

Charity registration number: 1152621

Project Seventeen

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kamena Dorling Timothy Bull, Treasurer Mary Awoniyi Elizabeth Fry Clare Jennings Gwawr Thomas, Chair Claire McGuinness Olaitan Abiola Stephanie Kleynhans Jessie Valentina
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Charity Registration Number	1152621
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Kamena Dorling
	Timothy Bull, Treasurer
	Rebecca Aoude (resigned 16 September 2023)
	Mary Awoniyi
	Elizabeth Fry
	Clare Jennings
	Gwawr Thomas, Chair
	Ruvimbo Mutyambizi (resigned 10 June 2023)
	Claire McGuinness (appointed 15 June 2024)
	Olaitan Abiola (appointed 10 June 2023)
	Stephanie Kleynhans (appointed 16 September 2023)
	Jessie Valentina (appointed 15 June 2024)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The relief of financial hardship amongst migrants with no recourse to public funds living in the UK by the provision of free advice and assistance to such persons.

For the public benefit to advance education of the public in the needs of migrants with no recourse to public funds by providing training and advice to other relevant agencies.

Project 17 is an organisation working to end destitution among migrant families. We work with families experiencing exceptional poverty to improve their access to local authority support.

We believe that all children have the right to a home and enough to eat, regardless of their parents' immigration status. To achieve our vision, we provide advice, advocacy and support for individuals. We build capacity in other organisations and we campaign for the improved implementation of statutory support.

Project 17 works towards ensuring that local authorities comply with the duties imposed on them by Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need. Section 17 enables local councils to provide accommodation and financial support to avoid children being taken into the care of the local authority.

This duty exists even if the family has no right to work, no access to welfare benefits and social housing and no leave to remain in the UK. Project 17 exists to ensure that individuals eligible for support under Section 17 are able to access it effectively.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Objectives, strategies and activities

Advice and advocacy: working directly with families with no recourse to public funds to improve access to accommodation and financial support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 and related support.

Capacity building: working with organisations to improve their ability to work with families with no recourse to public funds. This includes training, telephone advice for professionals; and online resources.

Systemic change: ultimately, we believe that everyone should be entitled to a welfare safety net. Until then, our strategic work addresses systemic problems with the implementation of section 17 support and other issues affecting people with no recourse to public funds. Activities include engaging with local and national government, campaigns and litigation. We work with a group of people with personal experience of poverty caused by no recourse to public funds to build solidarity and work towards strategic change.

Public benefit

- a) Reducing homelessness and destitution among migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- b) Increasing awareness of rights and entitlements among individuals, professionals and the wider public.
- c) Improving the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- d) Improving public awareness of the issues facing families with no recourse to public funds.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

Advice and advocacy:

We provide frontline advice, advocacy and casework to families facing homelessness and severe poverty because they have no recourse to public funds. We also provide emergency practical support, such as grants and support in kind.

In 2023-24, **we worked with 426 families**, including taking on 198 new clients.

57% of our clients were undocumented when we started working together, and 17% had limited leave to remain on the family life route. We also worked with families on health and social care, student and visit visas, and with small numbers of refused asylum seekers and people with pre-settled status.

93% of our clients were women and 77% were lone parents.

We worked with clients from **59 different countries**. 42% were Nigerian and 15% were Ghanaian.

We worked with families living in **86 local authorities** across England, although 64% of clients lived in London.

62% of clients had tried to access support under section 17 ("s.17") before they approached us, but they came to Project 17 because they had been refused (73%), or because the support they received was inadequate (27%). Families who had been turned away from social services experienced a wide range of problems, including inadequate housing and homelessness, not having enough money, domestic abuse, threats to safety and exploitation.

59% of families had been destitute for more than 3 months when they approached us, and 26% had been destitute for more than a year.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

With our support, **61% (259 families) accessed support under s.17 Children Act 1989**. 56% accessed financial support, and 48% accessed accommodation.

We continue to be concerned about the adequacy of support provided by local authorities. 34% of families receiving financial support were given less than the lawful minimum, and a further 9% received vouchers instead of cash. Only 18% of those accessing accommodation found it to be suitable, with many housed in hotels and HMOs, far away from schools and support networks.

94% of families benefitted from at least one positive outcome following our intervention. Alongside s.17 support, 51% accessed emergency financial support from our Destitution Fund, and 31% accessed larger grants. 68% used foodbank vouchers, we funded emergency hotel stays for 3%. Other outcomes included Healthy Start vouchers, nursery placements and free prescriptions.

This year, we undertook a review of the advice service, evaluating our aims and priorities, and the extent to which we achieve those aims. We are now making some changes based on the review, including being clearer about our scope and boundaries, and creating a new way of taking on clients.

We asked clients to complete a survey about their experiences of working with us. 48 people replied. 90% said the adviser helped them understand their options 'very well' (10% said 'quite well'). **71% said their current situation was 'a lot better'** than before they came to Project 17. **75% rated the service as '10/10'** and a further 13% rated it as 9/10. One person said *'All I can say is God bless this organisation. I won't forget the help you showed me and my son. I'm so grateful I meet this organisation at my lowest, they came through for me, in my next life I will still choose PROJECT 17'*. Another said *'Best service ever. Thank you so much for assisting me and my daughter. We are in a comfortable and peaceful place. And our situation has improved.'*

Capacity building:

We build knowledge and expertise in other organisations, supporting them to work with families with no recourse to public funds ("NRPF") more effectively. Our capacity building work includes training; case advice for professionals; and online factsheets, booklets and letter templates.

This year, we delivered **23 training sessions** to a range of voluntary sector staff and social services teams, reaching over 400 participants. We delivered a range of sessions, including joint training with Southwark Law Centre and the Care Rights Project. We also started working with United Impact, the solidarity and action group we support, to redesign our training, increasing the emphasis on broader social change and incorporating the perspectives of people with personal experience of NRPF, alongside legal expertise. We hope to begin rolling out new sessions in autumn 2024, delivering training jointly with United Impact members.

We responded to **580 calls to our advice line** for professionals, providing advice on individual cases. This was a 28% increase from last year.

31 callers provided feedback, and all of them found the advice 'very helpful'. One caller wrote: *"[the adviser] gave amazing help and support, she gave brilliant advice and supported me to fight for the rights of a mother and child who were wrongly being encouraged to leave the UK or be separated. Your project supported with hotel costs until we could get legal advice and convince social care that they had a duty to support them both. The mother and child were eventually provided with temporary but secure housing and the mother was incredibly grateful for our help and support. I am sure that without your charity they would have either been separated or funded to leave the UK without assurance that they were going to be safe. Thank you once again for your incredible support, you are amazing advocates for vulnerable people who do not have a strong voice."*

We have **32 free resources** on our website, ranging from guides for individuals, letter templates for frontline workers, and a toolkit for social workers. These are updated regularly to respond to changes in case law, policy and best practice.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Strategic work:

Our social change work builds on the knowledge, data and experience of our frontline and capacity building services. This year, we have focused largely on supporting United Impact, the solidarity and action group we resource and facilitate. United Impact has over 60 members, all of whom have previously used Project 17's advice service. Members have spoken at conferences and events; attended meetings with Parliamentarians and Home Office representatives; exhibited their photography at the Migrant Connections Festival and in Parliament. They also provided evidence to the Women and Equalities Committee and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on NRPF, for which Project 17 held the secretariat.

Project 17 has engaged with local authorities to try to improve the implementation of s.17 support. This included successful advocacy with various local authorities about their rates of financial support. We are pursuing complaints against two councils based on their failure to assess and support families under s.17. We are worried about the increasing financial pressures on local authorities, and the threat of bankruptcy leading to increased 'gatekeeping' and unlawful refusals of support.

Looking ahead:

We are starting work with an external consultant, who will support us to think about our work through the lens of anti-racism and anti-oppression. Over the next year, we will be considering our positionality; our work; and our ambitions, feeding into future planning.

We will also begin work on our next 3-year strategy, which will take us from 2025-28. This will likely include revisiting our mission, with a view to talking more explicitly about the changes we want to see; critically reflecting on our work with people with 'lived experience' of NRPF and pushing towards more meaningful change and representation; and working more collaboratively with others in the sector and beyond.

Financial review

Project 17's total income for the year was £520,139, an increase compared to the prior year comparative of £350,523. Total expenditure for the year was £402,408 compared to £368,823 for the year ended 31 March 2023. Overall, this resulted in net income of £117,731 for the year, compared to a net expense of £18,300 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Project 17's strong income for the year reflects continued recognition from funders around the importance of the work carried out by the charity. Although income relating to Project 17's restricted funds was healthy during the year, higher levels of unrestricted funding was obtained, given the uncertainty around further restricted funding in the near-term, and the likelihood that Project 17's restricted funds will continue to be supported by reserves.

Policy on reserves

Project 17's reserve policy states that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to three to six months of expenditure. At this level the Trustees feel the reserves appropriately support Project 17's resilience against the key financial risks facing the organization, being the unforeseen loss of funding or incurring unforeseen expenditure, and are sufficient to cover associated expenditure commitments were Project 17 to be wound down. The reserves policy is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis, at least once a year.

At 31 March 2024, reserves were £238,388, slightly greater than six months of Project 17's total budgeted expenditure for the following financial year. While this amount exceeds the reserves policy, it is recognised that reserves will continue to be required to supplement Project 17's restricted funds over the coming year.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 18th May 2013.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

- Advertising online (our website, public forums, social media) and approaching people directly.
- Potential trustees submit a CV and covering letter that are reviewed by all trustees.
- The Chair and Director hold an informal interview.
- Potential trustees sit in on part of a Board meeting.
- New trustees are voted onto the Board.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 business.

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, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 28/09/24 and signed on its behalf by:



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Gwawr Thomas
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Project Seventeen (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

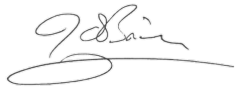
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member and Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 18/10/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	129,440	-	129,440	118,018
Charitable activities	3	200	390,499	390,699	232,505
Total Income		<u>129,640</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>520,139</u>	<u>350,523</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	<u>(35,022)</u>	<u>(367,386)</u>	<u>(402,408)</u>	<u>(368,823)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(35,022)</u>	<u>(367,386)</u>	<u>(402,408)</u>	<u>(368,823)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		94,618	23,113	117,731	(18,300)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(95,000)</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(382)	118,113	117,731	(18,300)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>238,770</u>	<u>101,194</u>	<u>339,964</u>	<u>358,264</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>238,388</u></u>	<u><u>219,307</u></u>	<u><u>457,695</u></u>	<u><u>339,964</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 12.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	118,018	-	118,018
Charitable activities	3	<u>2</u>	<u>232,503</u>	<u>232,505</u>
Total Income		<u>118,020</u>	<u>232,503</u>	<u>350,523</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(27,516)</u>	<u>(341,307)</u>	<u>(368,823)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(27,516)</u>	<u>(341,307)</u>	<u>(368,823)</u>
Net movement in funds		90,504	(108,804)	(18,300)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>148,266</u>	<u>209,998</u>	<u>358,264</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>238,770</u></u>	<u><u>101,194</u></u>	<u><u>339,964</u></u>

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 1152621) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,239	1,210
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>458,096</u>	<u>340,140</u>
		459,335	341,350
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,640)</u>	<u>(1,386)</u>
Net assets		<u>457,695</u>	<u>339,964</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	12	219,307	101,194
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>238,388</u>	<u>238,770</u>
Total funds	12	<u>457,695</u>	<u>339,964</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..28/09/24... and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Timothy Bull
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Project Seventeen meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Charitable activities

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.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

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

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	-	-	9,899
Donations from individuals	3,401	3,401	11,369
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	126,039	126,039	96,750
	<u>129,440</u>	<u>129,440</u>	<u>118,018</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants	-	375,766	375,766	217,912
Training income	-	14,256	14,256	13,995
Sundry income	200	477	677	598
	<u>200</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>390,699</u>	<u>232,505</u>

4 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
AB Charitable Trust	27,500	-	27,500
Justice Together Initiative	-	10,214	10,214
Children In Need	14,539	5,287	19,826
Client grant partners	-	5,258	5,258
Coventry University	-	7,559	7,559
Donations	3,401	-	3,401
The Legal Education Foundation	-	56,000	56,000
Mercers	-	29,000	29,000
Ground Work London	-	50,801	50,801
Masonic Charitable Fund	-	5,000	5,000
John Ellerman Foundation	-	20,000	20,000
LHA London	-	13,333	13,333
London Community Fund	2,000	8,000	10,000
The Hillcote Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Reaching Communities	-	29,812	29,812

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Trust for London	-	34,002	34,002
Lloyds Bank Foundation	25,000	-	25,000
Metropolitan Migration Foundation	47,000	-	47,000
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	66,000	66,000
Anonymous	5,000	25,500	30,500
The Blue Moon Trust	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>129,440</u>	<u>375,766</u>	<u>505,206</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Venue hire	-	150	150	8
Client grants	-	15,555	15,555	15,225
Clinical supervision	3,831	714	4,545	1,233
Equipment	164	814	978	1,467
Freelance costs	-	-	-	2,371
Interpreting costs	-	2,356	2,356	1,769
Insurance	595	-	595	283
Legal & professional fees	1,444	-	1,444	1,386
Office supplies	584	1,335	1,919	2,128
Other expenses	2,328	464	2,792	338
Printing	-	1,062	1,062	1,062
Solidarity group expenses	-	8,566	8,566	10,844
Rent	1,367	12,302	13,669	13,764
Salaries NIC & pensions	19,089	319,271	338,360	308,017
Staff expenses	8	208	216	3,218
Subscriptions	35	167	202	197
Telephone & internet	202	1,742	1,944	1,501
Trustee expenses	255	-	255	368
Training	5,120	384	5,504	586
Volunteer expenses	-	126	126	320
Recruitment costs	-	-	-	100
Website & database	-	2,170	2,170	2,638
	<u>35,022</u>	<u>367,386</u>	<u>402,408</u>	<u>368,823</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	296,898	267,890
Social security costs	29,514	27,256
Pension costs	11,948	12,871
	<u>338,360</u>	<u>308,017</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Monthly paid staff	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>

9 (2023 - 11) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £11,948 (2023 - £12,871).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £43,658 (2023 - £41,332).

8 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	<u>1,239</u>	<u>1,210</u>

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	<u>458,096</u>	<u>340,140</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	<u>1,640</u>	<u>1,386</u>

11 Commitments

Capital commitments

The charity has a short term lease for the premises under which either party may give 60 days notice.
The total amount contracted for but not provided in the financial statements was £Nil (2023 - £Nil).

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	238,770	129,640	(35,022)	(95,000)	238,388
Restricted funds					
Client grants	-	5,258	(5,258)	-	-
Advice	59,412	154,461	(164,998)	45,000	93,875
Capacity building	7,444	63,444	(55,359)	30,000	45,529
Policy	16,656	148,708	(131,476)	15,000	48,888
Destitution fund	4,340	8,417	(5,424)	5,000	12,333
Hotel fund	5,453	3,794	(2,187)	-	7,060
Small grants fund	<u>7,889</u>	<u>6,417</u>	<u>(2,684)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,622</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>101,194</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>(367,386)</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>219,307</u>
Total funds	<u><u>339,964</u></u>	<u><u>520,139</u></u>	<u><u>(402,408)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>457,695</u></u>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Advice: to provide direct advice and advocacy services to migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Capacity building: to build capacity in other organisations working with migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Client grants: to facilitate the provision of direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind;

Destitution fund: to provide emergency financial support to clients for food or other urgent essential items;

Hotel fund: to provide funding for short term stays in emergency accommodation for families left street homeless by a refusal of local authority support;

Policy: creating systemic change to improve the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds, through engaging with local and national government, campaigning and strategic litigation;

Small grants fund: to provide direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind.

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General fund	148,266	118,020	(27,516)	238,770
Restricted				
Client grants	-	5,999	(5,999)	-
Advice	63,013	160,189	(163,790)	59,412
Capacity building	27,464	26,495	(46,515)	7,444
Policy	99,708	32,724	(115,776)	16,656
Destitution fund	6,230	3,250	(5,140)	4,340
Hotel fund	6,323	596	(1,466)	5,453
Small grants fund	7,260	3,250	(2,621)	7,889
Total restricted funds	<u>209,998</u>	<u>232,503</u>	<u>(341,307)</u>	<u>101,194</u>
Total funds	<u><u>358,264</u></u>	<u><u>350,523</u></u>	<u><u>(368,823)</u></u>	<u><u>339,964</u></u>

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13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		2024
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	240,028	219,307	459,335
Current liabilities	(1,640)	-	(1,640)
Total net assets	<u>238,388</u>	<u>219,307</u>	<u>457,695</u>

	Unrestricted		2023
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	240,156	101,194	341,350
Current liabilities	(1,386)	-	(1,386)
Total net assets	<u>238,770</u>	<u>101,194</u>	<u>339,964</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

15 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination	1,200	1,155
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,155</u>