

SISTERS OF MERCY

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

Trustees

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Sister Anne O'Connell
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Sister Dolores Nichol
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of for the 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

Objectives and Activities

It is the policy of the Charity to undertake a broad range of charitable activities. The principal areas in which the Charity is involved are set out below:

1. Social and Pastoral Care

The Sisters of Mercy, Gravesend continue to support the work of the House of Mercy at 1 Edwin Street, Gravesend, Kent including making the charity's properties available for their use. McAuley House at 17 Albion Road, Gravesend is fully occupied. Mary Anne Doyle House, Seymour Road, Gravesend opened on 29th September 2014.

Members of the Congregation also undertake work in community based programmes and local parish work, providing childcare and family support, helping the homeless and giving religious and material assistance.

2. Education

From 1 September 2006 the school was transferred to a separate charitable company. The Congregation continues to be involved with the St Joseph Convent Preparatory School by sitting on the board of Governors and providing pastoral support.

The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Achievements and performance

● REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

During the year the Congregation was active in all the principal areas listed above. A summary of developments is set out below.

Social and Pastoral

Sisters of Mercy, Gravesend work alongside the sick, poor and needy and at the interface of mercy and culture.

The Gravesend community has, since its foundation in 1860, been deeply committed to education and is dedicated to the visitation of the needy and housebound; both concerns of our venerable Foundress. No longer directly involved in schools, because of our age profile, the Sisters give religious instruction after school hours or at the weekends.

Also being employed in a voluntary capacity in several parishes, gives the sisters the opportunity of working with the clergy in the material and spiritual welfare of the people of the parish, especially with the poor, sick and needy. This, at present, includes some prison work and work at the very large Refuge Centre, the Passage in London. Most of our sisters, retired from school, are involved in helping with Parish liturgies, especially with children, children's and adults' choirs and catechesis, hospital chaplaincy and general visiting of the sick in their homes, in Care Homes and in the hospitals, justice and peace work, mission support and prayer ministry.

Throughout the year, the sisters opened the convent grounds and chapel for community and charitable events such as parish retreat days for Mercy associate.

All of our sisters play an active part in caring, both physically and spiritually, for our less able sisters. As all our sisters are cared for at the Convent, lay staff too play a significant part in this work.

Our 'Mercy House', hostel for the homeless in Gravesend, run in collaboration with the Presentation Brothers, is

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in direct response to a growing need in our area. Among its residents, we cater for some asylum seekers, for whom our manager and trustees work to seek temporary and eventually permanent Residency in the U.K.

South East Kent, especially Gravesend, has a high percentage of Pakistanis, Indians, Malaysians and, more recently Poles, East Europeans and Western Africans all of whom contribute to the vibrancy and well-being of the town. In their different ways, the Sisters play an important role in the integration of these people and in the building up of good relationships.

Education Activities

From 1 September 2006 the school activities were transferred into a new charity governed by a separate board of trustees. The Sisters of Mercy Gravesend, continue to be involved with three of the members of the Congregation being members of the school's governing body. In addition they are members of various sub-committees including the Religious Education Committee which ensures the continued religious focus within the academic programme and a sister assists in the school one day a week.

Outside of the school five of the Sisters are involved in a voluntary capacity in religious education within the parishes.

Financial review

● GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

The Province has some 14 members, the majority of whom have given most of their working lives to the charitable activities of the Congregation. When this work is outside the Charity, any earnings are covenanted to the Charity.

The number of new vocations is declining and therefore the average age of membership is tending to increase. Younger members, although taking up important charitable work, tend either to work within the charity or, if working outside, in lowly paid jobs. These factors mean that there is a general reduction in the income generated by members. The Charity has a continuing commitment to support members of the Congregation, most of whom continue to carry out charitable work long past the normal retirement age.

Incoming resources in the year was £578,503 (2016: £576,503), a £2,000 increase due mainly to the rise in the investment income. Resources expended were £385,468 (2016: £402,826), a £17,358 decrease due mainly to the decrease in the direct costs of the charity.

The capital performance of the investments was generally in line with the upward trend of the stock market. Investment income was higher this year due to the charity moving its investment to the Barclays Charity fund in order to align investment with the charity's investment philosophy and maintain an optimum level of risk. This has given rise to higher dividend receipts in the year.

At the end of the year to 31 March 2017 the total funds of the Charity were £11,010,329. Of this £2,034,626 represents fixed assets needed for the work of the Charity and it is represented by a designated fund. £6,000,000 is designated to provide for the support of older members of the Congregation. The balance of £2,975,703 in General Funds represents approximately nine years operating expenditure. The Trustees consider that given the activities of the charity, a fund representing approximately two to three years expenditure should be held in reserve. The Trustees review the reserves to ascertain the ongoing levels required and consider specific charitable causes that can be supported.

Structure, governance and management

The Sisters of Mercy, Gravesend is an unincorporated charitable association established by a Trust Deed made

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on 22nd May 1933 by 29 members of the congregation and subsequent deeds dated 25 April 1950, 11 November 1950, 11 October 1960, 3 March 1961, 21 June 1962, 3 July 1962, 6 July 1964 and 14 January 1965.

These Trust Deeds declared trusts "as a Congregation or Community of Roman Catholic Women founded in or about the year 1831 as a charity for the purpose of visiting and nursing the sick poor in their homes, of nursing the sick in hospitals or infirmaries and of feeding the poor and of teaching the children of the poor, and of conducting and serving orphanages and institutions for the care of the poor."

The Deeds set out the uses of assets which the Mother Superior for the time being of the Congregation shall from time to time direct as either:-

- 1) Residences for members of the Congregation;
- 2) Training schools for members of the Congregation;
- 3) Schools for general education both religious and secular;
- 4) Hospitals or refuges or homes for the sick and poor;
- 5) Rest or retreat houses for members of the Roman Catholic Church desiring instruction in the doctrines of religion;
- 6) Generally as places for the exercise of any such charitable purpose or purposes as in the opinion of the Mother Superior may be conducive to the advancement or maintenance of the Roman Catholic Religion in Great Britain.

● METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The Charity has 5 Trustees, the Mother Superior and 4 other members of the Congregation. The power of appointing new Trustees rests with the community who can also remove any Trustee.

The Trustees are aware of the need for training in respect of charity law and responsibilities of Trustees. They obtain guidance from their legal and financial advisors and Trustees attend courses on an ad hoc basis as required.

● RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

The Trustees will continue to revise their investment portfolio mix with a view to further increasing the amount of investments held in quoted investments and reducing the amounts held in cash deposits.

The trustees are reviewing their strategies to utilise charitable monies in the local and international areas and are considering things such as:

- Contribution to the homeless in the area;
- Contribution to the hospices in the area;
- Investigation into ways to help in the developing world to eradicate disease and poverty.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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:

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 12 January 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

Sister Magdalene Reilly
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SISTERS OF MERCY

We have audited the financial statements of Sisters Of Mercy for the year ended 31 March 2017 set out on pages 8 to 20. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditors under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report to you in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and in other respects the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SISTERS OF MERCY

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Hedley Dunk Limited

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19 January 2018

Hedley Dunk Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies	2	1,865	1,865	31,372
Charitable activities	3	301,366	301,366	312,270
Investments	4	275,272	275,272	232,861
TOTAL INCOME		<u>578,503</u>	<u>578,503</u>	<u>576,503</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds		34,139	34,139	30,942
Charitable activities	7	351,329	351,329	371,884
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8	<u>385,468</u>	<u>385,468</u>	<u>402,826</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)				
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	193,035	193,035	173,677
		<u>1,034,392</u>	<u>1,034,392</u>	<u>(401,819)</u>
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		1,227,427	1,227,427	(228,142)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,227,427	1,227,427	(228,142)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		9,782,902	9,782,902	10,011,044
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>11,010,329</u></u>	<u><u>11,010,329</u></u>	<u><u>9,782,902</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

	Note	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		2,034,626		2,094,289
Investments	13		8,383,570		7,389,308
			10,418,196		9,483,597
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	60,076		8,954	
Cash at bank and in hand		562,025		314,599	
		622,101		323,553	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	(29,968)		(24,248)	
			592,133		299,305
NET CURRENT ASSETS			592,133		299,305
NET ASSETS			11,010,329		9,782,902
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	16		11,010,329		9,782,902
TOTAL FUNDS			11,010,329		9,782,902

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12 January 2018 and signed on their behalf, by:

Sister Magdelene Reilly

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Sisters Of Mercy constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

First time adoption of FRS 102

These financial statements are the first financial statements of Sisters Of Mercy prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (FRS 102) and the Charities SORP 2015 (SORP 2015). The financial statements of Sisters Of Mercy for the year ended 31 March 2016 were prepared in accordance with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ('UK GAAP') and SORP 2005.

Some of the FRS 102 recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure requirements and accounting policy choices differ from previous UK GAAP. Consequently, the Trustees have amended certain accounting policies to comply with FRS 102 and SORP 2015. [The Trustees have also taken advantage of certain exemptions from the requirements of FRS 102 permitted by FRS 102 Chapter 35 'Transition to this FRS']

Reconciliations to previous UK GAAP for the comparative figures are included in note 20.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	-	50 years
Motor vehicles	-	5 years
Fixtures and fittings	-	4 years

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.8 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Donations	1,865	1,865	31,372
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>31,372</u>	<u>31,372</u>	

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Members' salaries and pensions	301,366	301,366	312,270
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>312,270</u>	<u>312,270</u>	

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Rental income	54,540	54,540	54,540
Dividends	169,906	169,906	128,508
Interest	50,826	50,826	49,813
	<u>275,272</u>	<u>275,272</u>	<u>232,861</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>232,861</u>	<u>232,861</u>	

5. DIRECT COSTS

	Social and Pastoral Care £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Telephone	8,557	8,557	7,554
Rates and water	7,846	7,846	9,466
PPS	1,557	1,557	3,552
Light and heat	24,950	24,950	24,706
Motor expenses	20,153	20,153	15,589
Insurance	10,370	10,370	10,219
Household	34,965	34,965	36,265
Repairs & maintenance	18,729	18,729	24,511
General office	1,517	1,517	3,330
Chapel	966	966	1,192
NPV discounted interest charge	4,243	4,243	-
Bank charges	72	72	92
Missions and charitable grants	51,537	51,537	52,249
Sisters welfare	57,727	57,727	74,586
Wages and salaries	36,883	36,883	36,038
Pension cost	13	13	-
Depreciation	58,009	58,009	59,715
	<u>338,094</u>	<u>338,094</u>	<u>359,064</u>
<i>At 31 March 2016</i>	<u>359,064</u>	<u>359,064</u>	

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6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Social and Pastoral Care £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Professional fees	7,861	7,861	7,553
Depreciation	2,434	2,434	2,327
	<u>10,295</u>	<u>10,295</u>	<u>9,880</u>
<i>At 31 March 2016</i>	<u>9,880</u>	<u>9,880</u>	

7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Governance Auditors' remuneration	2,940	2,940	2,940
	<u>2,940</u>	<u>2,940</u>	<u>2,940</u>

8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY EXPENDITURE TYPE

	Staff costs 2017 £	Depreciation 2017 £	Other costs 2017 £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Expenditure on investment management	-	-	34,139	34,139	30,942
Costs of generating funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,139</u>	<u>34,139</u>	<u>30,942</u>
Social and Pastoral Care	36,896	60,443	251,050	348,389	368,944
Expenditure on governance	-	-	2,940	2,940	2,940
	<u>36,896</u>	<u>60,443</u>	<u>288,129</u>	<u>385,468</u>	<u>402,826</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>36,038</u>	<u>62,042</u>	<u>304,746</u>	<u>402,826</u>	

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9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2017 £	2016 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	60,443	62,042
Pension costs	13	-
	60,456	62,042

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2016 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2016 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2016 - £NIL).

10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2017 £	2016 £
Fees payable to the charity's auditor and its associates for the audit of the charity's annual accounts	2,940	2,940
Fees payable to the charity's auditor and its associates in respect of:		
All other non-audit services	682	422
	3,622	3,362

11. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Wages and salaries	36,883	36,038
Other pension costs	13	-
	36,896	36,038

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
	6	5

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2016	2,799,159	74,470	89,204	2,962,833
Additions	-	-	780	780
At 31 March 2017	<u>2,799,159</u>	<u>74,470</u>	<u>89,984</u>	<u>2,963,613</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2016	717,306	68,391	82,847	868,544
Charge for the year	55,983	2,026	2,434	60,443
At 31 March 2017	<u>773,289</u>	<u>70,417</u>	<u>85,281</u>	<u>928,987</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2017	<u>2,025,870</u>	<u>4,053</u>	<u>4,703</u>	<u>2,034,626</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>2,081,853</u>	<u>6,079</u>	<u>6,357</u>	<u>2,094,289</u>

From 1 September 2006 the buildings and equipment relating to St Joseph's Convent Preparatory School Gravesend have been leased to a charitable company. The buildings and equipment have continued to be depreciated as part of the charitable activities of the charity.

13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed securities £	Other investments £	Total £
Market value			
At 1 April 2016	4,675,018	2,714,290	7,389,308
Additions	6,235,031	310,000	6,545,031
Disposals	(5,171,602)	(878,302)	(6,049,904)
Revaluations	499,135	-	499,135
At 31 March 2017	<u>6,237,582</u>	<u>2,145,988</u>	<u>8,383,570</u>

Investments at market value comprise:

	2017 £	2016 £
Listed investments	6,237,582	4,675,018
Other fixed asset investments	2,145,988	2,714,290
Total market value	<u>8,383,570</u>	<u>7,389,308</u>

All the fixed asset investments are held in the UK

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13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)

Material investments

	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2016 £
BP	-	143,562
M&G Securities Ltd Corporate Bond 1GBP Inc	-	191,172
Findlay Park American Smaller Cos	-	178,829
HSBC Holdings Plc Ord	-	189,614
Ishares S&P 500 UCITS ETF	-	328,383
JP Morgan AM UK Ltd	-	268,920
Standard Life Invs Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund	-	228,512
Royal Dutch Shell	-	222,700
Invesco managers corporate gross z income	-	171,505
Barclays charity distribution	5,250,056	-
Purissima global	766,860	-

14. DEBTORS

	2017 £	2016 £
Due after more than one year		
Other debtors	45,757	-
Due within one year		
Other debtors	2,540	1,473
Prepayments and accrued income	11,779	7,481
	<u>60,076</u>	<u>8,954</u>

15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £	2016 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>29,968</u>	<u>24,248</u>

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2017 £
Designated funds						
Fixed asset fund	2,081,722	-	(60,443)	13,347	-	2,034,626
Support of older members fund	6,000,000	-	-	-	-	6,000,000
	<u>8,081,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(60,443)</u>	<u>13,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,034,626</u>
General funds						
General Funds - all funds	1,701,180	578,503	(325,025)	(13,347)	1,034,392	2,975,703
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>9,782,902</u>	<u>578,503</u>	<u>(385,468)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,034,392</u>	<u>11,010,329</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>9,782,902</u></u>	<u><u>578,503</u></u>	<u><u>(385,468)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,034,392</u></u>	<u><u>11,010,329</u></u>

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2015 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2016 £
Designated funds						
Fixed asset fund	2,149,993	-	(68,271)	-	-	2,081,722
Support of older members fund	6,000,000	-	-	-	-	6,000,000
	<u>8,149,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(68,271)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,081,722</u>
General funds						
General Funds - all funds	1,861,051	576,503	(334,555)	-	(401,819)	1,701,180
	<u>1,861,051</u>	<u>576,503</u>	<u>(334,555)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(401,819)</u>	<u>1,701,180</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>10,011,044</u>	<u>576,503</u>	<u>(402,826)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(401,819)</u>	<u>9,782,902</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>10,011,044</u></u>	<u><u>576,503</u></u>	<u><u>(402,826)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(401,819)</u></u>	<u><u>9,782,902</u></u>

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SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2017 £
Designated funds	8,081,722	-	(60,443)	13,347	-	8,034,626
General funds	1,701,180	578,503	(325,025)	(13,347)	1,034,392	2,975,703
	<u>9,782,902</u>	<u>578,503</u>	<u>(385,468)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,034,392</u>	<u>11,010,329</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 April 2015 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2016 £
Designated funds	8,149,993	-	(68,271)	-	-	8,081,722
General funds	1,861,051	576,503	(334,555)	-	(401,819)	1,701,180
	<u>10,011,044</u>	<u>576,503</u>	<u>(402,826)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(401,819)</u>	<u>9,782,902</u>

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,034,626	2,034,626
Fixed asset investments	8,383,572	8,383,572
Debtors due after more than 1 year	45,757	45,757
Current assets	576,343	576,343
Creditors due within one year	(29,969)	(29,969)
	<u>11,010,329</u>	<u>11,010,329</u>

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17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (continued)

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,094,289	2,094,289
Fixed asset investments	7,389,308	7,389,308
Current assets	323,553	323,553
Creditors due within one year	(24,248)	(24,248)
	<u>9,782,902</u>	<u>9,782,902</u>

18. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £13 (2016 - £Nil). Contributions totalling £Nil (2016 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors."

19. CONNECTED CHARITIES

St Joseph's Convent Preparatory School Gravesend

During the year lease rental payments of £54,540 (2016: £54,180) were received. A loan was made to the School of £50,000 (2016 - £Nil).

House of Mercy

This charity has the same trustees as the Sisters of Mercy. House of Mercy provides care and a place to stay to the homeless of Gravesend. This charity provides rent free, 2 premises from which the House of Mercy operates.

20. FIRST TIME ADOPTION OF FRS 102

It is the first year that the charity has presented its financial statements under SORP 2015 and FRS 102. The following disclosures are required in the year of transition. The last financial statements prepared under previous UK GAAP were for the year ended 31 March 2016 and the date of transition to FRS 102 and SORP 2015 was therefore 1 April 2015. As a consequence of adopting FRS 102 and SORP 2015, a number of accounting policies have changed to comply with those standards.

The policies applied under the charity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on funds or net income/expenditure.