

# BABY BANK HERTS

England & Wales · Charity number 1197928

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-02-15

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY WITHIN HERTFORDSHIRE REGION IN UK BY PROVIDING ESSENTIAL ITEMS IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, SHOES, NAPPIES, PUSHCHAIRS AND COTS TO PARENTS/CAREERS IN CRISIS.

**Activities:** Sourcing new as well as second hand donations and distributing them to parents in need within Hertfordshire.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UK
- Hertfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-01	£9,686	£4,002	-	-
2024-06-01	£7,808	£3,931	-	-
2023-06-01	£635	£320	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>AIDA STARTAITE</b>	Chair	2022-02-15
Divya Nayee		2022-02-15
Emma ELizabeth Mason		2025-01-23
Hema Nayee		2025-01-23
Jane Obcena		2022-02-15
Samantha Lauren Rowe		2025-02-20

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# **Baby Bank Herts**

## **Trustees' Annual Report 2024-2025**

### **Objectives and Activities**

Baby Bank Herts exists to relieve child poverty across Hertfordshire by providing essential items to families in need. We support children from birth to teens with clothing, equipment, baby formula, and other necessities. Families are referred to us by professional partners such as health visitors, midwives, social workers, schools, and local charities.

#### **Our objectives are to:**

Alleviate hardship and deprivation among families with children.  
Reuse and recycle quality pre-loved items to benefit the community and environment.

Strengthen collaboration with local referral agencies to ensure help reaches the most vulnerable families.

### **Achievements and Performance**

This year has been a significant period of growth and consolidation for Baby Bank Herts.

**Families supported:** We assisted 3000 families across Hertfordshire, providing essential items including clothing, baby equipment and formula milk.

**Van acquisition:** We acquired a fully electric Mercedes-Benz Sprinter van, donated thanks to the Baby Bank Alliance. The van has transformed our operations, allowing us to deliver larger items, collect donations more efficiently, and reduce our environmental footprint.

**New trustees:** In January 2025, three new trustees joined our board, strengthening governance and bringing skills in fundraising, marketing, HR, finance, and strategic planning. This has broadened our expertise and will help steer the charity into its next phase of growth.

**Community engagement:** We ran successful online fundraising campaigns, strengthened relationships with local donors, and maintained our volunteer numbers.

## **Financial Review**

Income: £9686 (fundraising, grants, and donations)

Expenditure: £4002 (supporting families with formula milk and essentials, running costs of the van, drop-in hub costs, and operational expenses).

**Reserves:** The charity ended the year with a surplus, providing a modest financial cushion for the next year.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity remains financially sustainable and that funds are being applied effectively to achieve our charitable purposes.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Baby Bank Herts is a registered charity governed by a board of trustees who meet regularly to review performance, oversee compliance, and ensure effective delivery of our charitable objectives. Trustees are recruited for their relevant skills and experience, and new trustees are provided with an induction to understand their legal responsibilities.

The charity is run with the support of volunteers, referral partners, and the local community. Day-to-day operations are overseen by the founder and trustees.

## **Plans for the Future**

Looking ahead, Baby Bank Herts is committed to building on this year's successes. Our priorities for 2025-26 include:

Expanding referral partnerships to reach even more families in need.

Growing income streams through grants, community fundraising, and partnerships.

Establishing a new storage hub to better manage donations and improve efficiency.

## **Public Benefit Statement**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes and to relieve child poverty in Hertfordshire.

## **Reserves Policy**

The trustees recognise the importance of building unrestricted reserves to ensure the sustainability of the charity and to protect service delivery in the event of unexpected income shortfalls or increases in demand.

The trustees' aim is to build reserves equivalent to three months of core running costs. This will provide a buffer to cover essential outgoings such as rent, insurance, and basic operational expenses, ensuring continuity of support for families.

Our reserves this financial year are £465 to cover legal costs and van running costs for three months.

Approved by all trustees and signed by the Chair A. Startaite  
15th July 2025



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 02/06/2024	To	Period end date 01/06/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	6,571		-	6,571	2,504
Restricted funds		3,000	-	3,000	-
Cash donations	115	-	-	115	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>6,686</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,686</b>	<b>2,504</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6,686</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,686</b>	<b>2,504</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Misc Other Incl Hall Hires	737				
Drop In Hub Rent	1,392				
Volunteer Exp Incl Corporate	150				
Van Charing & Upkeep	51				
DBS Checks	80				
Toiletries	64				
Charitable Activities	252	-	-	252	-
Website	515	-	-	515	-
Microsoft package	85	-	-	85	-
Formula	1,024	626	-	1,650	-
Travel Systems,Cots,Gates		1,500	-	1,500	-
Insurance	1,795				
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>6,145</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,002</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>6,145</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,002</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>2,504</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-		-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>2,504</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		541	874	-
	Last year	2,504	-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,045</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>A. Startaite</i>	Aida Startaite	15.07.25
<i>J.O.BCENA</i>	Jane Obcena	15.07.25

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# **Baby Bank Herts**

## **Registered Charity Number: 1197928**

### **Annual Trustee Report**

#### **Period: 2 June 2023 to 1 June 2024**

*This report outlines the financial overview, achievements, and impact of Baby Bank Herts during our second year of operation as a registered charity. It highlights our continued commitment to supporting vulnerable families, promoting sustainable living, and addressing child poverty in Hertfordshire.*

### **Overview**

*Baby Bank Herts remains dedicated to its mission of providing essential items to children and families experiencing poverty in Hertfordshire. Over the past year, we have expanded our outreach and impact significantly, with the support of our donors, partners, and community members.*

## **Financial Review**

*In the financial year 2023-24, Baby Bank Herts successfully secured funding to support our key projects:*

*Restricted Funds: £3000 was raised to support the “Safe and Sound Sleeping Project” and a purchase twin/double seated travel equipment.*

*Unrestricted Funds: £4620 was awarded by a trust, supplemented by ongoing donations from direct debits, JustGiving, and individual supporters.*

*The generous contributions of our supporters have allowed us to deliver meaningful support to the families we serve. While in-kind donations (e.g., clothing, bedding, and toiletries) are not included in our financial statements, they remain a crucial part of our service delivery.*

## **Impact**

*This year, Baby Bank Herts supported 2,008 families, a significant increase from the 882 families assisted last year. This growth reflects the growing need for our services and the effectiveness of our outreach efforts. Many of these families include multiple children, amplifying the impact of our support.*

*We have also implemented measures to simplify the referral process, making our services more accessible to families facing barriers. Our expanded network of referral partners has been instrumental in connecting us to those in need.*

## **Community Engagement**

*The success of Baby Bank Herts is deeply rooted in the trust and support of our community. The steady stream of donations from individuals and businesses has been vital in helping us meet the needs of vulnerable families. We are also proud to be an active member of the Baby Bank Alliance, which has provided invaluable guidance, grant support, and opportunities to strengthen our governance and operations.*

## **Looking Ahead**

*Our strategic priorities for the next year include:*

*Recruiting Skilled Trustees:*

*Expanding our board to include expertise in fundraising, finance, marketing, and operations.*

*Enhancing governance to support the charity's growth.*

*Securing Suitable Premises:*

*Raising funds to acquire a dedicated space to store donations and welcome beneficiaries.*

*Developing partnerships with local organisations to support this goal.*

*Recruiting a Paid Charity Manager:*

*Transitioning operations management to a full-time, paid staff member to ensure long-term sustainability.*

## **Reserves Policy**

*Baby Bank Herts operates with minimal reserves, reflecting our focus on directly supporting beneficiaries. For the financial year 2023-24, we have set reserves at £156 to cover essential legal costs. Our lack of premises, loans, or significant financial commitments ensures the sustainability of this approach.*

## **Statement of Trustee Responsibility**

*The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. This includes ensuring that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charity's financial position and comply with the Charities Act 2011.*

*In preparing these statements, the trustees:*

*Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.*

*Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.*

*Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.*

*The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and preventing fraud or other irregularities.*

## **Approval**

*This annual trustee report has been approved on 1 June 2024 by all trustees and signed on their behalf by:*

*Aida Startaite*

*Chair of Trustees*



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 02/06/2023	To	Period end date 01/06/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	4,620		-	4,620	315
Restricted funds		3,000	-	3,000	-
Reserves		188	-	188	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,620</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,808</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,620</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,808</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities	1,100	-	-	1,100	-
Website	36	-	-	36	-
Policy Subscription	42	-	-	42	-
Microsoft package	60	-	-	60	-
Other	1,194	-	-	1,194	-
Mattresses	-	1,500	-	1,500	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,931</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,931</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>315</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>315</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		2,189	1,688	-
	Last year	315	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,504</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>-</b>
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>A. Startaite</i>	Aida Startaite	30.11.2024
<i>J.O.BCENA</i>	Jane Obcena	<b>30.11.24</b>

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## OVERVIEW

This report details our efforts and achievements over the past year which was our first year of operating as a registered charity. We continue to be dedicated to our mission and providing support and supplies to vulnerable families, ensuring that each child has the necessary essentials for a good start in life.

## RELATIONSHIP WITH REFERRAL PARTNERS

We have fostered a strong and trusting relationship with our referral partners, which has allowed us to extend our reach and serve 882 local families facing uncertainty, providing these individuals with clothing, hygiene items, cots and beds.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The trust and support of our community have been instrumental in our success. Our charity is trusted within the community, and this has resulted in a constant supply of donations on demand that enable us to support our beneficiaries effectively. Donations in kind are not currently reflected on our statement, however they represent significant contribution and play a vital role in helping us meet the needs of our beneficiaries.

## VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

One of the most heartening developments this year has been the creation of a volunteer group dedicated to knitting blankets for our youngest beneficiaries. This initiative not only provides essentials for children but also allows our volunteers to socialize and connect with each other. The sense of community and purpose that this group provides has been invaluable, especially considering the challenges of social isolation in recent times. We currently have seven regular volunteers to assist with the fulfillment of sourcing and distributing donations.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW AND ACHIEVING OUR OPERATIONAL STRATEGY GOALS

In our first financial year we raised £635 of unrestricted funds in monetary donations from holding a raffle and cash collections. Charity's expenditure in the past year has been £320.

Despite extremely limited funds and lots of obstacles on a journey opening our first bank account, we are pleased to report that we have successfully met all the objectives of our annual operation strategy this year securing small space to welcome referral partners to collect donations, setting up wear and share a coat stations at local primary schools and two foodbanks,

## LOOKING AHEAD

As we reflect on our successes of the past year, Baby Bank Herts remains committed to its mission, transparency and good governance. We look forward to expanding our board of trustees, recruiting more volunteers, creating more pathways of expanding charity's reach,

## **RESERVES POLICY**

Baby Bank Herts have diligently assessed both the risks and opportunities that lie ahead in the coming year. Taking into consideration these factors, we have collectively agreed upon and established our reserves policy. The policy is designed to ensure the sustainability and resilience of Baby Bank Herts as we continue to serve our community and fulfill our mission.

Baby Bank Herts does not depend on a single event, donation or a grant for any specific expense. Baby Bank Herts does not have any premisses, assets, loans or excessive financial commitments, therefore it's reserves for this year is limited to £315 which will cover our legal expense, our public liability insurance the the following year.

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSABILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Charity law 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, including the income and expenditure, 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 in the Charities SORP; - Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; - State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material 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 operation. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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. 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. In so far as the Trustees are aware: - There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware - The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**THE ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT HAS BEEN APPROVED ON 01/04/2024 BY ALL THE TRUSTEES  
AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF  
BY THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES AIDA STARTAITE**



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 15/02/2022	To	Period end date 01/06/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Cash donations	£357.00	-	-	357	-
Fundraising	278	-	-	278	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	99	-	-	99	-
Domain ( for the website)	8	-	-	8	-
Avertising and marketing	115	-	-	115	-
Storage Boxes and Clothes Rail	87	-	-	87	-
Admin Costs	11	-	-	11	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	A. Startaite	Aida Startaite	01/04/2024