

# THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 274327

## Details

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Other names	THE LINACRE CENTRE TRUST, THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE, THE LINACRE CENTRE FOR HEALTHCARE ETHICS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1977-10-24
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO APPLY THE INCOME FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING THE CATHOLIC RELIGION BY PROVIDING TRAINING OR GUIDANCE OR OF CO-OPERATING IN THE PROVISION THEREOF TO ASSIST THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN OR CONCERNED WITH THE PRACTICE OF HEALTH CARE AND THE APPLICATION OF THE BIOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES TO SOLVE AND TO DEAL WITH ANY MORAL QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE IN THE COURSE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL DUTIES IN THE LIGHT OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE AND TO BRING CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES TO BEAR IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR WORK.

**Activities:** A Roman Catholic academic institute that engages with the moral questions arising in clinical practice and biomedical research. The Centre engages in scholarly dialogue. It contributes to public policy debates and to debates and consultations within the Church. It runs educational programmes for, and gives advice to, Catholics and other interested healthcare professionals & biomedical scientists.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	-	-	-	-
2023-12-31	£120,518	£158,168	-	-
2022-12-31	£169,256	£200,365	-	-
2021-12-31	£127,670	£197,974	-	-
2020-12-31	£332,975	£220,264	-	-
2019-12-31	£205,757	£203,139	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
CATHOLIC TRUST FOR ENGLAND & WALES		

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity No. 274327**

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2023**

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# THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2023  
TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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**Charity Name:** The Anscombe Bioethics Centre

**Other names the charity is known by:**

The Linacre Centre Trust (old name)

The Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics (working name)

**Registered charity number:** 274327

**Principal address:** 82-83 St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1RA

**Name of the charity trustee who manages the charity:**

Catholic Trust for England and Wales

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees):**

N/A

**Names and addresses of advisors:**

Independent Examiner

GBJ LLP

Sterling House

27 Hatchlands Road

Redhill RH1 6RW

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members:**

**List of Governors:-**

- Chair - Dr Thomas Finegan BTh MA PhD
- Vice-chair - Very Rev Dr Robert Gay OP BSc PhD STB (to March 2023)
- Vice-chair - Prof John Haldane KCHS FRSE FRSA (from April 2023)
- Hon Treasurer - Dr Gavin Jarvis MA MA PhD VetMB FHEA MRCVS
- The Rt Rev Kevin Doran BA STB MA
- The Rt Rev John Keenan LLB BTh STL (from October 2023)
- The Rt Rev John Sherrington MA STL
- Prof James Arthur BA MSc DPhil OBE
- Dr Stephen Barrie BA MA PhD
- Mr Justin Bozzino MA GradDip
- Prof Patricia Casey MD FRCPI FRCPsych
- Mr Anthony Horan BA LLB DipLP (from October 2023)
- Dr Bernadette Kiely MB BCh BAO DCH MRCPI
- Dr Pia Matthews BTh MA MA PhD FHEA
- Mr Chris Whitehouse MA KCSG (from February 2023)

**Chief Executive Officer: The Director of the Centre:-**

- Prof David Albert Jones MA MA MSt DPhil FHEA

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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**Type of governing document:** Trust Deed

**How the charity is constituted:**

The Centre is constituted by a Trust Deed date 4 April 1977, amended 27 February 2006, 23 June 2010, and 19 October 2018. The Catholic Trust for England and Wales is sole corporate trustee of the Centre. The Centre is governed by a Board of not more than 15 Governors appointed by the Trustees, including two representatives each from the Episcopal Conferences of England and Wales, of Scotland, and of Ireland.

**Trustee selection methods:** N/A

**Additional governance issues:****Trustees' Responsibilities:**

Trust 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 Centre and of the surplus or deficit for the year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Centre will continue in existence

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Centre and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Centre and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Governors undertake the above responsibilities on behalf of the Trustees.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

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The Anscombe Bioethics Centre is a Roman Catholic academic institute that engages with the moral questions arising in clinical practice and biomedical research. It brings to bear on those questions principles of natural law, virtue ethics, and the teaching of the Catholic Church, and seeks to develop the implications of that teaching for emerging fields of practice. The Centre engages in scholarly dialogue with academics and practitioners of other traditions. It contributes to public policy debates as well as to debates and consultations within the Church. It runs educational programmes for, and gives advice to, Catholics and other interested healthcare professionals and biomedical scientists.

**Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects:**

- The Board of the Centre held four regular meetings over this period during which consideration was given to the work, challenges and opportunities for the Centre.
- Staff organised and helped deliver a day on Medical Ethics with Religious Dimensions at the Medical School of the University of Sunderland. The Centre delivered a lecture/seminar series on bioethics at St Mary's College, Oscott and co-hosted a series of seminars on Catholic medical ethics for healthcare students together with the KCL Guy's Campus Chaplaincy. The Education and Research Officer also delivered a series of lectures on bioethics at Blackfriars Hall. Staff gave a further 9 conference papers, delivered a further 14 lectures, seminar presentations and educational talks and participated in 7 other conferences, symposia or seminars.
- In this period, staff submitted 9 pieces in peer review journals or chapters in academic books of which three were published and three were accepted for publication. Centre staff also produced

a regular monthly digest in addition to 16 press statements and 16 popular publications including letters in the *Guardian*, *Herald Scotland* and *The Times*.

- The Centre provided 13 written or oral submissions to consultations by professional or parliamentary bodies. Among these was the appearance of the Director before the Irish Parliament, the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Assisted Dying. The Director also contributed to a Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology POSTbrief on 'Human embryo-like models', recorded a video for a public engagement on the '14-day rule' for embryo experimentation by UKRI Sciencewise, and responded to the HFEA consultation on 'Modernising the regulation of fertility treatment and research involving human embryos'.
- On 23 June 2023 Professor Roberto Andorno gave the Anscombe Memorial Lecture on 'Assisted Suicide, Autonomy and the Common Good' at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford. Professor Andorno is a Privatdozent of biomedical law and bioethics at the University of Zurich, and was previously the president of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare from 2014 to 2016.
- Staff collaborated with other organisations to further the mission of the Centre. These engagements included academic research, teaching and dialogue with Oxford University, especially but not only through Blackfriars Hall, work with St Mary's University in Twickenham and with Notre Dame University, Australia as well as the University of Sunderland and other universities. Collaborations also encompassed Catholic, ecumenical and interfaith engagement with the Pontifical Academy of Life, COMECE (the organization for Catholic bishops' conferences within the European Union to engage with the EU), and the Christian Medical Fellowship. Centre staff also contributed to the work of the Ministry of Defence Research Ethics Committee, the Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, the Society of Apothecaries and the Bios Centre. The links of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre with St Mary's College Oscott were strengthened in 2023 as the Education and Research Officer at the Centre was appointed Dean of Philosophy at Oscott.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

- As a result of this activity, approximately 1,200 people were able to attend talks or presentations given by or facilitated by the Centre during this period. The Centre seeks feedback on events to improve future quality and so has some evidence of impact as well as reach. For example, 'the talk was wonderfully informative, and very well received', 'a fascinating session and opened our eyes to many questions', 'incredible feedback from the event this morning', 'students found the content really fascinating and quite challenging and are looking forward to doing some further reading... in light of all you discussed'.
- Staff being published 3 times in *The Times* within a year, as well as being interviewed on Radio 5 Live and in the *Mail on Sunday* raised the profile of the Centre. The combined potential reach of these publications and appearances is roughly 2,150,000 based on daily circulations / subscriptions / viewing figures. While some publications, such as *BMJ Rapid Response* and *JME Forum*, have smaller circulation, they have a good reach among doctors and academics.
- One accomplishment to highlight in the Centre's educational provision is the bioethics course at St Mary's College, Oscott which was enhanced in 2023 by a grant from ECLAS (Equipping Christian Leaders in an Age of Science) as part of its 'Science for Seminaries' initiative. This enabled seminarians to hear directly from scientists and clinicians on scientific aspects of stem cell therapies, abortion and maternal health in Africa, mechanism of action of contraception, management of gender dysphoria in minors, care of critically-ill children, and organ

Transplantation. It also enabled a half-day symposium on 'Pandemic Vaccination: Safety, Efficacy, and Scientific Literacy' with Dr Dominic Kelly (Oxford Vaccine Group), Dr Gavin Jarvis (Associate Professor of Analytical Pharmacology, Medical School of the University of Sunderland), Professor David Paton (Chair of Industrial Economics, Nottingham University Business School).

- Our website received 22,097 views in 2023, the Centre's Facebook page has 1,562 'likes' by the end of 2023, a total of 6,288 views on the Centre's YouTube channel, and 1,927 Mailchimp subscribers.
- The Centre has an Academic Review Panel, consisting of Professor Jonathan Herring of the University of Oxford, Professor Alasdair MacLulich of the University of Edinburgh and Professor Margaret Somerville of the University of Notre Dame, Australia, whose remit is to provide the Governors with an independent assessment/review of the Centre's academic performance over the previous year. Commenting on the activities of 2023, they stated that, 'The range of collaborations is impressive and speaks to the opportunities that could arise or be made to increase outputs and the academic and public profile of the Centre. For example, the research on Voluntary Assisted Dying and palliative care with collaborators in Australia is important and impressive... Issues around euthanasia, in particular, are set to play centre stage in political and public debates. The high quality and important outputs of the Centre are an essential part of the discourse and deserve even greater prominence.'

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW

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### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:**

The Governors have designated part of the reserves of the Centre as retained donated capital to provide a permanent source of investment income. From 1 June 2004, the educational development fund was released to funds for general purposes. The Governors consider that the remaining unrestricted reserves are sufficient to provide adequate working capital.

### **Details of any funds materially in deficit: N/A**

### **Further financial review details:**

In June 2022, the Governors held an Extraordinary General Meeting to identify cost-savings, and to consider and implement both short and longer term fundraising strategies. In October 2022 the Governors agreed a three-year strategic plan (2023 to 2025) to provide greater emphasis on, and to direct resources towards, ensuring the medium-to-long term financial security of the Centre. This resulted in an annual deficit in 2022 which was half of that in 2021, outperforming budget expectations set for that year.

In line with these plans, in 2023 the Centre contracted a consultancy to assist in fund raising. The focus was not on immediate fundraising for 2023 but was to improve financial security in the short-to-medium term through international partnerships with organisations and through growing a network of supportive individuals. The Centre thus spent £10,697 on fundraising in 2023 which was 6.8% of its total expenditure. Overall in 2023 the Centre was in deficit by £36,679 which was covered by its reserves.

With regarding to existing funds, the Governors have considered the most appropriate policy for investing resources and have found that a combination of common investment funds for charities and cash deposit accounts meet their requirements for security and for generating income and capital growth.

The Charity does not make direct grants to other charitable bodies or to individuals.

DECLARATION

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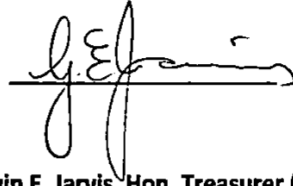
The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures



Prof. David Albert Jones, Director



Dr Gavin E. Jarvis, Hon. Treasurer (from Jan 2023)

Date

25/10/24

25/10/24

# THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

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We report on the accounts of the Centre for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

GBJ LLP

Chartered Accountants  
Independent Examiners

Date ~~25~~ October 2024

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**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and expenditure</b>					
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations		49,342	-	49,342	59,577
Grants received		68,691	-	68,691	108,693
Investment income		2,485	-	2,485	946
Activities for generating funds:					
Sale of publications		-	-	-	40
Conferences		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<b>120,518</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,518</b>	<b>169,256</b>
<b>Costs of generating funds:</b>					
Cost of printing and purchasing publications for resale		-	-	-	-
Fundraising expenses		10,697	-	10,697	-
Conferences expenses		794	-	794	34
		<b>11,491</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,491</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Net Incoming resources available for charitable application</b>		<b>109,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,027</b>	<b>169,222</b>
<b>Charitable expenditure:</b>					
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:					
Salaries		84,993	-	84,993	112,269
Staff pension costs		6,760	-	6,760	9,745
Staff expenses		8,277	-	8,277	6,219
Rent, insurance and light & heat		7,803	-	7,803	18,508
Telephone		349	-	349	311
Library books and equipment		21	-	21	38
Office supplies		1,357	-	1,357	1,691
Website costs		900	-	900	11,676
Entertaining		478	-	478	132
		<b>110,938</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,938</b>	<b>160,589</b>
Management and administration:	2	35,739	-	35,739	39,742
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>146,677</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,677</b>	<b>200,331</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>158,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158,168</b>	<b>200,365</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>(37,650)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(37,650)</b>	<b>(31,109)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Fixed assets revaluation	3	-	-	-	-
Change in market value of investments	4	971	-	971	(3,537)
<b>Net movement in Funds</b>		<b>(36,679)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(36,679)</b>	<b>(34,646)</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2023		604,877	22,036	626,913	661,559
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2023</b>		<b>568,198</b>	<b>22,036</b>	<b>590,234</b>	<b>626,913</b>

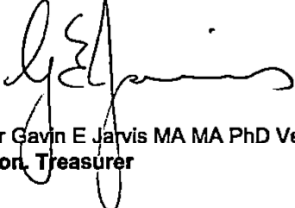
The notes on pages 10 -13 form part of these accounts

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	3		300,000		300,000
Investments	4		30,756		29,785
Deposits			<u>25,471</u>		<u>25,471</u>
			356,227		355,256
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		16,037		16,037	
Debtors	5	45,423		20,155	
Bank current accounts		180,682		241,976	
Cash in hand		<u>5</u>		<u>5</u>	
		242,147		278,173	
<b>Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	6	<u>(8,140)</u>		<u>(6,515)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			234,007		271,658
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>590,234</u>		<u>626,914</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
Designated funds	7		33,586		33,586
General fund			<u>534,612</u>		<u>571,292</u>
			568,198		604,878
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
	8		22,036		22,036
			<u>590,234</u>		<u>626,914</u>

Approved by the Governors on 25/10/24 and signed on their behalf by:

  
Dr Gavin E Jarvis MA MA PhD VetMB FHEA MRCVS  
Hon. Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 -13 form part of these accounts

## THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) as applied to smaller charities.

##### 1.2 Income and Expenditure

No account is taken of income accrued or promised but not received with the exception of amounts receivable for the sale of publications and bank interest. Expenditure incurred but not paid is included in the financial statements.

Grants received comprise major donations from private trusts and other funds.

##### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment	25% on cost
Library books	Revalued at each year end

##### 1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at their market value on the accounting date.

##### 1.5 Stock

Stocks of publications intended for resale or complimentary distribution are valued at cost after providing for damaged or unsaleable items.

##### 1.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

2	Administrative expenses	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds		
		2023	2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
	Wages and salaries	17,890	-	17,890	19,202
	Staff pension costs	1,355	-	1,355	1,595
	Rent, insurance and light & heat	3,344	-	3,344	7,932
	Office supplies	689	-	689	725
	Appeal expenses	1,742	-	1,742	2,535
	Telephone	149	-	149	133
	Legal and professional	5,500	-	5,500	3,125
	Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-
	Accountancy	3,352	-	3,352	3,270
	Governors' meetings	223	-	223	113
	Governors' expenses reimbursed	1,231	-	1,231	645
	Bank charges	264	-	264	467
	Depreciation on office equipment	-	-	-	-
		<u>35,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,739</u>	<u>39,742</u>

Total emoluments of employees (including both administration and research) during the year ended 31 December 2023 were £113,684 (2022 - £135,035). One employee's emoluments totalled between £60,000 and £80,000. The average number of employees during the year was 4 (2022: 4).

**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	Office equipment £	Library books £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2023	43,444	300,000	343,444
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>43,444</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>343,444</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2023	43,444	-	43,444
Charge for the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>43,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,444</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>

Library books were valued as at 31st December 2023 by the Governors at market value.

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>4</b>	<b>Fixed asset investments</b>		
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
	<b>Listed Investments</b>		
	Brought forward from previous year	29,785	33,322
	Disposals	-	-
	Change in market value	971	(3,537)
	<b>Market value at the end of the year</b>	<u>30,756</u>	<u>29,785</u>
	<b>Historical cost</b>	<u>30,058</u>	<u>30,058</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Debtors</b>		
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income	45,423	20,155
		<u>45,423</u>	<u>20,155</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
	Accruals and other creditors	8,140	6,515
	Deferred income	-	-
		<u>8,140</u>	<u>6,515</u>
<b>7</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>		
		<b>Balance at 1</b>	<b>New des-</b>
		<b>January 2023</b>	<b>ignations</b>
		£	£
		<b>Utilised/</b>	<b>Balance at 31</b>
		<b>released</b>	<b>December 2023</b>
		£	£
	Retained donated capital	33,586	-
		-	-
		<u>33,586</u>	<u>33,586</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**8 Restricted Funds**

	<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses/ Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Education Officer Fund	36	-	-	36
Fundraising Fund	22,000	-	-	22,000
	<u>22,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,036</u>

The assets making up the restricted funds at the end of the financial year comprised cash at bank of £22,036 (2022: £22,036).

**9 Pension costs**

The charity pays contributions for staff pensions to pooled defined contribution pension schemes operated by insurance companies. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the funds and amounted to £8,115 (2022: £11,339) including payments from restricted funds.

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# Accounts

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**Charity Name:** The Anscombe Bioethics Centre

**Other names the charity is known by:**

The Linacre Centre Trust (old name)

The Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics (working name)

**Registered charity number:** 274327

**Principal address:** 82-83 St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1RA

**Name of the charity trustee who manages the charity:**

Catholic Trust for England and Wales

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees):**

N/A

**Names and addresses of advisors:**

Independent Examiner

GBJ LLP

Sterling House

27 Hatchlands Road

Redhill RH1 6RW

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members:**

**List of Governors:-**

- Chair - Dr Thomas Finegan BTh MA PhD
- Vice-chair - Very Rev Dr Robert Gay OP BSc PhD STB
- Hon Treasurer - Dr Stephen Barrie BA MA PhD
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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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**Trustee selection methods:** N/A

## **Additional governance issues:**

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- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Centre will continue in existence

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Centre and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Centre and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Governors undertake the above responsibilities on behalf of the Trustees.

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## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

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The Anscombe Bioethics Centre is a Roman Catholic academic institute that engages with the moral questions arising in clinical practice and biomedical research. It brings to bear on those questions principles of natural law, virtue ethics, and the teaching of the Catholic Church, and seeks to develop the implications of that teaching for emerging fields of practice. The Centre engages in scholarly dialogue with academics and practitioners of other traditions. It contributes to public policy debates as well as to debates and consultations within the Church. It runs educational programmes for, and gives advice to, Catholics and other interested healthcare professionals and biomedical scientists.

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects:**

- The Board of the Centre held four regular meetings over this period during which consideration was given to the work, challenges and opportunities for the Centre.
- Centre staff delivered or facilitated, either face-to-face or online, 65 lectures, seminars and talks including sets of lectures or seminars in collaboration with St Mary's College Oscott, and with KCL Guy's Campus Chaplaincy in addition to lectures, seminar presentations and talks to university chaplaincies, schools, and other audiences. Staff also engaged as participants in a further 6 such events.
- The Centre also co-hosted a series of half-day conferences on 'Catholics in Health and Social Care: ethics and practice', together with St Mary's University Twickenham and the Bios Centre. This was offered three times, in London, in Edinburgh and online and attracted over 200 people across the three events.

- The Centre continued to publish briefing papers on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, with papers on 'The Principle of Autonomy: Does it Support the legalisation of euthanasia and assisted suicide?' (8 April 2022); 'Disability and Assisted Suicide: Elucidating some key concerns' (30 August 2022) and 'Suicide Prevention: Does legalising assisted suicide make things better or worse?' (8 November 2022). In 2022, Centre Staff had academic work published in five peer-reviewed journals: *BJPsych Open*; *European Journal of Health Law*; *Journal of Ethics in Mental Health*; *Stimmen der Zeit*; and *The Thomist* and had chapters in edited volumes published by Routledge and by Oxford University Press. Five out of seven of these publications concerned euthanasia or assisted suicide.
- On 10 September 2022, which was World Suicide Prevention Day, the Centre hosted a conference on 'Suicide Prevention and Assisted Suicide: legal, clinical and ethical perspectives' at Blackfriars in Oxford. Speakers included Professor Brian Mishara, Professor Jonathan Herring, Professor David Paton and Dr Anne Doherty. The Director of the Centre spoke on 'Assisted Suicide and Suicide Prevention: the arguments'.
- The Centre also engaged in policy debates, commented publicly, and submitted written or oral evidence in governmental and professional consultations on 6 occasions. The Director acted both as an expert contributor and as an external reviewer for the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology *POST Brief* on 'Assisted Dying'. The *POST Brief* cites six different works authored or co-authored by the Director, a peer-reviewed journal article written by the Education and Research Officer of the Centre, three Anscombe briefing papers, and papers by four of the six speakers who spoke at the Anscombe Bioethics Centre Conference on 10 September 2022. This was a greater contribution by far than that of any other individual or body.
- Staff collaborated with other organisations to further the mission of the Centre. These engagements included academic research, teaching and dialogue with Oxford University, especially but not only through Blackfriars Hall, work with St Mary's University in Twickenham and with Notre Dame University, Australia as well as with Georgetown University, the University of Sunderland and other universities. Collaborations also encompassed Catholic, ecumenical and interfaith engagement with the Pontifical Academy of Life, COMECE (the organization for Catholic bishops' conferences within the European Union to engage with the EU), and the Christian Medical Fellowship. Centre staff also contributed to the work of the Ministry of Defence Research Ethics Committee, the Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, the Society of Apothecaries and the Bios Centre.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

- As a result of this activity, approximately 1,100 people were able to attend talks or presentations given by or facilitated by the Centre during this period. The Centre seeks feedback on events to improve future quality and so has some evidence of impact as well as reach. For example, 'both the content and tone were enlivening', 'a really successful presentation', 'the students are very positive about your input and eager to see the pdf and PowerPoint', 'you really connected with them'.
- In 2022, the Centre's website was subject to a major refresh for the first time in more than ten years. This has made the site more attractive and interactive and enhanced its accessibility. Unfortunately a glitch led to data on website activity not being collected from April 2022 through to the end of the year, though this problem has now been rectified. In relation to Facebook likes and YouTube viewings, in 2022 these increased from 12,789 to 42,796 and from 2,503 to 15,440 respectively. The most popular videos were a discussion of COVID Vaccines and an interview first broadcast on BBC Radio on the Archie Battersbee Case.

- In addition to academic writing, staff also published more popular articles and gave interviews or were cited in a variety of Catholic print and online media including *The Tablet*, *Catholic Herald*, *Crux*, *Aleteia*, *Catholic World Report*, *National Catholic Register* and the *Catholic News Service*. These are among the English-speaking Catholic media outlets with the widest online reach. Centre Staff also published on a variety of bioethics platforms including *MercatorNet* and *Bioedge*, as well as in secular publications such as the *Telegraph*. Of particular note was an article written by the Director on why 'The End of Roe Doesn't Need to Bring an Increase in Maternal Mortality'. This was published in *The New York Times* in the wake of the historic overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. *The New York Times* has 9.3 million paying subscribers and in 2022 the digital version had an average of 145 million unique visitors each month.
- On 10 August 2022, the Director drafted and circulated an Open Letter to the World Medical Association in relation to the revision of its International Code of Medical Ethics. The letter was received by the Secretariat of the WMA and AMA ahead of a meeting in Washington on 11-12 August 2022. It was signed by 144 academics and clinicians at this point and by over 350 by the time of the WMA AGM on 5 October 2022. This letter contributed to the decision of the WMA not to require doctors with a conscientious objection to refer patients for procedures that the doctor considers unethical. The WMA is a membership organization with 116 members including the BMA.
- The Centre has an Academic Review Panel, consisting of Professor Jonathan Herring of the University of Oxford, Professor Alasdair MacLulich of the University of Edinburgh and Professor Margaret Somerville of the University of Notre Dame, Australia, whose remit is to provide the Governors with an independent assessment/review of the Centre's academic performance over the previous year. Commenting on the period October 2021 to December 2022, they stated that 'The academic publications during the relevant time period have been highly impressive, both in terms of the quantity and in terms of their quality. They have covered a wide range of subjects. These include euthanasia and related ethical issues at the end-of-life, in parenthood and treatment of persons with disabilities. Other subjects covered in the many other forms of outputs include abortion, gender ideology, policy around vaccinations, and freedom of conscience in healthcare practitioners. Thanks to its learned and dedicated staff, the Centre has continued to maintain its reputation as one of the world's leading centres for teaching and learning about Bioethics in a Catholic context.'

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

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### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:**

The Governors have designated part of the reserves of the Centre as retained donated capital to provide a permanent source of investment income. From 1 June 2004, the educational development fund was released to funds for general purposes. The Governors consider that the remaining unrestricted reserves are sufficient to provide adequate working capital.

### **Details of any funds materially in deficit: N/A**

### **Further financial review details:**

In 2021 the Anscombe Bioethics Centre had a year-end deficit of £71,489. This was largely caused by the loss of the *Day for Life* Collection in England & Wales in 2020 as a result of the COVID pandemic. The pandemic subsequently led to structural changes in the way the Bishops' Conferences supported Catholic charities. A phased withdrawal of funding from CATEW was communicated to the Board in

May 2022. In response, the Governors held an Extraordinary General Meeting in June 2022 to identify cost-savings, and to consider and implement both short and longer term fundraising strategies.

As a result of these combined efforts on income and expenditure, the annual deficit in 2022 was halved to £34,646, outperforming budget expectations set for that year.

In October 2022 the Governors agreed a three-year strategic plan (2023 to 2025) to provide greater emphasis on, and to direct resources towards, ensuring the medium-to-long term financial security of the Centre.

With regarding to existing funds, the Governors have considered the most appropriate policy for investing resources and have found that a combination of common investment funds for charities and cash deposit accounts meet their requirements for security and for generating income and capital growth.

The Charity does not make direct grants to other charitable bodies or to individuals.

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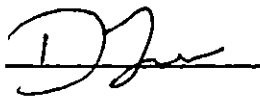
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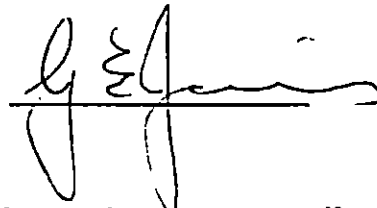
**The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signatures



**Prof. David Albert Jones, Director**



**Dr Gavin E. Jarvis, Hon. Treasurer (from Jan 2023)**

Date

27/10/23

27/10/23

# THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

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We report on the accounts of the Centre for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



GBJ LLP

Chartered Accountants  
Independent Examiners

Date: 27 October 2023

27 Hatchlands Road  
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THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income and expenditure</b>					
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations		59,567	10	59,577	40,599
Grants received		108,693	-	108,693	86,380
Investment income		946	-	946	691
<b>Activities for generating funds:</b>					
Sale of publications		40	-	40	-
Conferences		-	-	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>169,246</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>169,256</u>	<u>127,670</u>
<b>Costs of generating funds:</b>					
Cost of printing and purchasing publications for resale		-	-	-	-
Fundraising expenses		-	-	-	200
Conferences expenses		34	-	34	-
		<u>34</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>200</u>
<b>Net incoming resources available for charitable application</b>		<u>169,212</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>169,222</u>	<u>127,470</u>
<b>Charitable expenditure:</b>					
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:					
Salaries		112,269	-	112,269	131,312
Staff pension costs		9,745	-	9,745	8,651
Staff expenses		6,219	-	6,219	4,010
Rent, insurance and light & heat		18,508	-	18,508	6,781
Telephone		311	-	311	324
Library books and equipment		38	-	38	106
Donations		-	-	-	0
Office supplies		1,691	-	1,691	2,879
Website costs		11,676	-	11,676	4,008
Depreciation on office equipment		-	-	-	-
Entertaining		132	-	132	12
		<u>160,589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,589</u>	<u>158,083</u>
Management and administration:	2	39,742	-	39,742	39,691
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<u>200,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,331</u>	<u>197,774</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>200,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,365</u>	<u>197,974</u>
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>		(31,119)	10	(31,109)	(70,304)
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Fixed assets revaluation	3	-	-	-	-
Change in market value of investments	4	(3,537)	-	(3,537)	(1,185)
<b>Net movement in Funds</b>		<u>(34,656)</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>(34,646)</u>	<u>(71,489)</u>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2022		639,534	22,026	661,559	733,048
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2022</b>		<u>604,878</u>	<u>22,036</u>	<u>626,913</u>	<u>661,559</u>

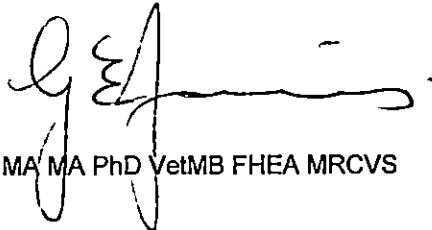
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THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	3		300,000		300,000
Investments	4		29,785		33,322
Deposits			<u>25,471</u>		<u>25,471</u>
			355,256		358,793
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		16,037		16,037	
Debtors	5	20,155		18,159	
Bank current accounts		241,976		278,111	
Cash in hand		<u>5</u>		<u>240</u>	
		278,173		312,547	
<b>Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(6,515)</u>		<u>(9,781)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			271,658		302,766
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>626,914</u>		<u>661,559</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
Designated funds	7		33,586		33,586
General fund			<u>571,292</u>		<u>605,947</u>
			604,878		639,533
<b>Restricted funds:</b>	8		22,036		22,026
			<u>626,914</u>		<u>661,559</u>

Approved by the Governors on 27/10/23 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr Gavin E Jarvis MA MA PhD VetMB FHEA MRCVS  
Hon. Treasurer

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# THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) as applied to smaller charities.

#### 1.2 Income and Expenditure

No account is taken of income accrued or promised but not received with the exception of amounts receivable for the sale of publications and bank interest. Expenditure incurred but not paid is included in the financial statements.

Grants received comprise major donations from private trusts and other funds.

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment	25% on cost
Library books	Revalued at each year end

#### 1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at their market value on the accounting date.

#### 1.5 Stock

Stocks of publications intended for resale or complimentary distribution are valued at cost after providing for damaged or unsaleable items.

#### 1.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

2	Administrative expenses	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
		funds 2022	funds 2022		
		£	£	£	£
	Wages and salaries	19,202	-	19,202	19,238
	Staff pension costs	1,595	-	1,595	1,336
	Rent, insurance and light & heat	7,932	-	7,932	7,574
	Office supplies	725	-	725	1,528
	Appeal expenses	2,535	-	2,535	2,658
	Telephone	133	-	133	139
	Legal and professional	3,125	-	3,125	3,315
	Sundry	-	-	-	-
	Accountancy	3,270	-	3,270	3,144
	Governors' meetings	113	-	113	112
	Governors' expenses reimbursed	645	-	645	339
	Bank charges	467	-	467	308
	Depreciation on office equipment	-	-	-	-
		<u>39,742</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,742</u>	<u>39,691</u>

Total emoluments of employees (including both administration and research) during the year ended 31 December 2022 were £135,035 (2021 - £147,111). One employee's emoluments totalled between £60,000 and £80,000. The average number of employees during the year was 4 (2021: 5).

**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	Office equipment £	Library books £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2022	43,444	300,000	343,444
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>43,444</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>343,444</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2022	43,444	-	43,444
Charge for the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>43,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,444</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>

Library books were valued as at 31st December 2022 by the Governors at market value.

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<b>4</b>	<b>Fixed asset investments</b>				
			<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	
			£	£	
	<b>Listed Investments</b>				
	Brought forward from previous year		33,322	34,507	
	Disposals		-	-	
	Change in market value		(3,537)	(1,185)	
	<b>Market value at the end of the year</b>		<u>29,785</u>	<u>33,322</u>	
	<b>Historical cost</b>		<u>30,058</u>	<u>30,058</u>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Debtors</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	
			£	£	
	Prepayments and accrued income		20,155	18,159	
			<u>20,155</u>	<u>18,159</u>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	
			£	£	
	Accruals and other creditors		6,515	9,781	
	Deferred income		-	-	
			<u>6,515</u>	<u>9,781</u>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>				
		<b>Balance at 1</b>	<b>New des-</b>	<b>Utilised/</b>	<b>Balance at 31</b>
		<b>January 2022</b>	<b>ignations</b>	<b>released</b>	<b>December 2022</b>
		£	£	£	£
	Retained donated capital	33,586	-	-	33,586
		<u>33,586</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,586</u>

## THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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#### 8 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenses/ Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Education Officer Fund	26	10	-	36
Fundraising Fund	22,000	-	-	22,000
	<u>22,026</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,036</u>

The assets making up the restricted funds at the end of the financial year comprised cash at bank of £22,036 (2021: £22,026).

#### 9 Pension costs

The charity pays contributions for staff pensions to pooled defined contribution pension schemes operated by insurance companies. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the funds and amounted to £11,339 (2021: £9,987) including payments from restricted funds.

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

England & Wales - Charity number 274327

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity No. 274327**

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2021**

# THE ANCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2021  
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## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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- The Board of the Centre held four meetings over this period during which consideration was given to the work, challenges and opportunities for the Centre.
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seminar presentations and talks to university chaplaincies, schools, and other audiences. Staff also engaged as participants in a further 22 such events.

- While the Centre continued to address ethical issues raised by the pandemic, it also engaged with a wide range of other bioethical issues including conscientious objection and research involving human embryos. The Centre launched a series of briefing papers on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide beginning with three published on 21 October 2021: 'Defining the Terms of the Debate: Euthanasia and Euphemism'; 'Voluntary Euthanasia & Physician-assisted Suicide: The Two "Slippery Slope" Arguments'; and 'First, Do No Harm: How Canadian Law Allows for Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide for Patients with Psychiatric Disorders'.
- In September, Professor Nicanor Austriaco who is Professor of Biology and Professor of Theology at Providence College, USA and Professor of Biological Sciences and Professor of Sacred Theology at University of Santo Tomas, in the Philippines delivered the 2021 Anscombe Memorial lecture on 'Pandemic Bioethics and the Common Good'.
- In this period, in addition to 6 briefing papers on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, Centre staff published 3 papers in peer review journals and 17 popular publications and internet articles. The Centre also engaged in policy debates commented publicly and submitting written or oral evidence in governmental and professional consultations on 19 occasions.
- Staff collaborated with other organisations to further the mission of the Centre. These engagements included academic research, teaching and dialogue with Oxford University, especially but not only through Blackfriars Hall, work with St Mary's University in Twickenham and with Notre Dame University, Australia as well as with other universities. Collaborations also encompassed Catholic, ecumenical and interfaith engagement with the Pontifical Academy of Life, COMECE (the organization for Catholic bishops' conferences within the European Union to engage with the EU), the Irish Catholic Doctors' Learning Network, the Christian Medical Fellowship, and the London University Jewish Chaplaincy. Centre staff also contributed to the work of the Ministry of Defence Research Ethics Committee, the Medical Ethical Advisory Group, the Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, the Society of Apothecaries and the Bios Centre.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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- The Centre's website was viewed more than 66,000 times, an increase of 36,400 (120%) on 2020. Its Facebook and YouTube postings together over 12,789 (Facebook) and 2,503 (YouTube) times, also up 94% (Facebook) and 21% (YouTube) on 2020. The most popular web pages and videos have concerned euthanasia and assisted suicide and the Centre has received much positive feedback expressing gratitude for these.
- In addition to academic articles, staff also published articles and interviews in the Catholic media including *The Tablet*, *Catholic Herald*, *Church Life Journal* and *Catholic News Agency*. These are among the English-speaking Catholic media outlets with the widest online reach;

the Catholic News Agency has more than 2,230,000 Facebook followers. Centre Staff also published a variety of bioethics platforms including *MercatorNet*, *BioNews*, and the *Practical Ethics* Blog.

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW

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### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:**

The Governors have designated part of the reserves of the Centre as retained donated capital to provide a permanent source of investment income. From 1 June 2004, the educational development fund was released to funds for general purposes. The Governors consider that the remaining unrestricted reserves are sufficient to provide adequate working capital. In response to the financial challenges posed by the pandemic, in July 2020 a subcommittee of the Governors was tasked with considering options for cost cutting and reserve spending. This reported to the October 2020 Governors' meeting and this informed the decisions made about spending in 2021.

### **Details of any funds materially in deficit: N/A**

### **Further financial review details:**

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre received a contribution from the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales of £20,000 but due to the pandemic this was reduced by 80% compared to previous years. The financial situation could have been far worse but the Irish Bishops Conference maintained its funding and there was an increase in income from other sources due to increased fundraising activity. Nevertheless, such a large reduction in the single largest source of funding led to a very significant year-end deficit of just over £70,000. This had been anticipated and the governors had taken a deliberate decision to use reserves and not to reduce capacity in 2021 but to expand activity at a time of greater need. The Centre received a large donation in 2020 with the result that reserves at the end of 2021 remain higher than they were before the pandemic. These decisions will be kept under review dependent on the how the situation develops as the country emerges from the pandemic.

The Governors have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and have found that a combination of common investment funds for charities and deposit accounts meet their requirements for security and for generating income and capital growth.

The Charity does not make grants to other charitable bodies, or to individuals.

DECLARATION

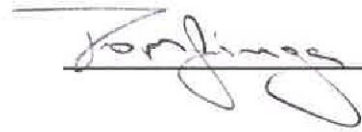
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The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures 

Prof. David Albert Jones, Director



Dr Thomas Finegan, Chair of Governors

Date 20 Oct 2022

20.10.22

# THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

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We report on the accounts of the Centre for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

GBJ LLP

Chartered Accountants  
Independent Examiners

Date: 20/10/2022

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THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income and expenditure</b>					
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations		40,599	-	40,599	187,579
Grants received		86,380	-	86,380	144,479
Investment income		691	-	691	917
Activities for generating funds:					
Sale of publications		-	-	-	-
Conferences		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<b>127,670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,670</b>	<b>332,975</b>
<b>Costs of generating funds:</b>					
Cost of printing and purchasing publications for resale		-	-	-	-
Fundraising expenses		200	-	200	55
Conferences expenses		-	-	-	240
		<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>295</b>
<b>Net incoming resources available for charitable application</b>		<b>127,470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,470</b>	<b>332,680</b>
<b>Charitable expenditure:</b>					
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:					
Salaries		131,312	-	131,312	149,016
Staff pension costs		8,651	-	8,651	11,272
Staff expenses		4,010	-	4,010	4,767
Rent, insurance and light & heat		6,781	-	6,781	11,091
Telephone		324	-	324	583
Library books and equipment		106	-	106	824
Donations		-	-	-	252
Office supplies		2,878	-	2,878	1,926
Website costs		4,008	-	4,008	300
Depreciation on office equipment		-	-	-	-
Entertaining		12	-	12	-
		<b>158,082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158,082</b>	<b>180,030</b>
Management and administration:	2	39,691	-	39,691	39,939
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>197,774</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,774</b>	<b>219,969</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>197,974</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,974</b>	<b>220,264</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>(70,304)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(70,304)</b>	<b>112,711</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Fixed assets revaluation	3	-	-	-	-
Change in market value of investments	4	(1,185)	-	(1,185)	586
<b>Net movement in Funds</b>		<b>(71,489)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(71,489)</b>	<b>113,297</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2021		711,023	22,026	733,048	619,751
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2021</b>		<b>639,534</b>	<b>22,026</b>	<b>661,559</b>	<b>733,048</b>

The notes on pages 10 -13 form part of these accounts

# THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	3		300,000		300,000
Investments	4		33,322		34,507
Deposits			<u>25,471</u>		<u>25,471</u>
			358,793		359,978
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		16,037		16,037	
Debtors	5	18,159		18,226	
Bank current accounts		278,112		345,918	
Cash in hand		<u>240</u>		<u>240</u>	
		312,548		380,421	
<b>Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(9,781)</u>		<u>(7,351)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			302,767		373,070
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>661,560</u>		<u>733,048</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	7		33,586		33,586
General fund			<u>605,948</u>		<u>677,436</u>
			639,534		711,022
Restricted funds:	8		22,026		22,026
			<u>661,560</u>		<u>733,048</u>

Approved by the Governors on 20.10.22 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr. Thomas Finegan BTh MA PhD  
Chair of Governors

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## THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) as applied to smaller charities.

##### 1.2 Income and Expenditure

No account is taken of income accrued or promised but not received with the exception of amounts receivable for the sale of publications and bank interest. Expenditure incurred but not paid is included in the financial statements.

Grants received comprise major donations from private trusts and other funds.

##### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment	25% on cost
Library books	Revalued at each year end

##### 1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at their market value on the accounting date.

##### 1.5 Stock

Stocks of publications intended for resale or complimentary distribution are valued at cost after providing for damaged or unsaleable items.

##### 1.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

2	<b>Administrative expenses</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2020 £</b>
	Wages and salaries	19,238	-	19,238	19,452
	Staff pension costs	1,336	-	1,336	1,515
	Rent, insurance and light & heat	7,574	-	7,574	10,023
	Office supplies	1,528	-	1,528	825
	Appeal expenses	2,658	-	2,658	2,086
	Telephone	139	-	139	250
	Legal and professional	3,315	-	3,315	1,831
	Sundry	-	-	-	-
	Accountancy	3,144	-	3,144	2,999
	Governors' meetings	112	-	112	57
	Governors' expenses reimbursed	339	-	339	410
	Bank charges	308	-	308	491
	Depreciation on office equipment	0	-	0	0
		<u>39,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,691</u>	<u>39,939</u>

Total emoluments of employees (including both administration and research) during the year ended 31 December 2021 were £150,550 (2020 - £168,468). One employee's emoluments totalled between £60,000 and £80,000. The average number of employees during the year was 5.

**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Office equipment £</b>	<b>Library books £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2021	43,444	300,000	343,444
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>43,444</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>343,444</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2021	43,444	-	43,444
Charge for the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>43,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,444</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>

Library books were valued as at 31st December 2021 by the Governors at market value.

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

<b>4</b>	<b>Fixed asset investments</b>		
		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
	<b>Listed Investments</b>		
	Brought forward from previous year	34,507	33,921
	Disposals	-	-
	Change in market value	(1,185)	586
	<b>Market value at the end of the year</b>	<u>33,322</u>	<u>34,507</u>
	<b>Historical cost</b>	<u>30,058</u>	<u>30,058</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Debtors</b>		
		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income	18,159	18,226
		<u>18,159</u>	<u>18,226</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		£	£
	Accruals and other creditors	9,781	7,351
	Deferred income	-	-
		<u>9,781</u>	<u>7,351</u>
<b>7</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>		
		<b>Balance at 1</b>	<b>New des-</b>
		<b>January 2021</b>	<b>ignations</b>
		£	£
		<b>Utilised/</b>	<b>Balance at 31</b>
		<b>released</b>	<b>December 2021</b>
		£	£
	Retained donated capital	33,586	-
		-	-
		<u>33,586</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>33,586</u>	<u>33,586</u>

## THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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#### 8 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenses/ Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Education Officer Fund	26	-	-	26
Fundraising Fund	22,000	-	-	22,000
	<u>22,026</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,026</u>

The assets making up the restricted funds at the end of the financial year comprised cash at bank of £22,026 (2020: £22,026).

#### 9 Pension costs

The charity pays contributions for staff pensions to pooled defined contribution pension schemes operated by insurance companies. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the funds and amounted to £9,987.50 (2020: £12,787) including payments from restricted funds.

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

England & Wales - Charity number 274327

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity No. 274327

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2020**

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# THE ANCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2020 TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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**Charity Name:** The Anscombe Bioethics Centre

**Other names the charity is known by:**

The Linacre Centre Trust (old name)

The Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics (working name)

**Registered charity number:** 274327

**Principal address:** The Macmillan Building, Pembroke College, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1DW  
(until 2 September 2020)

82-83 St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1RA (from 3 September 2020)

**Name of the charity trustee who manages the charity:**

Catholic Trust for England and Wales

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees):**  
N/A

**Names and addresses of advisors:**

Independent Examiner

GBJ LLP

Sterling House

27 Hatchlands Road

Redhill RH1 6RW

## **Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members:**

### **List of Governors:-**

- Chair - Jim McManus OCDS CPsychol CSci FBPSS FFPH FRBSB (until 25 June 2020)
- Chair - Dr Thomas Finegan BTh MA PhD (from 26 June 2020)
- Vice-chair Very Rev Dr Robert Gay OP BSc PhD STB (from 29 October 2020)
- Hon. Treasurer - Dr Stephen Barrie BA (Hons) MA PhD
- The Rt Rev Kevin Doran
- The Rt Rev John Sherrington
- Prof Patricia Casey MD FRCPI FRCPsych
- Dr Gavin Jarvis MA MA PhD VetMB MRCVS
- Dr Bernadette Kiely MB BCh BAO DCH MRCPI
- Dr Pia Matthews BTh MA MA PhD FHEA
- Prof David Paton BSc MA PhD
- Rev Dr Gregory Umunna BA BA MA STL PhD (Leuven) PGDip

### **Chief Executive Officer: The Director of the Centre-**

- Prof David Albert Jones MA MA MSt DPhil FHEA

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## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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**Type of governing document:** Trust Deed

### **How the charity is constituted:**

The Centre is constituted by a Trust Deed date 4 April 1977, amended 27 February 2006, 23 June 2010 and 19 October 2018. The Catholic Trust for England and Wales is sole corporate trustee of the Centre. The Centre is governed by a Board of not more than 15 Governors appointed by the Trustees, including two representatives each from the Episcopal Conferences of England and Wales, of Scotland, and of Ireland.

**Trustee selection methods:** N/A

## **Additional governance issues:**

### **Trustees' Responsibilities:**

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### **Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects:**

- The Board of the Centre held four meetings over this period during which consideration was given to the work, challenges and opportunities for the Centre.
- From 19 March 2020 all staff were working remotely due to the pandemic. In September 2020 the Centre moved address within Oxford for the second time within 12 months. The new accommodation offers greater opportunities for expansion once access is possible again.
- As a result of the pandemic, some events had to be cancelled while others were rescheduled or resumed online. Despite the pandemic, Centre staff delivered or facilitated, either face-to-face or online, 60 lectures, seminars and talks including a lecture series at St Mary's Seminary, Oscott, and 36 lectures, seminar presentations and talks to university chaplaincies, schools, and other audiences. Staff also engaged as participants in a further 25 such events.

- The Centre addressed ethical issues raised by the pandemic both through online discussion events and through a series of briefing papers beginning with 'Resource allocation and ventilators: A statement of Catholic principles' on 8 April 2020.
- In November, Aidan O'Neill QC (Scot.) QC (E&W) gave a presentation on 'Conscience and the respect for difference'. This was the 2020 Anscombe Memorial Lecture and was the first not to be held face-to-face.
- In this period, in addition to the 9 COVID-19 briefing papers, the Centre produced 10 book chapters or articles for peer review journals and 20 popular publications and internet articles. Staff also provided 17 peer reviews for journals or academic publishers.
- Staff also engaged with other organisations to promote reflection on ethical questions in clinical practice and biomedical research. Both the director and education and research officer are members of the Pontifical Academy of Life which has considered issues related to COVID-19 and has cited Anscombe Bioethics Centre briefing papers on its website. The director continues his work on the Ministry of Defence Research Ethics Committee. From April 2020, the director also began to attend meetings of the Medical Ethical Advisory Group (MEAG) which advises the Chief Medical Officer of England and the Department of Health and Social Care. The main focus of these meetings has been on ethical issues raised by COVID-19. Despite Brexit, the director also continues to participate in meetings of the Working Group on Ethics of COMECE (the organization for Catholic bishops' conferences within the European Union to engage with the EU).

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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- In addition to academic articles, staff also published articles and interviews in the Catholic media including the *Tablet*, *Catholic Herald*, *Catholic World Report*, *Catholic News Agency*, *Crux* and *Aleteia*. These are among the English-speaking Catholic media outlets with the widest online reach; the Catholic News Agency has more than 2,230,000 Facebook followers.
- The Centre has an Academic Review Panel, consisting of Professor John Keown of Georgetown University, Professor Alasdair MacLulich of the University of Edinburgh and Professor Ilina Singh of the University of Oxford, whose remit is to provide the Governors with an independent assessment/review of the Centre's academic performance over the previous year. Commenting on the academic year October 2019 to September 2020, they stated that, 'the Centre has continued to make a valuable contribution to the advancement of Catholic bioethics. The quality and quantity of output, both scholarly and public, have again been impressive. The briefing papers on COVID-19 were particularly welcomed, in that

they engaged in a thoughtful and critical yet constructive way with statements from major bodies such as NICE and the Irish Government.'

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

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### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:**

The Governors have designated part of the reserves of the Centre as retained donated capital to provide a permanent source of investment income. From 1 June 2004, the educational development fund was released to funds for general purposes. The Governors consider that the remaining unrestricted reserves are sufficient to provide adequate working capital. In response to the financial challenges posed by the pandemic, in July 2020 a subcommittee of the Governors was tasked with considering options for cost cutting and reserve spending. This reported to the October 2020 Governors' meeting.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit:** N/A

### **Further financial review details:**

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre received contributions from the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales and of Ireland. Contributions from other sources, including individual benefactors, were also gratefully received. The Centre received one donation from an individual benefactor of £135,000. This gift, unprecedented in size in the history of the Centre, was given in recognition of the unprecedented challenges that the Centre was facing and would likely continue to face in the coming months, and in recognition of the contribution of staff to bioethical debates in Britain and Ireland. The Centre is anticipating a large drop in income in 2021 due to the restrictions in attendance at Church services, in addition to other factors common to many charities, such as the strain on household income. The significant surplus in 2020, due in large part to this individual donation, has enabled the Centre to plan not only to maintain but also to expand its activities in 2021 and beyond, and in particular to increase the hours of two new members of staff. The Governors considered this was an appropriate use of reserves notwithstanding ongoing challenges in relation to income generation.

The Governors have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and have found that a combination of common investment funds for charities and deposit accounts meet their requirements for security and for generating income and capital growth.

The Charity does not make grants to other charitable bodies, or to individuals.

DECLARATION

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The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures           D Jones          

          R. A. Guy          

Prof. David Albert Jones, Director

Very Rev. Dr Robert Gay OP, Governor

Date           14 Dec 2021          

          20 December 2021

# THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

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We report on the accounts of the Centre for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



GBJ LLP

Chartered Accountants  
Independent Examiners

Date: 20 December 2021

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THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Income and expenditure</b>					
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations		187,579	-	187,579	79,996
Grants received		144,479	-	144,479	151,846
Investment income		917	-	917	697
Activities for generating funds:					
Sale of publications		-	-	-	218
Conferences		-	-	-	0
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>332,975</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>332,975</b>	<b>232,757</b>
<b>Costs of generating funds:</b>					
Cost of printing and purchasing publications for resale		-	-	-	797
Fundraising expenses		55	-	55	-
Conferences expenses		240	-	240	3,113
		<b>295</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>3,910</b>
<b>Net incoming resources available for charitable application</b>		<b>332,680</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>332,680</b>	<b>228,847</b>
<b>Charitable expenditure:</b>					
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:					
Salaries		149,016	-	149,016	144,640
Staff pension costs		11,272	-	11,272	10,063
Staff expenses		4,767	-	4,767	9,260
Rent, insurance and light & heat		11,091	-	11,091	15,740
Telephone		583	-	583	406
Library books and equipment		824	-	824	324
Donations		252	-	252	2
Office supplies		1,925	-	1,925	1,519
Website costs		300	-	300	65
Library periodicals		0	-	0	607
Depreciation on office equipment		0	-	0	127
Entertaining		0	-	0	307
		<b>180,030</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>180,030</b>	<b>183,059</b>
Management and administration:	2	39,939	-	39,939	43,144
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>219,969</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>219,969</b>	<b>226,203</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>220,264</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>220,264</b>	<b>230,113</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>112,711</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>112,711</b>	<b>2,644</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Fixed assets revaluation	3	-	-	-	-
Change in market value of investments	4	586	-	586	528
<b>Net movement in Funds</b>		<b>113,297</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113,297</b>	<b>3,172</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2020		597,725	22,026	619,751	616,579
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2020</b>		<b>711,022</b>	<b>22,026</b>	<b>733,048</b>	<b>619,751</b>

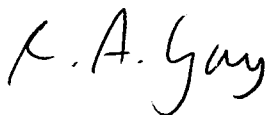
The notes on pages 10 -13 form part of these accounts

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	3		300,000		300,000
Investments	4		34,507		33,921
Deposits			<u>25,471</u>		<u>25,446</u>
			359,978		359,367
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		16,037		16,037	
Debtors	5	18,226		13,708	
Bank current accounts		345,918		240,676	
Cash in hand		<u>240</u>		<u>240</u>	
		380,421		270,661	
<b>Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(7,351)</u>		<u>(10,277)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			373,070		260,384
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>733,048</u>		<u>619,751</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	7		33,586		33,586
General fund			<u>677,436</u>		<u>564,139</u>
			711,022		597,725
Restricted funds:	8		22,026		22,026
			<u>733,048</u>		<u>619,751</u>

Approved by the Governors on 20 December 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Very Rev. Dr. Robert Gay OP BSc. PhD. STB  
Governor

The notes on pages 10 -13 form part of these accounts

# THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) as applied to smaller charities.

#### 1.2 Income and Expenditure

No account is taken of income accrued or promised but not received with the exception of amounts receivable for the sale of publications and bank interest. Expenditure incurred but not paid is included in the financial statements.

Grants received comprise major donations from private trusts and other funds.

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment	25% on cost
Library books	Revalued at each year end

#### 1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at their market value on the accounting date.

#### 1.5 Stock

Stocks of publications intended for resale or complimentary distribution are valued at cost after providing for damaged or unsaleable items.

#### 1.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

## THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2	Administrative expenses	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	2020	2019
		2020	2020	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
	Wages and salaries	19,452	-	19,452	18,561
	Staff pension costs	1,515	-	1,515	1,279
	Rent, insurance and light & heat	10,023	-	10,023	12,828
	Office supplies	825	-	825	658
	Appeal expenses	2,086	-	2,086	1,070
	Telephone	250	-	250	174
	Legal and professional	1,831	-	1,831	3,144
	Sundry	-	-	-	-
	Accountancy	2,999	-	2,999	2,950
	Governors' meetings	57	-	57	369
	Governors' expenses reimbursed	410	-	410	1,712
	Bank charges	491	-	491	314
	Depreciation on office equipment	0	-	0	85
		<u>39,939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,939</u>	<u>43,144</u>

Total emoluments of employees (including both administration and research) during the year ended 31 December 2020 were £150,737 (2019 - £150,209). One employee's emoluments totalled between £60,000 and £80,000. The average number of employees during the year was 4.

### 3 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment	Library books	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2020	43,444	300,000	343,444
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>43,444</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>343,444</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2020	43,443	-	43,443
Charge for the year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>43,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,443</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2020	<u>0</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>0</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>

Library books were valued as at 31st December 2020 by the Governors at market value.

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

<b>4</b>	<b>Fixed asset investments</b>		
		<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		£	£
	<b>Listed Investments</b>		
	Brought forward from previous year	33,921	33,393
	Disposals	-	-
	Change in market value	586	528
	<b>Market value at the end of the year</b>	<u>34,507</u>	<u>33,921</u>
	<b>Historical cost</b>	<u>30,058</u>	<u>30,058</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Debtors</b>		
		<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income	18,226	13,708
		<u>18,226</u>	<u>13,708</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
		<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		£	£
	Accruals and other creditors	7,351	10,277
	Deferred income	-	-
		<u>7,351</u>	<u>10,277</u>
<b>7</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>		
		<b>Balance at 1</b>	<b>New des-</b>
		<b>January 2020</b>	<b>ignations</b>
		£	£
		<b>Utilised/</b>	<b>Balance at 31</b>
		<b>released</b>	<b>December 2020</b>
		£	£
	Retained donated capital	33,586	-
		-	-
		<u>33,586</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>33,586</u>	<u>33,586</u>

# THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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### 8 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenses/ Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Education Officer Fund	26	-	-	26
Fundraising Fund	22,000	-	-	22,000
	<u>22,026</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,026</u>

The assets making up the restricted funds at the end of the financial year comprised cash at bank of £22,026 (2019: £22,000).

### 9 Pension costs

The charity pays contributions for staff pensions to pooled defined contribution pension schemes operated by insurance companies. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the funds and amounted to £12,752 (2019: £11,342) including payments from restricted funds.