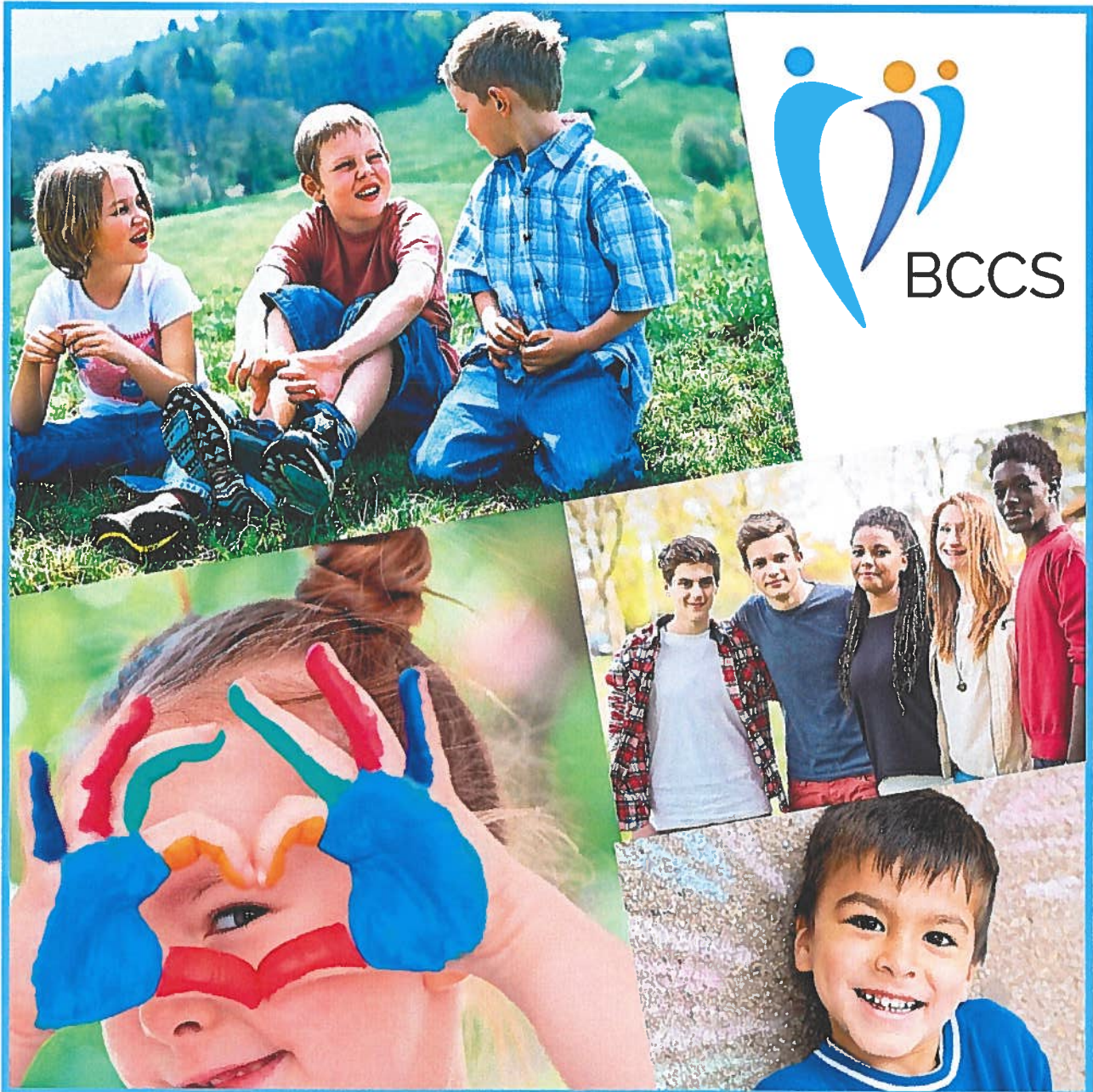


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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



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The trustees are pleased to present their annual Report of the Trustees together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and Activities

When Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (**BCCS**) was established by the Diocese of Brentwood the primary aim was protecting and improving the quality of life of vulnerable children and young people throughout Essex and the five East London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

Today **BCCS** fulfils this objective by **working in partnership with over 100 schools** in Essex and East London. These schools benefit from having a dedicated **BCCS** worker who delivers vital mental health services in the school setting. Our workers are fully qualified and experienced mental health professionals who conduct thorough assessments and provide expert advice and support to both school staff, parents/carers and families.

We now have several arms to the service and our provision is, therefore, entirely holistic. Our provision has expanded again this year, to include:

- Service Level Agreement provision (dedicated **BCCS** worker attached to a school providing weekly sessions)
- Multi-academy Trust Service Level Agreements, which we continue to work on generating, which enable us to support Trust SLT and staff with supervision, and consultation
- Staff therapy and wellbeing check-ins
- Consultation: including behaviour management and immediate bereavement support to schools and families
- Training
- Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS)
- Emergency response to crisis situations such as bereavement in a school setting

The working mission of **BCCS** has always been, and remains:

- To provide a caring, professional response to the child and family in need, irrespective of race or religion
- To uphold the rights of the child and to ensure the protection and welfare of the child is paramount.

The team

Our team hasn't noticeably expanded since our last report but we have sought to consolidate the team we have so that we're confident we are using everyone's expertise, i.e. for consultation, workshops, staff supervision etc. Consultation is a model which we have experienced growth in over the past year. Our recent appraisal process, together with the approval of our five-year strategy which included identifying areas of strength within the team, enabled us to identify the strengths and aspirations within the team in terms of people undertaking some of the specialist work we offer.

We continue to recruit staff in line with the NSPCC Safer Recruitment training we undertook, and as such, our recruitment process is thorough and consistent for each applicant. Once we have recruited a therapist and they are ready to work, we offer a comprehensive face-to-face induction. Our induction process introduces new starters to vital parts of their day-to-day role, such as:

- The **BCCS** ethos
- The various ways in which we work in schools and why
- Our expectation around school/family/client liaison and why it is so important that we are available, approachable and professional
- Our assessment model
- Record keeping
- CRM training
- An introduction to our Safeguarding processes and procedures

The team now consists of:

- 19 counsellors
- 7 play therapists
- 2 art psychotherapists
- 7 Child and Adolescent therapists
- 3 social workers (one of whom is training to be a PT)
- 3 trainee Child and Adolescent psychotherapists who have been undertaking placements at our secondary schools

We are proud to say our retention rate is high, and we attribute this to the dedication of our team, their commitment to client work, and the support and care we provide. We strive to support the team daily, and this takes place in various forms: regular interactions with Head of School Services and Safeguarding Leads, clinical supervision, group and peer supervision.

Achievements and Performance

BCCS practitioners are aware of the importance of having good working relationships with school staff to ensure we can work holistically. They are closely supported by our Head of School Services and our Director to ensure a good dialogue is always maintained. We work tirelessly in collaboration with school staff and seek to inform and upskill them in relation to the pupils in their care. We receive consistently good feedback and staff feel they benefit from the support of the **BCCS** team.

Our working model is to be responsive to meeting the increasingly complex needs of children who are experiencing issues with their emotional wellbeing. We continue to be responsive in many different ways:

- Responding to a school who are concerned about a child, whether that be their wellbeing or safety
- Responding to another professional who has concerns, whether immediate or ones which need support.
- Responding to a school where a member of staff has been identified as needing additional support, i.e. therapy
- Responding to a school or family where a sudden bereavement or crisis has occurred
- Meeting a parent at short notice to speak with them about concerns for their child

We provide a lot of consultation, often immediate, to schools and other services, to give context to a child or young person's concerning presentation. We also liaise quickly with parents who have expressed worry or concern so that they do not feel alone or helpless.

Therapy

A child or young person's issues can present in various forms, and it is the expertise of the team which allows us to understand what is being conveyed.

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Primary

In primary schools our work tends to be more joined up. We have easier access to parents/carers, as well as staff, who tend to know the families well. We engage in a lot of attachment-focussed work in our primary school setting, as well as consultation.

Secondary schools

Our secondary schools tend to need the most holistic interventions. Adolescents present with increasingly complex issues so we need our most experienced therapists working in this environment.

We have continued to review and expand our work in secondary schools given the increasing complexity and numbers of pupils referred. We have offered more process group work this year than before. And we have offered targeted forms of support such as Misogyny process groups to male pupils.

Process groups are a less intensive therapeutic intervention than 1:1 therapy. All process groups will have an identified theme, such as self-harm, parental mental health, exam worries etc. We will always work with the school to identify the relevant themes. Process groups will work with up to 8 students at once, weekly, for a period of six weeks. The group will focus on the issue determined, with the intention that sharing will normalise, validate and allow discussion around emotions. A therapist facilitates and it is a good way to work with less intensive issues. This model has grown and developed over the past year and the team have adapted to it and grown in confidence in delivering this form of support.

We continue to work hard to ensure our support is relevant and responsive to the needs of our schools/pupils.

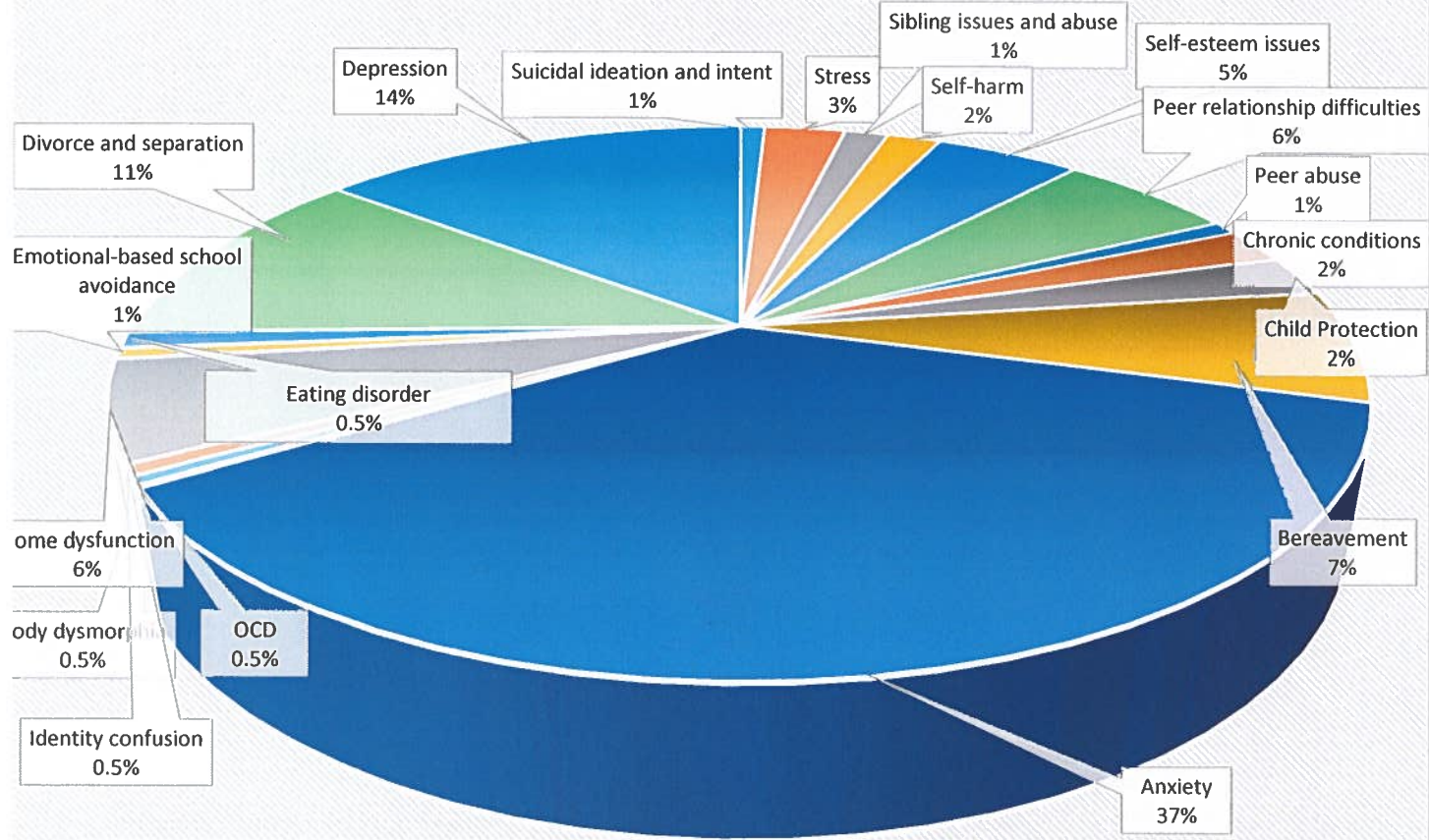
Referral criteria

Last year we amended our referral criteria to offer more reasons for referral. We increased referral criteria from 9 criteria, to 20 criteria. Doing this meant that we could report more accurately on the work we are engaged in and ensure we recruit the right therapists, with the right training, to support the kind of work we're doing. You will see our reporting is more detailed, and therefore accurate, this year.

Case work

We are currently supporting **761** children and young people in schools. During the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, we opened **706** cases/new referrals:

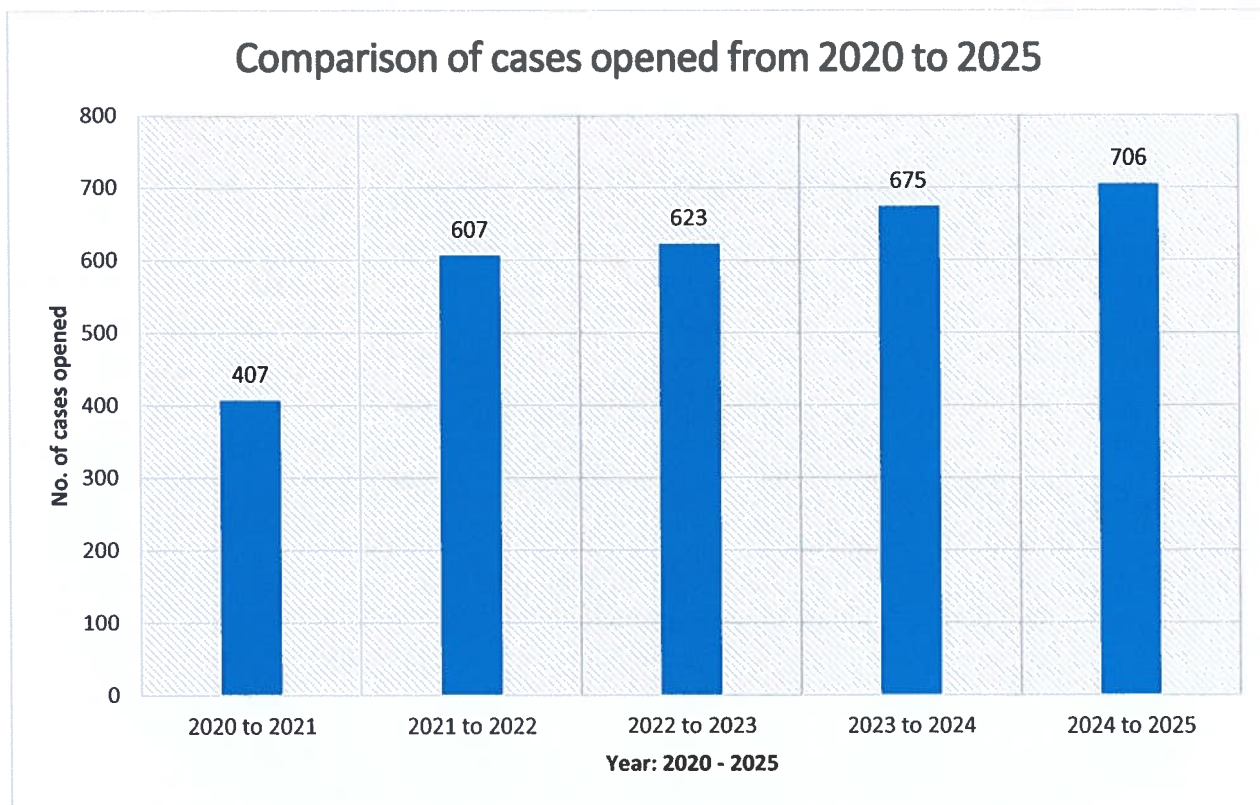
Cases opened for the period 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025



- Suicidal ideation and intent
- Self-harm
- Peer abuse
- Bereavement
- OCD
- Emotional-based school avoidance
- Depression
- Stress
- Self-esteem issues
- Chronic conditions
- Anxiety
- Identity confusion
- Eating disorder
- Sibling issues and abuse
- Peer relationship difficulties
- Child Protection
- Body dysmorphic disorder
- Home dysfunction
- Divorce and separation

As well as directly supporting 761 children and young people, we also offer support and guidance to school staff and parents/carers, because our support is rarely ever stand-alone.

Please see below for a comparison in our caseload for the last four years showing a consistent increase in the number of cases we open every year from 2020-2025.



This year, we provided 13,713 sessions to children and young people compared to 14,174 of sessions previous year. Whilst it may appear that the sessions we have provided is lower than last year, we are working harder and seeing more students. The way we capture process group work data is different, so we will see between 8-10 students per group, for a six-week period but it will be captured as **one** session offered when it is essentially 8 individual sessions offered. We will continue to work to strengthen our data capturing in this regard.

Process group work

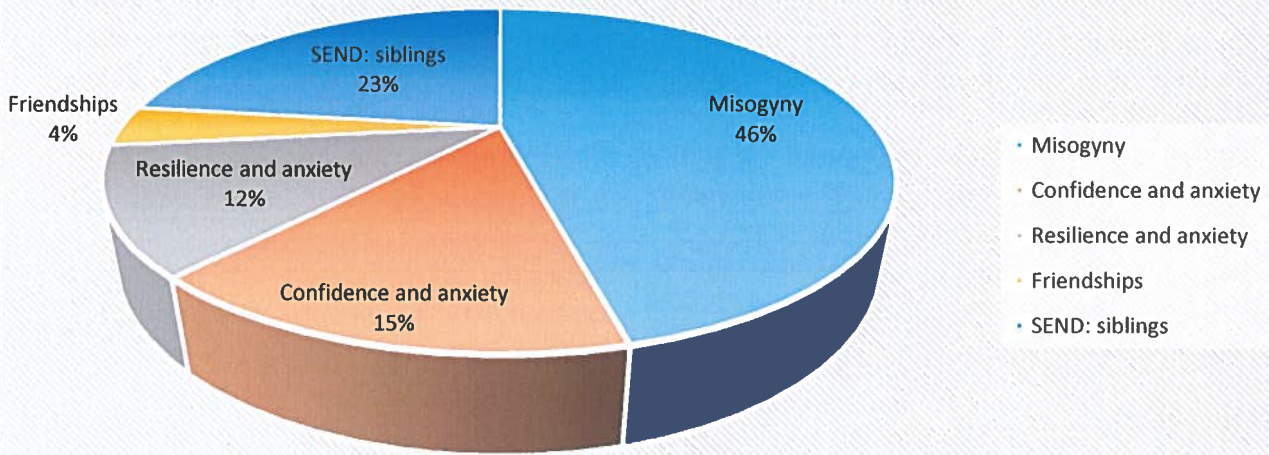
We have provided more process group work than ever before. Please see below a summary of these interventions. We have supported 166 students in our delivery of process group work. Process group work is a robust early-intervention for young people. It is often their first exposure to anything therapeutic, and the group element of it allows young people to comfortably choose whether to take part, or to simply absorb. The group element allows our team to work to validate and normalise things that young people are feeling and experiencing. We have made a conscious effort to work with our secondary schools particularly to strive to access more pupils by offering this targeted group work. It is proving a welcome and effective intervention and we’re pleased to be offering it. It is also broadening the team’s delivery experience, which is always healthy.

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Targetted process group work 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025



Complexity

The team are holding complex cases and engaging in complex work across the board and are committed, passionate and skilled in what they do. This feedback (below) only serves to highlight the esteem in which our therapists are held:

From a head teacher whose school is heavily involved with all elements of our holistic care:

This year, has been a really challenging one for our school as we had a child who was very, very complex. As well as trying to support the child via direct counselling, the therapist also supported the staff team and helped us to develop some strategies as a team which we could implement. These were invaluable, and, as a consequence, we managed to get the child back into school after four months of being away.

Other children have also been supported directly by the therapist - she has formed positive relationships with them and their families and helped support them through tough times, which, for one 9 year old, included their Dad's suicide.

On another level, the therapist has provided the most amazing clinical supervision for me, as Headteacher, and has provided valuable insight and also coached me through difficult scenarios.

General feedback:

Supervision:

Non-judgmental listening: Having someone external to my day-to-day role really helps me voice frustrations without fear of judgment.

Space for emotional release: It's a rare chance to be vulnerable and acknowledge the emotional weight of the job.

Reframing & grounding: The supervisor helps me reframe difficult situations and reminds me of boundaries and self-care.

Validation: I've felt genuinely heard, which reduces feelings of isolation in handling tough situations.

Impact on performance: I've noticed I return to work feeling clearer, calmer, and better equipped to support students and colleagues.

Counselling skills group:

It exceeded my expectations. I feel I have so many more tools to deal with difficulties in school, as well as the confidence.

From a pupil:

Just wanted you to know that I hope you feel better soon, and that I appreciate all the help you gave me throughout my life in school. You helped me understand what it's like to overcome insecurity, depression and been the only person I knew that I could trust with anything.

Thank you so much for everything.

From a school about their therapist:

The therapist has played an incredibly important role in creating a safe space for children to open up about their feelings and worries. Her calm and patient personality makes it easy for them to talk to her, and they genuinely appreciate the non-judgemental approach she takes. It's heartening to see how children are drawn to her, they love having a chat with the therapist because they feel heard and valued. It's this connection that makes a significant difference in their lives.

Moreover, the therapist provides regular updates to both parents and teachers, ensuring that everyone is on the same page regarding each child's progress. This not only fosters a sense of community but also reassures parents who may be concerned about their children's well-being. Her ability to handle tricky conversations with grace is commendable, and it establishes a strong partnership with families, which is instrumental in our collective success.

Since the therapist has been conducting her counselling sessions, we have witnessed noticeable improvements in the children's behaviour and social interactions. Her dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed, and it's clear that she has a genuine passion for supporting our most challenging pupils.

The therapist is a true testament to the positive impact that can be made when we focus on the needs of our vulnerable children.

Feedback on therapist:

What can I say - the woman is a star !

The therapist has fitted into our school setup beautifully and feels like a member of staff.

Her relationship with the pupils is gentle, and quietly, immense. She clearly cares about them and holds their emotional thoughts and feelings so very well. I personally love the way she adapts the toys available, or maybe the way the support happens depending on the child she is meeting. We have had pupils making up dance routines, making up poems, going for a walk, all sorts - it is how we work as a school, and another reason the therapist fits into our school jigsaw.

The pupils all enjoy spending time with her and, I believe, they appreciate that the sessions are handled discretely. We have had pupils say they will tell the therapist about something next time they see her, we have watched pupils with shoulders all hunched up, then relax and smile as they go to the session and each pupil referred appears calmer and/or more relaxed having had this connection.

Safeguarding

A large part of our day-to-day role is supporting the team with safeguarding concerns. This is often a time intensive process, and one which we are fully invested in as we want to do all we can to ensure the physical and emotional wellbeing of vulnerable children and young people.

Recording concerns

- We record all safeguarding concerns with the sole intention that all concerns are continually monitored, actioned and revisited.
- When we are advised of a safeguarding concern, we check it has been recorded on our CRM and make an additional log to show a trail of communication. Our CRM manager has taken over responsibility for checking safeguarding records when she completes CRM audits.
- A lead point of contact for reporting safeguarding concerns is communicated to the team on a daily basis, so that it is clear who is responsible that day for any safeguarding concerns.
- We continue to provide a range of support forums for staff.
- We distribute regular updates to staff about safeguarding i.e. new procedures or useful tools. In line with statutory guidance and legislation (Dfe Keeping Children Safe In Education – updated annually in September and Southend, Essex and Thurrock SET procedures).

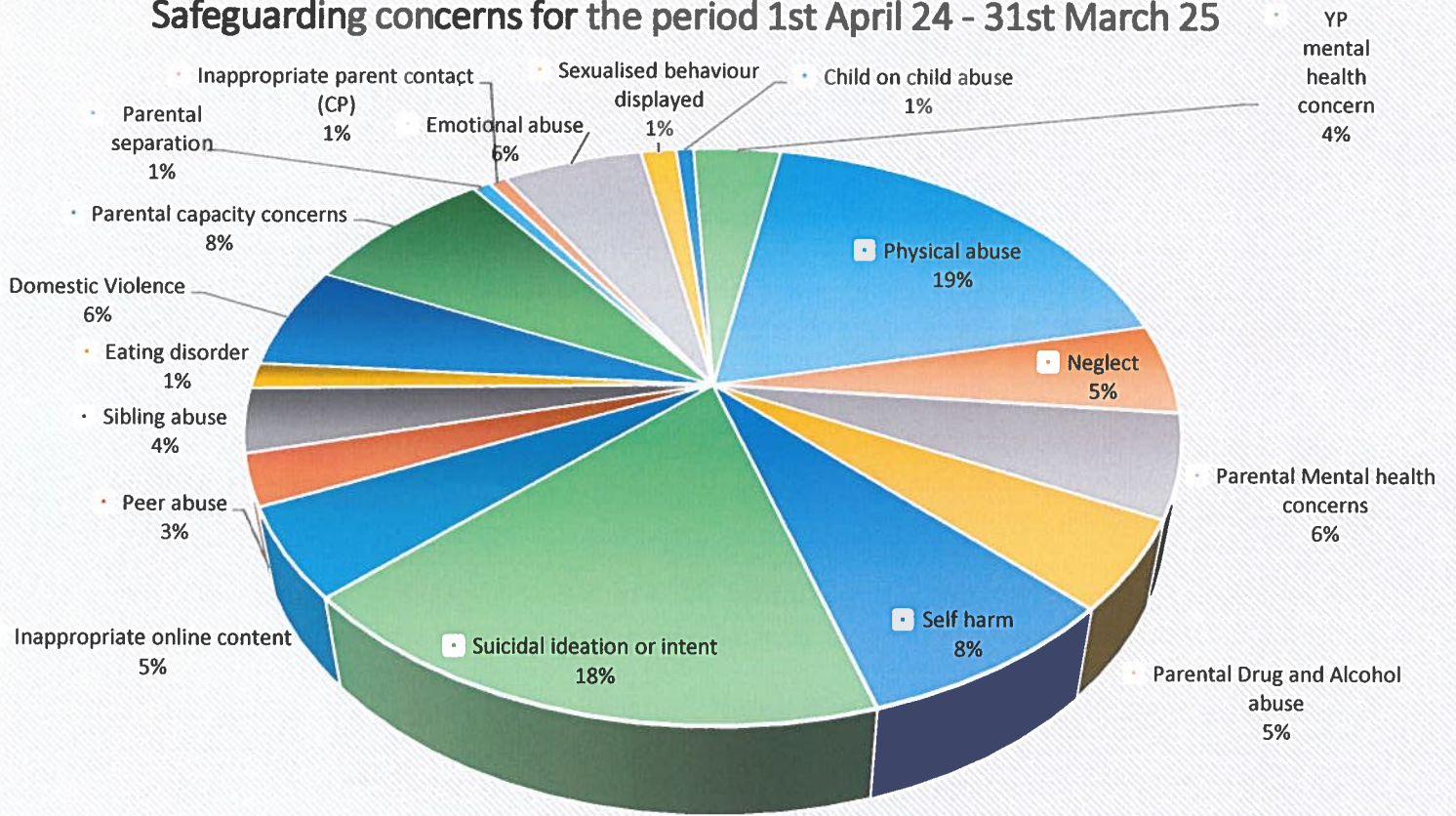
Statistics

Currently we have 84 children and young people recorded on our system who have a “red flag”: the process whereby we identify/record any safeguarding concerns about a child. The red flag system alerts every worker who accesses the case records that there are/have been safeguarding concerns. It also ensures we keep records for appropriate periods of time.

During the year we recorded 139 individual concerns raised by the team. That, as an average, is 46 concerns reported per term.

You will see that suicidal ideation or intent in young people remains one of the biggest risks we're managing as a service now.

Safeguarding concerns for the period 1st April 24 - 31st March 25



- Physical abuse
- Self harm
- Sibling abuse
- Parental separation
- Child on child abuse
- Neglect
- Suicidal ideation or intent
- Eating disorder
- Inappropriate parent contact (CP)
- YP mental health concern
- Parental Mental health concerns
- Inappropriate online content
- Domestic Violence
- Emotional abuse
- Parental Drug and Alcohol abuse
- Peer abuse
- Parental capacity concerns
- Sexualised behaviour displayed

Training programme April 2024 – March 2025

Our training programme continues to meet the needs of children, their families and the school staff who support them. We have begun working with Multi Academy Trusts (MATs), and are working to secure more Trust-wide support for staff.

We have also devised and delivered (and have just secured a second year) a year-long delivery of workshops to parents and carers in one of our schools. It is our intention to seek to roll this out into more schools.

We have been working hard in relation to supporting boys, and parents, in relation to the very current issue of misogyny. We secured funding to deliver a series of process groups, and had done so with the intention of supporting boys to access therapy. The groups have been wholly positively received and we will be continuing to deliver.

The same goes for supporting staff with our Introduction to counselling skills workshops. We have delivered this workshop to two cohorts of school staff and we're keen to build on this.

For the above mentioned period, our team delivered a total of 44 workshops.

We have also delivered consultations, to schools within MATs and will continue to work to secure more MATs so that we can continue to provide this valuable intervention.

Going forward, we will be continuing to deliver our SEND workshops to children and their parents respectively; deliver more groups to male students regarding Misogyny; seek to deliver more year-long series to primary schools; look to introduce webinars to our training provision; and seek to secure more Trust SLAs which incorporate training and staff support/supervision.

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Training staff at BCCS

We are very fortunate to have been able to utilise our training team who have brought a wealth of expertise and a broad knowledge base that has enabled us to reach our audience within crucial areas. The team have been busy with their training hats on: providing supervision, consultation, workshops, process groups and training. I feel confident in the team, and their wealth of experience.

Activity	Delivery (number of schools)
Year long training programme to primary school to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding your child's anxiety: how to promote resilience• Tune into your pre-teen• Understanding your child's self-harm• Supporting your child's transitions• Understanding Autism	1 primary school (second year purchased)
External supervision	At schools, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Secondary schools• 1 Multi Academy Trust (6 schools)• 3 Primary schools
Parenting support groups	5 x deliveries in primary
Process groups: Misogyny Boys in primary and secondary	9 secondary schools 2 primary schools
Anxiety presentation to parents	6 x primary schools
Understanding anxiety to children	3 x deliveries
Exam stress workshops	3 x secondary schools
Counselling skills	1 x delivery to primary & secondary school staff
Understanding anger workshop	4 x deliveries
Transition (parent presentation)	1x primary school
Resilience (parent presentation)	2 x primary school

Future plans

We worked to identify goals within our five-year strategy in regard to school provision and training. As such, we will be focussing on:

- Consolidating all that we are doing well, and fostering the relationships we have in our current schools
- Identifying a series of new programmes, longer running in duration, with a view to upskilling school staff and parents
- Devising and delivering Webinars so that schools can access (purchase) them via our website and make available to all school staff (and parents).
- To look to broaden our delivery of services to more schools
- To look to broaden our delivery in current schools and increase number of children/young people who would benefit, e.g. increase participation in process group work
- To look to procure more Multi Academy Trust work, such as new SLA's, new programmes for staff support and progression, and more focussed work within certain MATs around common themes, such as SEMH, SEND, group and parental work.

Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS)

CFCS is the privately funded branch of our service, based at our centre in Billericay. It operates independently from our school-based services. Therapy at CFCS is privately funded by parents, carers, schools, and other professionals for children and young people.

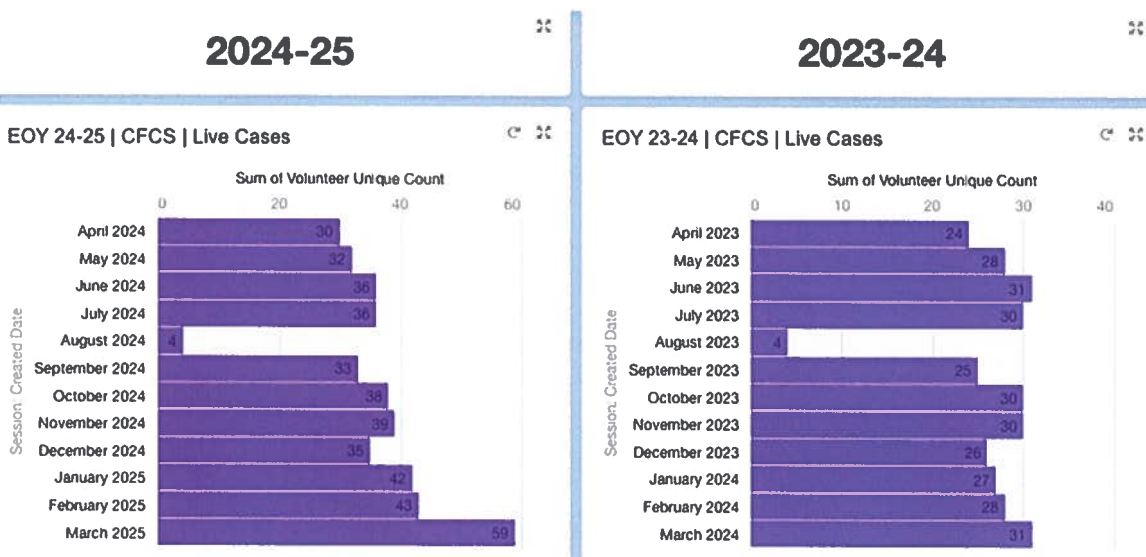
We carry out a full assessment with both parents and young people to ensure we understand and meet each client’s individual needs. While we primarily offer one-to-one support for the child or young person, we also provide a range of therapeutic approaches, including parental therapy, dyadic (parent-child) therapy, adoption-specific therapy (delivered by a specially trained therapist), and sibling therapy.

CFCS has continued to grow thanks to our dedicated team of therapists and the incredible work they do. Last year, we had six part-time therapists; this year we have 11 part-time, plus a new student. Our team includes both child and adolescent therapists and play therapists. All are highly experienced and support children and young people with complex mental health needs.

We always offer one student placement, giving a student the opportunity to complete their placement hours and learn from our team. Many of our previous students have gone on to take paid employment with us after completing their placements. We have also started offering student-led sessions at a reduced rate, making therapy more accessible for families who might otherwise struggle to afford it.

Active Clients

Our target for active clients this year was 50, which we have met. In March 2025, we reached 59 active clients—the highest number to date. In comparison, we had 31 active clients in both June 2023 and March 2024. This number fluctuates monthly due to school holidays, referral rates, and staffing. We recently experienced a drop in available sessions due to a therapist leaving in June, but we are already in the process of recruiting a new therapist to meet increasing demand. See table below for figures.



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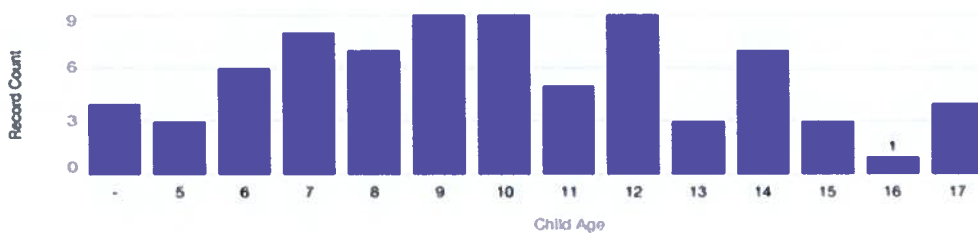
Age Range:

We support children and young people aged 4 to 18. For those with SEND, we extend support up to age 25, in line with the SEN Code of Practice. Feedback from parents and carers indicates that adult services often do not meet the specific needs of young people with SEND.

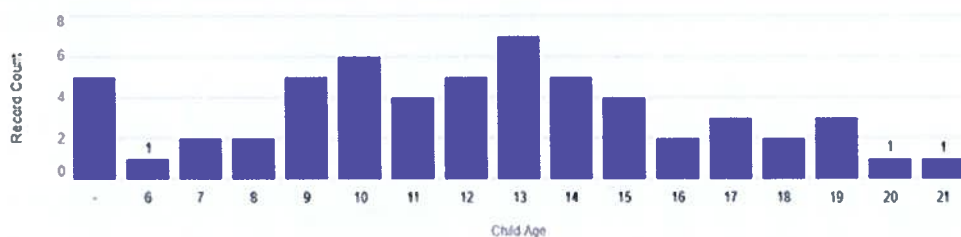
This year, we have supported a higher number of 9, 10, 11 and 12-year-olds, which may be linked to key school transition periods in Years 6 and 7. The table below shows a breakdown of clients by age, helping us better understand the level of need across different age groups.

We have also recently started offering more online support, particularly for young people preparing for their GCSEs, who may find it difficult to attend sessions at the centre.

EOY 24-25 | CFCS | All Cases by age



EOY 23/24 | CFCS | Opened Cases by age



Therapy Sessions:

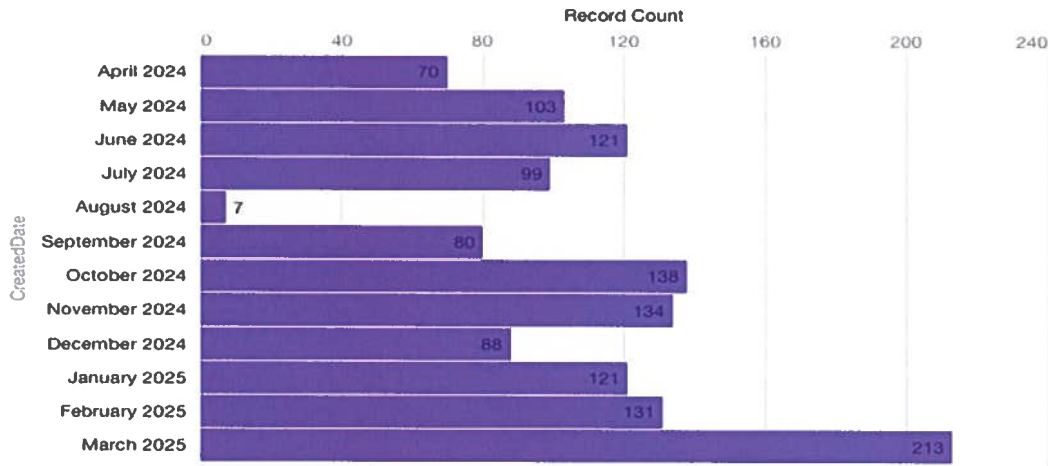
Our goal was to deliver 50 weekly sessions this year. We're providing 56, with 3 slots currently available. In March 2025, we delivered 213 sessions, a significant increase from 88 in March 2024. Session trends are consistent year-on-year: June, October, November, and March are the busiest, while April, September, and December see fewer sessions due to holidays and term starts. We close in August unless therapists opt to continue. These patterns help with budgeting and planning for demand fluctuations throughout the academic year.

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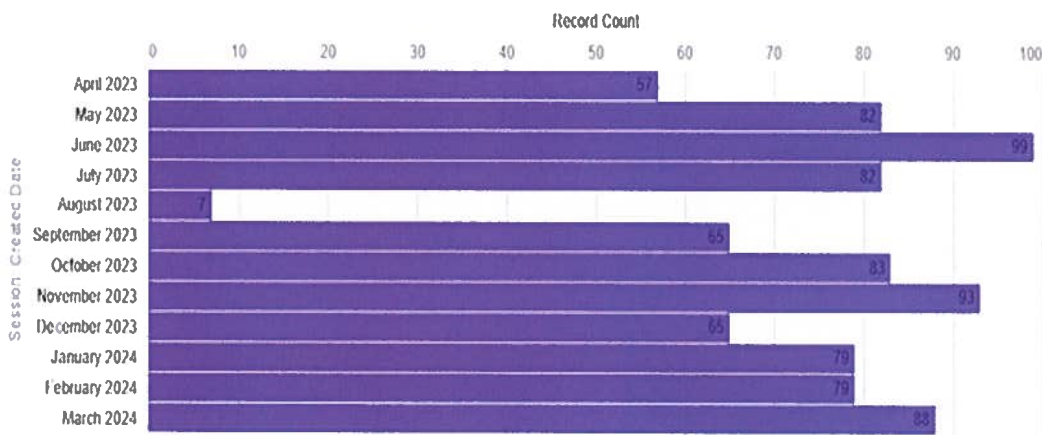
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EOY 24-25 | CFCS | Sessions by month



EOY 23-24 | CFCS | Sessions | By Month



Three-Year Growth in Sessions:

EOY 24-25 | CFCS | Sessions

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EOY 23-24 | CFCS | Sessions

EOY 23-24 | CFCS | Sessions

879



EOY 22-23 | CFCS | Sessions

341

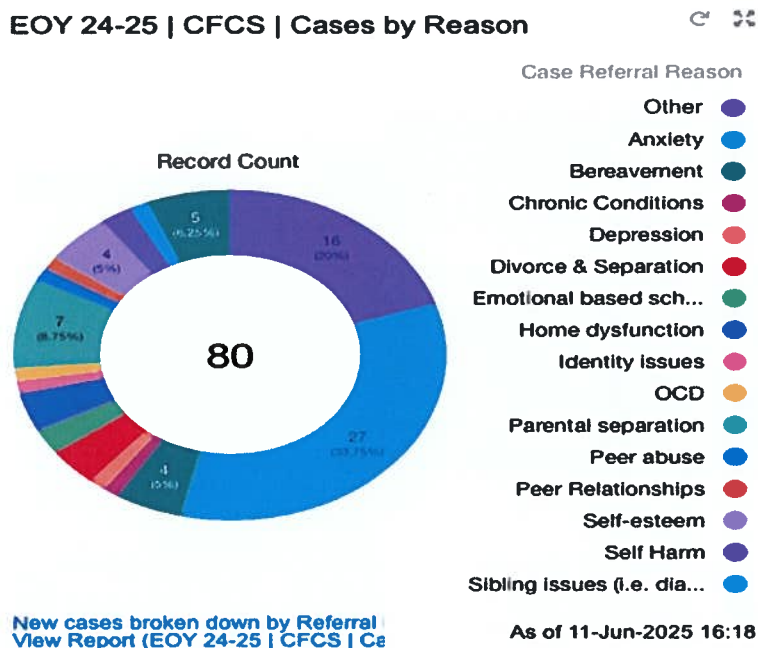


Reasons for referral:

Since last year, we’ve expanded the list of ‘reasons for referral’ in Salesforce CRM, giving us better insight into client needs. Between April 2024 and March 2025, we received 80 new CFCS referrals.

- 23% were for anxiety—the most common reason.
- ‘Other’ - second most common (which includes young carers, criminal activity, gender identity, homelessness, addiction and home schooled).
- Emotional based school avoidance accounted for 7%, up from 2.6% last year.

This data is useful as we can ensure we have the right training and expertise to support the type of referrals we receive. The increase in school refusers has meant gaining a better insight into what schools should be doing and where possible we have worked alongside schools to support the child’s re-integration back into school.



Red Flag Data:

We flag clients on Salesforce where safeguarding concerns are present (e.g., known to Social Care, or disclosures of domestic violence). This helps ensure files are managed in line with GDPR and alerts us to safeguarding risks.

- This year, 24 CFCS clients were red-flagged—up from 3 last year.
- We've supported 5 Looked After Children (LAC).
- There's been a noticeable increase in referrals involving current or historical safeguarding concerns, including domestic abuse.

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Waiting List:

Although we don't track referrals in Salesforce CRM, anecdotal data shows our waiting list has decreased. Last year, it peaked at 15 clients, primarily for after-school sessions. This year, the average is 5. The introduction of our *Wednesday Evening Surgery*, offering 8 additional evening slots, has helped manage demand. Six of these are filled, and we are recruiting a new therapist for the remaining two. We're committed to keeping waiting times low, especially compared to other providers.

Day to Day running of CFCS

We aim to call parents/carers within a few days of enquiry for an initial consultation (up to 30 minutes). Most families are allocated a therapist within weeks, though availability for specific times/days can cause delays.

We now email the referral form ahead of the assessment to streamline the process. This ensures we have all relevant information beforehand. Gaining consent from both parents is generally straightforward, but in some cases—particularly where there is parental separation—it can be more challenging. Being aware of this in advance gives us time to discuss the situation with the parents and, where possible, contact the parent who has raised concerns.

CFCS Hub:

We now have a dedicated CFCS office, where therapists can access paperwork, collaborate, and share concerns. We are putting systems into place so CFCS can work better for staff and clients, such as a new step-by-step client guide and filing system for paperwork.

Volunteers:

We're fortunate to have four volunteer receptionists who warmly welcome clients and often offer a listening ear to parents and carers. The centre could not operate without them, especially during busy periods like Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Reception and Therapy Rooms:

We regularly receive positive feedback from visitors about our warm, welcoming environment. We are very fortunate to have such a lovely centre. This year, we enhanced the reception area with new seating and a play table for clients and siblings. Parents and carers also enjoy using the garden during sessions, to relax while their children are in session.

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New child's table in reception area.



Our Feedback Tree is growing with feedback.

Financial Growth of CFCS

Since moving into our new building and expanding to four therapy rooms, CFCS has experienced significant financial growth. The table below shows the increase in the income CFCS has generated over the past 3 financial years:

2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
21,653	53,535	70,054

- Growth from 22/23 to 23/24: **147%**
- Growth from 23/24 to 24/25: **31%**
- Total growth since April 2022: **224%**

We work closely with our finance team to ensure that payments are processed, and invoices are regularly sent to schools and professionals. We also meet throughout the year to review budgets and monitor income.

Funding:

We've been grateful to receive funding that enables us to offer therapy to families who would otherwise not be able to afford it.

- **Essex County Council** donated **£5,500** to support families affected by domestic violence. This funded 10 sessions for 10 families.
- **Waitrose (Billericay)** donated **£1,000**, which supported a community event—our first *Christmas Gathering*—and partially funded therapy for a child.
- **The Rotary Club** provided funding for 20 sessions for a child in kinship care due to neglect.

Feedback:

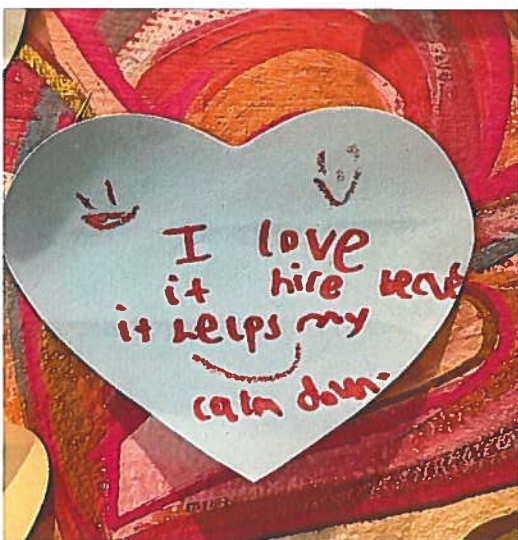
We are in the process of developing new feedback forms to ensure we gather as much feedback, positive or negative, as we can – so we can continue to enhance our support.

This is recent feedback we have received:

*It's *** last session today and we just wanted to thank you for the support and advice you have given him. He has found the sessions enjoyable and useful and we have noticed that it has benefitted him.*

The work you have done with her and since I came in, has been needed and given her back confidence and resilience. She even coped so well with being at the O2 with the school this week without us for such a long day and had her fidgets with her to channel any nervousness.

This is recent feedback from our Feedback Tree:



I love it here because it helps me calm down



To Kelley, thank you for caring & listening

Future Development Plan

The CFCS development plan for the next two years focuses on five key areas:

1. **Service Expansion** - We have already extended our opening hours by adding one evening per week. Our next goal is to increase daytime availability to accommodate more clients and ensure our rooms are being fully utilised.
2. **Data Trends and Feedback** - We are analysing our data to gain a deeper understanding of how CFCS is used throughout the year and to identify emerging trends. To help us better meet client needs, we are also introducing updated feedback forms, which will be distributed during final sessions and made available in our reception area.
3. **Marketing** - We are reviewing our marketing strategies. This includes updating flyers, enhancing our website and social media presence, and developing visual content. We are currently producing videos of the centre to help ease anxiety for new clients prior to their first visit and to promote the centre in a more visual and child-friendly way.
4. **Funding Opportunities** - We aim to secure new funding sources to support more families, particularly those who may not otherwise be able to afford therapy.
5. **Community Engagement** - We plan to strengthen connections between families and other agencies or local support groups. As part of this effort, we are installing a TV screen in our reception area to promote both our services and other local support networks. We already work closely with SNAP in Brentwood and hope to expand these types of partnerships.

Marketing and Fundraising

As we look back on the year, we are truly thankful for the loyalty and consistent support of our community, supporters, and volunteers. Their dedication, passion, and commitment have made such a difference, helping to continue making a real, positive impact on the lives of children, young people, and families. Our fundraising landscape remains significantly influenced by the ongoing economic challenges, such as rising inflation, increased cost of living, and economic uncertainty. These factors have led to tighter household budgets, reduced disposable incomes, and increased competition for charitable giving making 2024/25 another challenging year.

Our fundraising efforts cover a wide range of activities, including community-driven initiatives supported by volunteers, partnerships with businesses, grant applications to trusts and foundations, as well as organising events and challenge campaigns. This diverse approach allows us to engage different audiences and maximise our impact in securing vital funds for our work.

Community Engagement: Our fundraising team has continued to support individuals organising their own fundraising activities and challenges. Dedicated community volunteers have hosted a variety of events, including a wine tasting evening, craft fair, charity quiz nights, and a lively Caribbean night. Others have taken on personal challenges such as skydiving, abseiling, marathons, and the demanding National 3 Peaks Challenge—climbing the highest peaks in Scotland, England, and Wales within 24 hours. Their efforts exemplify community spirit and commitment, helping us raise vital funds and awareness for our cause.



Supporting Children's Mental Health Week

Theme for 2025: Know Yourself, Grow Yourself



In February, our fundraising team organised activities for Children's Mental Health Week, highlighting the importance of mental health in children's growth. We visited local schools to deliver assemblies on the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself,' and shared resources for teachers and parents to support children's feelings.

A fun highlight was a poster colouring competition in four schools, encouraging kids to express themselves creatively and learn about mental health. The posters were displayed in shop windows thanks to local traders, helping raise awareness in the community.

This initiative was made possible through the support of local schools, community groups, traders, and the town council. It was a wonderful team effort with children at the heart of it, showing how working together can really make a difference in promoting mental health for young people.

Donations: The continued cost-of-living crisis has led to a decline in individual contributions, as competition for funds rises and disposable incomes remain constrained. Despite these challenges, we are deeply grateful for the ongoing support from individuals, businesses, clubs, schools, parishes, and organisations who continue to raise funds for us each year. It is their ongoing support that inspires us to keep moving forward and make a meaningful difference.

Events and Challenges: In 2024, we proudly celebrated our 40th anniversary, marking four decades of dedicated service and community impact. Despite facing challenges in donor engagement, our events team worked tirelessly to organise a memorable series of activities. These included a heartfelt Anniversary Mass, a delightful Afternoon Tea, and a successful Abba Tribute Night. These events not only allowed us to commemorate this significant milestone but also provided valuable opportunities to connect with diverse audiences.



Corporate Partnerships: Corporate collaborations continue to be a vital part of our fundraising efforts. We remain dedicated to nurturing and strengthening our existing partnerships while also exploring new opportunities. One of the ways we are doing this is through charity collections at four exciting awards dinners in London. These events help us expand our reach and increase our impact, and we are proud to be the chosen charity for these occasions.

Marketing: We have invested in increasing our online presence, equipping staff with skills in content creation, design, and social media management and over the past year, our social media presence has strengthened, with a particular focus on sharing testimonials and showcasing the impact of our work. Posts highlighting the children we have helped receive more engagement than fundraising messages which reinforces the idea that our audience values seeing the tangible results of their support.

New CRM Implemented: We have successfully implemented a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) donor database that enhances our ability to build stronger, more personalised relationships. It provides detailed management insights and has given us the opportunity to streamline our processes, enabling us to operate more efficiently and elevate our fundraising efforts.

Future Outlook:

Looking ahead to 2025/26, we see another year of adapting and remaining resilient. Even with the ups and downs of the economy and changing donor priorities, we are committed to staying and finding new ways to connect and grow.

Embracing the rapid evolution of digital technology will be essential for expanding our reach. We will continue to monitor and evaluate our social media strategies to ensure we connect effectively with our community.

We are committed to further developing our CRM capabilities and harnessing the power of data and technology to enhance our impact. To ensure our CRM system continues to meet our evolving needs, we will conduct a thorough evaluation of the current platform focusing on identifying its strengths, uncovering areas for improvement, and exploring new features.

Community fundraising is a vital component of our overall strategy, and we remain dedicated to fostering and expanding these efforts. We will actively seek out new opportunities to engage our community, encouraging their involvement and support. By embracing innovative approaches and building stronger relationships at the local level, we aim to increase participation and donations.

To grow and improve our fundraising events, we will focus on keeping attendees engaged and connected. Sharing inspiring stories about our work will help foster a sense of ownership and emotional investment. We

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will also continuously refine our events to better suit our supporters' preferences, strengthening relationships to encourage repeat attendance and make our events even more successful.

Our Fundraising practises

Fundraising at **BCCS** is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and complies with the Code of Fundraising Practice. Our fundraising promise is available to read on our website. All fundraisers are aware of the need to act ethically in accordance with the Code of Fundraising Practice and **BCCS** values. In line with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice, should a fundraiser suspect a person they are talking to may be vulnerable, they will end the conversation immediately and politely without making a request for a donation or asking about the individual's capacity to make a decision or the existence of vulnerable circumstances.

In 2024/25 there were no complaints relating to **BCCS'** activities.

BCCS is signed up to the Fundraising Preference Service.

BCCS does not employ third party professional fundraisers or commercial participators and therefore does not need to regulate their activities.

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Financial Review

Every year our key task is to match our income to the cost of the work we do. We never have a shortage of work that we could do and in recent years our workload has increased. In order to maintain long term sustainability, we must avoid taking on more unfunded work than we can afford to do. Historically, our main limitation on our activities is generating income. We differentiate Operational Income from overall Income in all our internal management and monitoring. Operational Income excludes legacy and gift income of an unusual nature (i.e. above a low budget level representing a reasonable and prudent expectation). We aim to break even without such income, and we do not include it in our planning on a yearly basis.

Overall, our income increased by £275,662 from £1,155,437 to £1,431,099 primarily due to 2 large legacies received in 2025. This is detailed further below.

Funds from voluntary donations and similar income has reduced by £29,573 over the prior year, from £183,265 to £153,692. In 2018 BCCS benefitted from a restricted donation of £250,000 which crystallises over the period 2018-2027. This is restricted to help the work of the charity in meeting the needs of more children and young people, by delivering programmes educating and empowering parents, carers and school professionals in their interactions and relationships with young people.

Income directly generated by the work we do with schools has increased by 10% over the previous year from £754,060 last year to £832,851 this year. Fees generated from Service Level Agreements directly with schools and extended service clusters have increased by 5.7% as additional schools have sought our services and existing ones increased their committed hours. Child & Family Counselling Services (CFCS) income has increased by 32% over the previous year (2025: £75,579, 2024: £57,290), as face-to-face self-referral counselling services have steadily increased in volume within our purpose-built therapy rooms and also due to the expansion of the provision with a weekly evening clinic. We have continued to run workshops both at school premises as well as our own premises and this has contributed to the increase in training income (2025: £31,835, 2024: £22,553). Income generated from Trusts and Grants has reduced in 2024/25 to £9,950 and no restricted funds were received this year.

Legacy income remained at a higher level than we would normally anticipate at £237,024. This was from 2 large legacies, one being the proceeds of sale of a property.

During 2024/25 our total costs have increased by 6.8% to £1,263,766, the increase is due to higher costs in providing support and care services; also, higher fundraising costs for physical event costs. Support and care costs amounted to £1,013,333 in 2024 and this has increased by £67,153 to £1,080,486 in 2025 as additional counsellors are required to undertake the increased levels of professional activity.

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This current year shows a net gain of £167,333 reducing to a £131,474 positive net movement in funds once unrealised investment losses of £35,859 are included. This has in turn led to our free reserves increasing from £2,083,197 in 2023/24 to £2,301,296 in 2024/25. This represents 21.85 months expenditure (21.14 in 2023/24) and achieves the medium-term aim set by trustees.

A key performance indicator for BCCS has been the percentage of income (ex-legacy income) accounted for by fees for professional services. Using this metric sees this year's percentage at 69.7% (69.6% in 2023/24). Professional income increased by 10% and this interconnection between our work, the schools we partner with, the children and families we help and our donors and supporters is an important factor in contributing to our community.

We have been striving to increase the level of expenditure on the direct provision of support and care service as a percentage of total expenditure – 85.4% in 2024/25 and 85.6% in 2023/24. This has remained in line with last year due to increased expenditure for fundraising activity. Fundraising continues to play a significant role in funding our work. Despite the increase in the percentage of income provided by fees, the increased level of work that is being undertaken means that our fundraising targets continue to be challenging.

Reserves and going concern

The Board are currently discussing a longer-term strategy to allocate some of our free reserves to projects furthering the work of the charity in meeting its charitable objectives. This year we have expanded the CFCS provision to include evening clinics and sessions. We also want to consider developing a programme, the sole aim of which would be to offer support, guidance and therapy to parents whose children are struggling. We envisage offering 1:1 parenting support, workshops, targeted forms of support to engage parents of self-harming adolescents, for example, and targeted support for parents whose children are experiencing separation anxiety.

Our medium to long term policy is to have 5 to 6 months expenditure as reserves. The trustees consider that this level, which amounts to between £591,603 and £631,883, will provide sufficient funds to fund support and care services and ensure that support and governance costs are covered. Due to the generous legacies included within previous years, the charity holds free reserves at the year-end equivalent to 21.85 months expenditure (2024: 21.14 months). We are committed to achieving operational surpluses in 25/26 and beyond. Fortunately, the charity has healthy cash balances available to draw on to mitigate the peaks and troughs whilst maintaining services.

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Investments

The Board appointed a fund manager, LGT Wealth Management UK, to have oversight of the investment portfolio. The trustees have reviewed the current portfolio during the year, which is invested in a medium risk investment solution, that has ethical considerations embedded. The portfolio holds a combination of equities, bonds, alternatives and cash and looks to deliver a balanced return. The trustees do not consider high risk or speculative investments as suitable for BCCS.

The investment portfolio was established in November 2024. The first four months of portfolio performance (November to February) delivered a positive return of +2.4%. Global equity markets were particularly volatile in March 2025 and as a result delivered a negative return in the month, resulting in an overall negative return of -1.8% since inception (November 2024 to March 2025). The portfolio has seen a strong recovery since the end of March, despite a volatile investment environment.

Structure, Governance and Management

BCCS is an unincorporated trust constituted under a Trust Deed dated 25th August 1990. It is an independent registered charity in England and Wales, number 1000661. **BCCS** is not formally connected to the Diocese of Brentwood (which is a separate charity) and for legal purposes the two are not connected. However, the Bishop of Brentwood is our President and we maintain very close informal links with the diocese and the parishes.

BCCS does not receive any direct funding from Government or from the Diocese of Brentwood. Donations are received and an active Fundraising Events' Calendar is undertaken.

The trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees. Following an Order made by the Charity Commission on 18th July 2005 the Trust Deed was amended giving the trustees the power at their discretion to vary both the number of trustees and the length of time that they can serve.

Meetings of the Board of Trustees are held four times a year to agree broad strategy and areas of activity and to receive reports from the Director and three Sub Committees (Finance, Governance and Marketing and Fundraising). Additionally, the trustees consider investments, safeguarding, reserves and risk management on a regular basis.

Day to day operation of **BCCS** is delegated to the Director and staff.

Sub committees also meet up to four times per year prior to the Main Board meetings and they have the power to co-opt advisers as required.

Finance Sub Committee:

Approves the Annual Budget prior to submission to the Main Board for final approval.

Monitors financial performance against budget and monthly management accounts.

Liaises with the auditors.

Assesses financial risks and provides advice to the Director.

Monitors investment performance and agrees appropriate actions which are then actioned by Director.

Approve unexpected expenditure (not in budget) in line with our procurement policy.

Marketing and Fundraising Sub Committee:

The programme of events is monitored by the trustees. At each meeting, the Marketing and Fundraising Sub Committee monitors the performance of fundraising events that have taken place against the budget set for them. Lessons are learned and decisions taken in relation to future events that may be the same or similar. It also keeps track of those events that have not yet taken place so as to ensure so far as is possible, that they are on target both in financial terms and in terms of putting on a successful event for the participants. We aim to deliver a programme of events that not only raise money directly but also help to build the community of those who support our work.

In relation to donations throughout the year the Marketing and Fundraising Sub Committee monitors each heading to ensure that we are on track and so that decisions can be made about how we might bolster performance if we are not. Some activities are seasonal and some are year-long and for those that are seasonal, trustees will monitor activity within the fundraising team to ensure that appropriate preparations have been made to support seasonal appeals and to learn lessons for the future after each season is complete.

Fundraising trustees are presented with a financial report at each meeting against which monitoring can take place. Risks are assessed and discussed which inform planning and decision making.

Governance Sub Committee:

Monitors policies and practices within **BCCS** and assesses risks in line with good governance. During the year the Risk Policy and Register are updated and this is reviewed at each meeting and reported to the board. There is a rolling programme of policy reviews.

Recruitment, Induction and Training of Trustees:

The Board keeps the skill set required for proper performance of its duties under regular review. Potential trustees initially meet with the Chair of Trustees and Director for an informal interview. Thereafter they are invited to attend a full board meeting as observers in order to meet other trustees and to gain a fuller understanding of the work of **BCCS** and the Board before making a commitment to serve as a trustee. As a matter of courtesy, new trustees are notified to the President who writes to them before they are formally appointed by the Board at the next Board Meeting. New Trustees are given an induction pack covering all aspects of the history of **BCCS**, charity commission requirements, safeguarding, current practices and structures.

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During the year trustees have received on-going training and updates in relation to Safeguarding, Statements of Recommended Practice for accounting and developments in the statutory and legislative framework surrounding fundraising activity and GDPR. Trustees were also updated on Risk Management best practice and the activities and supervision of our Social Workers and Counsellors. We will continue to develop the knowledge and skills of Trustees into 2025/26 with particular reference to the Charity Commission's updated CC20 guidance – 'A Guide to Trustee Duties'.

During the year one trustee term of office ended.

Key Risks and Uncertainties

Trustees regularly consider and review risks against an established and constantly refreshed Risk Register. This is done in sub-committee meetings and reported to full board. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finance of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the charity's exposure to such risks.

The principal risks we have identified are broken down into "Operational", "Legal, Regulatory and Governance" and "Financial". The nature of our operations, the interaction with parish communities, supporters, priests in the Diocese of Brentwood and particularly the relationships we have with over 100 schools means that our risks are diverse and to an extent interconnected. The main risks identified in our risk are:

- a) **The risk of having an ineffective Board of Trustees.** We are fortunate that we maintain a board of quality trustees through good recruitment in a good mix of skills relevant to our operations. This is re-enforced by induction, training and refreshing the Board on a regular basis with an agreed retirement process.

- b) **The risk of having poor financial controls and reporting.** The sub committees are particularly helpful in mitigating this risk and sensible setting of budgets and good monitoring of performance against those budgets both by Heads of Department and the trustees. The Trustee board appointed a Fund Manager to overview our investment portfolio and make recommendations to the board. We followed an RFP process with 3 companies and presented findings to the Finance Committee for scrutiny followed by a recommendation to Full Board.

- c) **The risk of having poor safeguarding policies and procedures.** As the Charity works with vulnerable children and families, safeguarding is considered an inherent risk in the work we do. **BCCS** has a framework of controls, consents, risk assessments, policies, and reviews to mitigate the associated risks. The focus on training of trustees and school staff together with an effective supervision structure ensures that concerns are identified and acted upon. Our safeguarding trustee reviews and revises our policy and procedures annually with staff and trustees. Our DSL prepares a comprehensive safeguarding report for each Governance subcommittee meeting outlining referrals, training, processes/procedures in place and their effectiveness. This is scrutinised at each meeting.
- d) **The risk of economic strains in the education sector.** Financial risks to the charity reflect the uncertainties of the economic climate and strains within the education sector. More schools and Multi Academy Trusts are increasingly becoming key commissioners of their own services. With this in mind, **BCCS** is mitigating this risk by expanding our core one-to-one counselling activity to deliver a tiered model of therapy, training and support to schools and MAT clusters. We have revised our Service Level Agreements with all schools to ensure commitment of service provision and timely payments during a pandemic or any other unforeseen circumstances.

Volunteers

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the regular assistance and physical support of our volunteers reduced; however this is gradually returning to pre-pandemic levels. We have recruited 4 volunteers to help with reception duties for our Child and Family Counselling Service. As always, our volunteers have actively promoted and supported our challenges and events. All our volunteers provide a valuable contribution to the care of children in our community and we are grateful to them all.

Key Management

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees and the Director as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. The salary of the Director is determined to mutual satisfaction and market rate for a charity of its size at the time of joining, and has been increased precisely in line with increases applicable to all other employed staff year on year.

Auditors

On 18th November 2024 the charity's auditor changed its name from haysmacintyre LLP to HaysMac LLP.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in s17 Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by BCCS.

The early intervention services provided by BCCS enable the children to address difficulties that may be impeding their educational, social and emotional development. This benefits the individual children directly and also their peers in school. This in turn helps support teachers and other school support staff. We are committed to the principle that assistance is provided to any child in need irrespective of background, race or religion.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

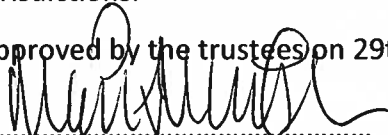
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP
- make judgements 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 that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees on 29th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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M Maisch - Chair of Trustees

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Trustees	Appointment Date	1st Term End	2nd Term End
Martin McClenaghan	June 2017	May 2021	May 2025
Ray Keilthy	September 2017	August 2021	August 2025
Rev. Mathew Bemand-Qureshi	September 2017	August 2021	August 2025
Maire Maisch (Chair)	March 2018	February 2022	February 2026
Ferdinand Tisi	December 2021	November 2025	November 2029
Dean Cassar (Vice Chair)	December 2021	November 2025	November 2029
Jo Santinelli	December 2021	November 2025	November 2029
Katharine McKnight	December 2021	November 2025	November 2029
Maria Wrench	December 2021	November 2025	November 2029
Beth Warren	December 2021	November 2025	November 2029
John Adshead	September 2023	September 2027	September 2031
Andrew Burns	September 2023	September 2027	September 2031
Mary-Ann Deasy	September 2023	September 2027	September 2031
Cynthia Fernandez	September 2023	September 2027	September 2031
Rob Hayes	September 2023	September 2027	September 2031
Matt Chapman	September 2023	September 2027	September 2031
Mary Ward	September 2023	September 2027	September 2031
Amy Wilsher	September 2023	September 2027	September 2031
Sanjay Thomas	December 2023	December 2027	December 2031

President: Rt Reverend Alan Williams Bishop of Brentwood.

Founder: Rt Rev Mgr. John Armitage

Director: Mrs Bernadette Fisher

Principal Office: 133 High Street, Billericay, Essex. CM12 9AB

Charity Number: 1000661

Trading names: In addition to the formal name Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, the name "BCCS" is used generally, and the name "Childcare" is used in association with the shop.

Auditors: HaysMac LLP, 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1AG

Bankers: HSBC Bank PLC, 91 High Street, Brentwood, Essex, CM14 4RU
CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill, Kings Hills Avenue, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Santander UK, 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London, NW1 3AN

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Brentwood Catholic Children's Society for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of the charity's net movement in funds for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charity; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 32, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to safeguarding regulations, employment law and taxes and Charity law, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to depreciation charges.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting minutes of Trustees' meetings;
- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Reviewing valuations of investments; and
- Testing the controls relating to the processing of journals both during the year and at the year end.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

HaysMac LLP

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Statutory Auditors

Date: *3 October* 2025

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HaysMac LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Income from:	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>							
Donations and similar income		133,773	19,919	153,692	158,955	24,310	183,265
Legacies		237,024	-	237,024	72,066	-	72,066
Trusts and Grants		9,950	-	9,950	14,500	12,000	26,500
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
Fees for professional services and service level agreements		832,851	-	832,851	754,060	-	754,060
<i>Other Trading Activities</i>							
Fundraising events income		89,861	-	89,861	78,186	-	78,186
<i>Investment Income</i>							
Dividends and Interest		92,721	-	92,721	26,360	-	26,360
Rental Income		15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-	15,000
Total Income		<u>1,411,180</u>	<u>19,919</u>	<u>1,431,099</u>	<u>1,119,127</u>	<u>36,310</u>	<u>1,155,437</u>
Expenditure on:							
<i>Raising Funds</i>							
Fundraising events costs		171,896	-	171,896	148,740	-	148,740
Fundraising costs - Trusts		11,384	-	11,384	21,133	-	21,133
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
Provision of support and care services		1,018,208	62,278	1,080,486	942,297	71,036	1,013,333
Total Expenditure	2	<u>1,201,488</u>	<u>62,278</u>	<u>1,263,766</u>	<u>1,112,170</u>	<u>71,036</u>	<u>1,183,206</u>
Net income (Expenditure) and net movement in funds before gains (losses) on investments		209,692	(42,359)	167,333	6,957	(34,726)	(27,769)
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrealised loss/gains on investment	7	(35,859)	-	(35,859)	57,080	-	57,080
Net movement in funds		173,833	(42,359)	131,474	64,037	(34,726)	29,311
Total funds brought forward		3,819,240	129,557	3,948,797	3,755,203	164,283	3,919,486
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>3,993,073</u></u>	<u><u>87,198</u></u>	<u><u>4,080,271</u></u>	<u><u>3,819,240</u></u>	<u><u>129,557</u></u>	<u><u>3,948,797</u></u>

All operations are continuing and there are no discontinued operations in either year.

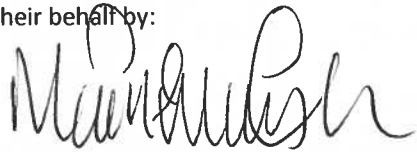
BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	6		1,691,777		1,736,043
Investments	7		1,445,954		731,813
			<u>3,137,731</u>		<u>2,467,856</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	179,749		69,602	
Cash at bank and in hand		857,897		1,494,492	
		<u>1,037,646</u>		<u>1,564,094</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(95,106)		(83,153)	
Net current assets			<u>942,540</u>		<u>1,480,941</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>4,080,271</u></u>		<u><u>3,948,797</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds:	11				
General fund			<u>3,993,073</u>		<u>3,819,240</u>
Restricted funds	10		<u>87,198</u>		<u>129,557</u>
Total funds	12		<u><u>4,080,271</u></u>		<u><u>3,948,797</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 29th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



M Maisch
CHAIR of TRUSTEES

The notes on pages 40 to 52 form part of the financial statements.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Note	£	£
Net cashflow from operating activities	13 37,384	(59,415)
<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>		
Interest and dividends	92,721	26,360
Purchase of tangible assets	(16,700)	(9,714)
Proceeds from sale of investments	741,122	25,914
Purchase of investments	(1,491,122)	-
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(673,979)	42,560
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(636,595)	(16,855)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	1,494,492	1,511,347
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	857,897	1,494,492
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and in hand	857,897	1,494,492
	857,897	1,494,492

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations. Figures are presented in sterling and rounded to the nearest pound. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

1.2 General information

The Charity is a charity registered in England and Wales (charity number: 1000661). The Charity's registered office address is 133 High Street, Billericay, Essex CM12 9AB.

1.3 Going Concern

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Cash flow forecasts have been prepared that show the charity has sufficient liquid reserves for the foreseeable future. This combined with the added back up of investments held would allow the charity to continue with its work.

1.4 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

There are no areas within the financial statements which have required the Trustees to make significant judgements or estimates.

1.5 Income

Voluntary, charitable and fundraising income from various sources are only recognised as income when there is sufficient evidence to provide the necessary certainty so it is probable that the income will be received, that the charity is entitled to receive the income and the value can be measured with sufficient reliability. In the case of legacy income, this is recognised when the above income recognition criteria have been met.

Fees from professional services and service level agreements are recognised in the period the service has been provided.

Rental income is included when receivable.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Donated assets are included within income at their estimated market value and are capitalised in the balance sheet.

1.6 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £100 are capitalised and 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:

Improvements to Premises -	Straight line basis over 15 years
Furniture, fittings and equipment -	Straight line basis over 5 and 10 years
IT and computer equipment -	Straight line basis over 4 years

The freehold premises is not depreciated. The trustees conduct annual impairment reviews and are confident market value at the date of these accounts exceeds cost.

1.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially stated at their transaction value and subsequently stated at fair value. Any realised and unrealised gains or losses, including income received on accumulation units, are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Charity does not acquire or use put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

1.8 Impairment of Fixed Assets and Investments

Fixed assets and investments are subject to review for impairment when there is an indication of a reduction in their carrying value. Any impairment is recognised in the SOFA in the year in which it occurs.

1.9 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered. Support costs are allocated based on staff time spent on the activities.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be directly allocated to such activities together with an allocation of support costs.

Expenditure on raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of the charity shop together with an allocation of support costs.

Governance costs comprise direct costs for the statutory and governance of the charity together with an allocation of support costs. These are reapportioned to expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities according to the ratio of salary costs for each heading.

1.10 Pension Costs

The Society makes defined pension contributions to a Group Pension Scheme administered by Scottish Equitable. Contributions are charged against the Statement of Financial Activities as they fall due. At the year end, contributions of £6,947 were outstanding and were paid in May 2025.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1.11 Funds

Restricted funds are those funds subject to restrictions imposed by the donor. Details of funds subject to restriction are set out in note 10.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

1.12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains under sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

1.13 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash, balances held within bank current accounts payable on demand.

1.14 Financial Instruments

The charity has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables, and cash and bank balances are measured at transaction price or consideration expected to be received. Investments are measured at market value. Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank overdraft are measured at transaction price or consideration expected to be paid.

1.15 Contributions from Volunteers

Volunteers also generally give their time on an adhoc basis to aid with sundry administration and fundraising duties. The Trustees consider there is no objective way of putting a financial value on volunteers' effort but record their gratitude for this considerable and essential contribution.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. TOTAL EXPENDITURE

	Support And Care services £	Fundraising Events £	Trusts £	2025 Total £
<i>Costs directly allocated</i>				
Staff costs	632,151	111,652	8,360	752,163
Agency staff and similar costs	145,624	-	-	145,624
Fundraising events and activities	-	21,512	-	21,512
Trusts	13,432	-	-	13,432
Special needs and other care costs	32,055	-	-	32,055
<i>Support costs allocated</i>				
Staff costs	73,920	13,056	979	87,955
Travel costs	28,166	774	-	28,940
Premises costs	22,698	4,009	300	27,007
Finance and administration costs	53,325	6,920	445	60,690
Professional fees	29	5	-	34
Depreciation	50,307	8,885	666	59,858
<i>Governance costs allocated</i>				
Staff costs	12,985	2,294	286	15,565
Audit and accountancy	13,832	2,443	305	16,580
General office support	1,037	183	22	1,242
Depreciation	925	163	21	1,109
2025 Total	<u>1,080,486</u>	<u>171,896</u>	<u>11,384</u>	<u>1,263,766</u>

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****TOTAL EXPENDITURE PREVIOUS YEAR**

	Support And Care services	Fundraising Events	Trusts	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
<i>Costs directly allocated</i>				
Staff costs	615,915	94,768	9,899	720,582
Agency staff and similar costs	129,677	-	-	129,677
Fundraising events and activities	-	23,363	-	23,363
Trusts	-	-	7,973	7,973
Special needs and other care costs	27,476	-	-	27,476
<i>Support costs allocated</i>				
Staff costs	62,003	9,540	998	72,541
Travel costs	29,377	666	-	30,043
Premises costs	19,098	2,938	307	22,343
Finance and administration costs	46,617	4,668	451	51,736
Professional fees	59	9	1	69
Depreciation	52,652	8,101	846	61,599
<i>Governance costs allocated</i>				
Staff costs	12,467	1,918	270	14,655
Audit and accountancy	16,155	2,486	349	18,990
General office support	869	134	18	1,021
Depreciation	968	149	21	1,138
2024 Total	<u>1,013,333</u>	<u>148,740</u>	<u>21,133</u>	<u>1,183,206</u>

Support costs are allocated to each activity in proportion to the ratio of direct salary costs they represent, other than travel costs that can be directly attributable to specific activities.

In 2025 the expenditure on charitable activities was £1,080,486 (2024: £1,013,333) of which £1,018,208 (2024: £942,297) was expenditure from unrestricted funds and £62,278 (2024: £71,036) was expenditure from restricted funds.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

3. EMPLOYEES

Number of Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Fundraising and Trusts	4.0	3.2
Direct charitable	25.0	23.7
Administration	3.8	3.4
Governance	0.2	0.2
	<u>33.0</u>	<u>30.5</u>

Employment Costs and remuneration of key management personnel:

Total Employment Costs	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and Wages	747,947	705,086
Social security costs	59,515	55,089
Other pension costs	48,221	47,603
	<u>855,683</u>	<u>807,778</u>

The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees and the charity Director. The total employment benefits including employer pension and national insurance contributions of the key management personnel were £69,673 (2024: £66,572). No employees had annual emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2024: Nil).

All pension costs are from unrestricted funds for both years.

4. AUDITORS REMUNERATION

Included within the audit and accountancy costs in Note 2, the auditor's remuneration constituted an audit fee of £15,400 (2024: £14,500) and additional advisory fees of £Nil (2024: £Nil).

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year (2024: Nil), and none of them were reimbursed for expenses (2024: Nil).

There were no services provided to the charity during the year by persons or legal bodies connected to any trustee (2024: Nil.).

Donations received from trustees totalled £1,388 (2024: £816).

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	1/4/2024	Transfer	Additions	Disposals	31/3/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Cost</u>					
Freehold Premises	1,199,179	-	-	-	1,199,179
Improvements to Premises	424,724	-	-	-	424,724
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	140,495	-	1,579	-	142,074
IT & Computer Equipment	84,105	-	15,121	-	99,226
	<u>1,848,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,865,203</u>

	1/4/2024	Transfer	Charge for	Disposals	31/3/2025
	£	£	the Year	£	£
			£		
<u>Depreciation</u>					
Improvements to Premises	37,469	-	28,314	-	65,783
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	24,582	-	17,305	-	41,887
IT & Computer Equipment	50,409	-	15,347	-	65,756
	<u>112,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,426</u>

	1/4/2024	31/3/2025
	£	£
<u>Net Book Value</u>		
Freehold Premises	1,199,179	1,199,179
Improvements to Premises	387,255	358,941
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	115,913	100,187
IT & Computer Equipment	33,696	33,470
	<u>1,736,043</u>	<u>1,691,777</u>

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed Investments £
Market value at 1 April 2024	731,813
Purchase of investments during the year	741,122
Cash introduced	750,000
Proceeds of sales of investments during the year	(741,122)
Unrealised loss in the year	(35,859)
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Market value at 31 March 2025	1,445,954
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Investment assets are held in the U.K.	
Historical cost:	
At 31 March 2025	1,493,500
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At 31 March 2024	478,801
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8. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	156,150	54,108
Other debtors	23,599	15,494
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	179,749	69,602
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

9. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Tax and social security	13,883	13,033
Accruals and deferred income	54,739	47,580
Other creditors	26,484	22,540
	<u>95,106</u>	<u>83,153</u>
Deferred Income – other		
Balance as at 1 st April	24,384	24,215
Additional amounts of income deferred	22,135	24,384
Amount released to incoming resources	(24,384)	(24,215)
	<u>22,135</u>	<u>24,384</u>

This relates to professional service fee income received in advance and income received for fundraising events that take place after the year end.

Other creditors include pension contributions due at the year-end of £6,947 (2024: £6,065).

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10. RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer to Unrestricted Reserves £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Discretionary Fund	13,616	19,919	(23,846)	-	9,689
COVID-19 Crisis & Hardship Grants	400	-	(400)	-	-
Counselling Suite Refurbishment.	1,815	-	(1,032)	-	783
Training programmes supporting child emotional wellbeing	100,000	-	(25,000)	-	75,000
Tune into your teen Project	1,467	-	-	-	1,467
Boys Process Groups Grants	12,000	-	(12,000)	-	-
Bereavement Project	259	-	-	-	259
2025 Total	129,557	19,919	(62,278)	-	87,198

PREVIOUS YEAR	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer ex Unrestricted Reserves £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Discretionary Fund	9,712	24,310	(20,406)	-	13,616
COVID-19 Crisis & Hardship Grants	400	-	-	-	400
Counselling Suite Refurbishments	1,815	-	-	-	1,815
Training programmes supporting child emotional wellbeing	125,000	-	(25,000)	-	100,000
Tune into your teen project	3,600	-	(2,133)	-	1,467
Support of Counsellor salary	17,850	-	(17,850)	-	-
Boys Process Groups Grants	-	12,000	-	-	12,000
Bereavement Project	5906	-	(5,647)	-	259
2024 Total	164,283	36,310	(71,036)	-	129,557

Ongoing projects from Restricted Funds

Tune into Your Teen Project

A combination of grants from two differing sources to deliver workshops within a school setting to parents and their teenage children at zero cost to the recipients.

Discretionary Fund

This fund consists of regular donations from an individual company requiring the monies be utilised for direct financial assistance to children and their families within Essex and East London, where it is recognized such assistance would make a real difference to their lives. The fund is administered within strict guidelines for specific item or event.

Family Support Fund

This fund was established from a grant received and is earmarked to subsidise one-to-one counselling sessions to children and young people outside of a school setting, to support their emotional needs. The fund is utilised where family finances would not stretch to contribute to the cost of therapy.

Counselling Suite Refurbishments

We received two donations in the year 2022/23 to refurbish general office space into dedicated counselling suite accommodation to provide a comfortable safe environment for families and children to receive emotional and therapeutic services. Two further donations were made in the year 2022/23 towards creating and equipping therapy rooms within the new head office in Billericay. Monies were utilised contributing towards the overall costs providing safety flooring, furnishings, equipment, storage, and lighting. Balance remaining is to replenish equipment and storage as and when required.

Bereavement Project

Funded by a combination of two grants for differing sources, this project will provide support to children and families who are dealing with bereavement.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

11. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from Restricted Reserves	Transfer between Funds	Unrealised gain (loss) on investment	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds							
General Fund	3,819,240	1,411,180	(1,201,488)	-	-	(35,859)	3,993,073
Unrestricted Funds 2025	3,819,240	1,411,180	(1,201,488)	-	-	(35,859)	3,993,073

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from Restricted Reserves	Transfer between Funds	Unrealised gain (loss) on investment	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds – Previous Year							
General Fund	3,755,203	1,119,127	(1,112,170)	-	-	57,080	3,819,240
Unrestricted Funds 2024	3,755,203	1,119,127	(1,112,070)	-	-	57,080	3,819,240

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

12. NET ASSETS OF THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	Fixed Assets	Investments	Net current assets/(liabilities)	Fund Balance
	£	£	£	£
2025				
Unrestricted Funds:				
General Fund	1,691,777	1,445,954	855,342	3,993,073
Restricted Funds	-	-	87,198	87,198
	<u>1,691,777</u>	<u>1,445,954</u>	<u>942,540</u>	<u>4,080,271</u>
2024				
Unrestricted Funds:				
General Fund	1,736,043	731,813	1,351,384	3,819,240
Restricted Funds	-	-	129,557	129,557
	<u>1,736,043</u>	<u>731,813</u>	<u>1,480,941</u>	<u>3,948,797</u>

13. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net movement in funds	131,474	29,311
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	60,966	62,737
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
(Gains)/losses on investments	35,859	(57,080)
Dividends and interest from investments	(92,721)	(26,360)
Decrease (increase) in debtors	(110,147)	(21,413)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	11,953	(46,610)
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>37,384</u>	<u>(59,415)</u>