Charity registration number 1160984 (England and Wales)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STAFFORDSHIRE CIO

KNOWN AS 'FAMILY FOCUS STAFFS'

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STAFFORDSHIRE CIO
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Susan Tams Katie Forrest-Hay Paul Beasley Christopher Austin Peter Dartford Colin Selstrom	
Charity registration	England and Wales	1160984
Registered office	The Bridge Centre Birches Head Road Stoke-on-Trent ST2 8DD	
Independent examiner	K V Staley FCA BSc (Hons) BK Plus Limited Graphic House 124 City Road Stoke on Trent ST4 2PH	
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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STAFFORDSHIRE CIO
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities
The charity's objects are:

1) Advancement of health and the saving of lives of children, parents and carers of children
2) The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage of children and parents, and carers of children.

The aims of the CIO are to provide a service to children and their families ensuring all children and young people are supported to access the opportunities and help they need to be successful throughout childhood and adult life. The CIO endeavours to be preventative and is provided early in a child's/ young person's life before the situation and issues escalate. We aim to support parents to build resilience and better lives for themselves and their children. We focus on providing a holistic service that takes into account the needs of the family as well as individual needs within that family.

Children and Families Staffordshire achieves this by providing one to one support for families during the early years. We provide one to one support for families during anti-natal and postnatal periods to ensure healthy pregnancies, good emotional wellbeing, building strong attachments and supporting the home learning environment to ensure school confidence and readiness.

For families with older children we offer a holistic family support package tailored to individual needs. Support is provided to the entire family including; the child, siblings, parents/carers and kinship carers. Support is usually offered within the family home. We offer support around accessing statutory and non-statutory services, advice and support around accommodation, healthy living, emotional wellbeing, parenting advice and parenting programmes, building confidence and self-esteem.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The results for the year are set out on pages 5 to 18.

Children and Families Staffordshire provide a range of volunteering opportunities for local individuals. Including, but not exclusive to, family support, peer mentoring, early years education, welfare and benefit advisors, administrative work, Information Technology, fundraising, marketing and promotions.

Achievements and performance
Introduction

The year 2025–2026 has seen continued evolution within the UK's social care and family support landscape. Families across the country remain affected by the lasting impact of poverty, the ongoing cost-of-living pressures, and the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In Stoke on Trent—one of the most deprived local authorities—these challenges continue to disproportionately affect vulnerable children and families.
Against a backdrop of continued government focus on early intervention, whole-family working, and system-wide reform, Family Focus has remained responsive, resilient, and committed to ensuring families receive timely and effective support.

Family Focus: Our Response and Achievements

During 2025–2026, Family Focus has continued to grow both in reach and impact. We have gone from strength to strength, building on our established reputation as a trusted and effective provider of family support services in Stoke on Trent.
We are proud to report that we are now supporting in excess of 1,000 families annually, demonstrating both the scale of need within our community and our organisation's ability to respond effectively.

Key Achievements in 2025–2026

- 1. Increased Reach and Impact
  We have significantly expanded our service delivery, now reaching over 1,000 families each year across Stoke on Trent. Our continued focus on delivering support in homes, schools, and community settings ensures accessibility and strengthens engagement with families who need us most.

- 2. Aiming High Provider Framework
  We successfully secured a place on the Aiming High Provider Framework for Stoke on Trent, marking an important milestone in our organisational growth. This has enabled us to broaden our offer for children with additional needs and strengthen partnerships within the local system.

  As a result of this, over 300 children have expressed interest in our activities, highlighting both the demand for and value of the services we provide.

- 3. Continued Organisational Growth
  Family Focus has continued to go from strength to strength, building on our foundations of trust, lived experience, and evidence-based practice. Our ability to adapt and respond to local need remains central to our success.

Looking Forward: 2026–2027

As we move into 2026–2027, Family Focus remains firmly committed to its core mission.

- We will continue to focus on the needs of families in Stoke on Trent, ensuring that our services remain responsive, inclusive and impactful.
- We will build on our growth to further strengthen partnerships and expand opportunities for children and families.
- We will continue to listen to the voices of lived experience, ensuring our services evolve in line with the real needs of our community.

Financial review
The charity had a net deficit for the year of £63,200 (2025: surplus of £192,525). At the year end it had a net surplus of unrestricted funds (excluding designated funds) of £269,394 (2025: £234,748) and restricted funds of £69,123 (2025: £167,984). No material uncertainties exist.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

Children and Families Staffordshire is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The trustees are elected by the members and have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the CIO.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Susan Tams
Katie Forrest-Hay
Paul Beasley
Christopher Austin
Peter Dartford
Colin Selstrom

Trustees are recruited through a variety of channels, including social media advertising, promotion of the organisation and personal recommendations from current trustees.

Potential trustees are invited by the Chair to observe Management Committee meetings. Individuals who then express an interest in becoming a trustee are invited to complete a formal application, provide references and undergo an enhanced level DBS check. The board of trustees are keen to recruit new trustees who can bring new skills and experience to the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Peter Dartford
Trustee

Date: .....

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STAFFORDSHIRE CIO
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STAFFORDSHIRE CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Children and Families Staffordshire CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

K V Staley FCA BSc (Hons)

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Date: .....

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STAFFORDSHIRE CIO
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Current financial year	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2026 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	10,162	-	-	10,162	72,064
Charitable activities	4	-	-	249,412	249,412	440,406
Investments	5	4,315	-	-	4,315	3,771
Total income		14,477	-	249,412	263,889	516,241
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	6	21,065	-	306,024	327,089	323,716
Total expenditure		21,065	-	306,024	327,089	323,716
Net income/(expenditure)		(6,588)	-	(56,612)	(63,200)	192,525
Transfers between funds		41,234	1,015	(42,249)	-	-
Net movement in funds		34,646	1,015	(98,861)	(63,200)	192,525
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 April 2025		234,748	15,974	167,984	418,706	226,181
Fund balances at 31 March 2026		269,394	16,989	69,123	355,506	418,706

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STAFFORDSHIRE CIO
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Prior financial year	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	72,064	-	-	72,064
Charitable activities	4	-	-	440,406	440,406
Investments	5	3,771	-	-	3,771
Total income		75,835	-	440,406	516,241
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	44,807	-	278,909	323,716
Total expenditure		44,807	-	278,909	323,716
Net income		31,028	-	161,497	192,525
Transfers between funds		55,401	7,635	(63,036)	-
Net movement in funds		86,429	7,635	98,461	192,525
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		148,319	8,339	69,523	226,181
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		234,748	15,974	167,984	418,706

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STAFFORDSHIRE CIO
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £	2025 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		2,671		2,732
Current assets					
Debtors	**12**	52,006		16,511	
Cash at bank and in hand		310,362		405,621	
		362,368		422,132	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13**	(9,533)		(6,158)	
Net current assets			352,835		415,974
Total assets less current liabilities			355,506		418,706
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	**15**		69,123		167,984
Unrestricted funds - general	**17**		269,394		234,748
Unrestricted funds - designated	**16**		16,989		15,974
			355,506		418,706

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....

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Peter Dartford
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Children and Families Staffordshire is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was formed on 19th March 2015.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity , based on reserves, planned staffing levels and already secured contracts, has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 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 obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the statement of financial activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There were no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Donations and gifts	10,162	72,064

4 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2025 £
Charitable Activities		
Incoming resources from charitable activites	249,412	440,406

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £
Interest receivable	4,315	3,771

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Activities 2026 £	Charitable Activities 2025 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	247,720	227,080
Depreciation and impairment	1,326	1,009
Direct Expenses	57,247	51,089
	306,293	279,178
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	18,390	42,389
Governance	2,406	2,149
	327,089	323,716
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	21,065	44,807
Restricted funds	306,024	278,909
	327,089	323,716

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2026	2025
	£	£
Staff costs	5,323	19,582
Support costs	13,206	22,807
Governance costs	2,406	2,149
	20,935	44,538
Analysed between:		
Charitable Activities	20,935	44,538

Governance costs comprise:	2026 £	2025 £
Accountancy	2,406	2,149
	2,406	2,149

Governance costs includes charges by the independent examiner of £2,280 (2025: £2,149).

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits or reimbursement of expenses from the charity during the year (2024 - None).

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2026 Number	2025 Number
Administrative	1	1
Charitable activities	15	15
Total	16	16

Employment costs	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	236,649	228,260
Social security costs	6,869	8,095
Other pension costs	9,525	10,306
	253,043	246,661

9 Employees (Continued)

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

Remuneration of key management personnel
The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	64,396	73,217

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2025	10,945
Additions	1,265
At 31 March 2026	12,210
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2025	8,213
Depreciation charged in the year	1,326
At 31 March 2026	9,539
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2026	2,671
At 31 March 2025	2,732

12 Debtors

	2026	2025
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	25,869	16,309
Other debtors	-	202
Prepayments and accrued income	26,137	-
	52,006	16,511

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	4,113	2,679
Other creditors	3,026	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,394	3,479
	9,533	6,158

14 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes	2026 £	2025 £
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	9,525	10,306

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	At 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
AH-LA	-	52,327	(37,747)	(12,274)	2,306
Aiming High	-	500	-	(500)	-
Awards 4 All	12,109	-	(6,241)	-	5,868
Community Foundation	-	6,276	(4,892)	(986)	398
Co-ordinator LTO	9,494	125,000	(100,057)	(20,734)	13,703
Hubb Foundation	-	59	(2,322)	2,263	-
Incredible Years	49,036	-	(14,473)	(6,354)	28,209
Local Trusted Organisation	17,338	55,250	(63,828)	-	8,760
LTO Micro Grant	3,722	10,000	(13,722)	-	-
Personalisation Budget	16,726	-	(7,933)	285	9,078
Reaching Communities	57,674	-	(53,746)	(3,928)	-
Rowley Trust	26	-	(5)	(21)	-
Stay & Play	1,859	-	(1,058)	-	801
	167,984	249,412	(306,024)	(42,249)	69,123

15 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Aiming High	-	66,233	(32,837)	(33,396)	-
Local Trusted Organisation	10,000	39,000	(31,662)	-	17,338
Coordinator LTO	(89)	100,000	(80,106)	(10,311)	9,494
Rowley Trust	-	150	(124)	-	26
Winter fund 2023	479	-	(1,337)	858	-
Hubb Foundation	-	1,220	(52)	(1,168)	-
Reaching Community	58,577	121,415	(108,674)	(13,644)	57,674
Winter funds	556	-	582	(1,138)	-
Awards 4 all 2024	-	17,787	(5,678)	-	12,109
Incredible Years	-	62,851	(9,579)	(4,236)	49,036
LTO Micro Grant	-	10,000	(6,278)	-	3,722
Personalisation Budget	-	19,750	(3,024)	-	16,726
Stay & Play	-	2,000	(141)	-	1,859
	69,523	440,406	(278,909)	(63,036)	167,984

15 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Aiming High
Family Focus provide fun activities & care for disabled children aged 0-25 yrs at local venues and parks across the City and extra activities for school age children in school holidays. We support & motivate children to take risks and explore new play opportunities, providing one to one or two to one individual support where needed.

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Awards 4 All.2024
A parenting program Specifically tailored for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or Speech and Language delays. This evidence-based program aims to enhance children's social communication; language development; relationships; social skills; emotional regulation; and positive behaviour management in collaboration with parents and caregivers. Our initiative aims to assist families with children who have additional needs by offering specialised parenting programs and weekly support groups.

Coordinator LTO
Family Focus provide Family Support Coordination in the city of Stoke on Trent. Funded by the city council our services are preventative and offer support early in the life of the child or challenge they face. Ensuring a preventative approach will result in a reduction of children and families requiring statutory intervention.

Hubb Foundation
Family Focus receive funding to provide holiday activities and food, ensuring that vulnerable families are supported throughout holiday periods.

Incredible Years
Incredible Years Baby Parenting Programme
The Baby Parenting Programme is suitable for individuals intending on becoming parents and/or carers, expectant parents and parents/carers of infants under the age of 12 months. parents/carers learn how to: help their babies feel loved, safe and secure, promote attachment, and encourage their babies' physical and language development.
Incredible Years Pre School Programme
The Preschool Parenting Program (Basic) enhances positive parent-child interactions and attachment, decreasing harsh discipline while empowering parents to support children's social, emotional, and language development. Additionally, parents are guided on developing school readiness skills and collaborating with teachers and childcare providers to enhance children's emotional regulation and social abilities.

Local Trusted Organisation
Family Focus will work at a locality level across Stoke-on-Trent to facilitate local community action focused on improving the wellbeing and life chances of children and their families. When this family support is accessible locally individuals and families thrive.

15 Restricted funds (Continued)

Local Trusted Organisation Micro Grant
Family Focus manage micro grants on behalf of the Family Matters program in Stoke on Trent with the aim of building social capital. Individual charities or organisations can apply through a simple process.

Personalisation Budget
A project to provide interventions of financial support to households who may be struggling with fuel and food costs available free of charge at point of delivery for families in Stoke-on-Trent.

Reaching communities
Funding through Reaching Communities Family Focus provides a combination of family support, advocacy and group parenting programs across the city of Stoke on Trent, regardless of threshold of need.

Rowley Trust
Provide funding to ensure that women receive a gift or social activity during the festive period.

Stay & Play
Funded through the Family Matters program, we deliver Stay & Play activities in the city of Stoke on Trent.

Winter Fund & Winter Fund 2023
Funded through the Household Support Fund, we provide access to essential items for vulnerable families during the winter period.

16 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2025	Transfers	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£
Provision for redundancy pay	15,974	1,015	16,989

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£
Provision for redundancy pay	8,339	7,635	15,974

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	234,748	14,477	(21,065)	41,234	269,394

17 Unrestricted funds **(Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	152,814	44,052	(45,288)	(3,259)	148,319

The designated funds are set aside for potential redundancy costs.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2026	Unrestricted funds designated 2026	Restricted funds 2026	Total 2026
	£	£	£	£
At 31 March 2026:				
Tangible assets	537	-	2,134	2,671
Current assets/(liabilities)	268,857	16,989	66,989	352,835
	269,394	16,989	69,123	355,506

	Unrestricted funds general 2025	Unrestricted funds designated 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
At 31 March 2025:				
Tangible assets	806	-	1,926	2,732
Current assets/(liabilities)	233,942	15,974	166,058	415,974
	234,748	15,974	167,984	418,706

19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2025 - none).

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Dear Sirs,

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that we have made appropriate enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience and, where necessary, have inspected supporting documentation sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make each of the following representations to you in connection with your examination of the financial statements of Children & Families Staffordshire CIO for the year ended 31 March 2026.

General

1 We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter, under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your examination and all the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of management meetings, have been made available to you.

2 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

3 We believe that the effect of uncorrected misstatements is immaterial both individually and in total.

Internal control and fraud

4 We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control systems to prevent and detect fraud and error. We have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud. We have disclosed to you all instances of known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control or others that could have a material effect on the financial statements. We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by current or former employees, analysis, regulators or others.

Assets and liabilities

5 The charity has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charity's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

6 We have recorded or disclosed, as appropriate, all liabilities, both actual and contingent, and have disclosed in the notes to the financial statements all guarantees that we have given to third parties.

7 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Accounting estimates

8 Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

Loans and arrangements

9 The charity has not granted any advances or credits to, or made guarantees on behalf of, trustees other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

Legal claims

10 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

Law and regulations

11 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose affects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Related parties

12 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

Subsequent events

13 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

Going concern

14 We believe that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Grants and donations

14 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

Yours faithfully,

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Signed on behalf of the board of trustees Date