

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI031540**  
**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC101767**

**The Dry Arch Children's Centres**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Financial Statements**  
**31 March 2023**

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# **The Dry Arch Children's Centres**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

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# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** The Dry Arch Children's Centres

**Charity registration number** NIC101767

**Company registration number** NI031540

**Principal office and registered office** Unit 1 50 Legavallon Road  
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Mrs B Macqueen  
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# **The Dry Arch Children's Centres**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **Governing Document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5 November 1996. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

##### **Management**

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, the memorandum and the articles of association and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the Company shall be managed by the directors who may exercise all the powers of the company.

##### **Risk Management**

The trustees of The Dry Arch Children's Centres acknowledge their responsibility in identifying and mitigating the various risks which the company may be exposed to. They have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed.

A strategic plan has been created setting out the key aims, objectives and policies for the company as shown in this report. This strategic plan is constantly evolving to reflect the changing needs of families in the Dungiven and Limavady areas. This plan ensures that the charity has a clear focus - to provide quality support services to enable and enrich the developmental opportunities of children.

Quarterly financial budgets and variance reports are prepared in conjunction with the company's funding partners. This provides feedback into the performance of the charity and address areas for potential improvement. Budget preparation ensures that the charity is constantly looking forward and does not rest on its laurels as funding is dependent on future activities. Performance reports are provided to the trustees on a monthly basis to ensure information obtained is accurate and relevant for decision making purposes.

The company operates a comprehensive recruitment and training process for all current and potential staff members. As child safety is paramount, each potential new employee is subject to a vetting procedure before their contract of employment is signed. Qualifications and references are checked thoroughly to ensure that each new employee has the required skills to improve the existing workforce. Job training and development (including health & safety) is also provided for existing employees to further their skills and experience.

# **The Dry Arch Children's Centres**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

#### **Year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **Objectives and activities**

The principal aim of Dry Arch Children's Centres is the empowerment of family members through the provision of a continuum of high quality support services that enrich the lives and improve developmental outcomes for children.

Associated Aims:

1. To encourage children from an early age to avoid risky behaviour and to moderate or overcome any and all physical, mental, emotional, educational and/or motivational barriers to improved self-esteem and personal development.
2. To promote and support the parenting role as the primary carers and enablers of their children's development.

Dry Arch Children's Centres provide fully integrated, seamless and non-stigmatising services that flexibly meet the needs of children, young people and their families. These services have been developed in partnership with our local communities, as well as with other individuals and agencies with whom we share responsibility for families.

The Dry Arch Children's Centres model delivers a holistic approach to meeting individual, family and community needs through the joint planning and delivery of services. Its integrated and seamless approach achieves more than the sum of its parts. This markedly contrasts a disaggregated arrangement wherein separate services are provided from a common base. In short, families get joined-up support from one place ensuring the right help at the right time.

Sample Services Provided:

- Full Day Care/Nursery.
- Sessional Creche.
- 2-Year Old Programme.
- Pre-School Playgroup.
- Out-of-Schools programme.
- Sure Start.
- Parenting Education and Support.
- Youth Support.
- Health Promoting Homes.
- Health Promoting Farmers.
- Outreach Support.
- Home-Based Support/Family Visiting.
- Parenting Assessment and Contact.
- Adult Education and Training Centre.
- Early Intervention Family Support Hub.

#### **Strategic report**

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

# **The Dry Arch Children's Centres**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

#### **Year ended 31 March 2023**

##### **Achievements and performance**

All objectives set within the previous year have been achieved.

In addition to the objectives outlined the organisation, in continuing to listen to our community and their needs, have developed a number of new project areas and made very successful appointments to ensure these objectives set for 2023/24 can be met accordingly.

##### **New projects and initiatives include:**

- Launching our BEE-LONG Campaign to create a connected, Compassionate Community
- Launching our Neurodiversity Campaign to support Families struggling whilst awaiting a diagnosis or those who have had a recent diagnosis.
- Launching a specific Programme to tackle “Mental ill-Health” and high levels of anxiety among the Younger generation

# **The Dry Arch Children's Centres**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

#### **Year ended 31 March 2023**

##### **Financial review**

The organisation had another successful year in which the level of income received increased once again and they invested in a further £15,254 of fixed assets. The net assets of the organisation now stand at £1,233,543.

##### **Principal Funding Sources**

The principal funding source for the charity is currently by way of grant and contract income from the Health and Social Care Board. The charity also generates income from its day care and out of school programmes to supplement this grant income.

##### **Grant Policy**

Grants obtained are classified as restricted funds and are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

##### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees are confident that the reserves of the company are of a sufficient level to be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a drop in funding. Unrestricted reserves are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted reserves are subjected to restrictions on their use by the donor.

Finance reserves are set aside to protect the charity against drops in income and as a back-up for future extensions and commitments when necessary. It is also policy to increase reserves to cover six months operational expenditure should it be required in the future.

It is the intention of the charity to increase reserves annually to accommodate for the provision of employee pension contributions in line with Pension Regulator legislation.

The charity transfers a minimum of £2,000 per month into its business reserve account from unrestricted monies and the level of reserves is monitored quarterly as part of normal budgetary reporting and control.

The Management Committee of the charity monitor the drawing down of reserves and takes corrective action to replenish these whenever necessary.

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

##### Plans for future periods

###### Review of Objectives 2022/2023

The demand for our services has continued throughout the year with more and more Children, Young People and Parents presenting with Anxiety related conditions and mental ill-health. In response we have developed a number of new and bespoke age appropriate programmes delivered to Families both in house and within the Family Home as well as across all schools in the catchment area. This has included new appointments of two new staff with very specific skills sets. The number of Partner agencies has also grown with a greater number of referrals made to the Early Intervention Family Support HUB. More and more Families are struggling with the cost of living crisis and as such we have partnered with Money and Pensions to train our staff in money management and better informing Parents of what is available to them in times of financial crisis.

As demand for support services increases we continue to develop and direct services and programmes to where we are needed most.

Services include:

- SureStart Provision
- Early Intervention Family Support HUB
- Child Care and Nursery Provision
- Out of schools
- Wrap around Care and support
- Youth Mentoring and Programmes
- Family support Home Visiting
- Therapeutic Support in group and one to one basis
- Play Therapy
- Therapeutic intervention within Schools
- Health and Nutrition Programmes

All of these heading include a wrath of programmes which can be viewed on our new website and App.

###### Vision for 2023/24

The vision for the incoming year ahead remains steadfast in ensuring we develop and deliver Appropriate, timely and meaningful services and support systems to our Families. We want to strengthen our Community through the BEE-LONG campaign and intend to go on the road with a number of community led Initiatives supporting the notion of “connect and compassion” in an attempt to highlight the issue of Isolation and Loneliness and how this impacts our emotional and physical wellbeing at any age and stage of our lives. For too long we have become disconnected from each other, communicating only through airwaves.

We want to highlight the strength in the PACEs Agenda, linked to the ACEs Agenda but focusing more on the positives of resilience and less on the adversities of ACEs.

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

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### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

##### Demand

There continues to be an increase in demand for Children presenting with high levels of anxiety from an early age as well as high referral rate for youth and family support services within all school age groups. It is intended to continue support through various platforms but primarily meeting and supporting Children, Young People and Families face to face in a group or one to one platform. Our services have continued and will do so in the future, as long as we are needed!

We have developed a new website and Family Support APP to enable us to reach our Families quicker and easier. Other platforms include:

- Social media platforms to inform Parents of what is available.
- Sure Start Provision for 0 to 4 year olds
- Daily telephone calls to clients
- Centre Based Programmes
- Home Visiting Support
- Therapeutic Supports
- Neurodiversity Supports
- Therapeutic Programmes within Schools
- Online/Zoom Support where appropriate
- Food parcels and hot meals delivered to those in most need;
- Social Supermarket
- Continued relationship with HUB partners to ensure seamless delivery.

##### Early Intervention Support

The vision of reaching all Children, Young People and their Families is alive within our vision. We need to reach Families before they are in need of support. We need to get the message out that there are so many support available to Families who are struggling and intervene early.

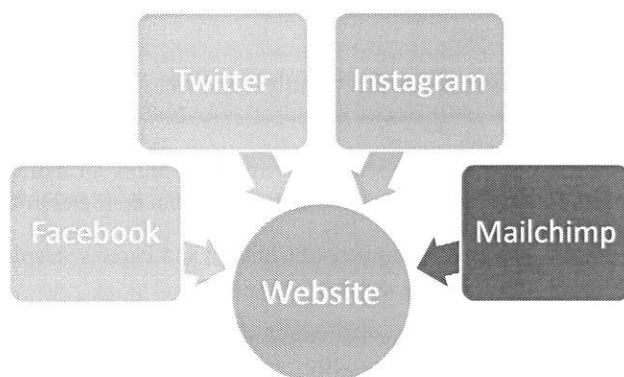
##### Monitoring (Paperless by 2024)

##### Utilising Digital Methods to adapt to the needs of service users

We continue to operate systems that allow us to reach our target audience via digital platforms from initial contact to final audit. This is in keeping with our vision to be a paperless organisation by end of 2024.

Our current platforms include:

##### How did we communicate with our parents, families, and the community?



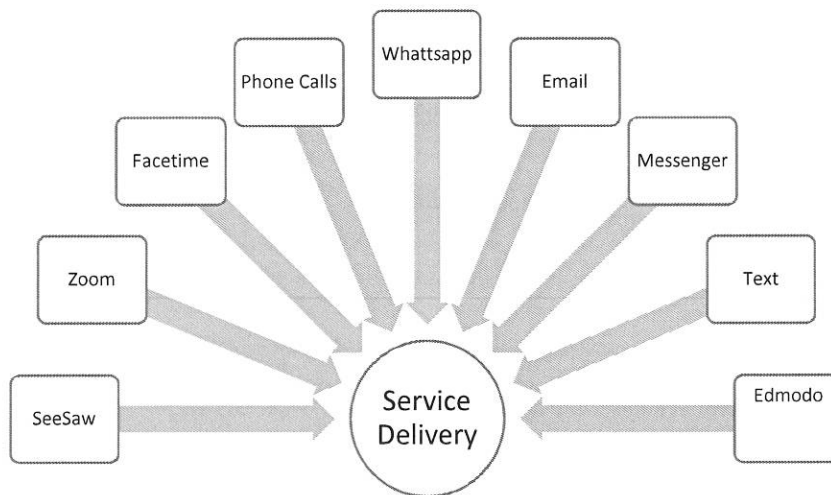
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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

## How we are delivering online services and supporting families



Zoom Pro enables us to deliver a range of programmes for parents and children without limit. These have been especially beneficial for programmes such as Breastfeeding Support, hypnobirthing, anxiety programmes and reaching those who struggle to join a group as a result of fear of the virus and social situations. We will continue to support Parents and Children where this anxiety exists.

Edmodo has been excellent in setting up training programmes for parents which can be delivered both, live or recorded in advance to enable parents/carers to log on when it suits them.

Staff have adapted well to implementing digital platforms to everyday life at the Dry Arch centre, supporting our promotional channels such as Facebook and Instagram.

### Projected activity for 2023/24

Our services will continue to be responsive to the needs of local Families. With our HUB partners we aim to address the crisis felt by many due to the increase in the cost of living. Families are having to choose between heating their homes or feeding their families. This should never be a choice anyone has to make! The Dry Arch ED is a member of the Regional Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership and the Regional Poverty Task and Finish Group in the Western Trust Area charged with tackling the issue of real poverty felt within our communities today. More than in the past 25 years.

We will develop and deliver more Parenting Programmes based on the “ifamily2, and what it means to be a Parent of the igeneration.

- Training for Teachers in Schools to enable them to better regulate whole classrooms to allow for more relaxed learning environments and less anxiety and stress among Teachers and the Children within their classrooms..
- Bed poverty campaign to continue to highlight and address the numbers of Children and Parents sleeping on sofas and floors.
- PACE’s Agenda to highlight the need for better community connection and engagement as well as better understanding of what isolation and loneliness is doing to our mental health.

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

##### Partnership Working

The Early Intervention Family Support HUB continues to grow and referrals to this service increase weekly. The number and types of services have increased with more and more primary school aged Children finding themselves struggling to cope emotionally. The Dry Arch Management and Staff will not let a Global Pandemic prevent us from reaching Families, particularly those Families who need us most. These services will include:

- Equine Therapy
- Therapy Dog within schools
- Play Therapy
- Therapeutic Play
- Art Therapy
- Lego Therapy
- Resiliency based programmes for all age groups.

All other Family Support services will continue, but a greater emphasis will be placed on therapeutic programmes in partnership with local primary schools, in an attempt to address the increasing numbers of referrals for those Children struggling with anxiety and social isolation.

The Dry Arch Sure Start and Early Intervention Family Support Programme will continue to provide support and guidance to families in the Limavady Borough Council area.

##### Addressing the Right to Food

We have established links with Children in Northern Ireland as part of a regional approach to tackling food poverty and holiday hunger. The campaign will be led by the Young People and aims to bring the issue food poverty to local MLA's and ultimately inform policy in Northern Ireland as has been the case in England. This work has seen many Young People flourish throughout 2023 and will continue throughout 2024.

##### **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

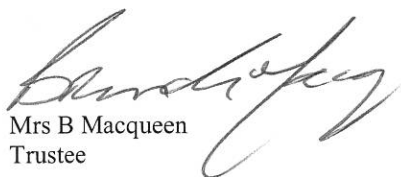
#### Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 23 January 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mrs B Macqueen  
Trustee

# **The Dry Arch Children's Centres**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Dry Arch Children's Centres**

**Year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Dry Arch Children's Centres (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 FRS 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 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

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.

# **The Dry Arch Children's Centres**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Dry Arch Children's Centres** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. 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.

#### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Dry Arch Children's Centres (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2023

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

Company Limited by Guarantee

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Dry Arch Children's Centres

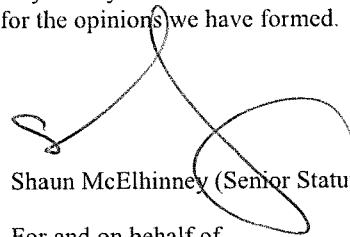
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Year ended 31 March 2023

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members 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 and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Shaun McElhinney (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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23 January 2024

**The Dry Arch Children's Centres**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(including income and expenditure account)**

**Year ended 31 March 2023**

		Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
	Note				
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	17,375	1,109,277	<b>1,126,652</b>	1,150,982
Other trading activities	5	743,344	–	<b>743,344</b>	636,546
Investment income	6	2,673	–	<b>2,673</b>	52
<b>Total income</b>		<u>763,392</u>	<u>1,109,277</u>	<u><b>1,872,669</b></u>	<u>1,787,580</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	572,468	1,109,277	<b>1,681,745</b>	1,615,034
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>572,468</u>	<u>1,109,277</u>	<u><b>1,681,745</b></u>	<u>1,615,034</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>190,924</u>	<u>–</u>	<u><b>190,924</b></u>	<u>172,546</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		787,545	255,074	<b>1,042,619</b>	870,073
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>978,469</u>	<u>255,074</u>	<u><b>1,233,543</b></u>	<u>1,042,619</u>

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

The notes on pages 22 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

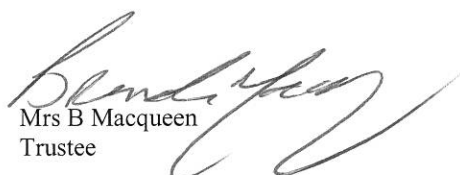
## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	12	199,790	221,496
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	13	22,481	29,961
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,062,044</u>	<u>867,920</u>
		<b>1,084,525</b>	<b>897,881</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>50,772</u>	<u>76,758</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>1,033,753</b>	<b>821,123</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,233,543</b>	<b>1,042,619</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,233,543</b>	<b>1,042,619</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		255,074	255,074
Unrestricted funds		<u>978,469</u>	<u>787,545</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	16	<b>1,233,543</b>	<b>1,042,619</b>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 23 January 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

  
Mrs B Macqueen  
Trustee

The notes on pages 22 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income	190,924	172,546
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	36,960	45,153
Government grant income	(1,126,652)	(1,150,982)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(2,673)	(52)
Accrued income	(17,664)	(1,107)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	7,480	(15,165)
Trade and other creditors	(8,322)	5,148
Cash generated from operations	<u>(919,947)</u>	<u>(944,459)</u>
Interest received	2,673	52
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	<u>(917,274)</u>	<u>(944,407)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible assets	<u>(15,254)</u>	<u>(5,664)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(15,254)</u>	<u>(5,664)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Government grant income	1,126,652	1,150,982
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	<u>1,126,652</u>	<u>1,150,982</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>194,124</b>	<b>200,911</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>867,920</b>	<b>667,009</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b><u>1,062,044</u></b>	<b><u>867,920</u></b>

The notes on pages 22 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

# **The Dry Arch Children's Centres**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Accounting Policies**

#### **Year ended 31 March 2023**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

No judgements, accounting estimates or assumptions that have been made by management will have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

##### **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Accounting Policies *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- 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 allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

##### Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

##### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Building adaptations	-	5% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	20% straight line
Equipment	-	10% straight line
Leased Assets	-	20% straight line

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Accounting Policies *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

##### **Impairment of fixed assets**

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

##### **Financial instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

# **The Dry Arch Children's Centres**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Accounting Policies *(continued)***

#### **Year ended 31 March 2023**

##### **Defined contribution plans**

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Unit 1 50 Legavallon Road, Glenshane Business Park, Dungiven, Co Derry, BT47 4QL.

#### 2. Statement of compliance

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

#### 3. Limited by guarantee

The company is Limited by Guarantee and does not have a share capital.

#### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations / Commission	17	–	17
<b>Grants</b>			
WHST (Limavady)	–	211,523	211,523
HSCB (Surestart)	–	748,862	748,862
DFC	–	30,877	30,877
HSCB Fair Play Grant	–	2,138	2,138
Early Years CRSF	–	–	–
NIH & SSWB (Transport Contract)	5,000	–	5,000
Playgroup	–	38,994	38,994
HSS Milk Refund	1,356	–	1,356
USEL	6,602	–	6,602
Small Grants	–	12,377	12,377
HMRC JRS Grant	–	–	–
Early Years Pathway Fund	–	28,478	28,478
BBC Children In Need	–	28,982	28,982
Training	3,200	–	3,200
Transport Income	1,200	7,046	8,246
	<u>17,375</u>	<u>1,109,277</u>	<u>1,126,652</u>

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 4. Donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations / Commission	–	–	–
<b>Grants</b>			
WHSCCT (Limavady)	–	230,952	230,952
HSCB (Surestart)	–	722,903	722,903
DFC	–	27,850	27,850
HSCB Fair Play Grant	–	2,905	2,905
Early Years CRSF	38,064	–	38,064
NIH & SSWB (Transport Contract)	6,779	–	6,779
Playgroup	–	32,926	32,926
HSS Milk Refund	3,726	–	3,726
USEL	10,881	–	10,881
Small Grants	–	8,305	8,305
HMRC JRS Grant	8,249	–	8,249
Early Years Pathway Fund	–	27,948	27,948
BBC Children In Need	–	29,494	29,494
Training	–	–	–
Transport Income	–	–	–
	<u>67,699</u>	<u>1,083,283</u>	<u>1,150,982</u>

#### 5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Daycare & OOS Fees	729,375	<b>729,375</b>	627,234	627,234
Training	650	<b>650</b>	–	–
Registration Fees/Other	1,306	<b>1,306</b>	915	915
Management fees contribution towards governance costs	4,597	<b>4,597</b>	4,597	4,597
Miscellaneous Receipts	7,416	<b>7,416</b>	3,800	3,800
	<u>743,344</u>	<u><b>743,344</b></u>	<u>636,546</u>	<u>636,546</u>

#### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank Interest Receivable	2,673	<b>2,673</b>	52	52

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Limavady	–	169,683	<b>169,683</b>
Surestart	–	673,883	<b>673,883</b>
DFC	–	25,939	<b>25,939</b>
Daycare & OOS Expenses	349,270	–	<b>349,270</b>
Playgroup	–	35,554	<b>35,554</b>
BBC Children in Need	–	4,052	<b>4,052</b>
Small grants	–	12,366	<b>12,366</b>
Pathway Fund	–	25,880	<b>25,880</b>
Support costs	220,982	161,920	<b>382,902</b>
Exceptional costs of charitable activities	2,216	–	<b>2,216</b>
	<u>572,468</u>	<u>1,109,277</u>	<u><b>1,681,745</b></u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Limavady	–	181,124	181,124
Surestart	–	640,743	640,743
DFC	–	25,572	25,572
Daycare & OOS Expenses	341,336	–	341,336
Playgroup	–	29,523	29,523
BBC Children in Need	–	26,480	26,480
Small grants	–	3,579	3,579
Pathway Fund	–	24,025	24,025
Support costs	188,141	152,237	340,378
Exceptional costs of charitable activities	2,274	–	2,274
	<u>531,751</u>	<u>1,083,283</u>	<u>1,615,034</u>

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2023	Total fund 2022
	£	£	£	£
Limavady	169,683	48,882	218,565	230,955
Surestart	673,883	74,978	748,861	722,903
DFC	25,939	4,938	30,877	27,850
Daycare & OOS Expenses	349,270	–	349,270	341,336
Playgroup	35,554	3,441	38,995	32,926
BBC Children in Need	4,052	24,930	28,982	29,494
Small Grants	12,366	12	12,378	8,304
IOG (Training Room)	–	3,569	3,569	1,089
Pathway Fund	25,880	2,598	28,478	27,948
Governance costs	–	219,554	219,554	189,955
Exceptional cost of charitable activities	–	2,216	2,216	2,274
	<u>1,296,627</u>	<u>385,118</u>	<u>1,681,745</u>	<u>1,615,034</u>

#### 9. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>36,960</u>	<u>45,153</u>

#### 10. Auditors remuneration

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,900</u>

#### 11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,258,416	1,213,227
Social security costs	82,376	72,357
Employer contributions to pension plans	21,351	20,885
	<u>1,362,143</u>	<u>1,306,469</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 101 (2022: 99). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Number of staff - administrative staff	<u>101</u>	<u>99</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 12. Tangible fixed assets

	Building Adaptions	Motor vehicles	Equipment	Leased Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 2022	619,513	113,267	385,256	5,485	1,123,521
Additions	3,923	2,500	8,831	–	15,254
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<u>623,436</u>	<u>115,767</u>	<u>394,087</u>	<u>5,485</u>	<u>1,138,775</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 April 2022	452,511	106,787	337,242	5,485	902,025
Charge for the year	20,134	2,660	14,166	–	36,960
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<u>472,645</u>	<u>109,447</u>	<u>351,408</u>	<u>5,485</u>	<u>938,985</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<u>150,791</u>	<u>6,320</u>	<u>42,679</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>199,790</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>167,002</u>	<u>6,480</u>	<u>48,014</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>221,496</u>

#### 13. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	477	477
Grants receivable	22,004	29,484
	<u>22,481</u>	<u>29,961</u>

#### 14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	4,254	6,963
Trade creditors	8,100	12,346
Accruals and deferred income	5,173	22,837
Other creditors	33,245	34,612
	<u>50,772</u>	<u>76,758</u>

#### 15. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £21,351 (2022: £20,885).

# The Dry Arch Children's Centres

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 16. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	<u>787,545</u>	<u>763,392</u>	<u>(572,468)</u>	<u>978,469</u>

	At 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2022 £
General funds	<u>614,999</u>	<u>704,297</u>	<u>(531,751)</u>	<u>787,545</u>

##### Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023 £
Restricted Fund	<u>255,074</u>	<u>1,109,277</u>	<u>(1,109,277)</u>	<u>255,074</u>

	At 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2022 £
Restricted Fund	<u>255,074</u>	<u>1,083,283</u>	<u>(1,083,283)</u>	<u>255,074</u>

#### 17. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2022	Cash flows	At 31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	867,920	194,124	<b>1,062,044</b>
Debt due within one year	(6,963)	2,709	<b>(4,254)</b>
	<u>860,957</u>	<u>196,833</u>	<u><b>1,057,790</b></u>