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TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 4 April 2019

Introduction

The Trustees present their annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 4 April 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 4 April 2019 (cont'd)

The Trustees of dsdfamilies present their second report and the financial statements as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) for the year ended 4 April 2019.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's trust deed and the Statement of Recommended Practice -Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and Principal Activities

The purpose of dsdfamilies is to promote good health and social inclusion, of children with DSD (Differences of Sex Development), and to relieve the needs of children with DSD and their families, in particular, but not exclusively by:

1. providing opportunities for children living with DSD to engage in activities which promote skill development, mental and physical wellbeing and participation in the local and wider community.
2. providing opportunities for the families supporting children to meet for social support and sharing of ideas and resources.
3. assisting in the provision of educational services, equipment and facilities not normally provided by the statutory authorities.
4. promoting understanding and a positive attitude towards DSD within the wider community.

The aims of dsdfamilies are to:

- Bring the experiences and voices of families, children and young people affected by Differences of Sex Development (DSD) into the development and delivery of best practice in care, research, policy, public discourse and professional training.
- Provide a service to families, children and young people living in the UK and Ireland, including a programme of educational tools and resources and access to peer/family-to-family support.
- Be one of the leading advocates for families, children and young people living with DSD in matters relating to support, healthcare and their right to information about their condition.
- Work towards ensuring that children growing up with any type of DSD and their families living in the UK and Ireland are not at a disadvantage due to their condition, whether that relates to equality of opportunity, access to information, access to support or having a say in decision making about the management of their condition.

Achievements and Performance

The charity has continued to make a significant contribution to the lives of many families across the UK, living with DSD. The following initiatives were driven forward which focused on and supported the key objectives and aims of the charity:

1. *Provision of opportunities for greater engagement for young people living with DSD*
 - a. Over an 18-month period, we consulted with 194 people comprising of children, young people and adults living with different sex development and their families (dsd is an umbrella name for around 40 heterogeneous congenital conditions that can affect genital and/or reproductive development).
The consultation included Family Day events in Bristol, Newport and Manchester, online and paper questionnaires and two national focus groups in London (one of which was dedicated exclusively to young people and run in collaboration with the Government Equality Office). In total, 72 children and young people were engaged in this consultation process.
 - b. The consultation outcomes produced 20 recommendations (for more detail see our published report 'Listen to Us'). These will inform our 2019-2022 work programme and fundraising strategy.
The report, and its observations, also serve to inform key stakeholders in healthcare, government and fundraising bodies of the clearly articulated and shared needs of children, young people and adults living with different sex development and their families.

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Achievements and Performance (cont'd)

2. *Provision of social support and sharing of ideas for the families of children with DSD and those involved in their care*
 - a. Correspondence with, and telephone support for, families and healthcare professionals seeking advice.

3. *Provision of educational services, equipment and facilities*

Throughout the reporting period, a significant amount of time and effort was put in to creating a range of resources to keep up with the demand from families and healthcare professionals:

 - a. Information booklets were designed, created and disseminated such as 'Top Tips for Talking', and a newly edited version of 'First days – when your baby is born with genitals that look different'. Work has begun on 'The Story of Sex Development'. All resources are developed in conjunction with senior healthcare professionals and families.
 - b. A complete rewrite and redesign was completed of our website. This now includes new sections such as 'Overview of DSD conditions' and 'Timeline for Talking'. As young people in particular increasingly use this form of medium to seek out information, we put a great amount of our effort into keeping the websites both up to date and a source of truthful and reliable facts.

4. *Promotion of understanding and positive attitudes through being a lead advocate*
 - a. Trustees attended, and spoke at, many conferences throughout the period with the key purposes of disseminating information and engaging with professionals in the field of Differences of Sex Development. It is a vital part of our work to attend such events in order to convey the voices of the children and their families, as well as provide an expert source of information –
 - i. April 2018: Society for Endocrinology BES 2018 in Glasgow
 - ii. July 2018: All parliamentary meeting around DSD in Westminster
 - iii. November 2018: British Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes
 - iv. September 2018: European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology in Copenhagen (where our Chair was one of the speakers)
 - v. February 2019: 24th Annual Novo Nordisk Endocrine Workshop in Stratford Upon Avon (two of our Trustees were speakers)
 - vi. March 2019: Scottish DSD managed clinical network meeting in Edinburgh
 - vii. Several of our Trustees also attended conferences and events with an indirect focus on dsd such as general endocrinology, care in CAH, and specialist nursing in dsd care.
 - b. Some of our Trustees were invited to meet Government policy advisors to provide more informed information -
 - i. December 2018: Meeting with Scottish Government policy advisors to discuss information about dsd in schools
 - ii. December 2018: Submitting evidence on dsd to the Scottish Parliament regarding Census 2021
 - iii. Speaking with policy advisors in the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and National Records of Scotland (NRS) about the sex questions in the Census 2021 and the way that dsd was presented in this.
 - c. Building on the strong foundations laid in the first year of the charity, some of our Trustees were able to dedicate more of their time this year to engagement with the media to promote greater understanding of dsd –
 - i. Discussions following an episode of BBC One's 'Call the Midwife' in which 'Lois' is told she has AIS (Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome)
 - ii. Working with journalist Angela Robson on a piece for BBC World Service Health Check based around our 'Listen to Us' report, including interviews with volunteers from dsdfamilies
 - iii. Discussions with various media outlets to inform coverage around the statement from Caster Semenya
 - iv. Collaboration on an article for Nursery World.
 - d. We were invited to sit on the NHS Service Specification Working Group and the NHS Policy on DSD Surgery Working Group.

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Beneficiaries

Our direct beneficiaries are the children and families from Scotland and England who have attended our Family Day event, and those throughout the UK who have contacted us directly either through the website or by email for support and advice.

The beneficiaries of our printed material are worldwide, which is not surprising given that some of the e booklets are freely available in multiple languages including Arabic, English, French, German, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish and Urdu. The group accessing this material, as well as the information on our websites, mainly consists of parents, young people and health professionals.

Attendees at the European conferences where we have spoken have been in the region of 300-400; these primarily being doctors and consultants, or those with a professional interest in this field.

Financial Information

The financial position is as shown in the attached financial statements which comply with statutory requirements. The deficit for the period amounted to £19,425 with income totalled £4,279.

The total funds held at the bank as at 4 April 2019 amounted to £1,538.

Related Parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the period.

Reserves Policy

We have agreed to maintain a liquid balance of income equal to at least three months of annual expenditure to meet pay and other standard expenditures, and provide stability for the sustainability of the charity as a whole. With closing reserves of £1,538 of which £1,387 is unrestricted as at the period end the Trustees believe they are maintaining an appropriate level of reserves whilst ensuring that excessive funds are not accumulated. The adequacy of this policy is reviewed annually. The Trustees have identified no significant short or medium term financial risks to the charity's continued operations.

Plans for the future

The charity believes it is already making a significant contribution to the lives of many young people and their families, and is well positioned to deepen our impact over the next twelve months. Planning is already underway around these areas –

- As the charity continues to grow, more focus will be given to maintaining a strong governance as well as building our fundraising capabilities;
- The launch of 'Story of Sex Development' and its dissemination will be a big focus topic for us, as we have feedback that this is a transformative clinical tool;
- Consultancy work for American Network of Centers for Expertise on their 'DSD Family Support Tool';
- Promoting the voice of children, young people and adults in discussions about care delivery with BSPED, NHS England and NHS Scotland.

Taxation

The Fund has been recognised by H M Revenue and Customs as a charity for tax purposes. As a result, no liability to taxation is anticipated on any of its income.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

d sdfamilies is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation, founded in October 2016 and registered in October 2016 with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, and in August 2018 with OSCR the Scottish Charity Regulator.

The registered charity number for OSCR is SC048672.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 4 April 2019 (cont'd)

Structure, governance and management (cont'd)

Trustees

All the current Trustees were appointed as a result of their lived experience and/or professional expertise in supporting children and young people living with different sex development and their families.

The minimum number of Trustees shall not be less than three nor more than twelve. Appointment and removal is in accordance with the CIO document, which requires that appointment be by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a meeting of the Trustees.

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Trustees.

The Board meets three times a period, and gives detailed consideration to monitoring the progress of the Charity in achieving its performance and quality objectives.

The day-to-day operation and management of the charity is shared among the Trustees. The Trustees consider recruitment of new Trustees as the need arises. Applications from suitable candidates would be sought by identifying specific gaps in professional skills and seeking recommendations of professionally qualified candidates, if necessary, placing advertisements in suitable publications. Applicants would be provided with an information pack outlining the history of the organisation, its structure, activities and objectives, roles and expectations of Trustees plus other supporting information. A new Trustee would be provided with information on the activities, financing and management structure of the Charity, together with guidance and codes of conduct related to the roles and responsibilities of Trustees.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

 27.12.19

Dr Julie Alderson
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DSDFAMILIES**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of DSDFamilies

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 4 April 2019 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

This report is made to the Trustees of dsdfamilies, as a body, in accordance with the terms of my engagement. My work has been undertaken to enable me to prepare the financial statements on behalf of the Trustees and to report my opinion as set out below and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees and members of dsdfamilies, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records

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



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 4 April 2019

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Funds Year ended 4 April 2019 £	Total Funds Period 25 Oct 2016 to 4 April 2018 £
Receipts					
Initial funding from donors		-	-	-	6,770
Grants received	3	-	4,279	4,279	30,830
Total receipts		<u>-</u>	<u>4,279</u>	<u>4,279</u>	<u>37,600</u>
Payments					
Charitable activities	4	2,347	21,357	23,704	16,637
Total payments		<u>2,347</u>	<u>21,357</u>	<u>23,704</u>	<u>16,637</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the period		<u>(2,347)</u>	<u>(17,078)</u>	<u>(19,425)</u>	<u>20,963</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

At 4 April 2019

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Bank and cash in hand				
Opening balances	2,662	18,301	20,963	-
(Deficit)/Surplus for the period	(2,347)	(17,078)	(19,425)	20,963
Transfers	1,072	(1,072)	-	-
	<u>1,387</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>1,538</u>	<u>20,963</u>
Closing balances				
	<u>1,387</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>1,538</u>	<u>20,963</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one period				
Accruals			1,140	1,806
			<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,806</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 27.12.19 and signed on their behalf by the following:-

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Julie Alderson

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 4 April 2019

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis, and comprise a receipts and payments account and statement of balances, as permitted for lower-income charities by section 133 of the Charities Act 2011. Only cash movements during the period are summarised in the receipts and payments account, no recognition being taken of transactions due but not received or paid.

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

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have assessed the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern and have reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

Funds structure

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Trustees have designated funds to specific projects in line with the charitable objects.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors.

Resources expended

Expenditure is allocated between:-

- expenditure incurred on raising funds;
- expenditure incurred in direct fulfilment of the charity's objectives;

Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis.

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include the payment of grants in furtherance of the charities objectives.

Irrecoverable VAT

The charity is not registered for VAT and consequently all expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

2. Trustees' Remuneration

Trustees were reimbursed for travel expenses during the period, totalling £683 (2018: £1,055).

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NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

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3. Grant income

	Year ended 4 April 2019 £	Period 25 Oct 2016 to 4 April 2018 £
Children in Need	-	15,755
Glasgow Children's Hospital Trust	-	6,000
Big Lottery	-	9,075
Society of Endocrinology	4,279	-
	<u>4,279</u>	<u>30,830</u>

4. Expenditure

	Year ended 4 April 2019 £	Period 25 Oct 2016 to 4 April 2018 £
<i>Charitable activities:</i>		
Legal & professional fees	11,912	11,464
Printing & postage	290	488
Travel & subsistence	5,097	2,109
Internet & website	3,658	1,756
Family days	1,777	550
Venue hire	645	-
<i>Support costs:</i>		
Insurance	286	252
Bank charges	39	18
	<u>23,704</u>	<u>16,637</u>

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NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

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5. Statement of funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 5 April 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 4 April 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,662	-	(2,347)	1,072	1,387
	<u>2,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,346)</u>	<u>1,072</u>	<u>1,387</u>

General Fund: represents funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the Charity's constitution, aims and objectives.

Restricted funds

	At 5 April 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 4 April 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Website Fund	2,201	-	(2,201)	-	-
	<u>2,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,201)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Website Fund: represents funding from Glasgow Children's Charity grant for the charity's website.

	At 5 April 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 4 April 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Children in Need	9,412	-	(9,412)	-	-
	<u>9,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,412)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Represents funding from Children in Need for direct engagement with children and family days.

	At 5 April 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 4 April 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery	6,688	-	(5,616)	(1,072)	-
	<u>6,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,616)</u>	<u>(1,072)</u>	<u>-</u>

Represents funding from Big Lottery grant for direct engagement with children and family days.

	At 5 April 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 4 April 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Society of Endocrinology	-	4,279	(4,128)	-	151
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,279</u>	<u>(4,128)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>151</u>

Represents funding from Society of Endocrinology grant for development of online and printed patient/family support resources and for travel to attend SfE Endocrine Updates, Birmingham, April 2018.