

**FAMILY SPECTRUM LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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**FAMILY SPECTRUM LIMITED
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FAMILY SPECTRUM LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Details of how the Charity is constituted and its Governing Document:

Family Spectrum Ltd. is a Company limited by guarantee, and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association initially ratified on 12 October 2004, amended on 11 January 2013. We were notified that we had been registered as a Charity in Northern Ireland on 22 April 2016.

Summary description of the Purposes of the Charity:

The purposes of the Charity are to promote good practice within Christian communities in relation to marriage, family life and the many complex issues and difficulties that arise in this area, through training, consultation, conferences, publications and support of Christian leaders and others, and through direct pastoral care in difficult cases alongside such leaders where necessary.

Authorisation of new Directors, and the method used for such appointments:

As provided for in Article 3 of the Charity's Articles of Association, "The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association of the Company and such other persons as are admitted to membership in accordance with the articles shall be members/Directors of the Company. No person shall be admitted as a member/Director of the Company unless invited to membership by the then current Members/Directors."

Main Activities Furthering the Charity's Purposes for the Public Benefit:

Purpose 1: To promote good practice within Christian communities, congregations and fellowships in relation to marriage and family life, and responding to the complex issues that arise in this area.

Related Activities:

- (i) Net-working with Christian leaders to inform them of the range of inputs offered by Family Spectrum;
- (ii) Consultations with Christian leaders in respect of difficult cases (in areas such as those identified at Purpose 4 below).

Public Benefit:

Ongoing net-working with Christian leaders is a key means of informing them or updating them about the services offered by Family Spectrum. This in turn leads to contacts from leaders to discuss difficult pastoral issues in their congregations. The public benefit is both to the individuals, couples or families experiencing the specific difficulties, and to the leaders in question, who are supported and developed in their provision of pastoral care, primarily to the specific person in need, but then, through the enhancement of experience and skills, for situations that may arise in the future.

Purpose 2: To support church leaders in relation to marriage and family issues, including parenting, marriage preparation, enrichment and restoration, and the pastoral care of those in family crisis.

Related Activities:

- (i) Direct professional supervision of a professional Social Worker employed by a large local church;
- (ii) Consultation and professional support of Christian Social Workers and volunteers in various projects.
- (iii) Consultation and/or co-working with pastoral leaders in difficult cases.

Public Benefits:

One Family Spectrum representative provides direct professional supervision to a Social Worker employed by a local church. This included regular discussion of a number of very complex situations with which he is in touch through the church's outreach (including ex-prisoners - some of whom may be a risk to children - broken families and mental health issues). It also includes input and support in the development of some new supportive services. Supervision takes place monthly and is professionally recorded. The public benefits are both to the individuals/families involved and to the organisation through the Social Worker, who although work-managed within the church does not have professional supervision available within that context. The outcome is better decision making (including possible referral to statutory agencies) in the difficult cases.

The support for pastoral leaders helps give confidence in dealing with difficult issues, and constitutes on the job learning for them.

Purpose 3: To provide specialist input in relation to child abuse/protection issues including youth leader training, pastoral training, consultancy in respect of the management of Schedule One offenders or high risk participants in a congregation, and the development of child protection policy and procedures.

Related Activities:

- (i) Public Training events in relation to Youth Leader training, Child Sexual Abuse Recovery of adults abused as children, and Child Sex Offender Management;
- (ii) Direct work with a number of child sex offenders and leaders on issues around their participation in local churches, and on other issues;
- (iii) Consultations for church leaders regarding the management or potential management of a child sex offender in their congregations;
- (iv) The updating of local church Child Protection Policy and Procedures.
- (v) An informal group of semi-retired child care professionals meets occasionally for mutual support.

Public Benefits:

The public training events are detailed under purpose 5 below. Family Spectrum has contributed to the development of a Child Sex Offender Project and Course for offenders who have served their sentence, in partnership with another voluntary organisation working in prisons. The aim of the course is engagement with those prisoners who have committed serious offences, but who have come to faith in prison, their discipleship and, if possible, integration into suitable church settings, with full risk management arrangements in place. This course comprises 10 x 3 hour sessions and is now available.

Work continues in supporting church leaders manage the risks child sex offenders may pose in congregational settings, this has included a case where the Probation Service referred an offender who wished to participate in a local church.

The public benefits are in several directions. The public and statutory agencies benefit because support is available for the offenders in the evenings and weekends when the agencies are usually closed. Supported offenders are also much safer than isolated individuals. Church leadership teams are benefitted by developing hands on skills in monitoring and supporting potentially dangerous individuals, while ensuring that all available protections are in place for vulnerable church members and children. The offenders themselves benefit through engagement with supports, sometimes with their own families, which gives them a stake in society and inhibits reoffending. Reintegrating these lower risk offenders into a congregation whose leaders are prepared and informed constitutes a considerable public benefit.

The working group (see (v) above) continues to provide great mutual support for its members, and a forum to explore child protection work and how it has to adapt in different cultural settings.

Purpose 4: To provide pastoral care and ministry to individuals, couples and church leaders in relation to marriage and family related issues such as sexual abuse, divorce and remarriage, sexual orientation, mixed-faith marriage, fostering, reconstituted families, single parenting and abortion recovery.

Related Activities:

(i) Direct pastoral care to individuals, and couples, often (and preferably) referred and supported by local church leaders, regarding issues such as marriage difficulties, pornography, separation/custody issues, bereavement, family estrangement/tensions, child sexual abuse victims, child care/development, divorce/cohabitation, crisis pregnancy, and anger management;

(ii) Pro-Life work involves supporting individuals running the ‘Surrendering the Secret’ course, financial support to Pro-Life organisations, and individual engagement with a number of post-abortive women and men as situations arise.

Public Benefits:

There are a significant number of people in congregational settings who have experienced/are experiencing extensive and complicated family related needs. Family Spectrum personnel provide direct pastoral input to such people, as often as possible in partnership with their local church leaders. The issues that arise are varied as detailed above.

The public benefits are to the individuals or couples concerned (provided that they are willing to undertake the work necessary), and also to the church leaders, for whom there is an element of support in an otherwise lonely task, and an element of training through partnership working.

Our engagement with Pro-Life work and other organisations that work in this area gives valuable support to women who have regretted past abortions and, having themselves experienced real healing in their lives, wish to support each other, and reach to other women starting on their healing journey. Some are emboldened to be able to share their journey for the help of others, which has proved especially powerful. Often, however, these women do not feel able to be open about their past in their local congregations.

Purpose 5: To provide consultancy and training on family, marriage and difficult related issues through conferences, publications and other appropriate means.

Related Activities:

(i) Planning and delivery of training sessions for churches, other charities, child care professionals and church leaders, including discussions with leadership teams of highly complex family cases.

Public Benefits:

Conferences, training session and publications provide leaders and committed lay people with the opportunity to think through how they might engage with various complex family related issues, and so enhance the pastoral input they are in turn able to give. It is difficult to quantify accurately the public benefit derived, however subsequent consultations with these leaders about specific cases, or undertaking direct work with congregation members on behalf of or in harness with these leaders indicates that they found the inputs helpful.

Family Spectrum runs events for friends and supporters to share about an area of our work, usually with some folk sharing their personal journey. This reinforces the engagement of those supporters with us and is a public benefit to them. It is also of great benefit to those who share their stories.

Family Spectrum has created and financed a series of podcasts covering the areas of (a) marriage, (b) recovery for victims of child sexual abuse, (c) management of and work with child sex offenders in the local congregation, and (d) parenting. These are now available via the Family Spectrum web site and other means.

Two books published by Family Spectrum Publications are now available for purchase through Amazon and Kindle

Purpose 6: To provide practical assistance to promote and support the well-being of families.

Related Activities:

(i) One Family Spectrum representative is involved as a regular Prayer Pastor for the Street Pastors organisation operating in the Coleraine and Triangle area;

(ii) A donation was made towards the work of Both Lives Matter to assist with Pro-Life advocacy work and the provision of support services for post-abortive women

Public Benefits:

Through personal relationship connections Family Spectrum personnel have become involved in several projects outlined above which are the prime responsibility of other charities but to which we can offer professional expertise and support. These involvements have variously involved financial support for acute needs, consultation/advice about service developments for other charities, and occasionally, direct involvement with the clients or staff of the other charities.

The public benefits accrue to the individuals and families who receive the aid, and to the other charities whose staff and services are enhanced by the professional input.

Those benefitting from the use of funds donated are the families and children who will benefit from the new school, and those working directly with them.

Review of the Charity's financial position for the year:

Unrestricted funds - Opening reserves of £7,802. Deficit for the year of £3,801. Closing reserves of £4,001

Restricted funds - Opening reserves of £513. Surplus for the year of £Nil. Closing reserves of £513.

Restricted funds relate to funds received from Causeway Care in Crisis (a charity now closed).

Funds held by the Charity as a 'custodian trustee':

None.

Statement of Compliance: The Charity Directors have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under section 4(b) of the Charities Act (NI).

Approved by the Board on 16 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B J Taylor'.

B J Taylor (Director)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Paynter'.

P Paynter (Director)

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Family Spectrum Limited

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2024 on pages 10 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Neil Robinson
Retired Chartered Accountant
17 Grays Hill, Bangor, Co Down



16 June 2025

FAMILY SPECTRUM LIMITED**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies	2,831	0	2,831	2,363
Investments	4	0	4	8
Total income	2,835	0	2,835	2,371
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	6,636	513	7,149	2,656
Total expenditure	6,636	513	7,149	2,656
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year	(3,801)	(513)	(4,314)	(285)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	7,802	513	8,315	8,600
Total funds carried forward	4,001	0	4,001	8,315

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All of the amounts above relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors		1,359	808
Cash at bank and in hand		2,642	7,507
		<u>4,001</u>	<u>8,315</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0
		<u>4,001</u>	<u>8,315</u>
Net current assets		<u>4,001</u>	<u>8,315</u>
Total assets		<u>4,001</u>	<u>8,315</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted		4,001	7,802
Restricted	3	0	513
		<u>4,001</u>	<u>8,315</u>

The directors' statements required by Sections 475(2) and (3) are shown on the following page which forms part of this balance sheet.

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

DIRECTORS' STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SECTIONS 475(2) AND (3) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

In approving these financial statement as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting than an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 October 2024 and

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

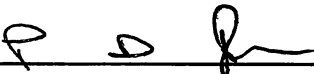
The financial statements on pages 10 to 13 were approved by the board on 16 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Director:

B J Taylor



P Paynter



FAMILY SPECTRUM LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1. Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Fund accounting

The company has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. A definition of the various types of funds is as follows:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meet these criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

Unrestricted funds

General funds are amounts received or generated and which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of its objectives.

2. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

3. Restricted funds

	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Closing
Causeway Care in Crisis	513	0	(513)	0
	<u>513</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(513)</u>	<u>0</u>

4. Liability of members

Family Spectrum Limited is a company limited by guarantee, and does not have a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.