

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE 2016**

**BENCH
OUTREACH**

(A company limited by guarantee)

**CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1077933
COMPANY REGISTRATION No: 3751509**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1077933
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	3751509
DATE OF INCORPORATION	13th April 1999
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st July 2015
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	30th June 2016
DIRECTORS AT 30TH JUNE 2016	Paul Chapman (Chair) David Barlow - appointed 21/03/16 Errol Chambers Stephen Mathers Ann Schlachter Shaun Simon - appointed 07/09/15
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Declan Flynn
COMPANY SECRETARY	Jannet Mathers
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS	Memorandum & Articles of Association, incorporated 13th April 1999 Articles of Association updated 16th November 2015

OBJECTS

- A) Advance the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Directors of the charity (herein called the Trustees) may from time to time think fit,
- B) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick or who are homeless and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- C) To advance education in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the Trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational establishment or establishments in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- D) To promote the rehabilitation of persons affected by drugs, alcohol and other substance addiction and abuse in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- E) To relieve persons who are experiencing mental or emotional suffering in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- F) To advance the provision of training and the development of skills for employment for those in financial and economic need in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- G) To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

REGISTERED ADDRESS	14 New King Street Deptford London SE8 3HS	INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	RN Russell BSc FCA 34 Cambridge Road Twickenham TW1 2HL
BANKERS	HSBC Bank Plc 50 High Street Deptford SE8 4RQ		

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of Company Law, present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2016.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in pages 11 and 12 and with applicable UK accounting standards, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, Accounting and Reporting By Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and the Charity's governing document.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 3 forms part of this report.

Structure, Governance and Management

Bench Outreach is a registered charity (No. 1077933) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 37515009). Our operations are governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 13 April 1999 and amended by a special resolution of the members on 16 November 2015.

Aims and Values

The aims of the organisation are to help vulnerable people overcome drug and alcohol dependence, find decent homes and lead lives that have meaning and purpose. We are a registered Christian charity offering an inclusive, confidential, non-judgemental service founded on equality, diversity and the sanctity of human life.

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Team

Bench Outreach now has eight employees and a team of over 20 highly skilled and dedicated volunteers delivering signposting, advice, referral, advocacy and tenancy rescue/sustainment services.

The People We Help

The people we work with are adults with complex needs. Most are homeless, threatened with homelessness, or living in hostels. If they are housed, they are hanging on to their accommodation by a thread because of rent arrears and anti-social behaviour. They typically have some form of addiction. Alcohol dependency is the most common problem, and is usually combined with either heroin, crack cocaine or both. Cannabis use is considered to be a normal part of life. Many of the people we see have mental health issues related to their drug and alcohol problems or caused by the stress of not having a place to call home. In the past year, of well over 400 clients we have seen, only a handful were in employment, and these were in low paid jobs.

Services

Bench Outreach provides a range of services delivered mainly from our base in Jessica's Heart – premises provided for us by one of our principal supporters, the Jessica Mathers Trust – and also from the Shaftesbury Christian Centre in Deptford and at CGL, the community drug and alcohol treatment service in Lewisham.

Access to Housing and Treatment provides person-centred signposting, advice, referral and advocacy: helping vulnerable people find housing, have better health and improved quality of life. We now work with 400 people annually.

Housing First works with people with histories of rough sleeping, living in hostels and imprisonment. It is based on the principle that housing is a basic human right. We place people in their own independent accommodation and provide them with the support they need to keep their tenancies. This support is not conditional on them entering treatment – the aim being to break the cycle of homelessness and prison. In England, we are the pioneers of this approach using social housing, and were recently nominated for a London Homelessness Award.

Nyon Grove is our supported housing project. We provide accommodation based support to five people who are homeless and willing to work with us to address the issues that caused their homelessness. That work includes helping them access physical and mental health treatment, drug and alcohol treatment or help to return to education, training or employment.

The Evening Service is a joint project with the Bear Church in Deptford. Every Sunday evening a team of Bench Outreach volunteers and members of the church prepare and serve food, and offer advice and signposting to over 50 vulnerable and homeless people.

Activities

During 2016 Access to Housing and Treatment worked directly with just over 400 people. With regard to housing, half the people we helped described themselves as homeless – rough sleeping or sofa-surfing. We helped the majority of these - 160 - into some form of accommodation and have made appropriate referrals to housing providers for the remainder and are still awaiting outcomes. Over half the people we helped – 250 – described themselves as having drug or alcohol issues. All were assessed for engagement with treatment, and we worked intensely with 68 people to help them avail of existing drug and alcohol services. Mental health issues were reported by 120 people, but helping homeless people access mental health services is becoming increasingly difficult with the decommissioning of the START Team – the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust dedicated rough sleeper outreach team. We are campaigning with our partner organisations, the 999 Club and Deptford Reach, for a replacement service, and we now help people engage with the community mental health team.

We continue to ensure that all clients without a GP are registered with a local surgery and, as always, we help people sort out any issues with the police or the courts. Part of our support planning involves maximising people's income, so we are spending an increasing amount of time helping people deal with benefits issues. We helped over 150 people in this respect, but we expect the number to grow in the future.

In 2015, we recognised the need for a dedicated women's service in the area. We piloted a women only drop-in in partnership with the 999 Club, and while feedback has been encouraging, numbers have been small. We will continue to trial this approach and we are confident that we will find that numbers grow as we provide a range of services and activities, and as word spreads.

Our Housing First project is now recognised as one of the most innovative housing solutions for entrenched rough sleepers in the sub-region. It is on target in terms of budget and funding outcomes.

We are over half way towards our objective of working with 60 people and we have only had one tenancy loss and three managed moves. Excitingly, we now have Housing First clients volunteering with Bench Outreach and with another local organisation and one client recently had a job interview.

We have developed a range of new data capture tools in Salesforce, including the Support Review. This has now been deployed and is being used by the team. Our independent evaluator Becky Rice has produced her first report which has been favourably received by our funders. We continue our collaboration with Homeless Link on their Housing First England Project, participating in network meetings and information sharing, and have been invited to help develop a methodology that will encourage housing providers to sign up to the Housing First approach.

Nyon Grove, our supported accommodation provision has over 90% occupancy and continues to provide accommodation to people with low support needs. We have had three planned resettlements in the last year, and one person who has just successfully secured a social tenancy and is awaiting a moving date.

The Evening Service, our outreach partnership with the Bear Church in Deptford, continues to have average attendance figures of around 50 people every Sunday night and is a gateway into a range of services in the borough through our signposting provision. Our signposting capacity was further enhanced through the publication and distribution of our Lewisham Services Directory this year. This is an easy-to-use reference of available services for vulnerable people in the London Borough of Lewisham, and it is now widely used by professionals in other agencies. We intend to keep this as a living document that is constantly updated and distributed regularly.

Challenges for the Future

Like all third sector organisations, Bench Outreach is seeing a growth in demand for its services while facing increasing competition for available funding. Austerity measures at a national level have seen unprecedented reductions to local services. Since 2010, Lewisham council has instituted swingeing cuts and we are seeing a substantial decrease in housing and treatment services available to vulnerable people. These cuts have a disproportionately negative effect on areas where there are already high levels of poverty. Lewisham, the borough in which we operate, is the 31st most deprived local authority in England and, according to the borough's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), levels of deprivation are increasing relative to the rest of the country. The highest levels of deprivation are found in the Evelyn ward in the north of the borough, where we are based. London's Poverty Profile 2015 places Lewisham in the bottom eight boroughs in London overall. Lack of affordable housing, low pay, education and unemployment are problems in the borough. This level of deprivation inevitably leads to social issues. Figures from the JSNA show Lewisham has a higher prevalence for opiate and crack cocaine users and injectors compared with the England average. Crack cocaine use in the borough is almost double the England average, and this has a significant negative impact on crime, unemployment, safeguarding children and welfare dependency. The Prevention and Inclusion budget for the borough, which foots the bill for supported accommodation for vulnerable people with drug and alcohol problems, is facing cuts in the region of £3 million this year. Lewisham's JSNA estimates the cost of alcohol abuse to the borough at £80 million while the alcohol treatment budget is now reduced to £1.4 million.

These cutbacks come at a time when there is a well-documented increase in homelessness in England. Alongside anecdotal evidence from homelessness service providers, figures from the Department for Communities and Local Government show a significant rise in homeless acceptances by local authorities and in rough sleeping. These acceptances grew by over 10% in the last year. CHAIN, the pan-London data base of rough sleepers, shows a 7% increase in rough sleeping, now at 8,096 for 2016. Almost all rough sleepers are unemployed, 50% have drug or alcohol issues with comorbid mental health issues, and all face increasing problems maintaining benefit claims.

Figures from Shelter for the capital show that there are 43,820 homeless families, including 88,040 homeless children, in temporary accommodation. All homelessness charities are experiencing a rise in the numbers of people seeking our help. Vulnerable people on low incomes are becoming increasingly susceptible to homelessness, caused by the introduction of the Spare Room Subsidy, the Benefit Cap, the Over 35s Rule, Universal Credit and the persecutory interpretation of benefit entitlement regulations by the Department of Work and Pensions.

The Chartered Institute of Housing recently revealed that the percentage of council tenants on Universal Credit in rent arrears has increased to a "critically high" 86% over the past year, sparking "extreme concern" among local authorities. The precarious position in which these reforms have placed vulnerable people is exacerbated by cutbacks to mental health services, drug and alcohol treatment providers and the provision of supported accommodation, and further worsened by the housing crisis which has placed private rented accommodation beyond the reach of most people on low to average income.

The challenge facing Bench Outreach is to remain sustainable in this environment. We will endeavour to achieve this by continuing to provide excellent value for money to our funders through partnership working and the sharing of resources, by leading the field in developing innovative and effective models of support for homeless people such as our Housing First project, and by exploring new and exciting sources of revenue based on a social investment model.

Risk Assessment

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis. We believe that the major risk is if insufficient funds are raised to meet our planned expenditure. This year the organisation has again grown significantly and the correspondingly increased level of fundraising required needs to be maintained. As a result fundraising is a continuous process. The trustees also conduct an annual review of the controls over key financial systems and have updated the systems to mitigate the significant risks. The trustees acknowledge that the significant operational risk is the loss of one of the key employees; this is common to any small charity.

Financial Review

This year has seen a significant increase in income from charitable activities, with Nyon Grove running for a full year. Although total costs increased again, with the Housing First project supporting more tenants, all services were covered by specific funding. Consequently unrestricted reserves at the year-end increased by approximately £21,000, but remain below three months' total expenditure. We have major grants agreed by the Big Lottery Fund for Housing First and Lloyds Bank Foundation for Access to Housing and Treatment for 2017 and efforts are ongoing to complete this funding. We are also seeking additional unrestricted donations to help build reserves up to a more comfortable level. We have recently begun discussions with potential funders regarding the future of Housing First when the Big Lottery's current funding ends in March 2018.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs, based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. We consider this to be unrestricted funds equivalent to a minimum of three months' total expenditure and a maximum of twelve months total expenditure. This should enable the trustees to ensure that the charity will be able to continue to fulfill its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or additional unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Conclusion

We, the trustees, would like to thank our clients for their faith in Bench Outreach and their generous appreciation of the service. We thank our staff and volunteers for their selflessness and dedication. We thank our many generous supporters who sustain the work financially and we are grateful for the support of our partner organisations – especially the 999 Club, the Bear Church, CGL (Change, grow, live), Deptford Reach, Emmaus, Kairos, King's Church, Lewisham Council, St, Mungo's, the Salvation Army, Spitalfields Crypt Trust and Thames Reach.

Trustees Responsibilities

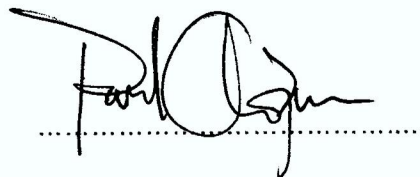
In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue to operate.

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 Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and taking reasonable steps to prevent or detect fraud and breaches of law and regulation.

So far as each of the trustees is aware, there is no relevant information that has not been disclosed to the charity's examiner and each of the trustees believes that all steps have been taken to make him aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the examiner has been made aware of this information.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



P Chapman

Date:

24/3/17

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2015/16 £	TOTAL 2014/15 £
INCOME					
Donations and Legacies	2	22,227	251,686	273,913	226,855
Income from Charitable Activities		36,784	0	36,784	13,925
Income from Investments		68	0	68	84
TOTAL INCOME		59,079	251,686	310,765	240,864
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on Raising Funds		45	0	45	480
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3	37,762	252,356	290,118	243,603
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		37,807	252,356	290,163	244,083
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		21,272	(670)	20,602	(3,219)
Total Funds Brought Forward		43,610	2,083	45,693	48,912
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		64,882	1,413	66,295	45,693

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 30/06/16 £	TOTAL 30/06/15 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	4	0	0	0	0
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank and in Hand	6	63,320	46,663	109,983	123,835
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	8,053	0	8,053	20,978
Total Current Assets		71,373	46,663	118,036	144,813
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(6,491)	(45,250)	(51,741)	(99,120)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		64,882	1,413	66,295	45,693
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		64,882	1,413	66,295	45,693
 Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		64,882	0	64,882	43,610
Restricted funds	5b	0	1,413	1,413	2,083
TOTAL FUNDS		64,882	1,413	66,295	45,693

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 ('the Act') relating to small companies, and with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

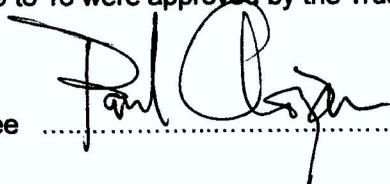
For the year ended 30 June 2016, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477(2) of the Act. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for this financial period in accordance with Section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

- 1 ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
- 2 preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its net incoming resources for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of Section 393, and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, insofar as they are applicable to the company.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 16 were approved by the Trustees on 24th March 2017

and signed on their behalf by Trustee



P Chapman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The charity is a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a statement of Cash Flows as per Update Bulletin 1 of the Charity SORP (FRS 102) February 2016.

Income

Recognition of Income

This is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- ♦ the charity becomes entitled to the income;
- ♦ the income is expected to be received; and
- ♦ the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with Related Expenditure

Where income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when the charity has entitlement to the income.

Where a grant is awarded for use against expenditure over a specified period, only that proportion of the grant relating to the financial period is recognised in the SOFA.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Income from tax reclaims is included in the SOFA in the same financial period as the gift to which it relates.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at the lower of a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity and the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale are included as gifts on receipt at fair value.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as income when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum is as follows:

- Fixtures and Fittings 10%

2 INCOME	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2015/16 £	TOTAL 2014/15 £
Donations and Legacies				
Donations	20,916	251,686	272,602	224,893
Fundraising	1,311	0	1,311	1,962
	22,227	251,686	273,913	226,855

See Note 5a regarding Donations for Unrestricted Funds of £20,916.

See Note 5b regarding Donations for Restricted Funds of £251,686.

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3 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Notes	Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2015/16 £	TOTAL 2014/15 £
Catering		6	226	232	569
Client Welfare		305	8,171	8,476	11,354
Equipment		415	3,893	4,308	1,810
Licences & Subscriptions		0	74	74	530
Postage, Printing & Stationery		9	359	368	312
Office Costs		0	28,000	28,000	27,500
Nyon Grove - Client Accomodation		30,343	0	30,343	9,539
Professional Fees		3,874	7,635	11,509	2,892
Staff	9	2,219	193,807	196,026	180,236
Sundry Expenses		56	506	562	745
Telephone & Internet		176	5,976	6,152	4,644
Training		149	1,316	1,465	1,337
Travel & Subsistence		61	1,126	1,187	1,387
Volunteer Expenses		21	500	521	148
Bank Charges		0	27	27	0
Insurance		128	740	868	600
Independent Examiners Fees		0	0	0	0
		37,762	252,356	290,118	243,603

The Independent Examiner has waived his fee for 2015/16.

4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost	30-Jun-15	3,869	3,869
Additions		0	0
Disposals		0	0
Cost at	30-Jun-16	3,869	3,869
Depreciation	30-Jun-15	3,869	3,869
Charge		0	0
Disposals		0	0
Depreciation at	30-Jun-16	3,869	3,869
Net Book Value	30-Jun-15	0	0
Net Book Value	30-Jun-16	0	0

The annual commitments under irrevocable operating leases and capital commitments at 30-Jun-16 were £Nil, (30-Jun-15 £Nil).

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5a UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	Income 2015/16 £	Income 2014/15 £
Bear Church	1,800	1,800
Jessica Mathers Trust	6,000	6,000
Morden College	0	500
St Paul's Church, Crofton	0	500
St Peter's Church, Brockley	471	423
Stella Symons Charitable Trust	300	0
Regular Individual Donations	12,195	10,096
Other Individual Donations	150	2,331
Total	<u>20,916</u>	<u>21,650</u>

Regular Individual Donations include £3,000 donated by trustees (£3,625 for 2014/15).

5b RESTRICTED FUNDS

Fund	At 30/06/2015 £	Deferred Income 30/06/15 £	Grants Receivable £	Deferred Income 30/06/16 (Note 8) £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30/06/16 £
Deptford Challenge Trust	0	3,750	7,500	-	11,250	(11,250)	0
Deptford Challenge Trust	0	0	5,000	(2,500)	2,500	(2,500)	0
Deptford Reach	0	12,500	15,000	(12,500)	15,000	(15,000)	0
Big Lottery	402	23,943	53,782	-	77,725	(77,559)	568
Garfield Weston	0	12,250	0	(5,250)	7,000	(7,000)	0
Housing the Homeless	0	0	2,522	-	2,522	(2,437)	85
League of the Helping Hand	0	0	436	-	436	(436)	0
Lloyds Bank	0	12,500	25,000	(12,500)	25,000	(25,000)	0
Newby Trust	0	0	120	-	120	-	120
St George Dragon Trust	0	0	1,000	-	1,000	(560)	440
Society for the Relief of Stress	0	0	300	-	300	(100)	200
Tudor Trust	840	25,000	0	-	25,000	(25,840)	0
Trust for London	841	0	62,500	(12,500)	50,000	(50,841)	0
Trusthouse Foundation	0	5,833	0	-	5,833	(5,833)	0
Jessica Mathers Trust	0	0	28,000	-	28,000	(28,000)	0
Total	<u>2,083</u>	<u>95,776</u>	<u>201,160</u>	<u>(45,250)</u>	<u>251,686</u>	<u>(252,356)</u>	<u>1,413</u>

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The grants for specific purposes during the year were:-

- 1) A second grant of £7,500 from the Deptford Challenge Trust to increase capacity in the Access to Housing and Treatment team with one additional part-time complex needs worker.
- 2) A new grant of £5,000 from the Deptford Challenge Trust to continue part-funding of the Access to Housing and Treatment project with the addition of a women-only service.
- 3) A third grant of £15,000 from Deptford Reach in a partnership to help homeless people with low level support needs to access and sustain private rented accommodation.
- 4) A second grant being £53,782 from the Big Lottery Fund towards the 'Housing First' pilot project.
- 5) A second grant of £25,000 from the Lloyds Bank Foundation to help fund the salaries of the Access to Housing and Treatment team.
- 6) A second grant being £62,500 from Trust for London towards the 'Housing First' pilot project.
- 7) Various small grants totaling £4,378 from Housing the Homeless, the League of the Helping Hand, the Newby Trust, the St George Dragon Trust and the Society for the Relief of Stress to purchase specified household items for individual clients.
- 8) The Jessica Mathers Trust has donated the use of office space and related services at Jessica's Heart, 14 New King St, Deptford, London SE8 3HS. This has been included at its estimated value.

6 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 30/06/16 £	TOTAL 30/06/15 £
Cash at Bank	63,054	46,663	109,717	123,509
Cash in Hand	266	0	266	326
	63,320	46,663	109,983	123,835

7 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 30/06/16 £	TOTAL 30/06/15 £
Income Receivable	5,981	0	5,981	17,076
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	2,072	0	2,072	1,697
Prepayment	0	0	0	2,205
	8,053	0	8,053	20,978

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8 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 30/06/16 £	TOTAL 30/06/15 £
Deferred Income	0	45,250	45,250	95,776
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	6,491	0	6,491	3,344
	6,491	45,250	51,741	99,120

See Note 5b regarding Deferred Income for Restricted Funds of £45,250.

9 STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2015/16 £	2014/15 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	181,889	165,959
Employer's National Insurance Costs	14,137	14,277
	196,026	180,236

Employees who were engaged in furtherance of the charity's objectives:

	2015/16	2014/15
Full time equivalent	7	6

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

10 TAXATION

The charitable company is a registered charity and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

11 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to Trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Trustees of Bench Outreach on the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2016 set out on pages 9 to 16.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with Section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees for my examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's total income exceeds £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements to show that:
 - accounting records are kept (in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011), and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102)
- or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 28 March 2017