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BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2026

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1129758 (England and Wales) SC054695 (Scotland)
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	06738129 (England and Wales)
OTHER NAMES	BACCH
REGISTERED OFFICE	5-11 Theobalds Road London WC1X 8SH
DIRECTORS & TRUSTEES	Dr D W Vickers (Chair) – Appointed 30/09/25 Dr A C B Setti (Treasurer) Prof. D E Simkiss - Resigned 30/09/25 Dr E J Estlin - Resigned 30/06/25 Dr H Jarvis - Appointed 30/09/25
COMPANY SECRETARY	Lucy Doig
CHARITY EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Lucy Doig
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1	Executive Committee: - Charity Trustees - Charity Executive Officer - Various Elected Officers and Affiliate Group Representatives
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2	The Council: - Executive Committee - Regional Coordinators and Various Connected Organisation Representatives
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2026

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company ("the company") for the year ended 31 May 2026 which are set out on pages 3 to 24.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act') and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). You are satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and section 44 (1) (c) of the 2005 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Independent examiner's statement

As the company's gross income exceeded £250,000, is required to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis and is also registered as a charity in Scotland, I confirm I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) which is one of the bodies listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act and in Regulation 11(2) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act and regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts regulations; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records or with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

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Xeinadin South Wales & West Limited
Court House, Court Road
Bridgend, CF31 1BE

Date: 16 September 2026

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2026.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The British Association of Community Child Health (BACCH) is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee, incorporated 31 October 2008. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. In the event of the charity being wound up, members are each required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company.

Organisational structure and management

BACCH is managed by an Executive Committee (EC) which comprises of the trustees, elected officers with portfolios, and representatives from the affiliated groups. The EC meets four times per year and is responsible for the day to day decisions of BACCH and works closely with the Executive Officer to implement the day to day decisions and strategic direction, in particular:
- controlling the administration of the charity;
- agreeing the strategic aims, objectives and direction of the charity;
- ensuring that there is identification of risks and management of those risks; and
- ensuring that the income of the charity is applied for the purposes as set out in its governing document

The day-to-day management of BACCH is performed by the Executive Officer, supported by a part-time Finance and Membership Administrator. In February 2026, a part-time Education & Training Administrator was also recruited to support BACCH's strengthening of its education and training remit (see pages 7-8 for more details)

Trustees and officers with a portfolio are elected via open recruitment from among the membership.

There are 16 regional coordinators, to represent the views of members throughout the country. Coordinators serve for a period of four years, which an election by members in the region held if more than one application for the post is received. There is a job description for roles on the Executive Committee and the Regional Coordinators, which specifies the knowledge, skills and attributes needed by the members.

BACCH also has a Council which acts as a forum for debate and information exchange and discusses the future direction of the organisation. It meets twice a year and comprises the Executive Committee, the regional coordinators and representation from external organisations and groups affiliated to BACCH including:

<u>Affiliated groups</u>
- Association of Paediatric Palliative Medicine (APPM)
- British Academy of Childhood Disability (BACD)
- British Association for Child & Adolescent Public Health (BACAPH)
- British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology (BAPA)
- Child Protection Special Interest Group (CPSIG)
- Paediatric Mental Health Association (PMHA)
- Scottish Association for Community Child Health (SACCH)*

*In June 2026, at SACCH's instigation, BACCH took over the activities and operations of SACCH and absorbed SACCH's remaining funds. The SACCH name will be retained for the purposes of organising events and promoting BACCH's activities in Scotland (and will be included in the accounts as a budget line going forward for income/expenditure on Scottish events), but it has ceased to exist as an independent organisation. This will be reflected in the 2026-27 annual report and accounts. No transactions relating to SACCH activities for 25-26 are included in this year's BACCH accounts.

External organisations
- George Still Forum (Special Interest Group of BACCH)
- Institute of Health Visitors
- School & Public Health Nurses Association

The registered office is 5-11 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8SH. Since March 2020, the administrative work has mostly been done remotely and BACCH no longer has a dedicated office at the RCPCH building. However, BACCH has reached an agreement with the College and BACCH staff, like RCPCH staff, can book a hot desk on days they wish to attend the office.

BACCH had three part-time salaried employees at the end of May 2026 (1 x 0.8 FTE and 2 x 0.6 FTE).

The charity benefits from a great deal of voluntary work by its members in the organisation of meetings, service on committees and panels and many other activities.

Risk assessment and management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees regularly review the risks to which BACCH is exposed, particularly activity, operational and financial risks and to ensure procedures and reporting regimes to manage and reduce any identified risks are in place.

The prime risk to which BACCH is exposed continues to be financial and this risk is the predominant determinate of the level of free reserves held by BACCH pursuant to its Reserves Policy. The trustees are satisfied that the current level of reserves is adequate to meet both unforeseen contingencies and the costs of the developmental activities planned for the future.

Objectives and charitable activities

Charitable objects

The main object of the charity is to promote and protect the good health of children and their families in their communities.

Charitable activities

The charity aims to meet its main objectives by providing advice and information for Government, Medical Royal Colleges and other organisations by education, training and provision of information services for doctors and other health professionals, and by the auditing and monitoring of outcomes.

To achieve this, our objectives are to offer support, information and training to our membership, to work constructively and in partnership with other agencies and organisations to continually improve health services for children and young people, and to improve the health of all children by advocating for the needs of the most disadvantaged.

The charity organises its work according to the following strategic objectives:

- *Healthy Children and Families*: Promoting and protecting child health and preventing child illness, with a focus on advocacy and policy. To meet this objective BACCH collaborates with RCPCH and partner organisations on child health policy; works with other community child health professional groups and with the Health Policy Influencing Group; and advocates on policy development with government in the four nations of the UK and across the fields of health, social care and education.

- *Effective Child Health Services in Communities:* Addressing the planning, delivery and improvement of children's services with and in communities. To meet this objective BACCH consults on development of the community paediatrics workforce; provides education, training and information services for doctors and other health professionals; and encourages research and innovation within the field via the BACCH Strategic Research Group (SRG).

- *Equitable Child Health Outcomes:* Addressing the significant impact the social determinants of health have on children's short- and long-term outcomes. Priorities in this objective include outcomes development; children's rights framework implementation; and action on the social determinants of child health.

The vision and Strategic Objectives are currently under review; the amended versions will appear in the 2026-27 Annual Report and will be amended on the organisation's website in the meantime.

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 objectives and aims, and in planning future activities for the year.

Summary of activities, achievements and performance

Key activities and achievements throughout the year include:

Communications

- Members receive the quarterly printed BACCH Newsletter (also available to view via the website). Articles & themes for 2025-26 editions included:
  - *Sexual Abuse and Trauma-Informed Care; Embedding Public Health in Paediatric Training; An Overview of Non-Epileptic Seizures for the Community Paediatrician; Down Syndrome Regression Disorder: Jude's Story; Ethics and the Law in Paediatric Palliative Care: A Practical Guide for Clinicians* (June 2025)
  - *Multidisciplinary Team Management of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; An Integrated, Family-Centred Approach to Tier 3 Childhood Weight Management; What's new in the UK paediatric vaccine schedule: Key changes from July 2025; Organising a Multidisciplinary Wellbeing Session for Community Paediatrics; How to Talk About Children's Palliative Care* (September 2025)
  - *ASM Special; Journalism with a Stethoscope; Public Health in Pictures; National SAS Survey Results; Tribute to Dr Lisa Kauffmann* (December 2025)
  - *Children and Young People Seeking Asylum and Refugees (CYPSAR) Special; Dystonia - an Overview of Assessment and Management; A Summary of the Intercollegiate Safeguarding Document; Designing Short-Term Condition Pathways* (March 2026)
- In addition, members received a monthly email bulletin and presentations from national and local conferences was available as member-only content via the BACCH website.

CPD

- 369 participants (200 in-person and 169 virtual) attended the hybrid 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting, held in Nottingham and online on 30th September-1st October 2025. Numbers were almost identical to the previous year, with a small increase in in-person attendees offset by a small drop in those joining online.

- Keynote topics at the ASM included:
  - *Where Are We Going as BACCH?*
  - *Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children: the Kent experience*
  - *Population health and integrated care: improving outcomes and reducing inequalities for children*
  - *Changing Concepts and Changing Priorities in Autism*
  - *What is the lived experience of people receiving an autism/neurodevelopmental diagnosis in late teens/early 20s?*
  - *Safeguarding Concerns in Families After Adoption or Special Guardianship Order*
  - *HOPE Study: Who gets SEND Provision, Where and When?*

- Workshop topics included:
  - *What makes a good service for children and young people with Down Syndrome and how can we work collaboratively with parents/ carers to achieve this?*
  - *Waiting Times Examined: Exploring Community Paediatrics Waiting Times and the Contributing Factors Through Data and Dialogue*
  - *Looking Forward - implications of the NHS 10-year Plan for Children and Services*
  - *Challenging Consent & Capacity Cases in Safeguarding and Children in Care*
  - *Advance Care Planning: Difficult Decisions*
  - *Hearing the Voice of the Child in Child Protection: How Co-Designed Communication Toolkits Can Help*
  - *Developing a Mental Health Toolkit for Community Paediatricians*

- BACCH ran a joint session with the British Association for Child & Adolescent Public Health (BACAPH) and the RCPCH Climate Group on 12 May 2026 as part of the RCPCH Annual Conference held in Birmingham and online, with talks titled *Kitchen to playground: Environmental exposures and children's health; Advocating and influencing inside and outside the system,* and *Partnerships and creativity – the cornerstones of paediatric advocacy*. There were 150 attendees.

- Regional meetings were held in:
  - West Bromwich (July 2025 and January 2026)
  - Durham (November 2025)
  - Nottingham (November 2025, joint meeting with BACD)
  - South West (February 2026, online)
  - Wakefield (February 2026)
  - Chester (March 2026)
  - Wrexham (April 2026 – conference of BACCH's Welsh arm WCCHN)
  - Preston (May 2026)

- BACCH's Scottish affiliate, SACCH, did not hold any events in the financial year 2025-26.

Trainee Events

- Three training workshops (CSAC Training Workshop, CCH START Assessment, and CVs and Consultant Interviews) were held at the 2025 ASM.

- A joint Trainees' Day was held with the British Academy of Childhood Disability (BACD) on 28th April 2026, titled 'How to Be Brilliant' and featuring talks by people with lived experience of childhood disability. The event had 63 attendees (27 in person and 36 online) and attracted very positive feedback.

- A regular programme of weekly online trainee events was implemented in the 2025-26 financial year, led by the national Trainee Reps. Sessions take place every Wednesday lunch time and fall under the following topics
    - 'Lightning Learning' (20-minute trainings for CCH Trainees on Trainee-chosen topics)
    - Research Ready (sessions to help CCH trainees interpret and create research)
    - Population Health Problems (sessions using scenario-based learning to apply key principles and empower CCH Trainees to support public health teaching locally)
    - Clinical Case Discussions (sessions to help CCH Trainees prepare for START by reviewing three cases together)

- The Trainee Reps also ran 4 longer online National Trainee Study Mornings on the following topics:
    - Palliative Care for Community Child Health Trainees (June 2025)
    - Trainees' Choice, covering sleep disorders, tone management, genetic panels, and assessing/supporting children with learning disabilities (October 2025)
    - Public Health (December 2025)
    - Child Sexual Abuse (March 2026)

Education and Training Strategy

In 2024 BACCH set out its ambition to strengthen its education & training offer in order to fill the gap in the educational landscape left by the retreat of Higher Education Institutes. The proposed strategy had four elements:

1. to bring more precision for Community Child Health trainees to the eleven generic and five subspecialty learning outcomes in Progress Plus
2. to establish a BACCH webinar series to meet the learning objectives that are most difficult to achieve by on-the-job training alone
3. to consider the opportunities to provide BACCH short courses to provide in depth teaching on particular topics and the opportunity to meet colleagues face to face
4. to consider distance learning opportunities for elements of the Community Child Health curriculum that have international relevance.

The first element of this strategy was competed in June 2025 when the formalised Community Child Health curriculum was approved by the Executive Committee and Council. To progress elements 2-4 the EC and Council agreed to progress the option of investing in a new member of BACCH staff. The aim is for the post to be funded by revenue rather than reserves after a three-year period. The income streams to generate new revenue include

- Income from short courses
- Income from regional meetings
- Income from a distance learning programme (dependent on demand)

Education and Training Strategy Continued

After the contribution to funding this post, the financial model for short courses and distance learning will include profit-sharing between BACCH and any affiliate group involved in delivering the course.

The new Education & Training Administrator joined BACCH in February 2026, and an update on the progress of the Education & Training strategy following her appointment will be provided in the Annual Report for 2026-27

Policy and Consultations

BACCH produced the following policy responses/statements in 2025-26:

- Produced a response to the Nuffield Trust's report on community care waiting times (October 2025)
- Produced a response to the Kingdon Review into children's hearing services (November 2025)
- Produced a response to a report by the Children's Commissioner for England on children stuck in hospital due to lack of support in the community (March 2026)

BACCH Chair Dr David Vickers and/or Convenor Dr Heather Jarvis attended the following meetings/committees on behalf of BACCH in 2025-26:

- Joined, and contributed to meetings of, the Children & Young People's Health Policy Influencing Group (HPIG), a cross-sector campaigning and influencing group of over 70 organisations providing a coordinated voice on children's health policy in England.
- Quarterly liaison meetings with RCPCH President and Policy Lead
- Chaired CYP Community Services Advisory Group
- Attended MSF Clinical Oversight Group
- Attended MSF Board
- Attended Meeting with DfE about proposed SEND reforms
- Attended meeting of Independent Review into Mental Health Conditions, ADHD and Autism Team
- Represented BACCH on RCPCH working group to update 'Making decisions to limit treatment in life-limiting and life-threatening conditions in children: a framework for practice (DtLT)'

Research

In October 2025 Professor Michelle Heys had to step down as Chair of the BACCH Strategic Research Group for personal reasons, and Dr Jo Garstang took over as Acting Chair. The group received a generous anonymous donation in the financial year 2023-24 ringfenced for a James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) identifying research priorities for children in care. This donation (and associated gift aid) was paid out during the previous year (2024-25) to the James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership for Looked After Children (which is why the SRG costs were so high in last year's accounts). The aims, objectives, scope and methods of the PSP have been determined and a Steering Group formed. The initial survey opened in April 2026, with findings from this due to be presented at the BACCH ASM in September 2026. A further update will be provided in the Annual Report for 2026-27.

Membership

On 31 May 2026 there were 1,119 members (up slightly from 1,107 in May 2025).

Breakdown of membership:

Affiliate	14
Ordinary	643
SAS	80
Retired	48
Overseas	7
Trainee	252
Student	75

There were 134 new joiners and 69 cancelled memberships in 2025-6. The most commonly given reason for cancellation was retirement. Members are eligible to subscribe at a reduced rate to the journal *Child: Care, Health and Development* (published by Wiley) with 494 members taking advantage of this offer.

Financial review and reserves policy

Financial review

The financial performance of the charity is comprehensively disclosed in the attached financial statements. The following key points are noted:

- The overall surplus for 2025-26 of £46,087 is on paper significantly higher than that of 2024-25 (£1,808): however last year's low figure was largely due to the spending out of the one-off restricted donation received in FY 2023-24 towards the SRG's James Lind Process (as mentioned in the Research section above) which resulted in a big restricted deficit last year. The unrestricted 2024-25 surplus was £42,233, giving an actual increase in 2025-26 of just under £4,000
- Staff costs are just over £23k higher in 2025-26 as it was the first full year in which Lucy Doig was employed as Executive Officer at 0.8 FTE (the previous post-holder worked fewer hours and there was also a period of 5 months where there was no EO in the last year). The addition of a third part time staff member (Education & Training Administrator) in February 2026 resulted in a further increase in staff costs in the final quarter.
- Total funds carried forward on 31 May 2026 were £246,700 (of which £7,578 were restricted funds), compared to £200,613 in 2025 (of which £7,578 was restricted).
- Membership numbers and ASM attendance remained fairly static but increased fees have seen both increase this year with income further boosted by increased trainee and regional events surpluses (see below).
- The surplus from BACCH national and regional events was £62,662, a significant increase on the 2024-25 figure of £43,531. This was further boosted by a surplus of £1,820 from trainee events this year (no paid trainee events were held in 2024-25)
- Membership subscription income was £106,318, up just over £2k on the 2024-25 figure of £104,004. This is a smaller increase than last year, indicating that the increase in membership numbers may be slowing; we will monitor this over the coming year. Gift Aid income on subscriptions was £12,572, up from the previous year's figure of £11,759.

Taking the above comments into account, the Trustees consider that that the charity remains in a satisfactory financial position.

Reserves policy

The EC has examined the Association's requirements for free reserves to guard against risks to the Association. The Association notes the Charity Commission's guidance on reserves and will be reviewing its reserves policy during the 2026-27 financial year.

Investment policy

The Association has powers under its constitution to make such investments as the Executive Committee see fit and which meet with the requirements of its objectives and funds. The policy is to invest funds and reserves in bank deposits. The return on investments is satisfactory in the current economic climate.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of British Association For Community Child Health for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

Small company provisions

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption with regards this report which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This trustees report was approved by the board on 16 September 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Dr D W Vickers
Trustee / Director / Chair

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds* £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	12,572	-	12,572	11,759
Charitable activities:					
- Promotion and protection of child and family health	4	235,315	-	235,315	212,774
Other trading activities	5	1,560	-	1,560	782
Investments	6	2,621	93	2,714	3,900
Other income	7	40,528	-	40,528	39,552
Total incoming resources		**292,596**	**93**	**292,689**	**268,767**
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities:					
- Promotion and protection of child and family health	8	205,981	-	205,981	227,289
Other expenditure	10	40,528	93	40,621	39,670
Total resources expended		**246,509**	**93**	**246,602**	**266,959**
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		**46,087**	**-**	**46,087**	**1,808**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		193,035	7,578	200,613	198,805
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**239,122**	**7,578**	**246,700**	**200,613**

***COMPARATIVE NOTE:**
See note 2 to the accounts for corresponding full comparative statement of financial activities.

CONTINUING OPERATIONS
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MAY 2026

	Notes	General Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds* £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	17	47,903	-	47,903	30,041
Cash at bank		252,460	7,578	260,038	224,770
		300,363	7,578	307,941	254,811
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	18	(61,241)	-	(61,241)	(54,198)
NET ASSETS		**239,122**	**7,578**	**246,700**	**200,613**
FUNDS	20				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				239,122	193,035
Restricted funds:					
Donald Court Memorial Fund				7,578	7,578
Strategic Research Group Fund				-	-
Total restricted funds				7,578	7,578
TOTAL FUNDS				**246,700**	**200,613**

***COMPARATIVE NOTE:**
£217,192 of £224,770 Cash at bank related to unrestricted funds while £7,578 related to restricted funds.
All remaining funds with regards to Debtors and Creditors (amounts falling due within one year) were unrestricted.

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

The notes form part of these financial statements

TRUSTEES STATEMENT

In approving these financial statements, as trustees of the company, we hereby confirm:

1) The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 May 2026.

2) That no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 May 2026.

3) That we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
(a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr D W Vickers
Trustee / Director / Chair

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements and accounting convention

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the presentation currency is £ sterling with figures rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the current and the preceding year.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Income

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

The following specifies the policies applied and the types of income that are related to the particular categories of incoming resources:

- Income from donations and legacies is received by way of voluntary donations and Gift Aid reclaimed on donations and membership income and is included in the year the donation is received and the year the membership income the gift aid is related to is received.

- Income from charitable activities is received by way of membership subscription fees along with income generated by the charity's annual conference and trainee day and also its regional meetings and is included in the year to which it relates.

- Income from other trading activities is received by way of newsletter advertising and mailing list income along with the provision of administrative services and are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year to which it relates.

- Income from investments is received by way of bank interest and is included in the year in which it is receivable.

- Other income is received by way of services recharged (at cost incurred) and receipts repaid to other charities along with sundry income and is included in the statement of financial activities in the year to which it relates.

- Income received for future periods is not recognised as income for the year and is carried forward within Creditors as Deferred Income.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes any VAT which is not recoverable as the organisation is not VAT registered. Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be measured reliably.

The following specifies the policies applied and the types of expenditure that are related to the particular categories of expenditure:

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its charitable aims, objectives and activities and those related to the provision of services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them (support costs).

- Other expenditure consists of the costs of services recharged and amounts repayable to other charities. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Defined contribution pension scheme
The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity during the year.

Debtors and creditors
The charity has debtors and creditors which are measured at the anticipated amounts required to settle the balances due or payable at the reporting date.

Going concern and material uncertainties
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charities' ability to continue as a going concern nor are there any material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts.

2. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

			2025
	General Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	11,759	-	11,759
Charitable activities:			
- Promotion and protection of child and family health	212,774	-	212,774
Other trading activities	782	-	782
Investments	3,782	118	3,900
Other income	39,552	-	39,552
Total incoming resources	**268,649**	**118**	**268,767**
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities:			
- Promotion and protection of child and family health	186,864	40,425	227,289
Other expenditure	39.552	118	39,670
Total resources expended	**226,416**	**40,543**	**266,959**
NET INCOME / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	**42,233**	**(40,425)**	**1,808**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	150,802	48,003	198,805
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**193,035**	**7,578**	**200,613**

3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

2025 – ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Donations	-	-	-	-
Gift aid	12,572	-	12,572	11,759
	12,572	-	12,572	11,759

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

2025 – ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Membership subscriptions	106,318	-	106,318	104,004
ASM income	97,599	-	97,599	89,688
Income from regional meetings	28,529	-	28,529	19,082
Trainee day income	2,869	-	2,869	-
	235,315	-	235,315	212,774

5. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

2025 – ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Newsletter advertising income	1,560	-	1,560	670
Provision of admin services (BAPA)	-	-	-	112
	1,560	-	1,560	782

6. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Standard bank account interest	1,995	93	2,088	2,762
Fixed rate deposit account interest	626	-	626	1,138
	2,621	93	2,714	3,900

In 2025, £118 of standard bank account interest was restricted – all other income (totalling £3,782) was unrestricted (£2,644 standard bank interest and £1,138 fixed rate deposit account interest).

7. OTHER INCOME

2025 – ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
BACD recharges: salaries	35,928	-	35,928	36,384
BACD recharges: co-working agreement	4,557	-	4,557	3,125
CPSIG recharges	43	-	43	43
	40,528	-	40,528	39,552

8. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

*ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS OTHER THAN WHERE INDICATED**

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	2026 Total costs £	2025 Total costs £
Staff costs (see note 11)	57,597	22,010	79,607	56,524
Journal costs	9,000	-	9,000	9,000
ASM costs	48,292	-	48,292	54,137
Newsletter costs	18,019	-	18,019	17,153
Regional meetings costs	15,174	-	15,174	11,102
Trainee day costs	1,049		1,049	-
SACCH grant (see note 14)	-	-	-	500
Travel and accommodation	674	-	674	742
Strategic research group costs*	-	-	-	45,994
Website and publicity costs	3,332	-	3,332	2,384
Council meeting expenses	-	189	189	279
Executive committee meeting expenses	-	189	189	279
Co-working agreement	10,982	3,661	14,643	15,475
Insurance	1,710	210	1,920	1,848
Bank and card charges	5,298	31	5,329	4,278
Sundry expenditure	240	370	610	-
Accountancy fees (see note 16)	-	7,920	7,920	7,560
Legal and professional fees	-	34	34	34
	171,367	34,614	205,981	227,289
		Note 9		

***Previous year strategic research group costs contained £40,425 of restricted expenditure.**

Support costs have been allocated based upon staff time and relevance to charity's activities

COMPARATIVES FOR EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS OTHER THAN WHERE INDICATED

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	2025 Total costs £	
Staff costs (see note 11)	36,248	20,276	56,524	
Journal costs	9,000	-	9,000	
ASM costs	54,137	-	54,137	
Newsletter costs	17,153	-	17,153	
Regional meetings costs	11,102	-	11,102	
Trainee day costs	-	-	-	
SACCH grant (see note 14)	500	-	500	
Travel and accommodation	742	-	742	
Strategic research group costs	45,994	-	45,994	*> 40,425 Restricted*
Website and publicity costs	2,384	-	2,384	
Council meeting expenses	-	279	279	
Executive committee meeting expenses	-	279	279	
Co-working agreement	10,059	5,416	15,475	
Insurance	1,560	288	1,848	
Bank and card charges	4,250	28	4,278	
Accountancy fees (see note 16)	-	7,560	7,560	
Legal and professional fees	-	34	34	
	193,129	34,160	227,289	
		Note 9		

9. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

2026 & 2025 - ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	General support £	Governance function £	2026 Total costs £	2025 Total Costs £
Staff costs	22,010	-	22,010	20,276
Council meeting expenses	-	189	189	279
Executive committee meeting expenses	-	189	189	279
Co-working agreement	3,661	-	3,661	5,416
Insurance	210	-	210	288
Bank and card charges	31	-	31	28
Sundry expenditure	370	-	370	-
Accountancy fees (see note 16)	-	7,920	7,920	7,560
Legal and professional fees	-	34	34	34
	26,282	8,332	34,614	34,160

COMPARATIVES FOR ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

	General support £	Governance function £	2025 Total costs £
Staff costs	20,276	-	20,276
Council meeting expenses	-	279	279
Executive committee meeting expenses	-	279	279
Co-working agreement	5,416	-	5,416
Insurance	288	-	288
Bank and card charges	28	-	28
Accountancy fees (see note 16)	-	7,560	7,560
Legal and professional fees	-	34	34
	26,008	8,152	34,160

10. OTHER EXPENDITURE (PAYMENTS TO RCPCH)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
BACD recharges: salaries	35,928	-	35,928	36,384
BACD recharges: co-working agreement	4,557	-	4,557	3,125
CPSIG recharges	43	-	43	43
Donald Court Fund interest	-	93	93	118
	40,528	93	40,621	39,670

In 2025, £118 Donald Court Fund interest was restricted – all other expenditure (totalling £39,552) was unrestricted.

11. STAFF COSTS

2025 – ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Wages and salaries	64,684	-	64,684	47,614
Social security costs	8,209	-	8,209	4,862
Pension costs (see note 12)	6,714	-	6,714	4,048
	79,607	-	79,607	56,524

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

The average monthly number of employees (including trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2026	2025
Executive officer	0.8	0.3
Admin and membership administrator	0.6	0.6
Education and training administrator	0.6	0.0
	2.0	0.9

12. PENSION COSTS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of its staff. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the charitable company and was as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Executive officer	3,481	1,561
Admin and membership administrator	2,785	2,487
Education and training administrator	448	-
	6,714	4,048

13. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

One trustee claimed £138 for reimbursed travel expenses during the year (2025 – nil). None of the trustees received any remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 May 2026 nor for the year ended 31 May 2025.

14. GRANTS PAID (WITHIN CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE)

Grants totalling £nil (2025 - £500) were payable to the Scottish Association for Community Child Health (SACCH), a separate Scottish sub-group of BACCH. The grant acted as a contribution to allow work similar to that performed by BACCH to be carried out in Scotland but as BACCH took over the activities and operations of SACCH from 1 June 2026, no grant was accrued for this year.

15. TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities as they fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, no taxation charge arises in these accounts.

16. ACCOUNTANCY FEES

2026 & 2025 - ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accounts compilation	5,880	5,340
Taxation services	-	360
Independent examination work	2,040	1,860
	7,920	7,560

17. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2026 & 2025 - ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade debtors	35,194	16,957
Prepayments	12,709	13,084
	47,903	30,041

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2026 & 2025 - ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Creditors and accruals	40,863	48,980
Grants payable (see note 14)	-	500
Deferred income (see note 19)	20,378	4,718
	61,241	54,198

19. DEFERRED INCOME

2026 & 2025 - ALL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Brought forward	4,718	4,802
Released in year:		
- ASM Income	2,601	4,759
- CPSIG recharges	43	43
- Newsletter advertising income	1,280	-
- Regional meetings income	600	-
- Trainee day income	194	-
	(4,718)	(4,802)
Provided for in year:		
- ASM income	19,135	2,601
- CPSIG recharges	43	43
- Newsletter advertising income	1,200	1,280
- Regional meetings income	-	600
- Trainee day income	-	194
	20,378	4,718
Carried forward	20,378	4,718

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 June 2025	Net movement in funds	At 31 May 2026
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	193,035	46,087	239,122
Restricted funds			
Donald Court Memorial Fund	7,578	-	7,578
Strategic Research Group Fund	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	7,578	-	7,578
TOTAL FUNDS	200,613	46,087	246,700

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	292,596	(246,509)	46,087
Restricted funds			
Donald Court Memorial Fund	93	(93)	-
Strategic Research Group Fund	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	93	(93)	-
TOTAL FUNDS MOVEMENT	292,689	(246,602)	46,087

COMPARATIVES FOR MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 June 2024	Net movement in funds	At 31 May 2025
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	150,802	42,233	193,035
Restricted funds			
Donald Court Memorial Fund	7,578	-	7,578
Strategic Research Group Fund	40,425	(40,425)	-
Total restricted funds	48,003	(40,425)	7,578
TOTAL FUNDS	198,805	1,808	200,613

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	268,649	(226,416)	42,233
Restricted funds			
Donald Court Memorial Fund	118	(118)	-
Strategic Research Group Fund	-	(40,425)	(40,425)
Total restricted funds	118	(40,543)	(40,425)
TOTAL FUNDS MOVEMENT	268,767	(266,959)	1,808

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1 June 2024 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31 May 2026 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	150,802	88,320	239,122
Restricted funds			
Donald Court Memorial Fund	7,578	-	7,578
Strategic Research Group Fund	40,425	(40,425)	-
Total restricted funds	48,003	(40,425)	7,578
TOTAL FUNDS	198,805	47,895	246,700

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	561,245	(472,925)	88,320
Restricted funds			
Donald Court Memorial Fund	211	(211)	-
Strategic Research Group Fund	-	(40,425)	(40,425)
Total restricted funds	211	(40,636)	(40,425)
TOTAL FUNDS	561,456	(513,561)	47,895

21. PURPOSES OF FUNDS

Unrestricted General Fund
The purpose of the general fund is to enable the charity to carry out its aims and objectives of promoting and protecting the good health of children and their families in their communities.

Restricted Donald Court Memorial (DCMF) Fund
The purpose of the restricted Donald Court Memorial Fund is to provide funds for the Donald Court Visiting Fellowship, a joint venture with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH). Any interest received during the year is paid over to RCPCH to help fund the Fellowship.

Restricted Strategic Research Group (SRG) Fund
The purpose of the restricted Strategic Research Group Fund is to provide funds to support the work of the Strategic Research Group, with some funds specifically allocated to support a James Lind Alliance process identifying research priorities for children in care and the rest to be used to support the general work of the SRG. Income was received during 2023-24 by way of donations and associated gift aid with some funds expensed via strategic research group costs and the remainder via a donation of £39,630 during 2024-25 to the University College London Institute of Child Health towards the running costs of the James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership for Looked After Children so that the fund was fully expensed by the end of last year. There has been no income or associated expenditure during the current year relating to this fund.

22. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

British Association For Community Child Health is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within twelve months after he or she ceases to be a member.

23. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Other than those detailed in note 13, there were no other related party transactions for the year ended 31 May 2026 nor for the year ended 31 May 2025

24. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 1 June 2026, BACCH took over the activities and operations of the Scottish Association for Community Child Health (SACCH). There is no income or expenditure relating to SACCH in these accounts (other than the grant payable by BACCH to SACCH in last year).

	2026 £	2025 £
INCOME:		
From donations and legacies		
Donations	-	-
Gift aid	12,572	11,759
	12,572	11,759
From charitable activities		
Membership subscriptions	106,318	104,004
ASM income	97,599	89,688
Income from regional meetings	28,529	19,082
Trainee day income	2,869	-
	235,315	212,774
From other trading activities		
Newsletter advertising income	1,560	670
Provision of admin services (BAPA)	-	112
	1,560	782
Investment income		
Bank interest received	2,714	3,900
Other income		
BACD recharges: salaries	35,928	36,384
BACD recharges: co-working agreement	4,557	3,125
CPSIG recharges	43	43
	40,528	39,552
Total income	**292,689**	**268,767**
EXPENDITURE:		
On charitable activities		
Staff costs	79,607	56,524
Journal costs	9,000	9,000
ASM costs	48,292	54,137
Newsletter costs	18,019	17,153
Regional meeting costs	15,174	11,102
Trainee day costs	1,049	-
SACCH grant	-	500
Travel and accommodation	674	742
Strategic research group costs	-	45,994
Website and publicity costs	3,332	2,384
Council meeting expenses	189	279
Executive committee meeting expenses	189	279
Co-working agreement	14,643	15,475
Insurance	1,920	1,848
Carried forward	*192,088*	*215,417*

	2026 £	2025 £
Charitable activities expenditure continued		
Brought forward	*192,088*	*215,417*
Bank and card charges	5,329	4,278
Sundry expenses	610	-
Accountancy	7,920	7,560
Legal and professional fees	34	34
	205,981	227,289
Other expenditure		
BACD recharge costs: salaries	35,928	36,384
BACD recharge costs: co-working agreement	4,557	3,125
CPSIG recharges	43	43
Donald Court Fund interest	93	118
	40,621	39,670
Total expenditure	**246,602**	**266,959**
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	**46,087**	**1,808**