

# DOWNRIGHT PERFECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1200893

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-11-02

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO RELIEVE THE CHARITABLE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS IN DORSET AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS BY THE PROVISION OF, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ADVICE AND SUPPORT, RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS AND FACILITATING ACCESS TO THERAPIES AND RESOURCES.

**Activities:** Downright Perfect supports children and young people with Down's Syndrome and their families in Dorset. Our services include providing information to new parents, running regular groups for pre-schoolers, organising family events and offering financial grants to assist with the cost of accessing therapy services or resources.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Bournemouth
- Dorset
- Poole

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£11,340	£12,356	-	-
2024-03-31	£47,473	£18,181	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Katherine Rose Clark Sevilha</b>	Chair	2026-03-02
Gillian Mary Clark Mrs		2022-05-23
Louise Tumilty-Savage		2025-09-05
PATIENCE MARGARET SAUNDERS		2022-05-23
Roseanna Francesca Paloma Reed		2025-09-05

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# Accounts

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Down's Syndrome Community Group

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
From 1 APRIL 2024 to 31 MARCH 2025**

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## Charity Details

**Charity Name:** Downright Perfect

**Registered charity number:** 1200893

**Registered office:** 38 Russel Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 7HD

**Bankers:** Co-operative Business Bank

## Structure, Governance and Management

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The accounting period for the old charity, 1159214, ran from 28 July to 27 July. The accounting period for the new charity, 1200893, runs from 1 April to 31 March.

The current trustees are:

Emma Louise Cross

Gillian Mary Clark

Patience Margaret Saunders

Claire Oakley

The board meets as and when required during the year but communicates regularly electronically to discuss matters between meetings.

All of the trustees give their time voluntarily and none received any benefit other than that which any other beneficiary would receive. Alongside the trustees the Charity has day to day support from a volunteer, Katherine Clark Sevilha, who acts as the Charities Clerk to Trustees assisting with all matters including administration. The Charity has also built up a team of volunteers who assist at events and a volunteer who makes baby blankets for our New Parent Hospital Packs.

The trustees are continuously seeking input from its beneficiaries to help in their decision making and have done this through seeking feedback and ideas in different formats such as social media, evaluation forms and general discussion at events such as the regular Pre-Schoolers groups. The trustees remain flexible in their planning and have adjusted the focus of their efforts throughout the period as the needs of the Charity's beneficiaries have become apparent. An example of this is the development of parent/carer only events as the need for parents to build relationships with each other in an environment where they were not also caring for their children became apparent.

## Charitable objectives

The object of the CIO is to relieve the charitable needs of children and young people with Down's Syndrome and their families and carers in Dorset and the surrounding areas by the provision of, but not limited to, advice and support, recreational and social events and facilitating access to therapies and resources.

## Public Benefit Statement

In considering its strategy, aims and objectives, Downright Perfect's trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit. The trustees are satisfied that through its primary activities the charity provides identifiable benefits consistent with its charitable objects. The trustees do not consider that these activities produce any identifiable detriment or harm. The trustees are satisfied that any private benefit is incidental to its public benefit activity.

## Aims

Downright Perfect's aim is to support children and young people with Down's Syndrome and their families in Dorset and surrounding areas.

As our understanding of the needs of our members has grown, the trustees have developed a structure to maintain focus on the areas of support the Charity has identified and agreed to support. This structure has also helped us to identify where our focus for strengthening our support should be. A copy of our structure can be found at Annex A.

## Achievements and Future Plans

### Parent Support: Hospital Packs

Hospital packs continue to be distributed by the maternity units at Bournemouth/Poole, Dorchester and Southampton and we have had a number of new members join the charity as a result of having received these packs which demonstrates to us that they are an effective means to reach out to parents when they have their baby.

This year we have been working very hard to build our partnership with University Hospitals Dorset and one of the results of this has been an increased awareness among staff of the Hospital Packs which ensures that they are being properly distributed.

Over the next year, we will be exploring how we can strengthen our relationships with the maternity units in Southampton and Dorchester which will in turn ensure that packs are being given out by staff.

### Parent Support: Information sessions & Peer Support Workshops

Introduced this year, we have held a second online session on early intervention and support with a focus on speech and language development presented by Downs Syndrome Education International attended by 34 parents/professionals.

In October 2024 we ran our second parent only peer support evening which took place in a ceramic painting café. It was attended by 12 parents/carers and provided an opportunity for attendees to talk, connect and seek advice in a calm environment when they were not also caring for their children. This particular event worked well with many attending asking when the next one will be and those who could not attend expressing interest.

After the success of our parent only peer support workshop and the interest expressed by members in this type of event, this year we are exploring other parent only events including a parents wellness day.

### Parent Support: Counselling Grants

Over the last couple of years, the need for formal counselling support for parents has become increasingly apparent. The waitlists for services through the NHS are extensive and the cost of private therapy is prohibitive for most. Accordingly, we have launched a programme of grants to assist with the costs of accessing counselling. A grant from Co-op Community Grants has been received for this purpose and is treated as restricted funds.

### Events: Pre-Schoolers

Our Pre-Schoolers groups are a fundamental part of the services Downright Perfect provides creating opportunities for parent peer support, community building and for children to benefit from playing with each other in a safe and judgement free environment. Attendance at our groups varies between 6 to 20 children including siblings and most attend regularly. We have run 19 Pre-Schoolers sessions in this period. These sessions allow an hour of free play where children can play together and parents can provide each other with peer support. We then have half an hour of more structured time when we do a group story with visual aids and song time where each child gets to choose a song for the group to sing using a props representing nursery rhymes.

### Events: Day trips

This year we held our summer trip at Highmead Community Farm attended by 40 people and Saturday Club sessions. These sessions normally take place during school holidays and/or at weekends so that more people can attend including Dads who we are finding attend significantly less than Mums.

These days out are intended to create opportunities which are members may not otherwise have or struggle with.

Next year we will continue to explore different types of events as we learn what works best for our members. We will also repeat the events that we have done previously that have worked well as we know that familiar venues and set ups are beneficial to our members.

### **Events: Friends & Family**

We believe that it is important to involve wider family and friends in our events where possible. We are aware of situations where the child's diagnosis has not been widely accepted within the wider family and where issues around language and understanding of Down's Syndrome has caused problems within families or friendships. It is our intention that by inviting wider family members and friends to attend some of our events it will help promote inclusion and understanding across all of the adults and other children in their lives.

In this period we have held our annual Christmas party and a World Down's Syndrome Day party in partnership with Shine21.

Trustees have decided not to run a large World Down's Syndrome Day party in 2026 to enable the trustees to explore opportunities for engagement with schools and medical settings around the day.

### **Community Engagement & promoting inclusion: Education & Wider Community**

Before the start of the Autumn school term in 2023 we launched a 'School Book Pack' project which involved our members nominating their child's school to receive a pack of fiction books which feature characters with Down's Syndrome. The aim of this project was to ensure that there are books available in all of our members classrooms with characters like them and to provide teachers with a basis on which to discuss Down's Syndrome with other pupils. With the pack we also provided leaflets on the importance of using the correct language around Down's Syndrome and a poster for their staff room on the same. We also included a letter with an offer for us to deliver a talk to staff on key issues surrounding Down's Syndrome.

In March 2025 we were delighted to be asked to go into a local secondary school, who had chosen us as one of their charities of the year, to give a talk in an assembly to students about Down's Syndrome and the charity. The brief talk was well received and the opportunity to raise awareness of what life today with Down's Syndrome is like to pupils with no knowledge of the facts around the condition felt like a wonderful engagement opportunity. We plan to explore ways that we can do more in this area.

### **Community Engagement & promoting inclusion: Medical**

At the end of our last period we obtained a commitment from the Head of Midwifery at University Hospitals Dorset for them to engage with us and for us to provide training to staff on an annual basis. Over the last year we have completed a numbers of 'walk rounds' of the UHD maternity unit as an opportunity to meet staff and raise awareness of the charity so that they know they can signpost new parents to us. We are extremely proud to have delivered 2 very well attended training session to midwives at UHD which are going to become an annual session for new wives. These sessions discuss language, outdated views on life with down's syndrome and a parents perspective of receiving a diagnosis. On 21<sup>st</sup> March (World Down's Syndrome Day) we featured on BBC South Today for our partnership working with UHD.

This year we have also done a walk around of the paediatric unit at Poole hospital and a talk to Southampton Hospital Cardiac unit.

### **Supporting Development: Financial Grants**

Another key element of our support services is the offer of financial grants to members to assist with the costs of accessing specialist resources and therapies.

In this period the trustees agreed to a sum of £300 per grant and 8 grants have been given in this period.

This year we intend to continue offering these grants which help parents to support their child's development and are increasing the sum per grant to £350. Trustees will review the level of grant and consider if the level can be maintained or increased.

### Supporting Development: Early Development Groups

We continue to explore options as to how we can better support our members development, especially around speech and language. Our trustees do not have the necessary experience/ qualifications to lead these groups themselves and we continue to seek a professional partner to work with to increase the support we offer around early development.

### Feedback

We continue to invite our members to give up feedback on the service we provide and invite input on ways we can increase the support we offer.

Some examples of the feedback received this year can be found at 'Annex: Feedback'.

### Financial Review

The accounts filed are for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

When deciding upon the financial strategy for the year, the trustees reviewed the feedback received from members, the types of support that we want to ensure that we can continue to provide and the ways in which we want to increase or improve our services.

Having regard to the above considerations, the trustees set a budget set a budget anticipating a c.£7k loss; however, our actual loss has been £1k. The trustees have been delighted that income of £11k which has been a result of a number of successful grant applications and the generosity and support in fundraising efforts from the charities beneficiaries.

### Policy on reserves

During this year the Charity has maintained a Reserves Policy explaining that reserves of £18,400 are kept being the basic costs of providing our core services for 12 months.

The Charity is currently holding £28,292 being £9,892 more than our current Reserves Policy. In view of our plans to improve our development support, which will involve set up costs and costs of regularly paying professional therapists, the trustees have taken a conservative approach to spending in anticipation of these increased costs. Once the trustees know what these costs will be, the Reserves Policy will be reviewed to reflect these increased operating costs and the reserves position reviewed generally.

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:



Full name: Emma Louise Cross

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date:

7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Signature:



Full name: Patience Saunders

Position: Trustee

Date:

7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## ANNEX: FEEDBACK

### **What do you believe the charity is doing well and what could the charity do differently to better support your child?**

Excellent at raising the profile of the charity and educating medical staff. Also great at organising special events and providing a wide range of activities. Particularly good at supporting younger children with DS. Perhaps could provide a few more activities for older children

The regular preschooler groups are a great chance to meet with other parents, get support and develop friendships. The big events, like the Christmas party and WSDS party are incredible - you put so much effort in to make sure they are smooth, accessible and affordable.

DP are supporting local families, especially with having the preschoolers group to welcome families when baby first arrives and also advocating for change with health care professionals. A lot is happening and I don't know how you all do it!

I like that the charity supports maternity services with the delivery of a diagnosis. And would love it if they could branch out to offer support to Paediatrics.

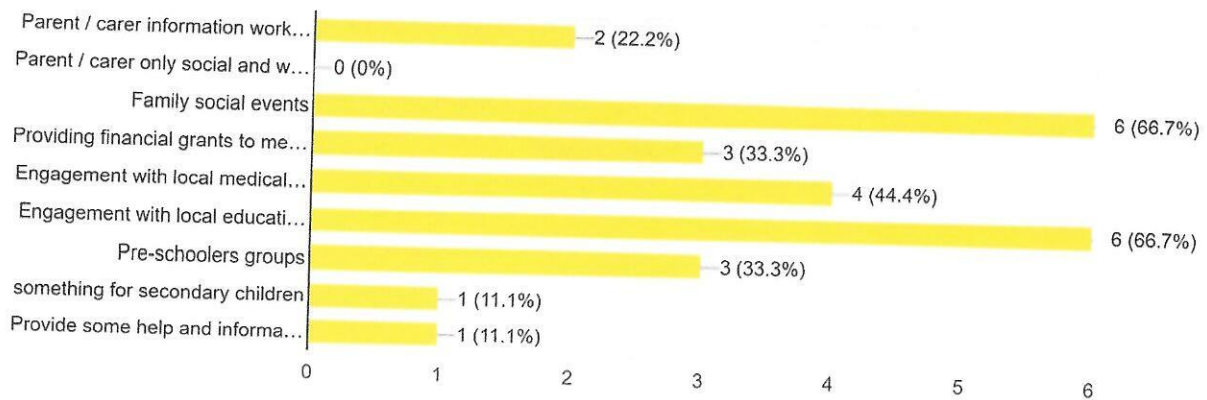
Lots of support and help for new parents of babies born with Downs Syndrome. Lots of events for more able children with Downs

charity is very creative and forward thinking - it would be nice to try and get older children together for events

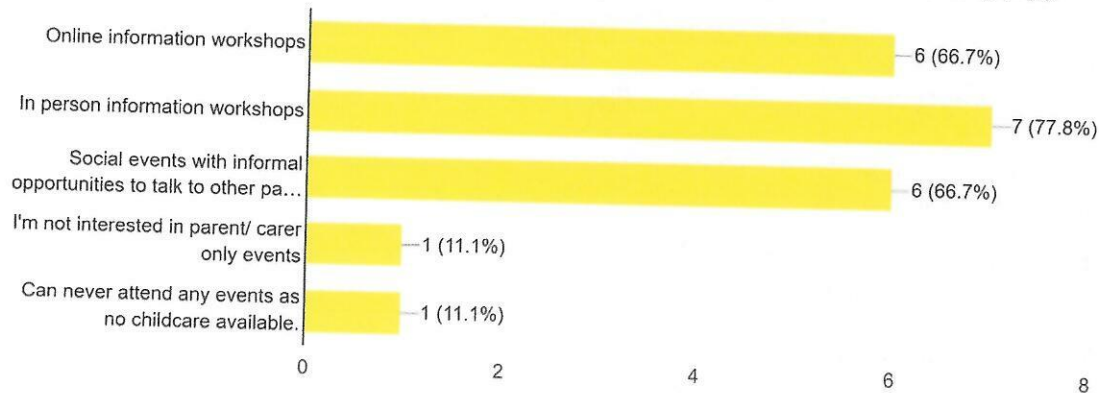
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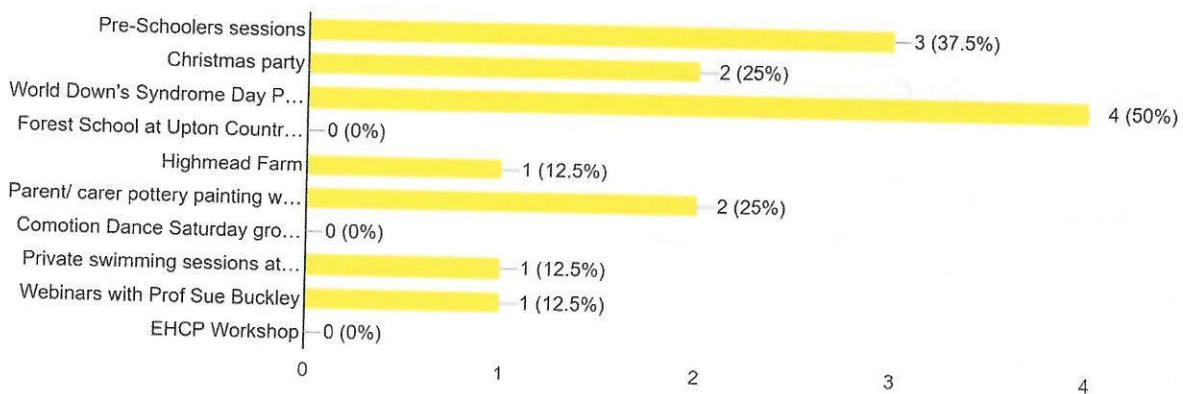
### **What would you like the charity to focus its time and funds on? (select max of 3 answers)**



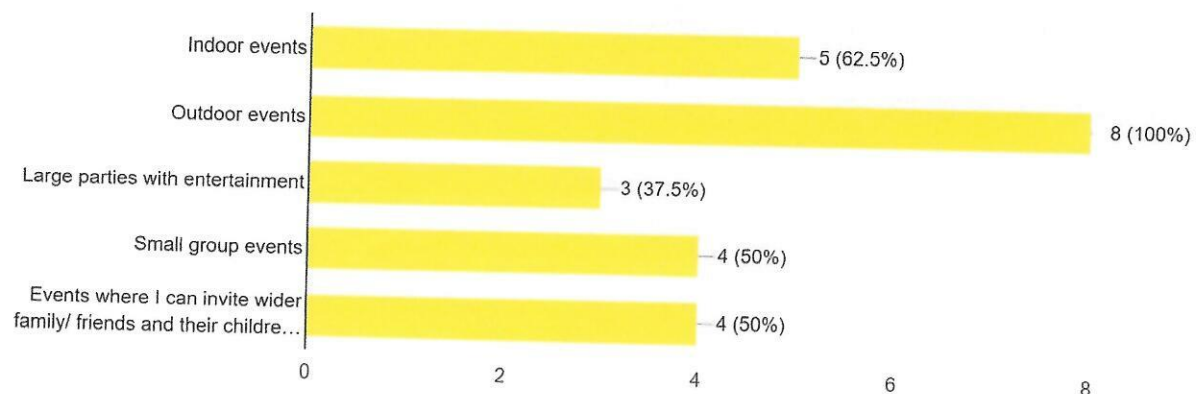
**What type of parent/ carer only events do you prefer? (select all that apply)**



**What has been your favourite event the charity has run? (select max 2 answers)**



**What type of events do you prefer? (select all that apply)**



**What do you think of the ticket prices for DRP events?**



## How has the charity helped you?

Offered support when I was in hospital

Support

By enabling us to meet up with other families and providing support to parent/carers.

Linked to Q1 - the comms with Emma and welcome pack we received in Ronald was fab and meant I knew when we eventually went home we'd have support/our new gang. Huge help around making changes for families with educating and empowering healthcare staff / supporting chief complainer over here! I've made friends who "get it" in a safe space and Oliver will grow up with buddies with extra chromosomes as well as buddies without - that's important.

not directly , but it gives me peace of mind that younger people with DS are well supported

The charity has helped me meet and develop friendships with other parents. This makes us feel part of a community. We can get support on the hard days and joke about things when we can. It's good to meet people who understand what you're going through and care about you and your family. Emma, Katherine, Claire and all the other volunteers are always so helpful and welcoming.

It's really helpful to be in touch with other local parents to anticipate things for the future like access to education.

Have previously very kindly been given gift vouchers to buy sensory toys for Ben and also been sent Christmas vouchers

100% supportive

## What does having a local group mean to you?

It's important to feel not alone and have support.

Was much better when my son was younger

It means a lot as it means we're able to get to know other families in a similar situation and be able to share information and give and receive advice.

PADS are great but the local element of DP is much more personal (again, linked to other answers!) and a part of our daily (perhaps weekly?!) life

its good to know a group is advocating in the local area

It means we have a community- we have support and understanding from people who have similar experiences.

When Ben was small really enjoyed the monthly meet-ups local to us, as Ben has got older his additional diagnoses make meeting up really difficult.

To meet other families with us children

It's really important, links for parents, grandparents and children

### **What are the challenges you have faced or are currently dealing with?**

None at the moment, but have had problems with Paediatrics taking me seriously when discussing Jasper

Safety

Challenging behaviour from child with DS but also from sibling due to having a sibling with DS.

Poor handling of diagnosis. Feeling like I'm going into battle whenever I need to advocate for O. The services seem to be there but it's just hard work eg booking the Covid jab - that's a local admin thing, all they needed to do was email round all surgeries /hospital etc so everyone knew where/how to book but instead I spent weeks (multiple times) going round in circles. Portage is great locally but the red tape is frustrating because other LA's have it from day 1 until school unlike the eight weeks here. Nothing new that I'm saying but better to support all the way rather than need to play catch up when there's a delay...! Biggest one I think, linked to advocating, is trying to word things so that I'm exploring what O needs whilst not telling people how to do their jobs - I don't expect them to know everything, they can't, but listen to me or look it up eg early doors I asked GP about the blood test for increased chance of leukaemia - he said there is no test to predict if you'll have it. He didn't know so that was that - nevermind the guidance oh and don't get me started on the guidance around low thresholds for antibiotics and infection "that's not a thing". Yes it is! Ok sorry, ragey ragey.

struggling to make friendships in (sen) school and in the down syndrome community, due to being an only child, and having communication challenges

Health problems - planned operations and acute admissions.  
Not being sure for education decisions for the future.

Moving into adult services and losing all the people we know in terms of doctors, CAMHS support, social workers all at the same time is really difficult. Also sorting out financial benefits etc is so complicated with little to no help

Applying for school and EHCP

How to support our grandchild in the way to benefit him

### **Do you have any ideas for what the charity could do or have any other comments?**

Perhaps by providing more advice re financial help and benefits available and providing a platform for sharing information about practical support eg. holiday clubs or other support available.

Thank you so much for all you do. You do a fantastic job !! Events are always so well-organised in a professional way. Thank you!

Just a huge thank you for all you do, we appreciate you all so much and you're genuinely making the world a better place for people with DS and their families. I've ticked include wider family/friends for events above as we have a few friends desperate to support by coming along but I'm mindful sometimes we need it as just the gang.

try to organise get togethers - maybe at the Treehouse - just for children with DS (to invite a range of ages).

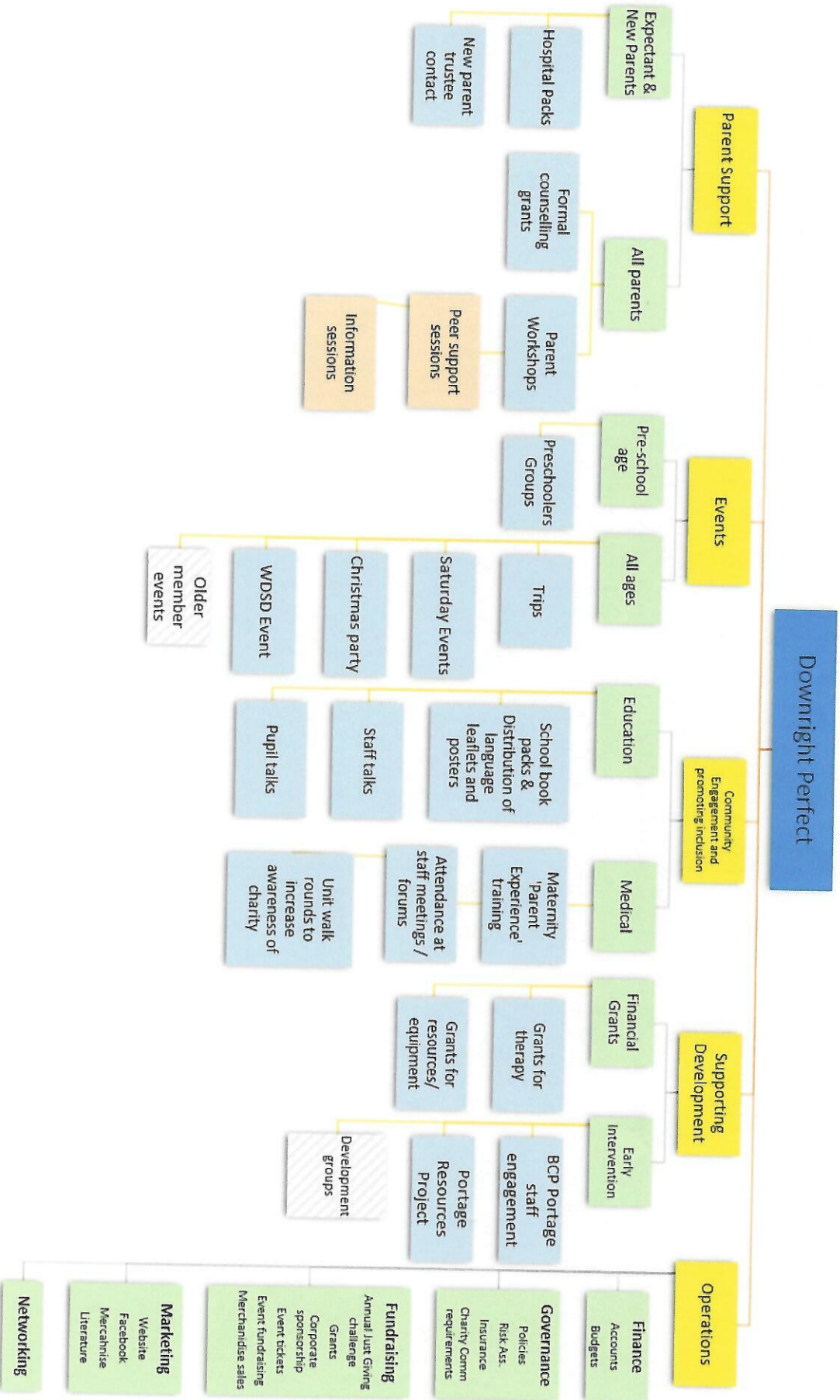
It would be helpful to know if any local solicitors or financial planners have experience with wills and trusts for dependents.

It would also be helpful at preschoolers to learn some more sign language if that's possible.

Music experience, maybe Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra small ensemble put on a short performance (they do community work). Or other small groups.

# ANNEX: STRUCTURE

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**DOWNRIGHT PERFECT**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

**Charity  
No.  
1200893**

For the period from	01.04.2024	31.03.2025
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Transfer from charity 1159214	-	-	-	33473
Fundraising	4370	0	4370	5118
Donations	3651	0	3651	2102
Grants	2300	375	2675	5387
Event sales (tickets and awareness merchandise)	644		644	1392
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>10965</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>11340</b>	<b>47473</b>

<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10965</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11340</b>	<b>47473</b>
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**Payments**



Bank charges	0	0	0	51
Governance	148	0	148	0
Xero software fees	168	0	168	0
Website / email	107	0	107	721
Volunteer expenses inc travel	204	0	204	170
Stationery / postage	205	0	205	92
Training	60	0	60	175
Awareness stock	395	0	395	934
Marketing / literature	761	0	761	1202
Fundraising expenses	523	0	523	169
New parent hospital bags	559	0	559	21
Parent support (inc events)	675	0	675	547
Pre-Schooler / Sat Club	0	1175	1175	1980
Resources / equipment	1368	20	1389	1620
Other initiatives (inc. sensory bags)	121	0	121	220
Engagement initiatives	432	0	432	0
School book packs	0	0	0	806
Other events (inc hospitality)	220	0	220	618
Annual Grand Day Out	405	0	405	812
Xmas (last years figure is for 2 parties)	1002	0	1002	1904
WSDS 2024	287	0	287	0
WSDS 2025 (last years figure is for 2 parties)	1751	0	1751	2378
Financial Grants	1462	0	1462	2977
Counselling Grants	0	0	0	180
Sundry	308	0	308	604
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11161</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>12356</b>	<b>18181</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>11161</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>12356</b>	<b>18181</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-196</b>	<b>-821</b>	<b>-1016</b>	<b>29.291.71</b>
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Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	25015	4277	29292	0
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>24819</b>	<b>3457</b>	<b>28276</b>	<b>29,291.71</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank account	24819	3457
	Petty cash	0	0
		0	0
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>24819</b>	<b>3457</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b> N/A	Unrestricted funds to nearest £ -	Restricted funds to nearest £ -
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b> N/A	Cost (optional) -	Current value (optional) -
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b> Soft play blocks, ball pit, foldaway playhouse and foam mats	Cost (optional) -	Current value (optional) -
	Various resources/toys used for pre-schoolers groups and other events	-	-
	Sound system	-	-
	Various awareness merchandise	-	-
	See & Learn packs	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b> N/A	Amount due (optional) -	When due (optional)
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Date of approval
		Emma Louise Cross	28/04/2025
		Patience Saunders	28/04/2025

## Notes

### 1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in accordance with the guidance of the Charity Commission using the Receipts and Payments basis.

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In accordance with Charity Commission guidance, following the conversion to a CIO, the first set of accounts covered the period 2 November 2022 to 31 March 2023. These accounts are now in line with our financial period but the figures for the last financial year are for the longer period referred to above and are not therefore a reliable comparison.

## **2. Restricted funds**

The CIO has received the following grants which have been awarded for a particular purpose and are therefore treated as restricted funds.

Tesco Groundworks Grant of £1625 (£1250 received last financial year at £375 this year) for the running costs of Pre-Schoolers Groups and the purchase of some group resources. £429.50 of this grant was spent last year and the balance of the grant, £1195.50, has been this year.

Co-op Community Grant of £3761.60 for supporting the mental health of parents through the provision of counselling was received in 2023/24. £180 of this grant has been used leaving a balance of £3581.60.

## **3. Loans**

During the year the CIO did not have a loan in place and;

- no one agreed to pay a loan if the CIO could not ('under guarantee')
- no loan was secured against the CIO's assets

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The first charity trustees were appointed to the CIO upon its registration as follows:

Emma Louise Cross for 4 years

Gillian Mary Clark for 3 years

Patience Margaret Saunders for 2 years

Marianne Mackenzie-Brown for 2 years

Angela Mackenzie-Brown for 1 year

On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May A Mackenzie-Brown and M Mackenzie-Brown respectively resigned as trustees and on 31 May 2023 Claire Oakley was appointed as a trustee. In accordance with clause 10 of the Constitution, Claire's appointment was made by resolution at a trustee meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023. Claire was approached to become a trustee following her expressing a general interest in the activities of the Charity and in view of the skills and knowledge she has as a paediatric nurse and as a CQC hospital inspector. Claire was provided with introductory documents including the Constitution, past minutes and the charity's policies as well as the Charity Commission's trustee guidance documents.

The board meets as and when required during the year but communicates regularly electronically to discuss matters between meetings.

All of the trustees give their time voluntarily and none received any benefit other than that which any other beneficiary would receive. Alongside the trustees the Charity has day to day support from a volunteer, Katherine Clark Sevilha, who acts as the Charities Clerk to Trustees assisting with all matters including administration. The Charity has also built up a team of volunteers who assist at events and a volunteer who makes baby blankets for our New Parent Hospital Packs.

When the current trustees took over the Charity (1159214) in May 2022, the Charity had become fairly inactive and the previous trustees had proposed to close it. As such, the current trustees essentially started from scratch and continue to explore different types of support and activities to establish the best means of achieving the Charity's objectives. The trustees are continuously seeking input from its beneficiaries to help in their decision making and have done this through seeking feedback and ideas in different formats such as social media, evaluation forms and general discussion at events such as the regular Pre-Schoolers groups. The trustees remain flexible in their planning and have adjusted the focus of their efforts throughout the period as the needs of the Charity's beneficiaries have become apparent. An example of this is the development of parent/carer only events as the need for parents to build relationships with each other in an environment where they were not also caring for their children became apparent.

## Charitable objectives

The object of the CIO is to relieve the charitable needs of children and young people with Down's Syndrome and their families and carers in Dorset and the surrounding areas by the provision of, but not limited to, advice and support, recreational and social events and facilitating access to therapies and resources.

## Public Benefit Statement

In considering its strategy, aims and objectives, Downright Perfect's trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit. The trustees are satisfied that through its primary activities the charity provides identifiable benefits consistent with its charitable objects. The trustees do not consider that these activities produce any identifiable detriment or harm. The trustees are satisfied that any private benefit is incidental to its public benefit activity.

## Aims

Downright Perfect's aim is to support children and young people with Down's Syndrome and their families in Dorset and surrounding areas.

As our understanding of the needs of our members has grown, the trustees have developed a structure to maintain focus on the areas of support the Charity has identified and agreed to support. This structure has also helped us to identify where our focus for strengthening our support should be. A copy of our structure can be found at Annex A.

## Achievements and Future Plans

### Parent Support: Hospital Packs

This year 20 hospital packs, which provide key information to parents and introduce them to the Charity, have been provided to maternity units in Dorchester, Poole and Southampton hospitals. The hospitals have agreed to distribute the packs and we have had a recent commitment from University Hospitals Dorset in this regard.

Over the next year, with the roll out of training at UHD, we hope that we will be able to make further progress with getting engagement from other hospitals to ensure that all staff are aware of the packs.

### Parent Support: Information sessions & Peer Support Workshops

Introduced this year, we have held an in person session on Education, Care and Healthcare plans presented by The Rainbow Centre and attended by 15 parents and an online session on early intervention and support presented by Downs Syndrome Education International attended by 48 parents/professionals. We saw benefit in both face to face and online training with online training meaning that education professionals working in the settings our members attend could join and hear the same information as parents.

In March 2024 we ran our first parent only peer support evening which took place in a ceramic painting café. It was attended by 12 parents/carers and provided an opportunity for attendees to talk, connect and seek advice in a calm environment when they were not also caring for their children. This particular event worked well with many attending asking when the next one will be and those who could not attend expressing interest.

After the success of our first parent only peer support workshop, this year we will be running another ceramic painting evening and will discuss with parents ideas for other parent only events they would like us to organise.

We will continue to be alert to topics on which parents would like training and look at ways we can provide the same including, but not limited to, Signalong training which we have already had requests for.

### Parent Support: Counselling Grants

During the course of this year, the need for formal counselling support for parents has become increasingly apparent. The waitlists for services through the NHS are extensive and the cost of private therapy is prohibitive for most. Accordingly, we have launched a programme of grants to assist with the costs of accessing counselling. A grant from Co-op Community Grants has been received for this purpose and is treated as restricted funds.

## Events: Pre-Schoolers & Saturday Club

Our Pre-Schoolers groups are a fundamental part of the services Downright Perfect provides creating opportunities for parent peer support, community building and for children to benefit from playing with each other in a safe and judgement free environment. Attendance at our groups varies between 6 to 15 children including siblings and most attend regularly. We have run 21 Pre-Schoolers sessions in this period (13 from April 2023 to March 2024) and 6 Saturday Club sessions.

This year we have worked hard to put together themes for the sessions to ensure that those attending get the most out of the groups and to keep them engaging. These themes have been carefully put together based on the ages of the children who attend and the difficulties that our members encounter. We have also taken our Pre-Schoolers on the road with sessions held at the David Lloyd Club in Poole to use their softplay and also to Moo Music for a sensory music sessions. These sessions have taken place in the afternoons so that those who cannot attend the normal morning sessions have the opportunity to join in.

During the year we received feedback that there were a number of parents who would like to attend but are not available on Mondays when the sessions take place. The trustees have therefore introduced termly Saturday Club sessions often with input from professionals providing music and movement.

We plan to continue to run these sessions staying alert to the needs of those attending and adapt the sessions accordingly. For example, the current cohort of children are starting to engage more with imaginative play which is a key development step and we will therefore be looking at purchasing more roleplay based resources for use in groups.

## Events: Day trips

During this year we have introduced day trips which have included 3 trips to a local community farm, 2 exclusive use swimming and soft play sessions and a 'Grand Day Out' to Adventure Wonderland. These sessions normally take place during school holidays and/or at weekends so that more people can attend including Dads who we are finding attend significantly less than Mums.

These days out are intended to create opportunities which are members may not otherwise have or struggle with. For example, by hiring out a swimming pool for exclusive use, we can limit the numbers in attendance to reduce the noise and create a judgement free safe space.

Next year we will continue to explore different types of events as we learn what works best for our members. We will also repeat the events that we have done previously that have worked well as we know that familiar venues and set ups are beneficial to our members.

## Events: Friends & Family

We believe that it is important to involve wider family and friends in our events where possible. We are aware of situations where the child's diagnosis has not been widely accepted within the wider family and where issues around language and understanding of Down's Syndrome has caused problems within families or friendships. It is our intention that by inviting wider family members and friends to attend some of our events it will help promote inclusion and understanding across all of the adults and other children in their lives.

In this period we have held 2 Christmas parties and 2 parties to celebrate World Down's Syndrome (these are annual events but 2 have fallen within this period due to the extended accounting period).

Trustees intend to review the regularity of events due to the amount of time these events take to organise but will continue to organise at least one event a year which is open to wider family and friends.

## Community Engagement & promoting inclusion: Education & Wider Community

Before the start of the Autumn school term in 2023 we launched a 'School Book Pack' project which involved our members nominating their child's school to receive a pack of fiction books which feature characters with Down's Syndrome. The aim of this project was to ensure that there are books available

in all of our members classrooms with characters like them and to provide teachers with a basis on which to discuss Down's Syndrome with other pupils. With the pack we also provided leaflets on the importance of using the correct language around Down's Syndrome and a poster for their staff room on the same. We also included a letter with a offer for us to deliver a talk to staff on key issues surrounding Down's Syndrome.

The uptake from parents was good with 22 packs being requested but to date we have only had one request for a talk which we have delivered and which was very well received.

We have also produced and delivered a talk to a local Care Home who have subsequently nominated us to be their charity of the year.

We continue to accept nominations and will give it focus in advance of the start of the school year in September. This year our focus is going to be on engagement with medical professionals but will continue to consider ways to increase engagement with educational settings.

### **Community Engagement & promoting inclusion: Medical**

Save for agreements to distribute our New Parent Hospital Packs, we have found it difficult to obtain engagement from medical professionals and yet we continue to receive reports from our members of the use of inappropriate language, diagnostic overshadowing and negative experiences surrounding diagnosis. During the early stages, these experiences can frame the parents' attitude and feelings towards their child's diagnosis and it is clear that our local medical professionals would benefit from considering a parents perspective.

We have very recently obtained a commitment from the Head of Midwifery at University Hospitals Dorset for them to engage with us and for us to provide training to staff on an annual basis. In the forthcoming year we will be focusing of producing a quality session for medical professionals on the parents perspective of receiving their child's diagnosis of Down's Syndrome and we will then be offering this training to other hospitals and medical settings.

### **Supporting Development: Financial Grants**

Another key element of our support services is the offer of financial grants to members to assist with the costs of accessing specialist resources and therapies.

In this period the trustees agreed to a sum of £300 per grant and 13 grants have been given in this period (9 within the financial year).

This year we intend to continue offering these grants which help parents to support their child's development. Trustees will review the level of grant and consider if the level can be maintained or increased.

### **Supporting Development: Early Development Groups**

It remains our intention to set up formal Early Development Groups run by suitably trained volunteers or professionals. Similar groups operate in other parts of the country and provide vital specialist intervention that is not provided in the UK through medical or education services. We have sought advice from groups who operate such sessions and are exploring options available to ensure that these sessions are effective as possible.

## **Feedback**

This year we have introduced event specific feedback forms as well as more general feedback forms to enable people to give us feedback on the support we offer as a whole. These forms can all be completed anonymously to encourage people to give both positive and negative feedback wherever they wish.

Some examples of the feedback received this year can be found at 'Annex: Feedback'.

## Financial Review

The accounts filed are for the period 2 November 2022 to 31 March 2024 as a result of our conversion to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Our accounts for this period show the transfer of funds from the previous charity 1159214 of £33,473 on 5 April 2023 as approved by the Charity Commission.

When deciding upon the financial strategy for the year, the trustees kept in mind three key considerations. First, with the charity having become inactive until May 2022 and embarking on a relaunch with a new team in place, the trustees recognised that raising funds with no following, reputation, contacts or accounting records it would be challenging to raise funds from fundraising, donations or grants. Second, upon taking over the trustees received very little in the way of resources and it was therefore anticipated that resources and equipment would need to be purchased to enable the charity to meet its objectives. Third, in order to work out what forms of support our beneficiaries need, there would be benefit in trialling different projects some of which would require additional costs to set up.

Having regard to the above considerations, at the beginning of the period the trustees set a budget anticipating a c.£13k loss; however, our actual loss has been £4,182. The trustees have been delighted that income of £14k has been received rather than the anticipated £4k which has been a result of a number of successful grant applications and the generosity and support in fundraising efforts from the charities beneficiaries.

There is still work to be done to increase awareness of the charity in our local community but this financial period has shown us the potential financial security of the charity achieved with the current strategy of building member and community support as well as seeking grant support for specific projects.

## Policy on reserves

During this year the Charity has maintained a Reserves Policy explaining that reserves of £8,845 are kept being the basic costs of providing our core services for 12 months.

The Charity is currently holding £25,015 being £16,170 more than our current Reserves Policy. In view of our plans to establish formal Early Development Groups, which will involve set up costs and costs of regularly paying professional therapists, the trustees have taken a conservative approach to spending in anticipation of these increased costs. Once the trustees know what these costs will be, the Reserves Policy will be reviewed to reflect these increased operating costs and the reserves position reviewed generally.

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: 

Full name: Emma Louise Cross

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Signature: 

Full name: Patience Saunders

Position: Trustee

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

# ANNEX: FEEDBACK

## Preschoolers:

What would you like more or less of at the groups? I.e. do you prefer just free play or do you like having a group story / activity

4 responses

I like the themes/group activity. I appreciate these take extra effort. But it makes them more engaging for my eldest (sibling). And creates a bit more energy in the room I feel. I think it's also nice to have time to chat and go to the sensory room.

I like a mixture of both. More therapies and input from professionals would be great.

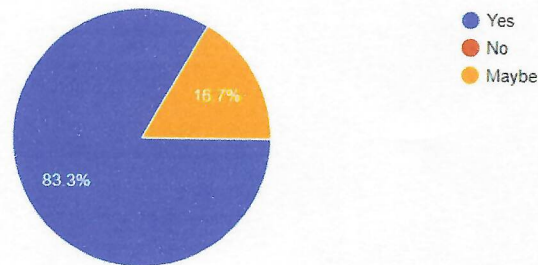
I have only attended a few times but I've thoroughly enjoyed the mix of free play and structured activities

I like having a group story/activity near the beginning and then a chance for free play and adults to chat. It's nice to bring everyone together and then break off :)

Would you be interested in attending group Early Development sessions with a therapist?



6 responses



What benefit do you get from attending the groups?

4 responses

Socialising with other parents. I've developed supportive relationships from people who understand some of our challenges. I love that the other parents get excited about our milestones - it's really genuine and is just lovely. I've learnt practical things too from other parents. My youngest engages with the activities and socialises with people.

The opportunity to chat with other parents either about practical challenges and how they tackled these or just to have someone understand when you are going through a tough time.

Meeting new parents, love the location and facilities

It's a safe space with others who understand life with a child with DS. The support is huge and I'd be in a very different place without finding the group and charity as a whole. We're making friends and becoming a community that is important for both the adults and our little ones as they grow up. I spoke to a friend of a friend who lives in Kent and she said their services don't always volunteer what's on offer eg hydrotherapy - when she mentioned it at physio they said "oh yes! We'll book you on!" and she wouldn't have found that out without meeting others locally. It's almost like a networking and info sharing/comparing opportunity!

### Any other comments?

6 responses

We used to love coming and still like to come for the events on other days when we can but Mondays clash with preschool now unfortunately

I think it's great that your activities are free or subsidised - I think this helps to make them accessible for all.

The preschoolers groups are really beneficial and give an opportunity for our children to play in a safe space where you won't be judged and have the support of others.

I wish I could attend more frequently but understand you have to go with what works for the majority

The sensory room is fab, a massive plus to the venue. Thank you all for everything you do, we appreciate you all so much :)

Re early development sessions - we're doing ok with CDC and portage stay and play but I know not everyone can attend or access those easily so I think it would be beneficial in general. We are doing PADS PEGS this term and the videos are fab but I've not found the zooms to be great - in person locally would be good!

We live on Portland. I have ticked I can't get to southbourne. I can, it's just a challenge. I would LOVE an early development group and very keen on any groups that are more central or west, but will do out best in the mean time to get to southbourne when we can.

## High Mead Community Farm Day Trips:

What did you like about the event?

5 responses

A lovely time, very relaxed visit to the farm and able to chat to other members easily. Very well organised and safety taken seriously with volunteers manning the gates and Katherine greeting us on arrival. Scavenger hunt was great! Huge thank you to team DP!

Different activities for kids , treasure hunt (Jamie favorite part) chicken feeding (Alex favorite part) coffee and sweets (mine favorite) ... I like the fact that the farm was inclusive of kids with different disabilities and give them chance to do some work, spend time out with animals

Very welcoming team members. The event was also very relaxed, Martha could take things at her own pace so she really engaged and enjoyed herself.

Relaxed, easy to find place, marquee

You were made to feel welcome it was very well organised with activities for all ages. We thoroughly enjoyed the day.

What could have been better at the event?

4 responses

N/a

The farm was a little rustic, not exactly a surprise but there were a few trip hazards etc for upcoming event they were organising.

Printed itinerary for the feeding timings, but not really necessary

Nothing

Would your child benefit from any adaptations at our events which would make them more accessible to them? E.g. Doesn't like loud music, requires a quiet breakout space

4 responses

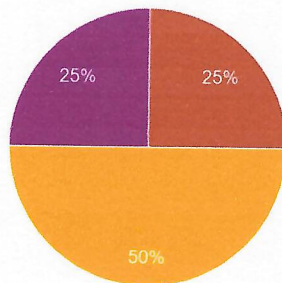
No

Not required at this stage

Martha prefers smaller groups where there is less noise etc

What is most important to you when attending an event?

4 responses



- Food / refreshments provided
- Ticket price
- Exclusive use of the venue for the group
- Availability of a quiet breakout area
- I prefer events for small groups
- I prefer events for large groups
- Whether the event is taking place in an enclosed space
- Likely noise levels
- Type of event

What type of events would you like Downright Perfect to organise in the future?

3 responses

Similar to these or shows (Alex loves them)

Hands on events such as these, particularly during the school holidays. Information sharing events eg Salt, Physio etc

This kind

Any other comments?

3 responses

Thank you very much, we are so grateful to everyone who makes the events and group happen and life would be very different without the support of DP.

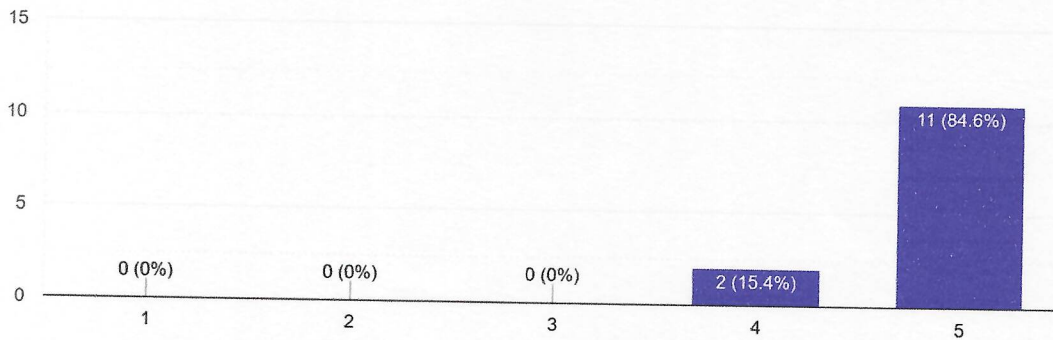
Thank you for organising, we had fun

It was great to reconnect with Downright Perfect after a bit of an absence.

**World Down's Syndrome Day Family Party:**

Overall did you enjoy the party?

13 responses



Please let us know your thoughts on the party generally

13 responses

Lovely having different areas for kids, well organised, only thing was not much to eat gluten free but everything else fab

Brilliant

Was really lovely, the venue was great with so much space it didn't feel overwhelming. The entertainment was fantastic esp the facepainter who was so kind to us. We loved the stalls too.

Lovely! incredible organization, everything really was made with heart!

It was very well organised. Lovely and spacious with lots going on to keep everyone occupied

Welcoming, friendly, and fun

Well organised, everyone was very friendly.

Very well organised

So grateful for all the thought, time and efforts put into making such a lovely event, thank you! we liked that there were different "areas" (the chill out zone was still quite loud as near the hall), very well planned and great to have the timetable beforehand. I'd spoken to a friend who went last year and said it was "a lot" with both groups, not necessarily a bad thing but had we not been prepared I think it could have been overwhelming. Just in terms of the number of people. I loved that there were so many young people there because they have something in common and yet the wouldn't know, our extended family children wouldn't know they didn't have that "common" thing, it was inclusive and beautiful.

Good space within the venue, it was lovely to see different families and kids.. good entertainment and prizes.

So much effort and plenty for all kids to do

We had a really lovely time and it was well organised. Thank you!

Loved the party and plenty for the children to do. Bella loved having her face painted, balloons and the entertainment

Please let us know your thoughts on the entertainment. Is there anything you would like to see at future events?

8 responses

Perfect entertainment.

Very nice, it was lovely to see all the children engaged and enjoying themselves!

Everything was great fun especially the chill out room amazing idea. We didn't get a chance for face painting as we're not told there was a list to put your name on. Personally I would love a bubble entertainer.

Lots of variety

I think the DJ could have been a little quieter but that's just personal! Something for the really little ones would be great, very happy in the soft play but a mini session like something like the Saturday clubs would be good

Plz have a look at commotion dancing (run by DFC) ... overall it was a good mixture, Alex loved it

Perhaps oarty games and kids on the mic if they like - builds their confidence and they celebrate themselves. Also a great memory for them and family

Really good entertainment. The kids loved the balloon modelling and dancing. Face painter was great but a long queue. Maybe a craft station for those interested would be good - playdough, drawing.

Is there anything we can do or facilities that we could provide to improve your child's experience when attending an event such as this?

5 responses

For us, this was really good.

Cant think of anything that weren't there already.

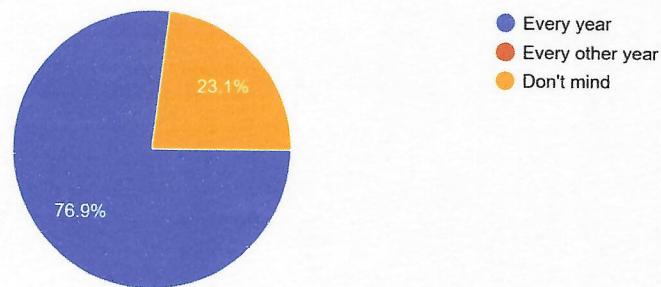
No

Think everything was great

It was perfect foe us

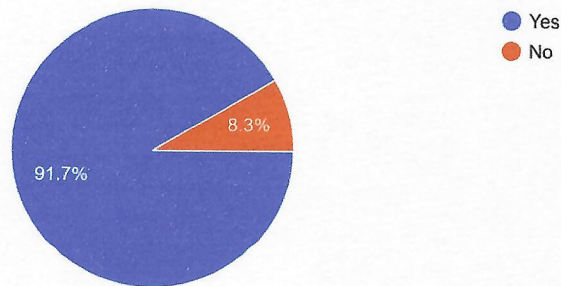
Would you like to have a party every year for World Down's Syndrome Day or would prefer it to take place every other year?

13 responses



Would you like us to put together an initiative to provide information to schools about Down's Syndrome in the lead up to WSDS?

12 responses



Do you have any suggestions on how we could celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day in the future?

5 responses

Maybe have a summer celebration at a beach somewhere

If the weather is right perhaps an event like this outside in nature..!

Keep doing what you are doing

That was the first one I have attached and really enjoyed it

Think what you already have is perfect

So many older kids not present - are they getting to know about the party?

## General:

What do you believe the charity is doing well?

2 responses

Lots of varied events mixed with regular meetings and relevant parent only workshops.

Organisation of events including Saturdays which gives optional for those who can't attend in weekdays.

Arranging guest speakers with issues relating to DS .

Parents can apply for financial help, which is fair based on needs and fair application process

What could the charity do differently to better support your child?

2 responses

Maybe a resource location for key info - EHCP documented advise, key contacts etc

Not sure

What would you like the charity to focus its time and funds on?

2 responses



How has the charity helped you?

2 responses

Reliable social group, informative workshops

Social events, chance to meet other parents, professional advice, grants

What does having a local group mean to you?

2 responses

Really invaluable to be able to chat informally with other parents who are going through similar processes.

Sense of community which can offer support, friendship, feelings of inclusion

What are the challenges you have faced or are currently dealing with?

2 responses

EHCP, accessing therapists through NHS, securing a school place.

Inclusion of our children in normal family environment

Any other comments

2 responses

Thank you. Keep up the great work!

Thank you for being active, for improving the service and help you already provide



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**DOWNRIGHT PERFECT**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

**Charity  
No.  
1200893**

**For the period  
from**

**02.11.2022**

**31.03.2024**

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Transfer from charity 1159214	33,473	-	33,473
Fundraising	5,118	-	5,118
Donations	2,102	-	2,102
Grants	500	4,887	5,387
Event sales (tickets and awareness merchandise)	1,392	-	1,392
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>42,586</b>	<b>4,887</b>	<b>47,473</b>

<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>42,586</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>4,887</b>	<b>47,473</b>
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**Payments**

Bank charges	51	-	51
Website / email (domain 2 years, website 3 years, email 1 year)	721	-	721
Volunteer expenses inc travel	170	-	170
Stationery / postage	92	-	92
Training	175	-	175
Awareness stock	934	-	934
Marketing / literature	1,202	-	1,202
Fundraising expenses	169	-	169
New parent hospital bags	21	-	21
Parent support (inc events)	547	-	547
Pre-Schooler / Sat Club	1,550	430	1,980
Resources / equipment	1,620	-	1,620
Other initiatives (inc. sensory bags)	220	-	220
School book packs	806	-	806
Other events (inc hospitality)	618	-	618
Annual Grand Day Out	812	-	812
Xmas 2022	705	-	705
Xmas 2023	1,199	-	1,199
WDSO 2023	990	-	990
WDSO 2024	1,388	-	1,388
Financial Grants	2,977	-	2,977
Counselling Grants	-	180	180
Sundry	604	-	604
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,571</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>18,181</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>17,571</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>18,181</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>25,015</b>	<b>4,277</b>	<b>29,292</b>
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Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>25,015</b>	<b>4,277</b>	<b>29,292</b>

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



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank account	25,015	4,277
	Petty cash	-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>25,015</b>	<b>4,277</b>

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

Categories	Details	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	N/A	-	-

Categories	Details	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Soft play blocks, ball pit, foldaway playhouse and foam mats	-	-
	Various resources/toys used for pre-schoolers groups and other events	-	-
	Sound system	-	-
	Various awareness merchandise	-	-
	See & Learn packs	-	-

Categories	Details	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	N/A	-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Date of approval
		21/06/2024
		21/06/2024

## Notes

**1. Accounting Policies**  
The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in accordance with the guidance of the Charity Commission using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The Charity was previously an unincorporated association registered under number 1159214. An application was made to convert the Charity to a CIO and on 2 November 2022 a new charity number 1200893 was registered and on 5 April 2023 the assets of charity 1159214 were transferred to new CIO number 1200893.

The accounting period for charity 1159214 ran from 28 July to 27 July. The accounting period for charity 1200893 runs from 1 April to 31 March.

In accordance with Charity Commission guidance, following the conversion to a CIO, these accounts are for the period 2 November 2022 (being the date the CIO was registered) to 31 March 2023. This is therefore the first accounting period for charity 1200893 and accordingly no figures for the previous financial year are shown.

## **2. Restricted funds**

The CIO has received the following grants which have been awarded for a particular purpose and are therefore treated as restricted funds.

Tesco Groundworks Grant of £1500 (£1250 received to date) for the running costs of Pre-Schoolers Groups and the purchase of some group resources. £429.50 of this grant has been used leaving a balance of £820.50 of the grant monies received to date.

Co-op Community Grant of £3761.60 for supporting the mental health of parents through the provision of counselling. £180 of this grant has been used leaving a balance of £3581.60.

## **3. Loans**

During the year the CIO did not have a loan in place and;

- no one agreed to pay a loan if the CIO could not ('under guarantee')
- no loan was secured against the CIO's assets

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Downright Perfect, charity number 1200893**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Downright Perfect (the CIO) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: *Steve Place*

Name: Steve Place

Address: 54 West Street, Wareham, BH20 4JZ

Date: 23 September 2024