

**Home-Start Lisburn/Colin
Trustees Annual Report**

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 105734

Principal Office

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Trustees

The following Trustees served during the year:

C. Armstrong
E. Bradley
S. Bridge
M. Coey
S. Gallagher
S. McConnell
R. Strahan
S. Thompson (Resigned 22 October 2024)
Y. Wilkinson

Key Management Personnel

Chair	S Bridge
Treasurer	Ms M Coey

Accountants

McCaffrey & Co
15a Donegall Pass
Belfast
BT7 1DQ

Bankers

Danske Bank
Donegall Square West
Belfast

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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The purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document. The Charity purposes are a) to safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical of children and parents of children; b) to prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children; c) to relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents of children; d) to promote the education of the public in better standards of childcare; principally but not exclusively within the area of Lisburn/Colin and its environs. The Home-Start vision is to see a society in which every parent has the support they need to give their children the best possible start in life.

Home-Start believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life and helping them achieve their potential. Home-Start supports parents as they grow in confidence, strengthens their relationships with their children and widen links with the local community. Home-Start Lisburn/Colin offers support, friendship and practical help to families with young children. The services provided by include weekly volunteer support in the home, Family Group support, courses and outings.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries

We want to say thank you to the trustees for all their hard work through out the year. Also to the family support volunteers, who selflessly give up their free time to visit families in their homes each week, and help out at the Family Group.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In the year to March 2025 Home-Start Lisburn/Colin supported 231 children (2024, 175 children). The Charity during the year had 34 volunteers (2024, 23) who visited families weekly in their homes or who helped on a weekly basis at the Family Group. Families took up 124 (2024, 113) packages of support made up of - Home visiting -51 (31), Family Group -37 (36), Incredible Years -28 (15), Other Workshops -8 (31).

In 2025 there were 117 referrals (2024, 95). The breakdown of the source of referrals was Health Visitor 92 (68) - Family Support Hub 4 (0) - Self referral 12 (17), Other 9 (10).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

We had an income of £110,905 (2024 £93,577) and spent £107,333 (2024 £88,537). Despite the uncertainty surrounding public budgets the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust continues to be our anchor funder with over £40,000. Notable support has come from National Lottery People&Commun, The Henry Smith Charity, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

It is the policy of the Charity to keep reserve levels under review. It is desirable to maintain reserve levels which would equate to approximately six months of unrestricted expenditure, thus safeguarding service delivery on an annual basis. At present reserves equate approximately to six months of unrestricted expenditure.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is a private limited company, limited by guarantee with no share capital. The Charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees. The trustees during the year may co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee, but a co-opted Trustee holds office only until the next AGM. One third (or the number nearest one third) of the Trustees must retire at each AGM, those longest in office retiring first. Trustees retiring at the AGM or new Trustees can be reappointed by a vote at the AGM

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the board

M. Coey

Trustee

11 June 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Coey', is written over the printed name 'M. Coey'.

