



music as therapy
international

Annual Report 2024

Music as Therapy (Reg. Charity No. 1070760) was originally formed under a Trust Deed dated 17th June 1998 and achieved charitable status on 29th July 1998. In 2021 the charity's Trustees approved the decision to contemporise its governance by changing its structure to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), a process which took 3 years to complete. It is of note that the Trustees also welcomed the enhanced legal status a CIO provides to enable better Trustee protection through limited liability.

The ultimate governance vision was that *Music as Therapy* would merge with *Music as Therapy International* (CIO) in 2025, taking on all assets and activities (including all partnerships, contracts and personnel linked to the delivery of activities).

To work towards this, the key objective for the CIO in 2024 was governance focused with an initial milestone being the registration of the CIO *Music as Therapy International* (Reg. Charity No. 10208086) with the Charity Commission on 1st May 2024.

The Trustees met throughout 2024 to monitor progress towards the CIO taking on the responsibilities of the registered charity, to ensure the structural change to a CIO would guarantee the continued fulfilment of the activities of *Music as Therapy*, support future strategic plans and maintain its effective operations in 2025.

The Objects for which the CIO was established for the benefit of the public were defined as follows:

- 1) To support and enhance good health and to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by offering inclusive opportunities to prevent [or reduce the likelihood of] people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society through:
 - a) The targeted use of music, with particular emphasis on strengthening opportunities for social engagement;
 - b) The provision of training, resources and support for individuals working in the healthcare, education and social care sectors; and
 - c) The advancement of the education of the public concerning music therapy and the targeted use of music within care.

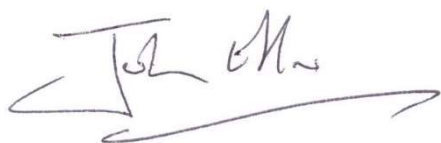
For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of disability, illness or social injustice.

- 2) Such other exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the trustees of the charity may in their absolute discretion determine.

By the end of the year, the CIO was ready to receive all assets and to take over the operations of *Music as Therapy* and, in doing so, begin fulfilling its Objects and effecting Public Benefit from 1st January 2025. A new

bank account with CAF Bank had been agreed (due to be opened on 2nd January 2025). However, in 2024 the CIO did not receive any income nor incur any expenditure, as shown in the accompanying Annual Accounts. All costs relating to the establishment of the CIO and preparations for the merger in this financial period were administered through Music as Therapy (Reg. charity no. 1070760) and reported to the Charity Commission through the charity's separate Annual Report and Accounts on 22nd May 2025.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 23rd May 2025 and signed on their behalf by

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John Ellis Esq
Chair of the Trustees

2nd June 2025

MUSIC AS THERAPY INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024		2024
	GBP £	
Current Assets		0
Outstanding Lodgements		0
Current Liabilities		0
Net Assets		0

Analysis of Charity Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Activity Generated Funds	Total
Opening balance at 1st January 2024	0	0	0	0
Cash income in year	0	0	0	0
Cash expenditure in year	0	0	0	0
Closing Balance at 31st December 2024	0	0	0	0

Summary	2024
Cash balance at 1st January	0
Gain/Loss	0
Cash balance at 31st December	0