owls. I accepted, and here we are eight years later! I visited Ollie about 15 times before he very sadly passed away - he was my friend, and I have fond memories of him showing me his tadpoles in the garden. He got such joy from the birds I took to see him.

Over the years, I have visited dozens of families, mainly at their homes, and I also occasionally visit children at Kingston Hospital. Each visit is usually about two hours. During the pandemic, I visited families outside at their homes, and the birds would look at them through their windows. Volunteering fits very well into my daily life - most of the visits to families take place in the afternoons and evenings, and I can usually juggle things around if needs be.

**I absolutely love seeing the children's faces light up when they are around the birds, it brings me so much joy to know that doing something that I have such a passion for is making a difference to families who are going through so much.**

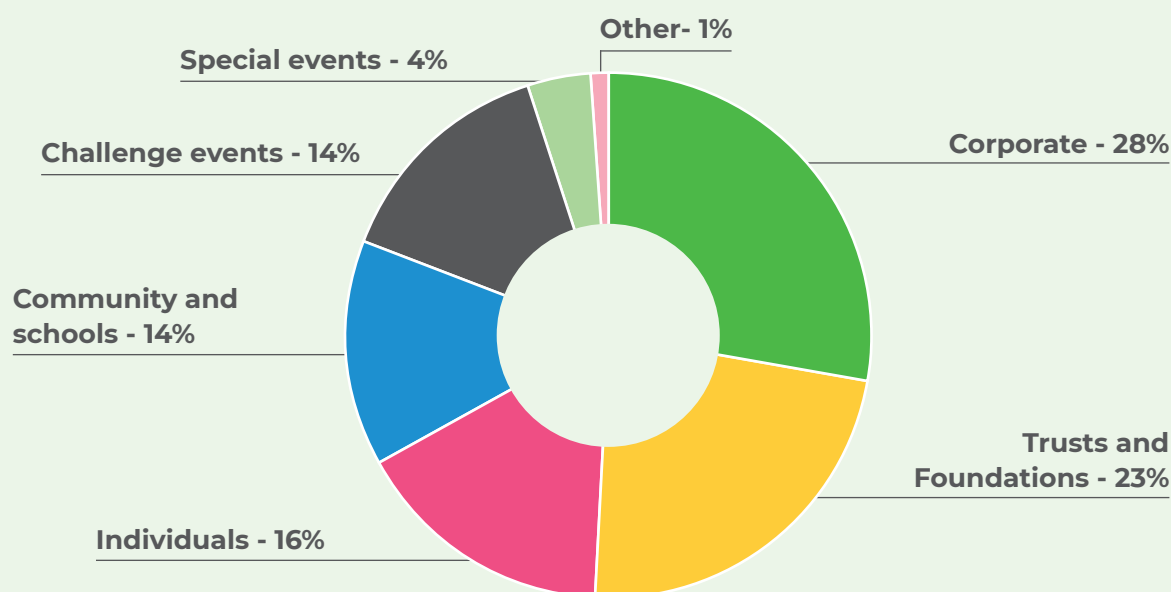


I would encourage anyone who can spare some time to get involved and volunteer for Momentum. No family should have to go through the pain of having a seriously ill child, and if anyone can help bring a little relief during a very difficult time, they should do it. Momentum is a very small charity, with no Government funding, so volunteers really do make all the difference."

# How we fund our services

Thank you. To every company, community group, sports event participant, individual and trust or foundation who enabled us to exceed £1m for a second year. We simply could not do what we do without the incredible generosity of each and every one of our supporters who continue to humble, surprise, and inspire us in equal measure. We receive no statutory funding so are wholly reliant on these voluntary donations.

## Where our money came from



## Corporate Fundraising

We continued our successful corporate partnerships with Berkeley St Edward, Manulife Investment Management, Valero Energy Ltd, Air Charter Service and Jupiter Asset Management.

Just some of the highlights included;

- Berkeley St. Edward held a boxing event and a clay pigeon shoot and purchased, packed and sent 467 advent calendars to our supported families at Christmas.
- Manulife Investment Management supported our matched giving campaigns and braved a firewalk!
- Valero Energy Ltd held a children's golf benefit and staff spent time volunteering, including decorating our boat as well as cleaning it.

- Air Charter Service sponsored our annual golf day and took to the skies for a wing walk. At Christmas staff volunteered by packing sacks for doorstep Santa visits.
- Jupiter Asset Management took on a variety of challenges to raise funds such as staff taking part in sports events, holding quizzes, and brought the total raised over the two years of our Charity of the Year partnership to more than £158,000.

Through generous donations, beneficiary events, participating in challenge events, payroll giving and numerous employee fundraising activities through the year, collectively our Corporate Partners and supporters raised £293,123.



### Challenge events

Challenge events were a year highlight generating their highest ever income at £144,015. The changed London Marathon schedule post pandemic with the event running in October continued in 2022 but saw the return to its normal place in April 23. With two events occurring in one financial year, our runners raised over £89,000! An amazing 159 people took part in various sports challenges throughout the year. For every mile pounded, length swam, pedal pedalled, and their supporters who donated to their fundraising efforts, thank you.



### Trusts & Foundations

We were grateful for the support from over 40 charitable trusts and foundations this year, including our many loyal supporters, as well as new funders including the Manny Cussins Foundation and Hays Travel Foundation. They provided grants towards specific projects and services, as well as towards our general charitable activities.

### Community

The varied breadth of support received from the local community and schools continued, astonish not only with amounts raised but also the creativity in securing them. From Café Bridge who this year introduced a 'masterclass' by a world champion, The Hare & Hounds annual race night which broke all previous records, a new three year partnership with Christ The Prince of Peace Church in Weybridge, to the creation of "Santa's Woodland Cabin" which saw our office undergo an extraordinary transformation through the genius of volunteer Amanda Dazley.

### Special events

Our first "Christmas Celebration", a sublime mix of opera and contemporary music was the year's highlight. It was only possible thanks to the generosity of an array of volunteers who each gave their time, skills, and huge talents completely free to create what can only be described as a truly magical start to the festive season.

### Individuals

Our Big Give "Magic Moments" Christmas campaign was the most successful to date raising more than £40,000. However small or large every individual, regular, and in memory donation is truly invaluable and amounted this year to a staggering £166,938.



# Structure, governance and management

## Governing document

On 30th June 2022 we converted from a Trust (Reg 1106677) to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Reg 1195373).

## Trustees

The charity's Trustees are not remunerated but their expenses are reimbursed in accordance with Momentum's expenses policy. Trustees are recruited through an open selection process and receive an induction on appointment.

## Staff and volunteers

Our team shares a huge passion for the work we do, and as we are a small organisation every team member sees first-hand the difference we make to families. At the year end, we have 24 employees and 6 consultants. This equates to 8.5 full-time equivalent staff (FTE) in family support roles, 5 FTE in fundraising and marketing roles, and 3 FTE in operational roles.

We also have around 100 regular volunteers from the local community who support us in a range of roles including service delivery, office work and raising awareness.

## Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## Financial policy

The charity has a written financial policy that sets out the procedures for the day-to-day management of the charity's finances. This is reviewed annually.

## Safeguarding

The charity is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. We have a comprehensive safeguarding policy which outlines these responsibilities and those of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). It also outlines the procedures to be taken when a child may be identified to be at risk of harm, or may require additional support to ensure they reach their potential. The policy is reviewed and updated annually.

## Diversity and Inclusion

We actively support diversity and inclusion and ensure that all our employees are valued and treated with dignity and respect. We have made developments to our recruitment process with the introduction of an online application form with EDI monitoring questions and improvements to our job advertisements which include more



inclusive language and reduction of the essential specification criteria. Our formal Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy is implemented in accordance with the appropriate statutory requirements and ensures that no service user, job applicant, employee or worker is discriminated against either directly or indirectly on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.



## Financial Review

The Charity has continued its growth into 2022/23, providing vital support to our children and their families. Thanks to the generosity of both new and long-standing Trusts and Foundations, corporate and individual supporters we were able to raise total income of £1,033k (2021/22 £1,115k, or £896k on a like for like basis, excluding the Energy Rocks event held in 2022).

We increased our charitable activities further (by some 17%), resulting in a net deficit of (£115k) (2021/22 surplus £69k), funded by reserves.

## Reserves Policy

### Introduction

Momentum Children's Charity exists to support children with cancer or life-challenging conditions, and their families. When a family is referred to us, we make a commitment to provide support and services to children, siblings, and parents for as long as is needed. Our reserves policy has therefore been set to reflect this commitment to the community we support, and – in the unlikely event that we should cease to operate – to ensure families would not experience a sudden or immediate change to the care we provide. In addition, this policy considers possible risks to our charity's operations and how we safeguard against these.

### Definitions

In accordance with Charity Commission guidance:

- free reserves are uncommitted reserves freely available, which exclude restricted and designated funds and amounts invested in tangible fixed assets.

- designated funds arise when the Trustees set aside unrestricted funds for specific purposes.
- restricted funds arise when conditions are imposed by the donor, or by the specific terms of appeal and can only be spent on the activities specified.

### Free reserves

The Board of Trustees agreed to hold six to nine months of the charity's expenditure budget in reserves (excluding hospital refurbishments which would only be undertaken if restricted funding had been secured) to ensure the sustainability of support services for seriously ill children and their families, as well as essential operating costs required to support the delivery of this service. The Trustees consider the free reserves policy annually.

Currently £568k is held, the equivalent of six months, showing that the charity is able to sustain itself in the short to medium term.

### Designated funds

The Trustees have not designated any funds in 2022/23.

### Restricted funds

Restricted funds amounted to £187k, of which £124k related to a portion of the charity's fixed assets, including three holiday homes and the riverboat.

All four assets are available for family respite holidays and trips, through our respite breaks programme. The remaining £63k is being held to cover the costs of activities scheduled for delivery in 2023/24.

# Sonia's story

**Sonia, whose 3-year-old son, Jack was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called Angelman Syndrome causing developmental and neurological disabilities, took on the London Landmarks Half Marathon to help raise funds for Momentum.**

Along with a seven-strong group of employees from the Repatriation Team at HM Wandsworth Prison, Sonia, a complete beginner to running, decided to take up the challenge following Jack's initial diagnosis in November 2020. Sonia had noticed Jack hadn't been reaching a number of developmental milestones including rolling or sitting up, and he received his diagnosis at just 15 months old.

Sonia said: "Receiving Jack's diagnosis was undoubtedly the hardest day of our lives. The doctors informed us that we would never hear Jack's voice, he'd never walk, and would need round-the-clock care. Our hospital put us in touch with Momentum and one of their Family Support Workers has been by our side ever since."



"The future we had imagined for our son was transformed overnight. His new future was uncertain. With our curiosity came the hope and belief that one day a cure could be found for Jack and for all the other people with Angelman. Until then, our anguish has become a desire to provide Jack with everything that he needs. But every night we spend awake caring for Jack, all the hours spent in hospitals or doing physiotherapy, and all the terrifying medical emergencies are easily forgotten every time he laughs or seeks our hand for reassurance. In that moment, he is just our darling, loving son."

Sonia said, "Before I took on this challenge I couldn't run a mile, now I am regularly running 15km. Training for the challenge has not only improved my fitness levels, it has been great for my mental health too."

After an intense 12-week training plan which saw the group cover hundreds of miles, they completed the 13.1 miles course raising over £2,800.

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# Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



Graham Smith, Chair of Trustees

# Afonso's story

**Afonso Costa de Salazar Casanova, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia on 26 May 2020, during the Covid pandemic. He was only three years old. His mum, Susana, shares their story:**

Friends and family members had started commenting that Afonso was looking very pale, but we put it down to the restrictions of the pandemic and not being allowed to go outside and get fresh air when we wanted to.

I had noticed Afonso's energy levels dwindling, he'd started sleeping more during the day, but at first, I just brushed it off. He'd never been a great sleeper so I just thought he was tired. I remember my husband taking Afonso and his twin brother Gabriel out on their scooters and Afonso didn't want to do anything. He had no energy at all and just wanted to come back inside.

I called 111 on 23 May and saw the GP on 26 May. When we were making our way to the doctor's surgery, Afonso was completely depleted of all energy, he could barely walk. The doctor checked Afonso over, but he couldn't see that anything was obviously wrong, although he was concerned at how pale he was, so he referred him to Kingston Hospital for observations and an X-Ray.

We arrived at the hospital that same day, and after tests, we waited in a small room for what seemed like ages, before a Consultant, a Sister and a Nurse Specialist from Paediatric Oncology came in to speak to us. I could tell it was going to be bad news.

As soon as they told us it was Leukaemia, I remember becoming desperate. My instant thought was that Afonso was going to die.

Thankfully, the Leukaemia had been caught early. Afonso's treatment started immediately, with a blood transfusion and antibiotics. It was a whirlwind. I'd not had a chance to process anything and suddenly I had a child with cancer.

Momentum has been a warm source of support for us since day one when I received a bag of toiletries from them to use while I was staying in hospital with Afonso. In the coming days, we were assigned a Momentum Family Support Worker. We were in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic, so we had to meet outside in the hospital carpark, but it was comforting to know she was there for us at the end of the phone or email if we needed anything.

We were transferred to St. George's Hospital so Afonso could have his portacath fitted, and within a week of his diagnosis, his chemotherapy and other drug treatment had started. Afonso responded well, and thankfully after six weeks, he was in remission. His treatment has lasted three years in total, and I am so happy that we have finally reached the end. We feel lucky and are well aware that the outcome is very different for many other families.

As time goes on, you gain some confidence in knowing how well or unwell your child is, and you become less scared about doing things. That was when we decided to take Momentum up on their offer of using their cabins and riverboat. We have had two trips on the Momentum boat which have both been brilliant – they are educational and fun for the boys. They even got to have a go at driving the boat! It is wonderful to be able to offer these experiences to kids going through cancer – it allows them to temporarily forget what they are going through.

Momentum also arranged music and play therapy for Afonso and Gabriel as well as a very special doorstep visit from Father Christmas which was so special for the whole family.

Afonso will have six-weekly appointments for the next year, but we are looking forward to moving on with our lives. We will do some travelling and gain more confidence that life will go back to being similar to how it was before cancer."



# Independent Auditor's Report

## To the Trustees of Momentum Children's Charity For the Year Ended 30th April 2023

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Momentum Children's Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 April 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 April 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, the Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- testing controls with walk through procedures and substantive transaction testing;

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To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining any accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions; and

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and relevant regulators such as the Charity Commission.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

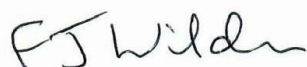
## Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared 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)" (as amended) 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 now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



8th November 2023

F J Wilde FCCA MBA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

Chartered Certified Accountants, Statutory Auditor Warner Wilde, 4 Marigold Drive, Bisley, Surrey GU24 9SF

F J Wilde FCCA MBA DChA is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Accounts

For the year ended 30th April 2023

## Current financial year

	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	DESIGNATED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	734,563	-	-	734,563	508,652
Charitable activities	4	-	-	257,241	257,241	360,619
Other trading activities	5	38,824	-	-	38,824	245,479
Investment income	6	2,515	-	-	2,515	171
<b>Total income</b>		<b>775,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>257,241</b>	<b>1,033,143</b>	<b>1,114,921</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Raising funds	7	220,005	-	-	220,005	129,334
Charitable activities	8	504,241	-	391,784	896,025	763,946
Cost of other trading activities	9	21,249	-	-	21,249	148,545
Governance costs	10	11,137	-	-	11,137	12,686
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>756,632</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>391,784</b>	<b>1,148,416</b>	<b>1,054,511</b>
<b>NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>19,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(134,543)</b>	<b>(115,273)</b>	<b>60,410</b>
<b>Other recognised gains</b>						
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	-	-	-	9,320
Transfers between funds		61,057	(61,057)	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>80,327</b>	<b>(61,057)</b>	<b>(134,543)</b>	<b>(115,273)</b>	<b>69,730</b>
Fund balances at 1 May 2022		691,201	61,057	321,312	1,073,570	1,003,840
<b>Fund balances at 30 April 2023</b>		<b>771,528</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>186,769</b>	<b>958,297</b>	<b>1,073,570</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Accounts

For the year ended 30th April 2023

Prior financial year

	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	DESIGNATED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2022 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	508,652	-	-	508,652
Charitable activities	4	-	-	360,619	360,619
Other trading activities	5	195,479	-	50,000	245,479
Investment income	6	171	-	-	171
<b>Total income</b>		<b>704,302</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>410,619</b>	<b>1,114,921</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	7	129,334	-	-	129,334
Charitable activities	8	476,142	-	287,804	763,946
Cost of other trading activities	9	148,545	-	-	148,545
Governance costs	10	12,686	-	-	12,686
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>766,707</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>287,804</b>	<b>1,054,511</b>
<b>NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>(62,405)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>122,815</b>	<b>60,410</b>
<b>Other recognised gains</b>					
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		3,637	-	5,683	9,320
Transfers between funds		21,760	(27,442)	5,682	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(37,008)</b>	<b>(27,442)</b>	<b>134,180</b>	<b>69,730</b>
Fund balances at 1 May 2021		728,209	88,499	187,132	1,003,840
<b>Fund balances at 30 April 2022</b>		<b>691,201</b>	<b>61,057</b>	<b>321,312</b>	<b>1,073,570</b>

# Balance Sheet

At 30th April 2023

	NOTES	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets - restricted		123,893	131,444
Tangible assets - unrestricted		203,466	214,354
<b>Total</b>	13	<b>327,359</b>	<b>345,798</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	71,843	101,786
Cash at bank and in hand		600,394	672,901
<b>Total</b>		<b>672,237</b>	<b>774,687</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b> Amounts falling due within one year	15	(41,299)	(46,915)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		630,938	727,772
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>958,297</b>	<b>1,073,570</b>
<b>INCOME FUNDS</b>			
Restricted funds	19	186,769	321,312
Unrestricted funds - designated	19	-	61,057
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS - GENERAL</b>			
General unrestricted funds	19	762,208	681,881
Revaluation reserve	19	9,320	9,320
<b>Total</b>		<b>958,297</b>	<b>1,073,570</b>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 8th November 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Graham Smith (Chair).

# Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30th April 2023

	NOTES	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	18		(69,152)		22,504
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,871)		(14,504)	
Investment income received		2,515		171	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			(3,356)		(14,333)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(72,508)		8,171
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			672,902		664,731
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>			<b>600,394</b>		<b>672,902</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30th April 2023

## 1. Accounting Policies

### Charity information

Momentum Children's Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements 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 Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, which is referred to in the Regulations, but which has since been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements. Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. Income from charitable activities for generating funds includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has incurred.

### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated based on time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

## 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Depreciation is recognised to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

- Short leasehold - over the duration of the licence agreement (12,25 and 30 years respectively)
- Fixtures and fittings – 5 years (straight line)
- Computers – 3 years (straight line)
- Plant and machinery - 5 years (straight line)

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

## 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

## 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

## 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

## Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method. Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

## 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

## 1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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## 2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

## 3. Donations and legacies – unrestricted

	2023 £	2022 £
Individual donations	150,228	81,125
Community	135,804	99,820
Corporates	286,516	184,869
Challenge events	144,015	101,200
Trusts and foundation	18,000	41,638
<b>Total</b>	<b>734,563</b>	<b>508,652</b>

## 4. Charitable activities: performance related (restricted) grants

	2023 £	2022 £
Individual donations	16,710	15,949
Community	12,377	1,821
Corporates	6,607	20,651
Challenge events	-	6,812
Trusts and foundation	221,547	315,386
<b>Total</b>	<b>257,241</b>	<b>360,619</b>

## 5. Other trading activities

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL 2023 £	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL 2022 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2022 £	2022 £
Fundraising events	38,332	194,671	50,000	244,671
Merchandise sales	492	808	-	808
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,824</b>	<b>195,479</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>245,479</b>

## 6. Investment income

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL 2023 £	2022 £
Deposit interest	2,515	171

## 7. Expenditure on raising funds

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL 2023 £	2022 £
Individual donations	37,300	11,585
Community	46,635	32,472
Corporates	54,613	54,858
Challenge events	81,457	30,419
<b>Total</b>	<b>220,005</b>	<b>129,334</b>

## 8. Expenditure on charitable activities

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2023 £	2022 £
Provision of services to support patients and families	179,687	250,432	430,119	314,686
Enhancing the healing environment	-	68,623	68,623	129,545
Running costs of family respite breaks	58,284	-	58,284	38,897
Freelance cost for grant applications	34,227	-	34,227	18,123
Short leasehold depreciation	11,901	7,550	19,451	19,507
Fixtures and fittings/computer depreciation	4,858	-	4,858	2,327
Marketing costs	103,389	-	103,389	86,541
Office administration, management and finance	76,805	-	76,805	130,304
Organisational development	-	65,179	65,179	-
Premises and other related costs	34,827	-	34,827	21,682
Bank charges	263	-	263	2,334
	<b>504,241</b>	<b>391,784</b>	<b>896,025</b>	<b>763,946</b>

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## 9. Expenditure on other trading activities

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL 2023 £	2022 £
Fundraising events	20,667	148,545
Merchandise sales	582	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,249</b>	<b>148,545</b>

## 10. Governance costs

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL 2023 £	2022 £
Audit fees	8,712	3,500
Legal costs	2,425	9,186
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,137</b>	<b>12,686</b>

## 11. Trustees

During the year, no Trustee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits or were reimbursed for expenses paid on behalf of the charity (2022 one Trustee £100).

## 12. Employees

	FAMILY SUPPORT £	FUNDRAISING £	MARKETING £	OFFICE AND ADMIN £	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	278,274	120,680	71,894	94,219	565,067	401,686
Social security costs	23,520	11,730	6,496	8,951	50,697	35,145
Pension contributions	8,435	3,264	2,346	5,136	19,181	13,741
<b>Total</b>	<b>310,229</b>	<b>135,674</b>	<b>80,736</b>	<b>108,306</b>	<b>634,945</b>	<b>450,572</b>

The average number of full time equivalent staff during the year was: 17 14

The number of employees earning between £60,000 - £70,000 were: 1 1

Aggregate employee benefits of key management personnel £115k (2022: £110k).

### 13. Tangible fixed assets

	HOLIDAY HOME (short leasehold) £	PLANT AND MACHINERY £	FIXTURES AND FITTINGS £	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT £	TOTAL £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1st May 2022	360,073	52,868	11,243	5,723	429,907
Additions	-	-	-	5,870	5,870
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 30th April 2023</b>	<b>360,073</b>	<b>52,868</b>	<b>11,243</b>	<b>11,593</b>	<b>435,777</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT</b>					
At 1st May 2022	75,879	574	6,330	1,326	84,109
Charge for the year	16,673	3,352	1,228	3,056	24,309
<b>At 30th April 2023</b>	<b>92,552</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>7,558</b>	<b>4,382</b>	<b>108,418</b>
<b>CARRYING AMOUNT</b>					
<b>At 30th April 2023</b>	<b>267,521</b>	<b>48,942</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>7,211</b>	<b>327,359</b>
At 30th April 2022	284,194	52,294	4,913	4,397	345,798

### 14. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	2,000	5,000
Other debtors	10,000	15,834
Prepayments	35,832	79,452
Accrued income	24,011	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,843</b>	<b>101,786</b>

### 15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	NOTES	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examiner's fee		7,800	3,500
Deferred income	16	10,098	10,487
Accrued expenses		2,235	525
Taxes and social security		13,334	5,700
Creditors		7,832	26,703
<b>Total</b>		<b>41,299</b>	<b>46,915</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 16. Deferred income

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	10,098	10,487
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 May 2022	10,487	87,765
Released from previous periods	(10,487)	(87,765)
Resources deferred in the year	(10,098)	10,487
Deferred income at 30 April 2023	<b>10,098</b>	<b>10,487</b>

## 17. Retirement benefit schemes

### Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

Contributions to defined contribution schemes amounted to £19,181 (2022: £13,741).

## 18. Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(115,273)	60,410
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,515)	(17)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	24,309	21,834
Movements in working capital		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	29,943	(2,877)
(Decrease) in creditors	(5,227)	(56,692)
(Decrease) in deferred income	(389)	-
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	<b>69,152</b>	<b>22,504</b>

## 19. Movement in funds

	2022 £	INCOMING RESOURCES £	RESOURCES EXPENDED £	FIXED ASSETS DEPRECIATION £	TRANSFERS £	2023 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>						
General fund	691,201	775,902	739,873	16,759	61,057	771,528
<b>Total</b>	<b>691,201</b>	<b>775,902</b>	<b>739,873</b>	<b>16,759</b>	<b>61,057</b>	<b>771,528</b>
<b>Designated fund</b>						
Forecasted deficit	61,057	-	-	-	(61,057)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,057</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(61,057)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Restricted fund</b>						
Family support activities	213,760	176,543	250,432	7,550	-	132,321
Hospital projects	47,552	58,198	68,623	-	-	37,127
Organisational development	60,000	22,500	65,179	-	-	17,321
<b>Total</b>	<b>321,312</b>	<b>257,241</b>	<b>384,234</b>	<b>7,550</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>186,769</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,073,570</b>	<b>1,033,143</b>	<b>1,124,107</b>	<b>24,309</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>958,297</b>

## Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 30 April 2023 are represented by:

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL 2023 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL 2023 £	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS GENERAL 2022 £	DESIGNATED FUNDS 2022 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2022 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Tangible assets	203,466	123,893	327,359	214,354	-	131,444	345,798
Current assets/ (liabilities)	568,062	62,876	630,938	476,847	61,057	189,868	727,772
<b>Total</b>	<b>771,528</b>	<b>186,769</b>	<b>958,297</b>	<b>691,201</b>	<b>61,057</b>	<b>321,312</b>	<b>1,073,570</b>

## 20. Related party transactions

For the year ended 30th April 2023, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer and Director of Finance and Operations were identified as related parties.

The aggregate donations received from the Trustees in the year were £663 (2022 - nil). There were no other transactions with related parties for the year ended 30th April 2023.

## 21. Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

# Reference and administrative details

## Registered charity number

1195373

## Principal address

11a Creek Road,  
East Molesey,  
Surrey,  
KT8 9BE

## Founders

- Bianca Effemey (Chief Executive)
- Alison Trigg
- Jacqui Coppellotti

## Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

- Hilary Paxman (Chair) - resigned June 2022
- Graham Smith (Chair and Treasurer) - appointed to Chair June 2022
- Christian Butter
- Mario Bodini (Deputy Chair) - appointed June 2022
- James Conway
- Victor De Cruz
- Dr Kate Irwin
- Fiona Loveless - appointed June 2022
- Kieron Lynch
- Michele Settle - appointed June 2022
- Vanessa Walters

## Auditors

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Thank you to all the fundraisers, donors, volunteers, companies, schools, community groups, trusts and foundations who kindly supported us this year.

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report

Annual Report of the Trustees and  
Audited Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30th April 2022.



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children's charity

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# Helping families of seriously ill children to keep moving forward



# Report of the Trustees

For the Year Ended 30th April 2022

**The Trustees present their report and the unaudited Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.**

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 on 16th July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2nd February 2016).

Momentum Children’s Charity is a registered charity constituted by a Deed of Trust. Our aims and objectives are regularly reviewed by the Trustees, in line with the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit. In particular, the Trustees consider how the charity’s planned activities will contribute to these agreed aims and objectives.

## Why families need our support

The impact of a diagnosis of cancer or a life-challenging condition is devastating for children, young people and their families.

Research suggests that helping families to cope with these stressful experiences should be a priority during treatment; yet, strained for time and resources, support provided on the NHS can often be inadequate. The valuable support we provide helps to fill a much-needed gap.

## Our vision

Our vision is to ensure that no family whose child has cancer or a life-challenging condition has to cope alone.

## Our mission

We’re dedicated to helping families of seriously ill children across London, Surrey and Sussex, so they can keep moving forward through the hardest of days.

## About us

We work in partnership with local hospitals who refer families to us following a child’s diagnosis. Through our Family Support Workers, we’re able to offer them personally tailored support both in hospital and at home.

Our support services include counselling and a range of creative therapy services - such as play, art and music - as well as special experiences and respite breaks to ease some of the stresses that come with a gruelling treatment plan. If the unthinkable happens, and a child dies, we offer bereavement support and stand by families for as long as they need us. We also improve the environment for children treated in hospital with children’s ward refurbishments, transforming bare, clinical areas into bright, child-friendly spaces.

## Our hospital partnerships

As a partner of the NHS, the families we support are referred to us from one of nine hospitals. We also work with our partner hospitals to transform children’s wards into bright, child-friendly spaces (see p14):

- East Surrey Hospital
- Epsom Hospital
- Kingston Hospital
- Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital (Brighton)
- Royal Surrey County Hospital (Guildford)
- St George’s Hospital (London)
- St Peter’s Hospital (Chertsey)
- St Richard’s Hospital (Chichester)
- Worthing Hospital

With weekly visits to The Royal Marsden.



## Our areas of operation

We work across London, Surrey and Sussex covering the following areas:

### London boroughs

- Croydon
- Hounslow
- Kingston upon Thames
- Lambeth
- Merton
- Richmond
- Sutton
- Wandsworth

### Outside London local authorities

- Crawley
- Elmbridge
- Epsom and Ewell
- Guildford
- Horsham
- Reigate and Banstead
- Runnymede
- Spelthorne
- Surrey Heath

### Sussex boroughs

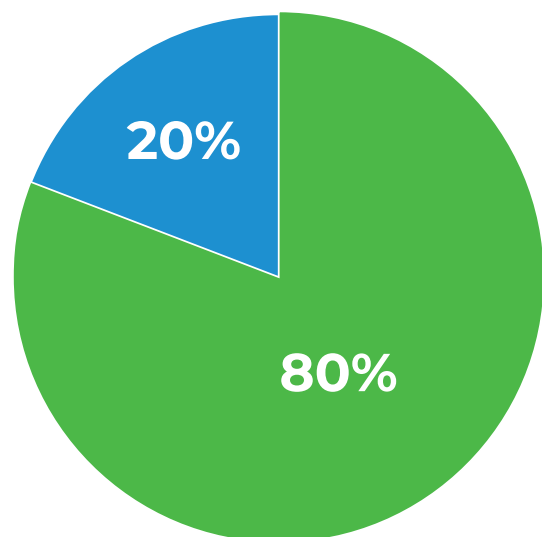
- Woking
- Chichester
- Bognor Regis
- Petworth and Pulborough
- Arundel and Littlehampton
- Worthing
- Adur Valley
- Brighton and Hove
- Mid Sussex

## Our beneficiaries

We support children aged 0 to 18 years. However, if a teenager is referred to us aged 18 years old and is going to be undergoing several years of treatment, we will continue to support them and their family for as long as they are being treated as a paediatric patient in our partner hospitals. In addition, we support the entire family, including parents, siblings and even grandparents.

Families are referred to us from one of our partner hospitals although we occasionally have referrals from other hospitals in the area such as The Royal Marsden, Croydon and West Middlesex.

80% of the families we support have a child who is undergoing treatment for cancer. A further 20% have a child with a life-challenging condition, which include a range of illnesses such as epilepsy and diabetes.



- Children with cancer
- Children with a life-challenging condition

We do not select which families we support based on any socio-economic criteria. Families are offered appropriate support services depending on their emotional and practical needs.

# Message from our Chair of Trustees



**As we close our financial year for 2022, it's incredibly uplifting to see how far the charity has bounced back following the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. With restrictions lifted, we've been able to resume our support services back to pre-covid levels with our Family Support Team returning to children's wards, our respite breaks reopened and therapy services being offered both online and in the home once again. All of which meant that we were able to support a total of 373 families through the toughest of days.**

With the doors to our hospital partners reopening, we were also able to complete five refurbishment projects across isolation rooms, en suites and a playroom, as well as transforming the children's outpatients department at Kingston Hospital, where the charity first began in 2004. It's amazing how the charity has grown over the past 18 years, and how it continues to grow, despite the pandemic, thanks to our generous supporters and wonderful Momentum team.

One of our most significant achievements in the past year has been forging a partnership with University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust. A collaboration which sees us expanding into brand new regions across Sussex and one that will mean we can support more families across three new hospitals; Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital in Brighton, St Richard's Hospital in Chichester and Worthing Hospital. This is in line with our 2020-2023 strategy to expand our reach, and is testament to our mission of making sure that no family with a seriously ill child has to cope alone.

Another huge achievement for us was hitting an incredible £1million income milestone this past financial year. Thanks to a year of brilliant fundraising, loyal support from our corporate and community partners and a hugely successful Energy Rocks event, we reached the £1million mark for the very first time. I'm humbled by the generosity of those who have donated or raised funds for us over the past year to make hitting that milestone achievable. Thank you.

With our ambition to support a quarter more children and families through 22/23, these are funds that are already being allocated so that we can meet the growing number of families in need and expand our range of services to provide dedicated care to those requiring the highest level of support.

We will continue our commitment of being there for our families, no matter what, and help them to keep moving forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hilary R.M. Paxman".

Hilary Paxman  
Chair of Trustees

# Message from our CEO and Founder



**When we were in the midst of the pandemic, with restrictions severing not only our ability to physically be there for the families we support, but also our ability to raise vital funds, I recall sitting around my kitchen table with members of our senior team asking “How are we going to survive this?”. It took me back to 2004 when I sat around a similar kitchen table with two women who I then founded the charity with saying “How are we going to do this?”. The answer in both cases, it turns out, is through the unwavering generosity of loyal supporters and through the passion and tenacity of my dedicated team.**

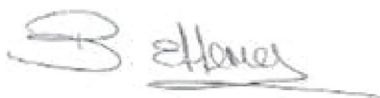
In the last 12 months not only have we hit a fundraising milestone that I simply didn't think would have been possible just a year ago, but we also managed to support 260 families whose children were in active treatment and a further 113 bereaved families, a level of care I could only have dreamed of back at that table all those years ago. For both things I am warmed by the knowledge that it has all been made possible through the support of so many others who have shared in our vision and what we are trying to achieve; a vision which has meant we've been able to help thousands of seriously ill children and their families, and one that means we're still here today to keep helping them to move forward.

This year saw a lot of new starts for us; we launched a new website and branding thanks to a generous grant, welcomed new team members, forged new hospital partnerships and opened a new office space in East Molesey. After months of working remotely it's been so wonderful to have the team all together again, as well as being able to invite our families, volunteers and supporters into what we hope is a friendly and welcoming space.

Our new NHS Foundation Trust partnership is a big step forward for the charity, helping us to support even more families across Sussex through our range of support services and, where needed, our hospital refurbishments. It was wonderful to see our first project completed in Worthing Hospital recently and we look forward to working closely with Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, St Richard's and Worthing, as well as all of our other partner hospitals, to see how we can best support them and the families under their care.

With all this new-ness, it's important for me to say that who we are at our core remains the same. That we are here, whatever the outcome, for as long as we are needed so that no family with a seriously ill child has to cope alone. I'm so grateful to my brilliant team for a year that saw us deliver 193 hours of one-to-one Family Support each week, and to all those who have donated and fundraised for us this past year helping us to reach the £1million mark.

What an incredible year and here's to a future of supporting even more families.



Bianca Effemey  
Founder CEO

# Supporting families

## Personalised family support

Our bespoke family support programme begins from the moment a child is referred to us by one of our partner hospitals.

As every family is different, we discuss their individual needs and how best we can support them. Our Family Support Workers each have an allocated caseload of families, providing direct practical and emotional support through regular visits, phone calls and group activities.

In 2021/22 our team of Family Support Workers delivered 193 hours of one-to-one support to families every week. Overall, we supported 260 families with a child in active treatment (up 8% on 2020/21).

Whilst, fortunately, most children have a good prognosis, there are some who tragically do not survive and our support services continue for the whole family after their child's death.

In 2021/22 our Momentum Echoes arm of the charity supported 113 bereaved families helping to support with funeral arrangements, sending remembrance gifts, arranging special events and providing access to specialist therapy services.



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## Impact of Family Support Worker:

95%

of children supported felt our support had helped inter-family relationships.

91%

of children reported improved emotional and mental wellbeing thanks to our support.

96%

of parents saw improved participation in their social and leisure activities.

94%

of parents who were experiencing poor emotional or mental wellbeing said this was improved.

92%

of parents said we improved their access to professional therapy and services.

Evaluation taken from our annual parent survey relating to 2021/22 support

**Seeing a friendly (non-medical) face when your world has been turned upside down is priceless. Seeing that familiar face crop up with a smile and a positive attitude or a distraction for your child is such a huge comfort.**

**Friends and family can't always understand how to support through such a dreadful experience, so a confident and caring Family Support Worker is so, so valuable.**



# Supporting families

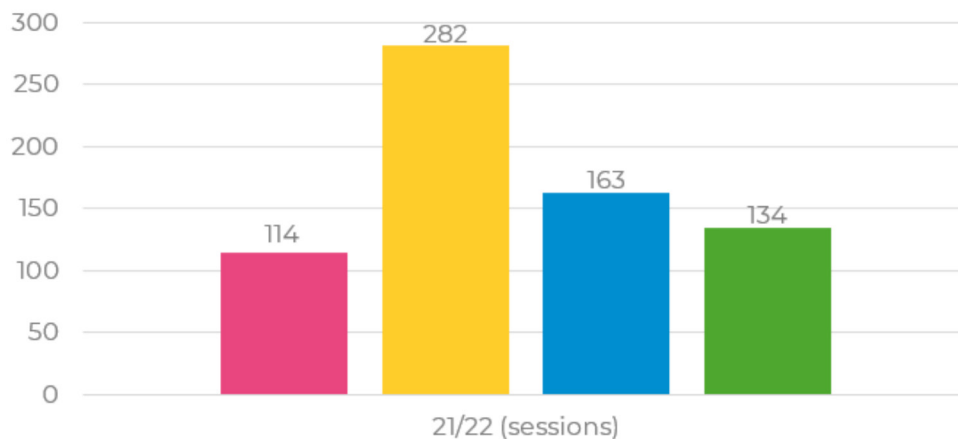
## One-to-one therapies

When a child is diagnosed, they can often struggle to deal with the emotional and physical changes they suddenly face. Our range of one-to-one support services are there to help improve the emotional and mental wellbeing of the child, as well as their siblings and parents, so they are better armed with coping strategies for the challenges they may face.

We offer a range of creative therapies and wellness activities including art, music and play therapy, and we also offer educational support (if needed) for younger children and siblings. In addition to this, we provide counselling or psychotherapy sessions for older children, siblings and parents.

In 2021/22, we delivered 693 sessions to families in need whose children were in active treatment helping to improve their overall wellbeing.

Therapy services output



**A lovely learning, sensory experience for the children and an hour of getaway for us both.**

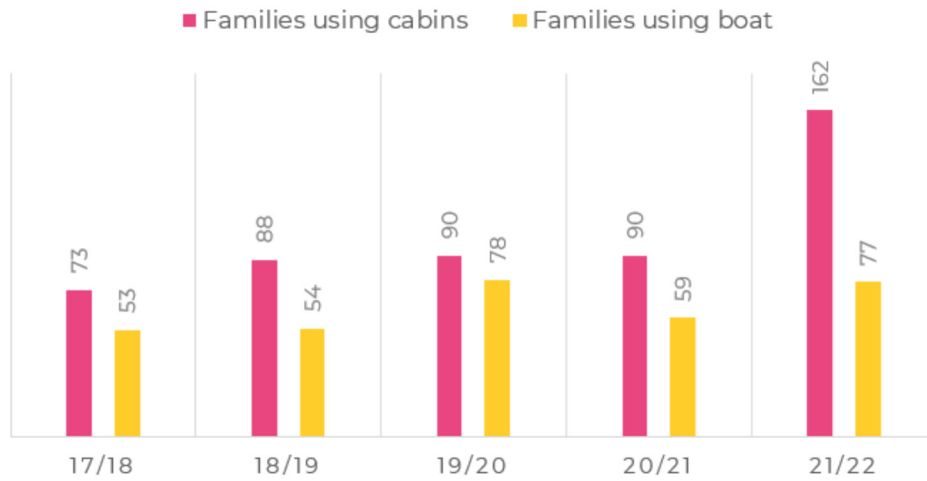
**It made it possible for me to just be a mummy for a while, not a nurse**



## Respite breaks

Our three holiday homes and Thames riverboat trips give families the chance to spend precious time together away from the stresses of hospital visits and treatment.

With the restrictions of the pandemic lifting this year, we were pleased to be able to give more families access to these vital and much-loved services.



**162**  
respite  
holidays  
benefitting  
312 children  
& 355 adults.



**77** boat  
trips  
benefitting  
143 children  
& 176 adults.

**100%**

of families said respite breaks had positively impacted their ability to cope from daily stresses and enabled them to create positive memories.

# George's story

**George, three, was diagnosed with leukaemia in May 2021. His mum shares their story:**

"When George was sent for blood tests after having a few concerns about his health we had no idea we'd be receiving such devastating news. It was incredibly scary.

His first ever night in St Peter's hospital was spent in the room which features the Momentum owls. George was prodded and poked, so on day two as we left to go to St George's, his hands were both heavily bandaged from blood tests and transfusions. Despite this, he still had a huge smile on his face, as he's a huge fan of vehicles and a ride in a real life ambulance was a very exciting prospect for him.

We were introduced to Momentum within those first few days, and through every part of this journey so far I've felt propped up, particularly by my Family Support Worker who has been a rock through some very challenging times. She is just wonderful.

It has been beyond challenging to get through the last six months. There have been times when our son has been barely recognisable, less so physically but more so in himself. The side effects of the long list of drugs which he's been given are way beyond anything I could have ever imagined. I remember breaking down one day and I knew I couldn't cope on my own.

Our Family Support Worker calls me regularly to check in and it all means so much. All this time she has been there to offer advice, help to arrange counselling, and provide practical support at home.

So many of our hospital stays have been brightened up by the beautiful rooms Momentum has decorated. The bold colours are wonderful and make the rooms feel much more child friendly. I have spent a lot of time looking at the designs on the walls and one of my favourites features young children playing together, happy and having fun. Essentially that is what every child wants to do – have fun with their peers."



“

**I have called our Family Support Worker in tears and she's given me her undivided attention at the drop of a hat. She has sat with me through day visits while George has had treatment and helped me cope with my emotions while protecting George from seeing me upset.**

## Special experiences

Treatment plans can be gruelling for the whole family. We aim to ease the families' stress and strain by providing a wide range of trips, experiences and magical moments, both in and out of hospital.

Our goal is to bring a smile to every child's face, despite the difficulties they are experiencing. Thanks to our unique, personal support, we pride ourselves on knowing every child and every family so we can offer bespoke experiences that we know will make a real difference.

In 2021/22 amongst other things, we were thrilled to bring our doorstep Santa back, delighting 113 children with some special Christmas magic. We also ran supportive candle making sessions for our Echoes families, sent out advent calendars for 420 children and their siblings, hosted a magical Fairy House visit and ran a family fun day at Bocketts Farm Park for 27 adults and 34 children.



Thank you again for making our Christmas more magical! We've just had a visit from Santa this weekend. Victor was completely dazzled.



We had the best day. Thank you so much for organising. It was so lovely to chat to and meet other families.

The children were worn out by the end of the day after a fab fun-filled day out.

# Improving the hospital experience

**Being admitted to hospital is very traumatic for children and their families. Research shows that the environment in which children are treated makes a huge difference to their experience in hospital, and can even have an impact on how well they respond to treatment.**

We're committed to improving the overall experience for children, and their families, who are being treated for cancer or a life-challenging condition. One of the ways that we do this is through our paediatric refurbishments, where we work closely with our partner hospitals to identify key areas which are in need of some Momentum magic; transforming often bare and clinical spaces to bright, welcoming and child-friendly ones.

Whilst the NHS provides an excellent medical service, their restricted budgets often don't extend to these types of projects or in-hospital experiences, and that is where we can step in and make an enormous difference for patients, visitors and staff.

Through 2021/22 we were extremely pleased to have been able to complete five key projects which have already begun making a difference to young patients visiting or staying there. The refurbishments were:

## Kingston Hospital

- Refurbishment of Children's Outpatient Department.

## Epsom Hospital

- Refurbishment of paediatric treatment room and en suite.

## Royal Surrey County Hospital

- Refurbishment of treatment room.

## Worthing Hospital

- Refurbishment of isolation room.



**Hospital stays are an anxious time for children, and their parents. These wonderful images provide a small distraction, helping to pass the time when children are undergoing uncomfortable treatments. Everyone loves the new artworks and even the staff benefit from the soothing sea theme!**  
Deputy Paediatric Oncology Nurse Specialist,  
Epsom Hospital



## Hospital visits and special experiences

In addition to our hospital projects, there are many ways we work with our NHS partners to try and make the hospital experience less frightening and isolating for seriously ill children.

In 2021/22 our Family Support Team were welcomed back onto paediatric wards after visits were restricted at the height of the pandemic. Being able to return to our regular ward activity meant we could help families by being a friendly and reassuring presence at their child's bedside, and it also freed up precious time for the clinical teams.

In addition to this, we were also able to bring our character visits, music sessions and massage therapist back onto the ward. These special visitors help to break up long days, alleviate stress, lift moods and allow children to laugh and play as children should.



**Momentum Family Support Workers enhance the level of support available for families. They free up the nursing staff to concentrate on clinical duties, providing the families with a listening ear...The paediatric team are so grateful for this additional support which has greatly enhanced the care experience for children. Momentum have also organised other support services on the ward, such as character visits and massages from a therapist. Being in hospital for any person, especially a child, is very scary but these little distractions can often make them feel so much more relaxed.**

CEO, Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

# Community engagement

We have over 100 volunteers who support us in many different ways, from raising awareness and funds, to providing office administration and helping to deliver our support services. We are committed to engaging with these fantastic helpers and thanking them for their efforts.

This year our volunteers worked closely with us on some really spectacular things:

- Helping as deckhands and skippers on our Thames riverboat and helping bring to life some wonderful themed trips for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Halloween and Christmas.
- 125 personalised hand-painted pebbles for our supported children to keep with them throughout their treatment journey and beyond.
- Donning Santa and elf suits and delivering special treats to the doorsteps of families, helping to put a smile on many faces who might not have been able to get to a grotto.
- Helping at fantastic fundraisers like our annual Valentine's balloon stall and One Great Day at The Bentall Centre.

# Marketing and communications

The aim of our marketing and communication activities in 2021/22 was to continue raising awareness of our charity; engaging and inspiring individuals, companies, schools and organisations in the local community to support our work and help raise our profile across the board.

A particular highlight this year which saw our volunteers, families, supporters and long term charity advocates The Brothers Trust come together, was the launch of a bespoke golden hoody for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, with all proceeds going to support our work.

The hoody was created by The Brothers Trust solely for Momentum Children's Charity, with volunteers from some of the families we support, as well as in the community, helping with the packing and distributing of orders. Altogether over £40,000 was raised and Tom Holland even managed to surprise one lucky family with a special home visit.

We also moved into a new office and, with the help of local printers FastSigns, created some wonderful window branding so that those in the area and walking by can easily see who we are and what we do, directly improving awareness and bringing supporters through our doors.



# Jo and Judy's story

**Jo and Judy have both been volunteering for Momentum Children's Charity for the past six years, making a hugely positive impact on the charity and the families we support.**

For Judy, choosing to volunteer for Momentum came from a desire to give something back to the charity who had supported her own daughter through a cancer diagnosis back in 2005.

For Jo, a decision to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and a serendipitous talk at her WI group about the charity, led her to doing some mountainous fundraising for us and then to volunteering too.

For both ladies, the decision to volunteer for Momentum meant that their paths crossed and, ultimately, a firm friendship was formed. As Judy recalls "I met Jo at the first event I volunteered at, a Superheroes Fun Run. We hit it off straight away and found that we had lots in common. Since then, we've worked on various Momentum projects together and we always have great fun." Jo agrees "We soon realised that we had very similar interests and had both recently retired with a bit more time on our hands. Not long after that we went to a dragon boat event in which Momentum were participating and were then asked to be involved in their Moments on the River boat. We spent a lot of time together getting the boat ready for families and without each other it wouldn't have been nearly as much fun. Now, as well as being deckhands, we tend to volunteer for the same events and we make a great team."

Jo and Judy both agree that the benefits of volunteering have been ten-fold.

"After leaving the police I felt at a loss and without a purpose, volunteering really made me feel like I was doing something very worthwhile and special. I love what the charity does for families, and I feel my help can free up time for the staff to carry out their roles which makes such a difference to so many."



Momentum Children's Charity has volunteering roles in all shapes and sizes "Each time I volunteer is a highlight, as I know it's bringing joy to a family. I love meeting and talking to families on boat trips and being the hostess. I've enjoyed dressing up as Mo the Owl and taking part in the Mascot dash for the Landmarks half marathon!! I've met Basil Brush and helped fill Santa sacks for the special doorstep Santa service delivering delight to very sick children and their siblings."

It's clear that Jo and Judy have found a lasting friendship through volunteering for us and that volunteering itself is something they're both very passionate about.

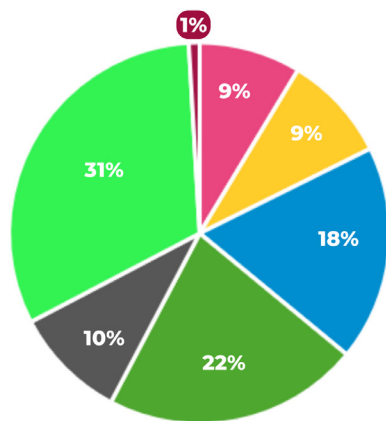
**Seeing the look on children's faces when they arrive at the boat and when a parent or child gives you a big hug at the end of the trip, helps you realise what a difference just a short escape on the river can make for every single member of the family. It's all so worthwhile.**

# Funding our services

2021/22 thankfully saw the return of challenge events to our fundraising stream. It was also a year where we ended on a high by raising over £1million for the first time in our history. We would like to express our huge thanks to every company, community group, event participant, individual, Trust and Foundation who helped make this possible.

We receive no government or statutory funding so rely entirely on these voluntary donations to fund our services. This year we have been truly humbled by the continued dedication and kindness of our supporters.

## Where our money came from:



- Individuals - 9%
- Community and schools - 9%
- Corporate - 18%
- Special Events - 22%
- Challenge events - 10%
- Trusts and Foundations - 31%
- Other - 1%

## Corporate Fundraising

In 2021/22 we continued our successful Charity of the Year partnerships with Berkeley St Edward, Bayley & Sage and Manulife Investment Management, and formed a number of new partnerships including Wilmott Dixon, RSM Guildford, HSBC, AMETEK, KRS Associates and Valero Energy. After a successful first year of support, Jupiter Asset Management confirmed a second year of partnership.

With the help of our corporate partner Claritas, we were thrilled to complete a bedroom makeover for a young girl we support, a transformation that was priceless for her and her family.



Through generous donations, beneficiary events, payroll giving and numerous employee fundraising activities during the year, collectively our corporate partners raised £205,520.

## Trusts and Foundations

We were grateful for the support from Trusts and Foundations this year, including St Faith's Trust, The Brothers Trust, Community Foundation for Surrey, Sussex Community Foundation, Zurich Community Trust, The Taylor Family Foundation, HSBC Foundation, B&Q Foundation, The Story of Christmas and The Will Charitable Trust. Grants, which totalled £357,025 allowed us to carry out projects and activities this year as well as enabling funds to be in place for our future plans.

## Challenge Events

We were also so happy to see the return of challenge events and we're incredibly grateful to everyone who took on a challenge to help raise vital funds. Particular highlights were The Thames Path Challenge where one of our supported mums raised a phenomenal £22,000, our first ever foray at Hyde Park's Swim Serpentine and of course the iconic London Marathon where 11 TeamMo runners raised just under £40,000.



## Community

It's been a wonderful year for community fundraising with some fantastic events that not only raised vital funds, but also enabled us to integrate ourselves into our local community. From our charity partnerships with Bentall Centre and The Heart Shopping Centre, to being chosen as the nominated charity for East Molesey's Winter Wander.

We're incredibly thankful to local schools and organisations in the community who continued to support us any way they could. From Cafe Bridge, to local authors, raffle prize donations to quiz nights and much more, our community and schools pulled together to raise a net surplus of £90,000.

## Special events

This year saw us finally able to hold our postponed Energy Rocks event at Roundhouse Camden. The night was a huge success, raising over £90,000 and led us to our milestone moment of reaching the £1million mark.

## Individuals

In 2021/22 we ran another successful Big Give Christmas Challenge, which was met with an overwhelming response and meant we were able to raise over £33,000 to go towards hospital refurbishment projects. Overall individual donations amounted to a brilliant £97,074.

Every donation we receive is important, from the pennies through to the thousands, and we were thankful to every single individual who chose to donate, fundraised in memory of a loved one, or signed up to give a regular donation.

For every £1 invested in fundraising activities

**£4.05**

is raised for the charity

# Structure, governance and management

## Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

## Trustees

The charity's Trustees are not remunerated but their expenses are reimbursed in accordance with Momentum's expenses policy. Trustees are recruited through an open selection process and receive an induction on appointment.

- Hilary Paxman (Chair)
- Graham Smith (Treasurer)
- Christian Butter
- Mario Bodini
- James Conway
- Kieron Lynch
- Vanessa Walters
- Victor De Cruz
- Alistair Wood

## Staff and volunteers

Our team shares a huge passion for the work we do, and as we are a small organisation every team member sees first-hand the difference we make to families. At the year end, we have 20 employees and six consultants. This equates to eight full-time equivalent staff (FTE) in family support roles, four FTE in fundraising and marketing roles, and two FTE in operational roles.

We also have around 100 regular volunteers from the local community who support us in a range of roles including service delivery, office work and raising awareness

## Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.



### Financial policy

The charity has a written financial policy that sets out the procedures for the day-to-day management of the charity's finances. This is reviewed annually.

### Safeguarding

The charity is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. We have a comprehensive safeguarding policy which outlines these responsibilities and those of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). It also outlines the procedures to be taken when a child may be identified to be at risk of harm, or may require additional support to ensure they reach their potential. The policy is reviewed and updated annually.

### Diversity and Inclusion

We actively support diversity and inclusion and ensure that all our employees are valued and treated with dignity and respect. Our formal Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy is implemented in accordance with the appropriate statutory requirements and ensures that no service user, job applicant, employee or worker is discriminated against either directly or indirectly on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

  
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# Structure, governance and management

## Financial Review

In 2021/22 total expenditure increased to £1,054,512 (2020/21 - £720,154). In setting our annual budget, we planned to increase resourcing across all areas of the charity, to ensure that we could continue to provide vital support to our children and their families. Even with the continuing effects of the coronavirus pandemic impacting access to some of our partner hospitals, we were able to increase our charitable activities and increase investment by a staggering 23%. To accommodate our growing team and offer a welcoming space to meet with our families and supporters, we also invested in leasing a new office, increasing our office and administration costs, but providing valuable infrastructure to support our future growth plans.

Thanks to the generosity of both new and long-standing Trusts and Foundations, corporate and individual supporters, teamed with our hugely successful Energy Rocks event, which was postponed for two years due to the pandemic, in 2021/22 we were able to raise a total income of £1,114,921 (2020/21 - £814,399).

A huge achievement being the first time we've ever reached this incredible, million pound milestone.

The overall effect of our financial performance for the year was a net surplus of £69,729 (2020/21 - £94,244), represented by an increase of £122,814 on our restricted funds, and a decrease of £62,405 on our unrestricted funds, bringing our total funds to £1,073,570 (2020/21 - £1,003,840) as at 30 April 2022. This puts us in a strong position to both fund our investments, and to ensure our financial viability for the coming period.

## Reserves Policy

### Introduction

Momentum Children's Charity exists to support children with cancer or life-challenging conditions, and their families. When a family is referred to us, we make a commitment to provide support and services to children, siblings and parents for as long as is needed. Our reserves policy has therefore been set to reflect this commitment to the community we support, and – in the unlikely event that we should cease to operate – to ensure families would not experience a sudden or immediate change to the care we provide. In addition, this policy considers possible risks to our charity's operations and how we safeguard against these.

### Definitions

In accordance with Charity Commission guidance:

- free reserves are uncommitted reserves freely available, which exclude restricted and designated funds and amounts invested in tangible fixed assets.
- designated funds arise when the Trustees set aside unrestricted funds for specific purposes.
- restricted funds arise when conditions are imposed by the donor, or by the specific terms of appeal, and can only be spent on the activities specified.

### Unrestricted funds

The Board of Trustees consider the minimum level of free reserves annually – i.e. excluding restricted and designated reserves, required to support the charities operations. Relevant factors include projected financial performance including cash flow requirements, an assessment of risks to our voluntary income streams (on which the charity relies as no statutory funding is received) and the risk of rising costs and inflation, due to the current economic factors being faced externally.

Following this review, the Trustees agreed to hold six to a maximum of nine months of the charity's 2021/22 current expenditure budget of £868,223 (2020/21 - £836,833) in reserves, to ensure the sustainability of support services for seriously ill children and their families, as well as essential operating costs required to support the deliverance of this service, which would exclude fundraising costs and expenditure on hospital refurbishment



projects (which, in the event of a significant reduction in income, would not be started without gaining restricted funding).

The policy therefore stipulates that between £434,112 and £651,167 should be held for this purpose, currently £421,976 is held, the equivalent of six months reserves, showing that the charity is able to sustain itself in the short to medium term.

### **Designated funds**

In the previous year £75,000 had been designated to support the expansion of the respite breaks programme – which would require the addition of a fourth holiday home in 2023/24. However, a decision was made to redirect these funds towards more critical projects happening during the year, while focusing fundraising efforts on securing income on the full cost of the purchase. When the 2022/23 budget was set, an unrestricted cash deficit had been forecasted, as a result £61,057, was designated for this purpose.

### **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds amounted to £321,312, of which £131,444 related to the charity's fixed assets, including three holiday homes and the riverboat. All four are available for family respite holidays and trips, through our respite breaks programme. The remaining £189,868 is being held to cover the costs of activities scheduled for delivery in 2022/23 (for example, planned hospital refurbishment projects).

### **Regular review**

The Trustees consider the minimum level of free reserves annually – i.e. excluding restricted and designated funds, required to sustain the charity. Relevant factors include projected financial performance, including cash-flow requirements, the findings from our risk management processes and an assessment of risks to our income streams.



## Looking forward

**In 2019/20 we laid out an ambitious three year strategy, setting out our plans to expand our services and geographical reach in support of our vision that no family should have to cope alone. As part of this strategy, we will be focusing on the following priorities for 2022/23:**

- Supporting 26% more families who have a child with cancer or a life-challenging condition, and who live in London, Surrey and Sussex, increasing our Family Support Team caseload from 260 to 350.
- Maintaining support to around 120 bereaved families whose child has died as well as extending our Echoes support to families referred to us from all of our hospital partners who experience the sudden death of their child.
- Supporting our nine existing NHS partner hospitals with in-hospital services and the regular presence of a Family Support Worker on the wards.
- Continuing our most impactful services, including creative therapies, counselling and respite breaks; and introduce new services based on demands including drama therapy and buddy support. Along with providing a programme of events, gifts and experiences tailored to families.
- Supporting our partner hospitals with refurbishment projects, committing to six projects in 2022/23. Increasing to include a 10th new partner (subject to funding).
- Developing existing and new fundraising income streams to support the expenditure commitments of the charity, targeting an income of £1.092m.
- Developing and delivering a Major Donor and legacy strategy, to further diversify our income streams for the future.
- Investing in the charity infrastructure to support our new working office and team growth, including staff recruitment and HR systems.

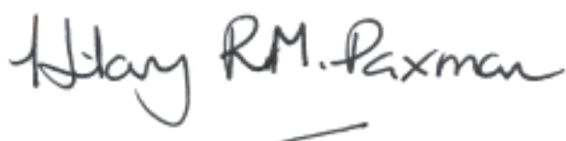
# Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



Hilary Paxman, Chair

# Amanda's story

**Amanda, whose 14-year-old daughter, Alice, has been treated for ependymoma – a tumour that grows inside tissue found in the central nervous system – took on the incredible Thames Path Challenge to help raise vital funds for Momentum.**

It's been two years since Alice's original diagnosis and in January 2020, Amanda took her to Manchester to undertake proton beam therapy. The treatment took place over six weeks and then shortly afterwards, when the nation went into lockdown, the family also found themselves cut off from the friends and family who had been supporting them during this awful time. It was at this point that they met Momentum Children's Charity.

Amanda said "We met Momentum Children's Charity during the thick of lockdown, when we hadn't seen the friends and family who had buoyed and supported us after Alice's initial diagnosis. It was a really difficult and lonely time. The little things they offer, like knowing a Family Support Worker is ready to listen at the end of the phone, food and drinks for parents who are staying in the hospital with their children and a social distanced doorstep Santa visit, have all been big things for our family."

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Following the proton beam therapy last year, Alice was found to have further nodules in her spine, having to then go through four months of chemotherapy, followed by six weeks of daily radiotherapy, with all treatment finishing in April 2021.

Alice's journey, like many children with cancer, has been strewn with setbacks and she has had to endure a lot of hospital visits, treatment, infusions and medication. The family have managed to find some respite with a wonderful trip on the Momentum river boat 'Moments on the River', some sneaky treats from the Momentum cupboard on the ward at Kingston and also some art therapy for Alice who is very creative.

Last month's walk was a real opportunity for Amanda's friends to rally around to show their support for Alice and the whole family while the cancer treatment continues. Eleven of Amanda's friends joined her on the walk, together raising £22,500 including gift aid.

Amanda said: "The Thames Path Challenge was a wonderful experience, having my friends come together to show their support for Alice's cancer journey but also standing by me, step-by-step, for all 28 kilometres of the walk. I am ecstatic at the amount we have raised, all of which will benefit other children and families who are going through their own cancer journey.

# Independent Auditor's Report

## To the Trustees of Momentum Children's Charity For the Year Ended 30th April 2022

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Momentum Children's Charity (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 April 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 April 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

# Independent Auditor's Report

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

# Independent Auditor's Report

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



KWSR & CO LTD (Jun 21, 2023,  
10:47am)

Susan Rahman  
KWSR & Co, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# Statement of Financial Activities

	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Voluntary income	2	508,653	45,232	553,885	539,551
Activities for generating funds	3	195,479	50,000	245,479	1,958
Investment income	4	171	-	171	226
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b> In furtherance of the Charity's objects		-	315,386	315,386	272,664
<b>Total income resources</b>		<b>704,303</b>	<b>410,619</b>	<b>1,114,921</b>	<b>814,399</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Costs of generating income	5	129,334	-	129,334	87,524
Cost of activities for generating funds	6	148,545	-	148,545	240
Charitable activities in furtherance of the charities objects		476,142	287,805	763,946	624,492
Governance costs	7	12,686	-	12,686	7,899
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>766,707</b>	<b>287,805</b>	<b>1,054,512</b>	<b>720,154</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		(62,405)	122,814	60,409	94,244
<b>Other recognised gains</b>					
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	8	3,636	5,684	9,320	-
Transfers between funds		(5,682)	5,682	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(64,451)</b>	<b>134,180</b>	<b>69,729</b>	<b>94,244</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Net funds brought forward</b>		<b>816,709</b>	<b>187,132</b>	<b>1,003,841</b>	<b>909,596</b>
<b>Net funds carried forward</b>		<b>752,258</b>	<b>321,312</b>	<b>1,073,570</b>	<b>1,003,840</b>

# Balance sheet

At 30th April 2022

	NOTES	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets - restricted	9	131,444	135,313
Tangible assets - unrestricted	9	214,354	208,494
<b>Total</b>		<b>345,798</b>	<b>343,807</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	10	101,786	98,909
Cash at bank and in hand	-	672,901	664,731
<b>Total</b>		<b>774,687</b>	<b>763,640</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b> Amounts falling due within one year	11	46,915	103,606
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>727,773</b>	<b>660,034</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,073,570</b>	<b>1,003,841</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES FUND</b>			
Unrestricted funds	12	691,201	728,210
Designated funds	12	61,057	88,499
Restricted funds	12	321,312	187,132
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,073,570</b>	<b>1,003,841</b>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 11/10/2022 and signed on its behalf by

Hilary Paxman  
Chair

Graham Smith  
Treasurer

# Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30th April 2022

	2022 TOTAL £	2021 TOTAL £
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Net income for the reporting period</b>	69,559	94,019
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(2,877)	25,734
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(56,692)	28,103
Depreciation	21,834	19,243
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>31,823</b>	<b>167,099</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Interest income	171	226
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(14,504)	-
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	(9,320)	
<b>Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(23,653)</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR</b>	8,170	167,325
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>664,731</b>	<b>497,407</b>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>672,901</b>	<b>664,731</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30th April 2022

## 1. Accounting Policies

### 1(a). General Information and Basis of Preparation

Momentum Children's Charity is a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 40 of these financial statements. 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

### 1(b). Incoming Recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be reliably measured, and it is probable that the income will be received. For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from activities for generating funds includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

### 1(c). Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

### 1(d). Support Costs Management

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

## **1(e). Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for a particular purpose. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for a particular purpose. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

## **1(f). Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets as follows:

Respite Holiday Homes (Short Leaseholds) – Over the duration of the Licence agreements – 12, 25 and 30 years respectively.

Plant and machinery: River Boat – over 25 years.  
Others - 25% straight line on costs.

## **1(g). Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

## **1(h). Going Concern**

The financial statements 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 with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

## 2. Voluntary income

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2022 TOTAL £	2021 TOTAL £
Individual donations	81,125	15,949	97,074	101,594
Schools and community	99,821	1,821	101,641	130,928
Corporate and companies	184,869	20,651	205,520	204,085
Sports and challenge events	101,201	6,812	108,012	47,073
Income from Trusts and Foundations	41,638	-	41,638	55,872
<b>Total</b>	<b>508,653</b>	<b>45,232</b>	<b>553,885</b>	<b>539,551</b>

## 3. Activities for generating funds

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2022 TOTAL £	2021 TOTAL £
Fundraising events	194,671	50,000	244,671	-
Merchandise sales	808	-	808	1,958
<b>Total</b>	<b>195,479</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>245,479</b>	<b>1,958</b>

## 4. Investment income

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2022 TOTAL £	2021 TOTAL £
Deposit	171	-	171	226
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>226</b>

## 5. Costs of generating voluntary income

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2022 TOTAL £	2021 TOTAL £
Individual donations	11,584	-	11,584	5,675
Schools and community	32,472	-	32,472	27,044
Corporate and companies	54,858	-	54,858	44,058
Sports and challenge events	30,419	-	30,419	10,746
<b>Total</b>	<b>129,334</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,334</b>	<b>87,524</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 6. Cost of activities for generating funds

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2022 TOTAL £	2021 TOTAL £
Fundraising events	148,545	-	148,545	-
Merchandise sales	-	-	-	240
<b>Total</b>	<b>148,545</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>148,545</b>	<b>240</b>

## 7. Governance costs

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2022 TOTAL £	2021 TOTAL £
Independent examiner's fee	3,500	-	3,500	3,500
Legal costs	9,186	-	9,186	4,399
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,686</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,686</b>	<b>7,899</b>

## 8. Gains on revaluation of fixed assets

On the 18th of March 2022 an independent valuation of the charity riverboat was conducted. When comparing similar vessels on the market, a fair value of £50,000 was estimated. Had the asset continued to be carried at its historical cost, the net book value on the 30th of April 2022 would have been £40,680.

## 9. Tangible fixed assets

	RESPITE HOLIDAY HOME (short leasehold) £	PLANT AND MACHINERY £	FIXTURES AND FITTINGS £	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT £	TOTAL £
<b>COST AND FAIR VALUE</b>					
At 1st May 2021	360,073	79,476	7,819	9,150	456,518
Additions	-	2,868	6,140	5,946	14,504
Revaluations		(6,500)			(6,500)
Disposals	-	(22,976)	(2,716)	(8,923)	(34,615)
<b>At 30th April 2022</b>	<b>360,073</b>	<b>52,868</b>	<b>11,242</b>	<b>5,723</b>	<b>429,907</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st May 2021	59,206	36,536	7,819	9,150	112,710
Revaluations		(15,820)			(15,820)
Disposals	-	(22,976)	(2,716)	(8,923)	(34,615)
Charge for the year	16,673	2,834	1,228	1,099	21,834
<b>At 30th April 2022</b>	<b>75,879</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>6,330</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>84,109</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 30th April 2022	284,194	52,294	4,912	4,397	345,798
At 30th April 2021	300,867	42,940	-	-	343,807

## 10. Debtors: Amount falling due within one year

	2022 TOTAL £	2021 TOTAL £
Deferred expenses	5,814	41,493
Prepayments	79,452	10,891
Other debtors	10,020	-
Accounts receivables	5,000	46,525
Accrued income	1,500	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,786</b>	<b>98,909</b>

## 11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 TOTAL £	2021 TOTAL £
Independent examiner's fee	3,500	3,500
Deferred income	10,487	87,765
Accrued expenses	525	4,966
Creditors	32,403	7,375
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,915</b>	<b>103,606</b>

## 12a. Movement in funds

	AT 1ST MAY 2021 £	INCOMING RESOURCES £	RESOURCES EXPENDED £	FIXED ASSETS DEPRECIATION £	TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS £	AT 30TH APRIL 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>						
General fund	728,210	707,938	754,424	12,283	21,760	691,201
<b>Designated fund</b>						
Respite breaks	75,000				(75,000)	-
Forecasted deficit	13,499				47,558	61,057
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,499</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(27,442)</b>	<b>61,057</b>
<b>Restricted fund</b>						
Family support activities	144,766	247,584	175,502	9,551	6,463	213,760
Hospital projects	42,366	108,719	102,752		(781)	47,552
Organisational development	-	60,000	-			60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,132</b>	<b>416,303</b>	<b>278,254</b>	<b>9,551</b>	<b>5,682</b>	<b>321,312</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,003,840</b>	<b>1,124,241</b>	<b>1,032,678</b>	<b>21,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,073,570</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 12b. Analysis of net assets between funds

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	DESIGNATED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	TOTAL £
Fixed assets	214,354	-	131,444	345,798
Debtors	101,786	-	-	101,786
Cash at bank	421,976	61,057	189,868	672,901
Creditors	(46,915)			(46,915)
<b>Total</b>	<b>691,201</b>	<b>61,057</b>	<b>321,312</b>	<b>1,073,570</b>

## 13. Staff costs

	SUPPORT STAFF £	FUNDRAISING STAFF £	MARKETING STAFF £	OFFICE AND ADMIN STAFF £	2022 TOTAL £	2021 TOTAL £
Wages and salaries	201,494	132,274	51,314	90,213	475,294	389,754
Social security costs	14,535	7,692	4,362	8,556	35,145	27,292
Pension contributions	5,309	2,386	1,789	4,257	13,741	8,832
<b>Total</b>	<b>221,337</b>	<b>142,353</b>	<b>57,465</b>	<b>103,025</b>	<b>524,180</b>	<b>425,878</b>

The average number of full time equivalent staff during the year was: 14 12  
The number of employees earning between £60,000 - £70,000 were: 1 1

## 14. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

During the year, the following Trustee was reimbursed for expenses paid on behalf of the charity:

Hilary Paxman           £100

There were no Trustee's remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th April 2022.

## 15. Related party transactions

For the year ended 30th April 2022, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer and Head of Finance and HR were identified as related parties. The Founder and Chief Executive's son was recruited as an Event Consultant during the year.

The aggregate donations received from the Trustees in the year were nil (2021 - £319). There were no other transactions with related parties as at 30th April 2022.

# Detailed statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 30th April 2022

## Incoming Resources

	2022 £	2021 £
<strong>VOLUNTARY INCOME</strong>		
Individual donations	97,704	101,594
Schools and community	101,641	130,928
Corporate and companies	205,520	204,085
Sporting and challenge events	108,012	47,073
Income from Trusts and Foundations	41,638	55,872
	<strong>553,885</strong>	<strong>539,551</strong>
<strong>ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</strong>		
Fundraising events	244,671	-
Merchandise sales	808	1,958
	<strong>245,479</strong>	<strong>1,958</strong>
<strong>INVESTMENT INCOME</strong>		
Deposit income	171	226
<strong>INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</strong>	315,386	272,664
<strong>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</strong>	<strong>1,114,921</strong>	<strong>814,399</strong>

## Resources Expended

	2022 £	2021 £
<strong>COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME</strong>		
Individual donations	11,584	5,675
Schools and community	32,472	27,044
Corporate and companies	54,858	44,058
Sporting and challenge events	30,419	10,746
	<strong>129,334</strong>	<strong>87,524</strong>

## Resources Expended cont.

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>COSTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</b>		
Fundraising events	148,545	-
Merchandise sales	-	240
	<b>148,545</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		
Marketing costs	86,543	92,798
Enhancing the healing environment expense	129,545	72,935
Provision of services to support patients and families	314,686	257,483
Running costs of family respite breaks	38,897	35,731
Freelance cost for grant applications	18,123	14,542
Plant and machinery depreciation	2,834	2,260
Short leasehold depreciation	16,673	16,673
	<b>607,300</b>	<b>492,423</b>
<b>GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>		
Independent examiner's fee	3,500	3,500
Legal fees	9,186	4,399
	<b>12,686</b>	<b>7,899</b>
<b>SUPPORT COSTS MANAGEMENT</b>		
Office administration, management and finance	130,304	120,242
Premises and other related costs	21,682	11,038
Fixtures and fittings depreciation	1,228	-
Computer equipment depreciation	1,099	310
	<b>154,313</b>	<b>131,590</b>
<b>FINANCING</b>		
Bank charges	2,334	479
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>1,054,512</b>	<b>720,154</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	9,320	-
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b>69,729</b>	<b>94,244</b>

# Reference and administrative details

## Registered charity number

1106677

## Principal address

11a Creek Road,  
East Molesey,  
Surrey,  
KT8 9BE

## Founders

- Bianca Effemey (Chief Executive)
- Alison Trigg
- Jacqui Coppellotti

## Trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

- Hilary Paxman (Chair)
- Graham Smith (Treasurer)
- Christian Butter
- Mario Bodini
- James Conway
- Victor De Cruz
- Kieron Lynch
- Vanessa Walters
- Alistair Wood (resigned February 2022)

## Auditors

KWSR & Co  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
136 Merton High Street  
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**Thank you to all the fundraisers,  
donors, volunteers, companies,  
schools, community groups,  
trusts and foundations who kindly  
supported us this year.**

**We couldn't do what we do without  
your generosity and support.**



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