

B Positive

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

B Positive was established as a charity on 6th April 2022 and is governed by the terms as set out in its constitution.

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of a chairman; a secretary and a treasurer being elected from among the members at an annual general meeting. The Executive Committee shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting.

2. The Executive Committee may in addition appoint additional members to the Executive Committee as they see fit.

3. All the members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the annual general meeting next after the date on which they came into office, but they may be re-elected or re-appointed provided that no honorary officer shall hold office for more than 5 consecutive years. On expiry of such a period, 1 year must elapse before any former honorary officer is eligible for re-election.

4. The proceedings of the Executive Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a member.

5. Nobody shall be appointed as a member of the Executive Committee who is aged under 18 or who would if appointed be disqualified under the provisions of the following clause.

6. No person shall be entitled to act as a member of the Executive Committee whether on a first or on any subsequent entry into office until after signing in the minute book of the Executive Committee a declaration of acceptance and of willingness to act in the trusts of the Charity.

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Objectives and activities

B Positive aims to help provide a more positive experience for children diagnosed with cancer in Northern Ireland as well as helping their parents and supporting the staff on the Haematology and Oncology ward at the Royal Victoria Hospital for Sick Children (Belfast).

As of February 2024, we have begun our rollout of suitcases. Each newly diagnosed child receives a large, branded suitcase. Within the case is a special baseball cap to give the child a level of confidence through hair loss from the intense chemotherapy, a branded wash bag which contains toiletries for the child and both parents. The suitcase also includes a blanket, bale of towels and a warrior backpack.

We also leave various types of vouchers on the ward to be given out by the staff. These include Just Eat, Xbox, Play Station and Roblox. These vouchers have totalled over £2,500.

During this financial period, we purchased a sensory unit worth almost £5,000 which we donated to CHU ward.

On occasions we have also assisted patients and families with various treats throughout the year, as follows:

- * we paid £850 for a parent's flight to the USA where their child was receiving treatment,
- * we paid for a parent and child to attend a Man Utd match, including flights and hotel, in conjunction with Cancer Fund for Children, totalling £1,160,
- * we flew a relative to USA with emergency medicine, flights cost £1,054,
- * we helped fund a memory making trip to USA for a child, we covered their extensive travel insurance to a cost of £4,080.

As a family who has lived the childhood cancer journey, we know all of the above will be of great assistance to the families as they enter the ward.

Review of operations and future development

As a charity, we have given out 26 suitcases to date. With an estimated 70-80 new diagnoses every year in Northern Ireland, that's the minimum number of cases we will require on an annual basis. We are also currently trying to reach those children already in the system.

As a charity with "lived experience" we have engaged with parents of newly diagnosed children with advice and support throughout the year.

We also have future plans to help the medical and nursing staff on the CHU ward by offering a trauma counselling service.

Review of finances

During this financial year, we generated incoming resources of £176,917. Outgoing resources totalled £117,419 leaving net incoming resources of £59,498.

Having reviewed the accounts, we believe B Positive to be in an extremely strong financial position moving forward and we are therefore confident we can meet all of our charitable objectives for the foreseeable future.

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Public benefit statement

The Trustees consider they have complied with their respective duties to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards.

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period to provide a true and fair view of the affairs of the company for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Make estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Select most appropriate accounting policies and apply in a consistent format
- Clarify that applicable accounting standards have been followed and further explained in the financial statements and have prepared the financial statements.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities. Policies are also in place for such issues.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

108695

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Trustees

S Watson
D Watson
R Simmons
N Dowds (appointed 5.2.24)
M Fairbairn (appointed 5.2.24)
M McAdam (appointed 5.2.24)
E Adamson (appointed 5.2.24)
A Watson (appointed 5.2.24)
A Wills (appointed 5.2.24)
S Magill (appointed 5.2.24)
J McKnight-Lennon (appointed 5.2.24)
P Greenfield (appointed 5.2.24)

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Independent Examiner

S.M. Vint & Company
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BT32 3HN

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Watson', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

D Watson - Trustee