

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE 2017**

**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 2016
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	30th June 2017
DIRECTORS AT 30TH JUNE 2017	Paul Chapman (Chair) David Barlow - resigned 11/09/17 Errol Chambers Stephen Mathers Ann Schlachter Shaun Simon Jodie Wilkinson - appointed 20/11/17
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	Dominique Wells 10 Lakeswood Road Petts Wood Kent BR5 1BJ
BANKERS	HSBC Bank Plc 85 Lewisham High Street London SE13 6BE		

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2017

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 2017.

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 charity offering an inclusive, confidential, non-judgemental service founded on equality, diversity and the sanctity of human life. To meet these aims, we work with people to find and sustain accommodation and support them to access treatment for drug, alcohol and mental health problems.

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 six 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 and are unemployed and living in poverty. The issues they face are related to exclusion and discrimination. Put simply, because of their socio-economic status, they do not have access to a range of services – financial, educational, health and social – that most people enjoy.

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. A new initiative is a homelessness prevention service one day a week at the 2000 Community Action Centre on the Pepys Estate in Deptford.

We have five complementary projects helping homeless and vulnerably housed people:

- **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 independent accommodation and provide them with the support they need to keep their tenancies. Support is not conditional on them entering treatment – the aim being to break the cycle of homelessness and prison.
- **Access to Housing and Treatment** which focuses on homelessness and homelessness prevention provides signposting, advice, referral and advocacy to over 400 homeless and vulnerable people a year, helping them to find appropriate accommodation, avoid eviction, or access treatment for mental health conditions or substance use.
- **Nyon Grove** is a five-bed, supported housing project, providing housing, access to physical/mental health treatment, drug and alcohol treatment services or help to return to the work force.
- **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 housing and treatment advice and signposting to up to 50 vulnerable and homeless people.
- **The Women's Group** is a new service delivered in partnership with the 999 Club, and focuses on the needs of homeless and vulnerably housed women and meets a need for gender specific services lacking in the area.

Outcomes

In the last year Access to Housing and Treatment has worked directly with over 400 people. Over half the people we have worked with were homeless and the rest we would classify as vulnerably housed. The aim of the project is to help people find appropriate accommodation if they are homeless, and to help them keep their home if they are in danger of eviction. With this in mind, we helped over 100 people engage with the Single Homelessness Intervention and Prevention service of Lewisham Council (SHIP). People needing accommodation through SHIP usually have issues with drugs, alcohol or mental health and need some sort of supported accommodation where they can be helped to address the issues that are causing their homelessness. We also helped over 50 people access private rented sector accommodation. These people have lower needs than the people we refer to SHIP. Their difficulties – usually related to poverty, lack of educational qualifications and unemployment – mean they are excluded from accessing help from the council because they do not have high enough support needs, but are unable to afford to pay deposits and rent-in-advance because they have little or no money. They are, to some extent, doubly excluded. We work to find private landlords who are willing to provide rooms in shared houses without the need for upfront payments. This is becoming increasingly difficult given the shortage of housing, and while our work helps individual homeless people, it also highlights the structural issues that are at the very foundations of the housing crisis.

The remainder of the people we saw had a range of issues that threatened their well-being – either emotional or physical. Many were not in receipt of benefits because of the seriously flawed procedures of the Department of Work and Pensions. Problems with benefit payments have a knock-on effect on housing. When benefits are discontinued Housing Benefit stops automatically, immediately putting the person into rent arrears. This is particularly serious if the person is in privately rented accommodation, because, unlike secure social tenancies, the private landlord does not need a reason to seek repossession of the property. Indeed, in our experience, most private landlords refuse to accept tenants on benefits. We have had a number of successful appeals for clients against the DWP and managed to get Housing Benefit back up and running, thereby reducing the risk of eviction.

We are especially gratified at the success of our weekly satellite advice clinic at CGL – the Lewisham Community Drug and Alcohol Service. We started this service because we felt it was a more efficient way of seeing people who were also using drug and alcohol treatment services, and we had noticed people referred to us by CGL did not show up. By having a worker on site, people are now able to access our help at the same time as seeing their drug or alcohol worker.

Housing First 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. To date 114 nominations have been made to the service, we have processed 89 referrals, accepted 48 people into the project and created 34 tenancies; and only one tenancy has failed. We continue our collaboration with Homeless Link on their Housing First England Project, participating in network meetings and information sharing, and are active participants in developing the Housing First approach and encouraging housing providers and local authorities to sign up to it.

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. Signposting continues to be a very effective way of meeting the needs of this group and is helped by the continued publication of our Lewisham Services Directory. 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 and has been adopted as the reference for services in the borough by Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group.

Nyon Grove, our supported accommodation, has over 90% occupancy and continues to provide accommodation and move-on options to people with low support needs.

Meeting Future Challenges

Lewisham remains among the more deprived local authorities in England, with high levels of homelessness, drug use and poverty. These issues have been seriously exacerbated by the swinging cutbacks forced on the council by the austerity agenda of central government. These cutbacks come at a time when homelessness is increasing. The Combined Homelessness Assessment and Information Network database shows a 7% increase in rough sleeping in the capital, now at 8,096 for last year, with 50% of rough sleepers having drug or alcohol problems. Vulnerable people on low incomes are 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. Vulnerability to homelessness is exacerbated by cutbacks to mental health services and drug and alcohol treatment providers.

To be able to meet the growing needs of our clients, we are endeavouring to ensure our services are sustainable, high quality, client led, evidence-based and collaborative. Earlier in the year, Bench Outreach secured funding from "Big Potential" to support our business development work on social impact and financial sustainability. We are currently working with management consultants, Eastside Primetimers, on these themes to provide a solid base for our key projects.

Alongside this drive for financial sustainability, we are continuing to improve the quality of our service, and earlier this year we were awarded the Advice Quality Standard.

To ensure that our services remain client led and evidence based, we continue to engage in research and evaluation. Our original Housing First proposal was based on our own research and the project has featured in studies by the University of York and Goldsmiths' College, University of London. Our research on the difficulties faced by homeless people in opening bank accounts has been submitted to the House of Lords Sub-Committee on Financial Exclusion. We recently completed a piece of research in collaboration with the 999 Club, which is being used to successfully challenge the closure of a local NHS service.

Regarding collaboration, we have led the way in Lewisham in joint working. We have close working relationships with all statutory and third sector organisations working with vulnerable people, having developed an information sharing protocol between three local organisations and initiated regular case management meetings. We also participate in a number of multi-agency meetings relating to the Lewisham Vulnerable Adults Homelessness Pathway, and two staff members are co-chairs of Lewisham Homelessness Forum.

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 grown more slowly, but the current level of fundraising still needs to be maintained and 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

Expenditure on existing projects increased only marginally, but with funding slightly reduced. However the expenditure on business development was fully funded and we succeeded in attracting more unrestricted donations. Consequently unrestricted reserves at the year-end increased again, but by less than in the prior year, and are now just above three months' normal expenditure.

Lloyds Bank Foundation continues to be the Access to Housing and Treatment project's largest funder, with the balance coming from several other sources. Funding for 2018 is progressing well.

The Big Lottery's funding for Housing First has been extended to June 2018 and we are in discussions with several potential funders regarding the continuation of this project. We are confident that this important project will be able to continue and develop.

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 our expertise and their generous appreciation of the services we provide. Without the dedication of our staff and volunteers, none of this would be possible and we thank them for their dedication. We are grateful to our many generous supporters who sustain the work financially and we are indebted to 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. We look forward to continuing our work together and hope for a day when our services will no longer be required.

Trustees Responsibilities

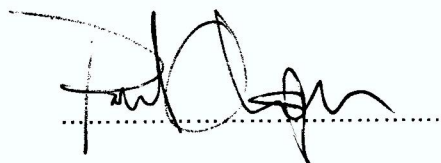
In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- 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 her 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:

26/02/2018

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2016/17 £	TOTAL 2015/16 £
INCOME					
Donations and Legacies	2	33,108	262,699	295,807	273,913
Income from Charitable Activities		39,821	0	39,821	36,784
Income from Investments		59	0	59	68
TOTAL INCOME		72,988	262,699	335,687	310,765
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on Raising Funds		0	0	0	45
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3	64,548	260,327	324,875	290,118
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		64,548	260,327	324,875	290,163
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		8,440	2,372	10,812	20,602
Total Funds Brought Forward		64,882	1,413	66,295	45,693
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		73,322	3,785	77,107	66,295

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 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 30/06/17 £	TOTAL 30/06/16 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	4	0	0	0	0
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank and in Hand	6	76,519	104,628	181,147	109,983
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	2,397	50	2,447	8,053
Total Current Assets		78,916	104,678	183,594	118,036
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,594)	(100,893)	(106,487)	(51,741)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		73,322	3,785	77,107	66,295
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		73,322	3,785	77,107	66,295
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		73,322	0	73,322	64,882
Restricted funds	5b	0	3,785	3,785	1,413
TOTAL FUNDS		73,322	3,785	77,107	66,295

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).

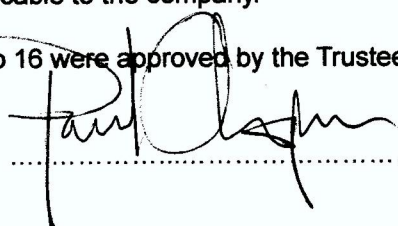
For the year ended 30 June 2017, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477(2) of the Act. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for this financial period in accordance with Section 476 of the Act.

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 26/02 2018

and signed on their behalf by Trustee



P Chapman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2017

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 2016/17 £	TOTAL 2015/16 £
Donations and Legacies				
Donations	32,148	262,699	294,847	272,602
Fundraising	960	0	960	1,311
	33,108	262,699	295,807	273,913

See Note 5a regarding Donations for Unrestricted Funds of £32,148.

See Note 5b regarding Donations for Restricted Funds of £262,699.

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3 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2016/17 £	TOTAL 2015/16 £
	Notes				
Catering		113	235	348	232
Client Welfare		1,829	7,340	9,169	8,476
Donations		25	6,250	6,275	0
Equipment		754	1,159	1,913	4,308
Licences & Subscriptions		300	583	883	74
Postage, Printing & Stationery		293	270	563	368
Office Costs		0	28,000	28,000	28,000
Nyon Grove - Client Accomodation		30,811	0	30,811	30,343
Professional Fees		2,656	34,634	37,290	11,509
Staff	9	22,543	174,208	196,751	196,026
Sundry Expenses		963	122	1085	562
Telephone & Internet		1,563	3,418	4,981	6,152
Training		40	2,591	2,631	1,465
Travel & Subsistence		517	560	1,077	1,187
Volunteer Expenses		4	154	158	521
Bank Charges		51	19	70	27
Insurance		586	784	1370	868
Independent Examiner's Fees		1,500	0	1,500	0
		64,548	260,327	324,875	290,118

The Independent Examiner waived his fee for 2015/16.

4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost	30-Jun-16	3,869	3,869
Additions		0	0
Disposals		0	0
Cost at	30-Jun-17	3,869	3,869
Depreciation	30-Jun-16	3,869	3,869
Charge		0	0
Disposals		0	0
Depreciation at	30-Jun-17	3,869	3,869
Net Book Value	30-Jun-16	0	0
Net Book Value	30-Jun-17	0	0

The annual commitments under irrevocable operating leases and capital commitments at 30-Jun-17 were £Nil (30-Jun-16 £Nil).

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5a UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Income 2016/17 £	Income 2015/16 £
Bear Church	1,800	1,800
Deptford Challenge Trust	6,250	0
Jessica Mathers Trust	9,000	6,000
Kallars Ltd	126	0
St Peter's Church, Brockley	415	471
Stella Symons Charitable Trust	0	300
Regular Individual Donations	13,125	12,195
Other Individual Donations	1,432	150
Total	32,148	20,916

Regular Individual Donations include £3,000 donated by trustees (£3,000 for 2015/16).

RESTRICTED FUNDS

5b	At 30/06/2016 £	Deferred Income 30/06/16 £	Grants Receivable £	Deferred Income 30/06/17 (Note 8) £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30/06/17 £
Fund							
Deptford Challenge Trust	0	2,500	11,250	-	13,750	(13,750)	0
Deptford Reach	0	12,500	0	-	12,500	(12,500)	0
Drapers' Charitable Fund	0	0	10,000	(9,167)	833	(833)	0
Big Lottery	568	0	171,259	(49,095)	122,164	(122,165)	567
Garfield Weston	0	5,250	0	-	5,250	(5,250)	0
Housing the Homeless	85	0	2,339	-	2,339	(1,884)	540
Krock Foundation	0	0	469	-	469	(469)	0
League of the Helping Hand	0	0	350	-	350	(343)	7
Lloyds Bank	0	12,500	25,000	(12,500)	25,000	(25,000)	0
Merchant Taylors	0	0	11,000	(7,333)	3,667	(3,667)	0
Newby Trust	120	0	180	-	180	(120)	180
PIMCO Foundation	0	0	10,000	(3,333)	6,667	(6,667)	0
St George Dragon Trust	440	0	1,400	-	1,400	(1,309)	531
SIB Foundation	0	0	14,600	(70)	14,530	(12,920)	1,610
Society for the Relief of Distress	200	0	250	-	250	(300)	150
Talisman Charitable Trust	0	0	350	-	350	(150)	200
Trust for London	0	12,500	12,500	-	25,000	(25,000)	0
Jessica Mathers Trust	0	0	28,000	-	28,000	(28,000)	0
Total	1,413	45,250	298,947	(81,498)	262,699	(260,327)	3,785

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The grants for specific purposes during the year were:-

- 1) A second 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 and a further grant of £6,250 for a joint project with Deptford Reach to integrate homeless support services.
- 2) A new grant of £10,000 from the Drapers' Charitable Fund towards the Access to Housing and Treatment project.
- 3) A third grant being £171,259 from the Big Lottery Fund towards the 'Housing First' pilot project.
- 4) A third grant of £25,000 from the Lloyds Bank Foundation to help fund the salaries of the Access to Housing and Treatment team.
- 5) A new grant of £11,000 from the Merchant Taylors Consolidated Charities for the Poor towards the Access to Housing and Treatment project.
- 6) A new grant of £10,000 from the PIMCO Foundation towards the Access to Housing and Treatment project.
- 7) A new grant of £14,600 from the Social Investment Business Foundation to support the charity to become investment ready.
- 8) A third grant being £12,500 from Trust for London towards the 'Housing First' pilot project.
- 9) Various small grants totaling £5,338 from Housing the Homeless, the Krock Foundation, the League of the Helping Hand, the Newby Trust, the St George Dragon Trust, the Society for the Relief of Distress and the Talisman Charitable Trust to purchase specified household items for individual clients.
- 10) 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 30/06/17 £	TOTAL 30/06/16 £
Cash at Bank	76,207	104,628	180,835	109,717
Cash in Hand	312	0	312	266
	76,519	104,628	181,147	109,983

7 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 30/06/17 £	TOTAL 30/06/16 £
Income Receivable	0	50	50	5,981
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	2,397	0	2,397	2,072
	2,397	50	2,447	8,053

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8 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 30/06/17 £	TOTAL 30/06/16 £
Deferred Income	0	81,498	81,498	45,250
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	5,594	19,395	24,989	6,491
	5,594	100,893	106,487	51,741

See Note 5b regarding Deferred Income for Restricted Funds of £81,498.

9 STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2016/17 £	2015/16 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	174,565	181,889
Employer's National Insurance Costs	13,007	14,137
Pension Costs	1,179	0
Compensation for Loss of Office	8,000	0
	196,751	196,026

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

	2016/17	2015/16
Full time equivalent	6	7

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

One employee was paid £8,000 in compensation for Loss of Office (2015/16 £Nil).

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 2017 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: 9th March 2018