



CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TRUST

TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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



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Description of the Charity

The charity was founded in 1991 and is based in West London. Our main objective is to permit 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 schools and voluntary organisations in caring for the children referred to us.

We recognise the valuable contribution made by our team members to this work. They are all trained to post graduate level and have considerable experience. We are grateful to them for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Reserves and Finance Policy

This year saw a continued increase in our work (see 'Achievements' below). We increased our fees for new referrals for our individual programmes. This has helped us to cover our variable costs, instead of relying on donations to provide a more sustainable funding stream 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 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.

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 from the office 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 West London, although this year we have followed children placed in other Boroughs but receiving their schooling locally and recently we started working in Surrey, exceptionally as the children are now placed for adoption. We are building long-term relationships with the school staff, especially the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and frequently includes the Special Needs teacher (SENCO) and Pastoral staff.

In one of the schools, we are discussing their need for a drop-in service for the pupils’ parents and whether we could provide this. In another school where we previously completed a music programme, they were so impressed that they have returned asking for individual help for another child. The feed-back from staff of several schools and social workers from local boroughs continues to be positive for the children as it enables long term work with continuity and consistency.

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 with English, and some children have needed to be referred to other health professions for hearing and speech and language. 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) is evidence of this. We are considering researching a new paper on the effects of the lockdowns during the Covid pandemic, particularly on early years’ children born in the lockdown.

- See Charts 1 & 2 below

Psychotherapy team Social Work Student Placements

During the year, with great regret, we had to say goodbye to our music psychotherapist. She had to move elsewhere in the country to support a seriously ill relative. She has remained in touch, sharing ideas and practice experiences. Eventually we will explore the possibility of recruiting another music psychotherapist.

We also had two students on placement from the University of East London: one BA from October 2024 to March 2025; and one MA from January 2025 to May 2025.

Signature:

E A Hamerton Chairman (on behalf of the Trustees)

Date:

Chart 1

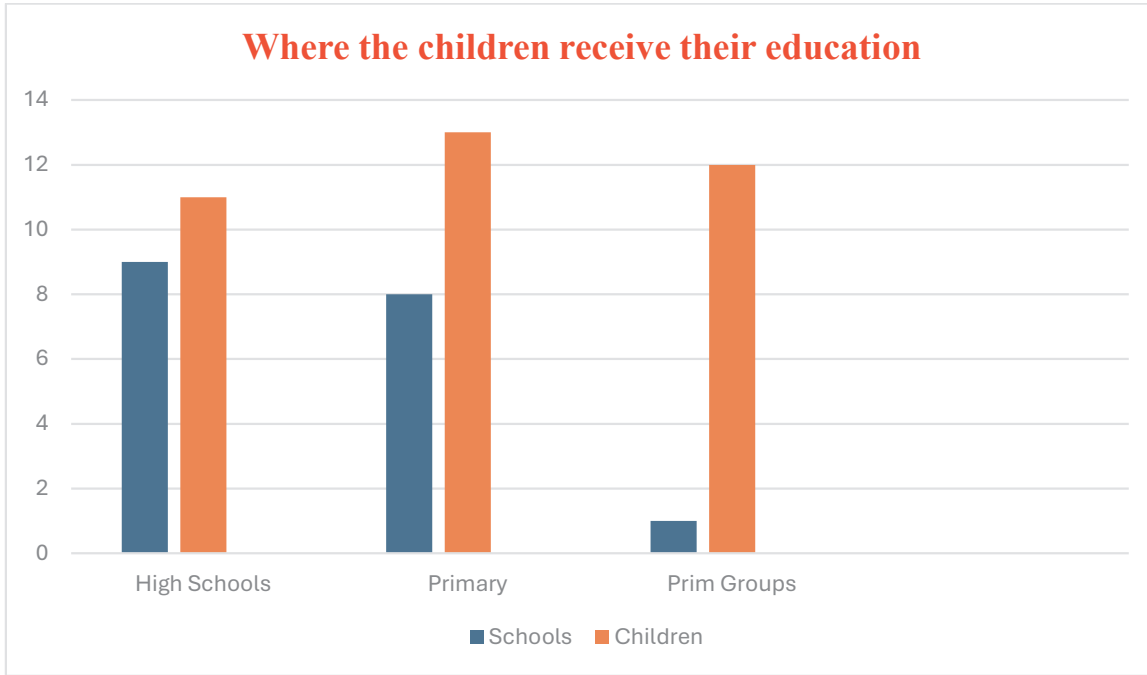
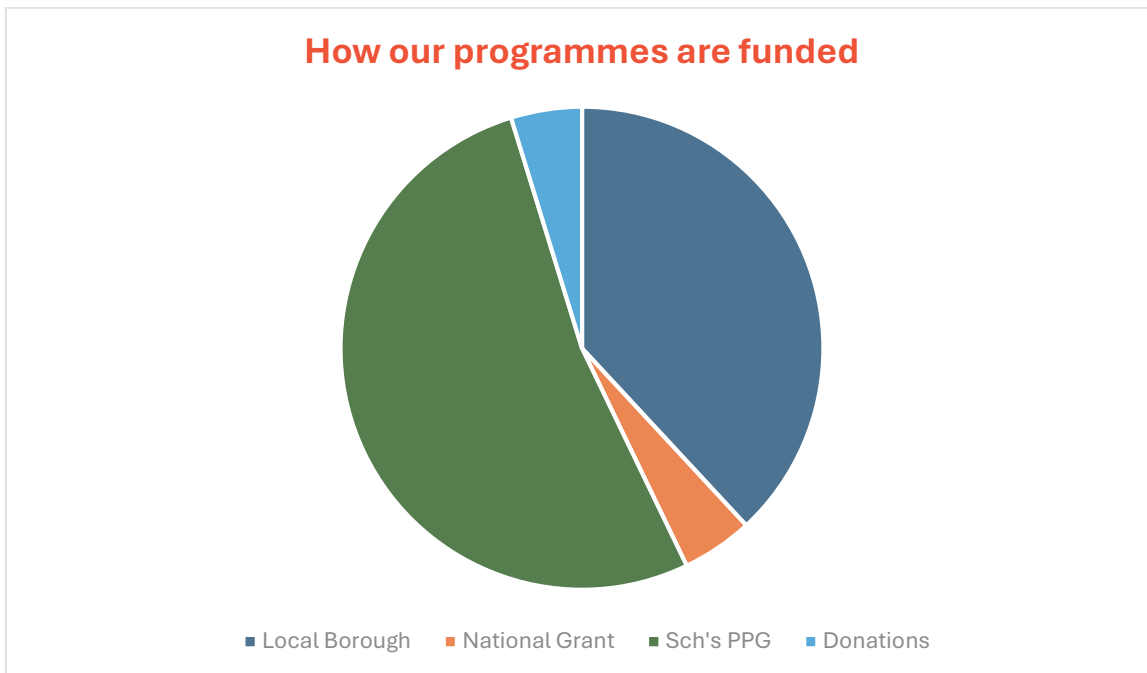


Chart 2



CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TRUST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHANCE FOR CHILDRENT TRUST



I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025, 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.

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Dated: 22 January 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	250	-	250	220
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources	2	-	59,332	59,332	64,420
Total incoming resources		250	59,332	59,582	64,640
<u>Resources expended</u>					
Charitable activities					
Therapists	5	-	61,022	61,022	63,356
Support costs	6	1,741	-	1,741	2,376
Total resources expended		1,741	61,022	62,763	65,732
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(1,491)	(1,690)	(3,181)	(1,092)
Gross transfers between funds		1,491	(1,491)	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		-	(3,181)	(3,181)	(1,092)
Fund balances at 1 April 2024 As originally reported		-	5,313	5,313	6,405
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		-	2,132	2,132	5,313

CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



		31 March 2025		31 March 2024	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		16		22
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,616</u>		<u>6,291</u>	
Net current assets			<u>2,632</u>		<u>6,313</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8		<u>(500)</u>		<u>(1,000)</u>
Net assets			<u><u>2,132</u></u>		<u><u>5,313</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			2,132		5,313
Unrestricted funds			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
			<u><u>2,132</u></u>		<u><u>5,313</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22 January 2026

Mrs E Hamerton
Chairman

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 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



5 Total resources expended	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable activities		
<u>Therapists</u>		
Activities undertaken directly	61,022	63,356
Governance costs	<u>1,741</u>	<u>2,376</u>
	<u>62,763</u>	<u>65,732</u>

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

6 Support costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination	500	500
Depreciation	6	8
Materials and insurance	398	619
Travel/Parking	-	133
Stationery	211	70
Internet	<u>626</u>	<u>1,046</u>
	<u>1,741</u>	<u>2,376</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 2024	478
Depreciation	<u>6</u>
At March 2025	<u>484</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	<u><u>16</u></u>
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>22</u></u>

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8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors	-	500
Accruals	500	500
	<u>500</u>	<u>1,000</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.
