



CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TRUST

TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TRUST
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION



Chairman of the Trust	Mrs E Hamerton
Trustees	Mr J Waterman Mrs G Hill
Secretary	Ms D Griffiths
Charity number	1006359
Independent examiner	Light Work Accounting Ltd Office B Chesil House Arrow Close, Boyatt Wood Eastleigh Hampshire SO50 4SY



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2024

Description of the Charity

The charity was founded in 1991 and is based in West London. Our main objective is to enable children and young people who have been traumatised, to express their feelings in a safe way. We use an integrated approach to arts psychotherapies of drama, art and music as a way of enabling children who are not ready to talk, to go through a non-verbal process. Where appropriate, we include support for significant adults in their lives. We continue to work in partnership with statutory services and other voluntary organisations.

We also recognise the valuable contribution made by our team members to this work. All trained to post graduate level and we are grateful to them for their enthusiasm and commitment. This continued to be particularly helpful as staff and pupils all experienced periods of sickness during the year.

Reserves and Finance Policy

This year saw a continued increase in our work. We also started to ask new referrers for a small financial increase for our individual programmes. This has helped us to cover our variable costs, instead of relying on donations. This, it is hoped will increase our reserves in order to reach our target of three months' running costs to cover administration and project management.

The Charity does not engage professional fund raisers. Our funds come from three sources:

- ▶ Income generated from charging for some of our services
- ▶ Through applications to trusts and foundations for specific programmes
- ▶ And from private donors

It has always been our policy to expend the majority of our funds directly on the welfare of the children and materials for their use. We have been assisted with this endeavour by continuing to receive the benefit of the use of an office, with IT equipment and servicing by L F.

The settings where we work, including schools and community organisations, continue to provide us with appropriate rooms and storage space. This reduces the need to hire accommodation separately and to have permanent transport available for moving materials. This also means that we do not have any capital outlay for premises.

Achievements during the Year

We continue to work mainly in Ealing, Greenford and Southall, although this year we have followed children placed in other Boroughs, including Hammersmith & Fulham, Hounslow and Buckinghamshire, and recently we started working in Surrey. We are building long-term relationships with the school staff, especially the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) but frequently includes the Special Needs teacher (SENCO) or a high-level teaching assistant/mentor (HLTA). The feed-back from staff is positive as it enables continuity for them as well as for the children.

These contacts have enabled us to put in some group programmes for children who would not otherwise have had more intense support. Some of the children were mute in class, even though they might have been talking to peers in the playground. Where children have had another language spoken at home, they have needed extra help to come to terms with English, and some children have needed to be referred to other health professions for hearing and other problems. The group process enabled the children to transfer their learning to the classroom, to demonstrate increased confidence and to show greater resilience. It is to be hoped this early intervention will considerably enhance the children's educational outcomes. Our Action Research Evaluation (Beddall-Smith & Keeling 2019) is evidence of this.



**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR (continued)
TO 31ST MARCH 2024**

Social Work Student Placements

Our two MA students from the University of East London successfully completed their placements. Both reported that the experience of supporting groups as well as the individual Direct Work programmes, had helped them considerably. One of the students also had an experience of an open-ended group community programme for mothers and children under five in Southall said she found it daunting at first, and went on to gain a high degree of transferrable learning which will later enhance her social work practice.

Because we had three students during the year, two of whom were on the MA course, we made the decision to have only BA students from October 2023. This works well within the academic year and gives a better flow to the programme we can offer.

Signature:

..... Date:

E A Hamerton Chairman
(on behalf of the Trustees)

CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TRUST



I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Responsibilities and Basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Light Work Accounting Ltd

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Dated: 18 November 2024

CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	220	-	220	240
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	-	-	-	650
Other incoming resources	2	-	64,420	64,420	63,082
Total incoming resources		220	64,420	64,640	63,972
<u>Resources expended</u>					
Charitable activities					
Therapists	5	-	63,356	63,356	55,415
Support costs	6	2,376	-	2,376	3,106
Total resources expended		2,376	63,356	65,732	58,521
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(2,156)	1,064	(1,092)	5,451
Gross transfers between funds		2,156	(2,156)	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		-	(1,092)	(1,092)	5,451
Fund balances at 1 April 2023 As originally reported		-	6,405	6,405	954
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		-	5,313	5,313	6,405

CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



		31 March 2024		31 March 2023	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		22		30
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>6,291</u>		<u>6,375</u>	
Net current assets			<u>6,313</u>		<u>6,405</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8		<u>(1,000)</u>		<u>(500)</u>
Net assets			<u><u>5,313</u></u>		<u><u>5,905</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			5,313		6,405
Unrestricted funds			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
			<u><u>5,313</u></u>		<u><u>6,405</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 18 November 2024

Mrs E Hamerton
Chairman

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



5 Total resources expended	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities		
<u>Therapists</u>		
Activities undertaken directly	63,356	55,415
Governance costs	<u>2,376</u>	<u>3,106</u>
	<u>65,732</u>	<u>58,521</u>

Governance costs includes payments to auditors of £500 (2023: £500) for audit fees.

6 Support costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination	500	500
Depreciation	8	10
Materials and insurance	619	1,132
Travel/Parking	133	260
Stationery	70	420
Internet	<u>1,046</u>	<u>784</u>
	<u>2,376</u>	<u>3,106</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings & equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2023 and at 31 March 2024	<u>500</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	470
Depreciation	<u>8</u>
At March 2024	<u>478</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>22</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>30</u></u>

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8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors	500	-
Accruals	500	500
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>

9 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, or reimbursed expenses.
