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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1080536**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**  
**FOR**  
**CHILDLIFE**

Kings Mill Partnership  
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**CHILDLIFE**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

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## CHILDLIFE

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

#### BACKGROUND

The idea for Childlife, a consortium of children's charities allowing its member charities to fundraise collectively, originated in 1992. Its first donor was recruited in July 1993. Childlife became a company limited by guarantee in 1999 and a registered charity in 2000.

Member charities of Childlife:

Acorns Children's Hospice

Ataxia UK

National Children's Bureau

National Deaf Children's Society

The Board of Trustees which has four members, one from each member charity, administers the charity and meets quarterly. (Currently one vacant post from Acorns) A Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority, within the terms of delegation approved by the Trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment, fundraising and charitable activities.

Donations received by Childlife are distributed annually to these charities and hundreds of thousands of pounds are raised each year to support their important work with children and young people. 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. The risks are documented on the risk register. The main two risks are;

1) Financial Failure of Key Suppliers (PFS and Ethical) - We have undertaken due diligence before signing contracts, including credit checks. We also horizon scan to identify supplier issues and potential alternative suppliers. This year we have started working with three other agencies Altru, LPS and Engage and Connect.

2) Impact of COVID-19. This has been broken down into a separate register as there are many aspects, loss of income being the most critical. Retention work is being done with existing donors to mitigate cancellation levels with payment holidays being offered and alternative methods of fundraising are being investigated.

Childlife's Board of Trustees is legally required to minimise any risk to the charity. The trustees have developed a risk management strategy which involves a regular review of the key risks faced by the charity and the establishment of systems and procedures to address these potential risks and to minimise both the likelihood of these risks occurring and their impact should they materialise.

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objectives and aims

The objects of Childlife are; to promote the relief of children who are in need, by enabling the member charities to meet their respective charitable purposes, through the provision of grant payments.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing Childlife's aims and objectives.

Childlife carries out the object of improving the lives of children and young people through the work of its member charities by supporting the member charities in providing a strong income source in the short, medium and long term future, and this has continued to be the focus in 2019/20. To enable Childlife to achieve its aim, it has continued to develop its fundraising programs in payroll giving and in new donor recruitment programs through face-to-face fundraising campaigns as well as on-going telephone campaigns to upgrade existing regular supporters and re-activate lapsed regular donors. The surplus of net income in 2019/20, after allowing for promotional and support costs for member charities and governance costs was distributed equally and on an annual basis to its four member charities as grants.

In addition the Trustees agreed that an honorarium is to be paid to member charities' providing the roles of Chair and Honorary Treasurer. In 2019-20 £1,500 was paid to the National Deaf Children's Society, with the spilt of the role of chair over the year NCB received £1000 for 8 months and Ataxia received £500 for 4 months in post.

As we carry out fundraising across the UK we are members of both The Institute of Fundraising and the Fundraiser Regulator. As we now run a lottery campaign we also registered with Gamble Aware. We worked with four main external agencies for our recruitment of new donors in 2019/20.

PFS Ltd carried out fundraising to recruit 1874 new direct debit donors for Childlife. We continued to take one off donations and generate warm leads. We recruited 443 new cash donors, only 44 did not opt in to future contact. PFS are experienced in driving quality alongside good operational practices in line with IOF and the Fundraiser Regulator guidance. Through a personalized service from PFS our fundraising through them builds a relationship with the supporter to ensure life-long loyalty to Childlife. PFS is registered with the Institute of Fundraising and the Fundraising Regulator. During the time that we were fundraising with PFS they took part in the IOF mystery shopping program and the CEO carried out shadowing with the door to door fundraisers.

We also ran test campaigns with engage and Connect, LPS and Altru. All these agencies are members of the IOF and the fundraising regulator. These test campaigns had varying degrees of success. Engage and Connect only recruited 29 donors. LPS recruited 499 and Altru only started recruiting in Feb 2020 and recruited 95 donors. All of these agencies took part in the IOF mystery shopping program and received training with the CEO.

Childlife is a member of four other consortiums which Bell Fundraising Ltd recruits new donors through Payroll Giving. Bell Fundraising Ltd. organise tax effective fundraising events and campaigns in companies and organisations across the UK to raise money for our charity consortiums. All fundraisers are employed on a non-commission basis so that they can promote a non-target driven campaign. Bell Fundraising is a member of the Association of Payroll Giving Organisations and the Fundraising Regulator. Mystery shopping was done by one of the consortium members with Bell and was reported back

Due to COVID-19 all face to face fundraising ceased in mid March 2020.

Childlife received nineteen complaints during 2019/20 regarding its fundraising. All complaints were investigated thoroughly and fairly in keeping with the Code of Fundraising Practice. Childlife regularly reviews any lessons to be learnt to help with future fundraising activity. None of the complaints were of a nature serious enough to require Trustees to inform the Charity Commission or Fundraising Regulator. There have not been any compliance issues with either Childlife or any other agencies that we have employed in 2019-20

Childlife has an Ethical Fundraising Policy and a Dealing with Vulnerable donors Policy. We also review the policies that our partner agencies hold on these subjects to make sure they meet our standards

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Achievements and Performance

##### Review of 2019/20

The beneficiaries of Childlife's work are the children, young people and their families throughout the UK who have received support and advice or will benefit from research undertaken by the four member charities through the grant payment to them from Childlife. In 2019/20 Childlife gave a total of £250,000 to the member charities. This enabled the four member charities to achieve the following:

##### Acorns Children's Hospice

Acorns Children's Hospice is the UK's largest children's hospice charity, measured by the number of children and families we support. We provide care, support, fun and laughter for children with life limiting or life threatening conditions and their families across the West Midlands. Our reputation for excellence and high clinical standards is recognised nationally and this is reflected in our ratings with the Care Quality Commission.

We run three hospices; Acorns in Birmingham (located in Selly Oak), Acorns in the Black Country (located in Walsall) and Acorns for the Three Counties (located in Worcester). Our hospices are purpose built with 10 specially decorated bedrooms designed to cater for children and young people from birth to 18 years of age. They are designed to be a home-from-home environment to help children enjoy their stay and make the most of every day. On-site hospice facilities include hydrotherapy pools and spas, multisensory rooms, complementary therapies, play and activity areas with landscaped gardens.

We believe that when a child you love has limited time it's important to make every day and every moment count. At Acorns our nurses, care staff and volunteers are able to create a world where children can be children and enjoy every moment. This is all made possible by the generosity and kindness of our supporters.

Whether it's enjoying a splash in our accessible pool with their siblings or socialising with other children during arts and crafts workshops, Childlife supporters help us to create these precious moments for local children and their families.

In the past year, we were able to offer care and support to over 1,200 family members and 780 children. Our Outreach Nurses delivered over 2,600 hours of support in families' homes so parents could take a moment to enjoy being parents instead of care givers. Our Family Team Workers have provided over 5,000 hours of support to parents and their extended family, helping them cope after the loss of their child. Over 400 support sessions have been delivered to siblings by our dedicated Sibling Teams, giving them the opportunity to talk through their emotions. (Figures correct as of January 2020)

These are uncertain times for everyone, but not least for the children and families who rely on their local children's hospice. There are over 600 local families supported by Acorns who are self-isolating. Although they can't visit the hospice, we're still supporting them in any way we can and making sure they are not alone at this scary time.

Caring for a life limited or life threatened child is difficult and even more so with the current threat of Coronavirus - Acorns is here to make sure families don't face this crisis alone. Despite the current challenges we all face, we are continuing to provide emergency and end of life hospice care for every child and family that needs us. Our staff are working tirelessly to continue providing care, love and support - as they do every single day.

Acorns relies on the generosity of the public to raise around two thirds of the £11 million it costs to run our hospices each year. Therefore, our dedicated Childlife supporters are vital in helping us be there for the children and families who need us most.

On behalf of the children and families we support, thank you.

**Christina White, Senior Manager - Individual Giving and Legacies, Acorns Children's Hospice**

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Ataxia UK**

Ataxia UK is the leading national charity which supports people affected by degenerative and genetic ataxias and funds research into finding treatments and cures. The ataxias are a set of life-limiting neurological conditions which affect balance, movement and communication. Over 200 different genetic ataxias have been discovered in the past 30 years, each of which requires a different treatment. Currently, no treatments or cures for most of the ataxias have been found.

The most common and aggressive form of the condition is Friedreich's ataxia (FA), which predominantly shows its symptoms during childhood or early puberty. The earlier FA begins to show, the likelihood is the faster it progresses. It hampers a child/young person's balance, mobility and movement, before causing speech, hearing and vision to deteriorate and, eventually, weakens the heart. As a result, children diagnosed with FA usually have a shorter life expectancy than their peers and will spend much of their life in a wheelchair.

As with the other ataxias, there is no cure for FA.

A major part of our work is to support and advise parents of children who have FA, whilst funding research into treatments and a cure. The support we receive from Childlife is essential in achieving this: it enables us to run local support groups, conferences, various online forums and information sessions to reduce families' isolation and help them understand the condition.

In 2019-20 one of the two paediatric Specialist Ataxia Centres we started to develop in the previous year started taking referrals and the second paediatric Specialist Ataxia Centres is set to open in 2020. These Centres offer children with ataxia and their parents a one-stop shop for all their care management needs, including appointments with a paediatric neurologist with expertise in ataxia; speech and language therapists and physiotherapists.

Ataxia UK has been funding research into treatment and cures for ataxia for many years and since 2000 we have spent approaching £7m on this research. In October 2019 Reata Pharmaceuticals Inc announced some incredibly exciting top line findings from their trial of Omaveloxolone (OmaV) in patients with Friedreich's ataxia. The results of the study showed that patients taking OmaV for 48 weeks had a statistically significant improvement in their symptoms associated with FA than those on the placebo trial (a placebo is a substance that has no therapeutic effect, used as a control in testing new drugs.). Not just a slowing down or halt in progression, but an improvement. This is a truly incredible result. The management team at Reata have said that OmaV has the potential to be the first approved treatment for FA.

Further research into OmaV continues and we are also funding other routes into treatments and cures.

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, we had had to adjust our fundraising activity away from activities such as mass challenge events into more socially distanced activities such as virtual races. This includes our annual conference in October 2020, which we are now making virtual. And for Ataxia UK, it means that research into treatments and potential cures is under threat, which could put back a critical breakthrough in science that is so needed to help families with children who watch their child with this unforgiving degenerate condition, deteriorate daily. We will continue to respond to the changing environment.

**Dan Beacon, Head of Fundraising and Communications, Ataxia UK**

**National Children's Bureau**

Our vision at NCB is for every child to grow up safe, secure and supported. We deliver programmes to support families, schools and those working with children to deliver better childhoods, conduct research to understand the perspectives, experiences and issues of children and young people, and we use our expertise to influence government to better protect and support children across the country. Like the kind supporters of Childlife, we want to build a better childhood for every child.

At NCB we also host expert networks that support organisations across the children's sector so that they can do their best for children, young people and their families. These networks include the Council for Disabled Children, the Anti-Bullying Alliance, the Childhood Bereavement Network, the Sex Education Forum, and other specialist groups. How we work and what we've achieved this year

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1. We influence legislation, policy and practice to make sure it's decisions of national significance are based on high quality evidence about how to support children.
  - In 2019-20, our work led to 15 changes to national policy, legislation and practice to improve the lives of all children across the country.
  - We produced 23 research reports on topics ranging from early years special educational needs to palliative care with key recommendations on how to improve children's lives.
2. We enable children and young people to actively participate in decision making and influence change.
  - During 2019-20 we involved 1,297 children and young people, helping us to shape policy development, interrogate research, strengthen campaigns and deliver high profile events.
  - Alongside children and young people, we created a Manifesto for a Better Childhood in the lead up to the general election, leading to seven of our recommendations being taken up by the major political parties.
3. We bring organisations together to put the best interests of children first.
  - We brought together 1,158 organisations in networks, partnership meetings and events to collaborate on delivering a better childhood, through tackling bullying, bereavement support, sex and relationships education, disability and other issues which can put children's welfare at risk.
  - We have been working closely with early years professionals in Oldham to support 1,253 children and 1,056 parents through our Making it REAL literacy programme.
4. We develop a workforce that is knowledgeable and skilled in making positive changes for children.
  - Our Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Partnership programme provided training for 1,650 managers to strengthen understanding of approaches to SEND.
  - Our Anti-Bullying Alliance All Together Programme trained 17,000 practitioners from 2,000 schools on how to deal effectively with bullying.

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, we had had to cancel face to face and events in March 2020, and moved quickly to increase our existing remote support and adapt our face-to-face activities into online and telephone services. We will continue to respond to the changing environment.

These achievements are all milestones towards a better childhood for all children – achievements that have been made possible thanks to the generosity of Childlife's supporters. On behalf of children, young people and their families, thank you.

**Annamarie Hassall MBE, Director of Practice and Programmes, National Children's Bureau**

**The National Deaf Children's Society**

The National Deaf Children's Society is dedicated to creating a world without barriers for deaf children and young people.

We work to overcome the social and educational barriers that hold deaf children back, by:

- helping families give the best possible support to their deaf child every step of the way
- ensuring the needs of deaf children and young people come first
- giving expert unbiased support to help deaf children and their parents make informed choices about their lives
- positively challenging unfairness, and influencing key decision makers to make deaf children and young people a political priority.

Thanks to the generosity of Childlife supporters, we have been able to provide life-changing support and invaluable information to deaf children and their families across the UK over the last year. This has included:

- delivering Family Sign Language training to 326 people, enabling parents and their deaf children to gain invaluable communication skills
- providing vital, timely help and advice via our Helpline service, with more than 4,000 calls, emails and live chat messages answered
- welcoming around 5,000 new members, and providing relevant and tailored information for free to our members through our quarterly Families magazine, monthly e-newsletters, blogs and online content

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- running 43 events for families, ranging from newly diagnosed days, to getting your child ready for school, to raising a deaf child, giving 472 parents practical skills and emotional support
- helping to boost the confidence of deaf young people through our programme of thirteen youth activity events, which 240 people attended
- providing 172 deaf awareness and other tailored sessions across the UK through our Roadshow, reaching over 19,000 people (mainly hearing children and young people) to help improve the school environments of 1,613 deaf children and young people
- delivering a programme of face-to-face and online training to 779 professionals to help increase awareness and understanding of childhood deafness issues

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, we had had to cancel services such as our Roadshow and face to face family events in March 2020, and moved quickly to increase our existing remote support and adapt our face-to-face activities into online services. We will continue to respond to the changing environment to ensure that deaf children and their families are supported.

Childlife supporters are helping to make this possible. Thank you.

**Ben McNaught, Deputy Director: Fundraising, National Deaf Children's Society**

#### Statement on Public Benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance on public benefit produced by the Charities Commission and are confident that the work of the charity meets all the criteria for public benefit.

#### Financial Review

Income in the year was £953,889, a slight increase from the previous year from £908,145. The main reason for the increase is the large investment in donor recruitment in 18/19.

Expenditure on raising funds decreased to £517,876 from £656,892, reflecting the fundraising suppliers not fulfilling their contracts to recruit requested donor levels.

Expenditure on charitable activities was £272,564 versus the previous year of £217,769 reflecting the increase in grant payments. This included £250,000 of grant payments (2019: £200,000)

#### Reserves Policy

It is the policy of Childlife to have free reserves amounting to no less than three months and no more than six months operating costs. Based on the 2019-20 budget, the required reserve level for the year end was set at £180,031 (low) to £360,062 (high). The free reserves balance at 31st March 2020 was £421,566 and as such falls above the required reserves policy. Due to COVID-19 Childlife ceased fundraising mid-March, causing an underspend in the fundraising budget and the resulting excess of reserves at year end.



**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Trustees Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Childlife for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and 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 of the income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and 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.

**COVID-19**

Since 31 December 2019, the spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many local economies around the globe. In many countries, businesses are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. In the UK this began on 23rd March 2020. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses worldwide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilise economic condition.

Childlife is likely to be affected in the form of loss of income, however it will benefit from savings in costs and therefore this will not significantly impact the entity's financial position. Childlife has determined that these events are non-adjusting subsequent events. Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations as of and for the year ended 31 March 2020 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of Childlife for future periods.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**Statement as to disclosure to our independent examiner (IE)**

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the IE in connection with preparing their report, of which the IE is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken individually as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examination information and to establish that the IE is aware of that information.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Company number

03696656 (England and Wales)

##### Registered Charity number

1080536

##### Registered office

Westmead House  
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##### Trustees

D J Beacon Trustee (appointed 16.7.19)  
Ms A Hassall Chair Of Trustees  
B Mcnaught Treasurer  
Ms C White Fundraising Manager (appointed 24.5.19)  
Ms S J Millman Director (resigned 16.7.19)

##### Company Secretary

Ms A Rimington

##### Independent Examiner

Romit Basu FCA  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 July 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms A Hassall - Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHILDLIFE

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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Childlife ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2020.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 ('the 2006 Act').

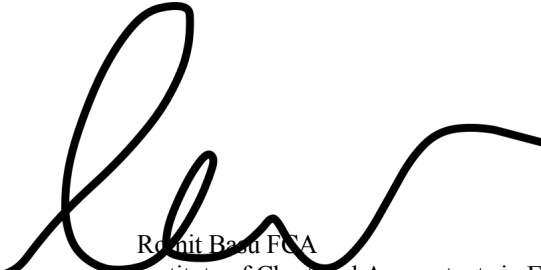
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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



Rohit Badi FCA  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
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14 July 2020

## CHILDLIFE

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	951,017	906,912
Other trading activities	3	250	868
Investment income	4	1,354	365
<b>Total</b>		<u>952,621</u>	<u>908,145</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	5	517,876	656,891
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6		
Promotion and support of member charities		272,564	217,769
<b>Total</b>		<u>790,440</u>	<u>874,660</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u>162,181</u>	<u>33,485</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		258,113	224,628
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>420,294</u></u>	<u><u>258,113</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**CHILDLIFE****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
31 MARCH 2020**

		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	Notes		
Tangible assets	14	1,080	1,620
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	15	43,455	28,303
Cash at bank		451,048	250,016
		<u>494,503</u>	<u>278,319</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(75,289)	(21,826)
		<u>419,214</u>	<u>256,493</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>420,294</u>	<u>258,113</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>420,294</u>	<u>258,113</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>420,294</u>	<u>258,113</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	17		
Unrestricted funds		<u>420,294</u>	<u>258,113</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>420,294</u>	<u>258,113</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued**  
**31 MARCH 2020**

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 July 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



A Hassall - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**CHILDLIFE****STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

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	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>201,032</u>	<u>(40,749)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>201,032</u>	<u>(40,749)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>(2,160)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(2,160)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>201,032</u>	<u>(42,909)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>250,016</u>	<u>292,925</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>451,048</u></u>	<u><u>250,016</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**CHILDLIFE****NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020****1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	162,181	33,485
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	540	1,615
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(15,152)	1,758
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	53,463	(77,607)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operations</b>	<u>201,032</u>	<u>(40,749)</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.19	Cash flow	At 31.3.20
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank	250,016	201,032	451,048
	<u>250,016</u>	<u>201,032</u>	<u>451,048</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>250,016</u>	<u>201,032</u>	<u>451,048</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Currency**

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is also the functional currency of the company and rounded to the nearest pound.

**Income**

**DONATIONS**

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable or received. The majority of the donations are received in the form of payroll giving, standing orders and direct debits. The nature of these forms of donation is that they can be cancelled at any time by the donor. In most cases they are therefore recognised upon receipt unless there is a certainty about the amounts receivable and about the period to which they are attributable. Income from gift aid tax recoverable is recognised in the same accounting period that the related donations are recognised.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

**DEFERRED INCOME**

Any income received by the charity in advance of the due date upon which it becomes receivable is deferred until that due date. Such amounts are not material and arise only incidentally.

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT.

**EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS**

The costs of raising voluntary income includes amounts paid by Childlife during the financial year to third parties to recruit new committed givers for the charity and to undertake various telephone fundraising campaigns. Donors to Childlife choose to donate via payroll giving, via the gift aid scheme or via home money boxes. It is the charity's policy to expense these costs in the period in which they are incurred.

**PROMOTION AND SUPPORT OF MEMBER CHARITIES**

This includes the costs of promotion and support to the member charities and the costs of grants payable. The surplus of net income after allowing for promotional and support costs for member charities and governance costs is distributed equally and on a quarterly basis to its four member charities. A fifth payment may be made annually to the member charities, subject to approval by the trustees, based on surplus reserves determined from the annual financial statements. It is the charity's policy to include fifth payment grants in the period to which they relate.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Going concern**

Since 31 December 2019, the spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many local economies around the globe. In many countries, businesses are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. In the UK this began on 23rd March 2020. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses worldwide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilise economic conditions. The charity is likely to be affected in the form of loss of income, however it will benefit from savings in costs and therefore this will not significantly impact the charity's financial position.

The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the entity for future periods.

As part of the trustees assessment of going concern, they have prepared a detailed cashflow and profit and loss forecasts for the next 13 months. The forecasts have been prepared on an appropriate basis, taking into account the current economic conditions that exist. After making appropriate enquires, the trustees have reasonable expectations that the charity has adequate resources to enable it to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

**Governance costs**

Governance costs reflect central operating costs excluding direct and apportioned support costs of raising funds and charitable activities.

**Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Costs which are directly attributable to a charitable activity or to the costs of raising funds are allocated directly to those activity cost categories. Items of expenditure which contribute directly to the output of more than one activity cost category are apportioned on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis. Depreciation is attributed in accordance with the same principles. Support costs which are shared between activities are apportioned on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis to the activity cost categories being supported.

The basis of apportionment of actual staff costs is by the estimated time spent by individual members of staff on different activity cost categories. Most other support costs are apportioned in the same proportion as the staff costs unless there are specific reasons to apply different proportions of the cost to different activity cost categories.

Expenditure is classified under principal categories of charitable and other expenditure rather than the type of expense, in order to provide more useful information to users of the account. Charitable activities comprise direct expenditure including direct staff costs attributable to the activity. Support costs have been allocated to activities based on the average staff time spent. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the management of the Charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attached have been fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

**Consortia**

Donations to Childlife as a result of Smile a Minute and Friends at Work and Together for Change consortia are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities within donations. Expenditure on the recruitment and administration of donors for the consortia is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities within fundraising costs.

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets held for the entity's own use are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives at the following rates

- Computer Equipment - 25% straight line
- Fixture & Fittings - 25% straight line
- Website costs - 50% straight line

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

At each statement of financial position date, the entity reviews the carrying amount of its tangible fixed assets to determine whether there is any indication that any items have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss, if any. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of the asset, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

**Taxation**

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

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations	951,017	906,912
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trading income	250	868
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest receivable	1,354	365

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff costs	64,565	62,055
Direct fundraising	407,610	538,021
Other fundraising expenses	46	-
Support costs	45,655	56,815
	<u>517,876</u>	<u>656,891</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Promotion and support of member charities	12,298	250,000	10,266	272,564

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2020	2019
	£	£
Promotion and support of member charities	250,000	200,000

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Raising donations and legacies	37,301	8,354	-	45,655
Promotion and support of member charities	5,238	54	4,974	10,266
	<u>42,539</u>	<u>8,408</u>	<u>4,974</u>	<u>55,921</u>

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Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	540	1,075
Computer software amortisation	-	540
	<u>540</u>	<u>1,615</u>

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2019.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2019.

**11. STAFF COSTS**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	76,863	73,875
	<u>76,863</u>	<u>73,875</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
Cost of raising income	3	3
Charitable activities	1	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	906,912
Other trading activities	868
Investment income	365
<b>Total</b>	<u>908,145</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	656,891

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Promotion and support of member charities	217,769
<b>Total</b>	<u>874,660</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	33,485
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	224,628
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>258,113</u></u>

13. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer software £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	<u>12,954</u>
<b>AMORTISATION</b>	
At 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	<u>12,954</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2020	<u><u>-</u></u>
At 31 March 2019	<u><u>-</u></u>

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14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	2,864	20,288	23,152
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2019	2,864	18,668	21,532
Charge for year	-	540	540
At 31 March 2020	2,864	19,208	22,072
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2020	-	1,080	1,080
At 31 March 2019	-	1,620	1,620

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	29,465	18,511
Prepayments and accrued income	13,990	9,792
	43,455	28,303

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	36,859	9,973
Social security and other taxes	1,428	-
Other creditors	3,407	4,829
Accruals and deferred income	33,595	7,024
	75,289	21,826

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	258,113	162,181	420,294
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	258,113	162,181	420,294

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	952,621	(790,440)	162,181
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>952,621</u>	<u>(790,440)</u>	<u>162,181</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.19 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	224,628	33,485	258,113
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>224,628</u>	<u>33,485</u>	<u>258,113</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	908,145	(874,660)	33,485
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>908,145</u>	<u>(874,660)</u>	<u>33,485</u>

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The board of trustees, which has four members, one from each member charity, administers the Charity and meets quarterly. Each trustee is an employee of one of the member charities. Grants of £62,500 each (2019: £50,000 each) were payable to the four member charities during the financial year. At the year end £20,000 (2019: £20,000 each) was payable to each of the four member charities. The charity was controlled by the four member charities throughout the financial year.

Also, during the year two honorarium payments of £1,500 were made to Ataxia UK and National Deaf Children's Society respectively for services provided within the year.



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	31.3.20 £	31.3.19 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	951,017	906,912
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Trading income	250	868
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest receivable	1,354	365
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>952,621</u>	<u>908,145</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Staff costs including temp staff	64,565	62,055
Direct fundraising	407,610	538,021
Other fundraising expenses	46	-
	<u>472,221</u>	<u>600,076</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Staff costs including temp staff	12,298	11,820
Grants to institutions	250,000	200,000
	<u>262,298</u>	<u>211,820</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Rent, rates and water	5,613	9,437
Insurance	889	972
Telephone & internet	2,334	2,031
Postage and stationery	1,078	3,290
Advertising	2,153	550
Sundries	851	657
Computer costs	26,650	24,407
Staff training	90	582
Cleaning	-	672
Membership & Subscriptions	1,402	1,033
Office move costs	-	4,028
Travel & subsistence	1,479	1,135
	<u>42,539</u>	<u>48,794</u>
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	7,868	6,132
Carried forward	7,868	6,132

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	31.3.20	31.3.19
	£	£
<b>Finance</b>		
Brought forward	7,868	6,132
Computer software	-	540
Computer equipment	540	1,075
	<u>8,408</u>	<u>7,747</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
IE fee	3,000	1,382
Professional fees	1,974	4,841
	<u>4,974</u>	<u>6,223</u>
Total resources expended	<u>790,440</u>	<u>874,660</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>162,181</u></u>	<u><u>33,485</u></u>

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