

PARENTING ACROSS SCOTLAND
(a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2020

Registered Charity – SC047892



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Charity Information

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Trustees' Report For the year ended 31 March 2020

The trustees present their report and receipts and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020

Structure, governance and management

The charity is known as Parenting Across Scotland (PAS) and is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), registered as a charity since 2 November 2017. It is governed by the rules of its constitution.

Membership is open to any organisation whose aims are compatible with those of Parenting Across Scotland, subject to application and conditions set out in the constitution and governance documents.

The management of PAS is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected by the members under the terms of the constitution. New Trustees receive appropriate induction and training and are sought for their skills and representation. At each AGM, every trustee retires but then is eligible for re-election.

PAS is funded through the Scottish Government Children, Young People & Families Early Intervention Fund (CYPFEIF) to employ two members of staff to deliver the services of the charity and manage its administration.

PAS is hosted by Children in Scotland with respect to facilities and finance administration.

Objectives and activities

PAS is the national strategic intermediary and network for parenting and family support in Scotland. Its members are national organisations who provide a variety of perspectives on family issues and concerns.

Beyond its members, PAS works with a wide range of stakeholders from the voluntary, community and third sectors, the public sector, Scottish Government, NHS, and academia.

PAS exists to provide the following charitable objectives:

- To advance the prevention and relief of poverty of families through being an effective public voice for parents and families in influencing public policy
- The relief of those in need by reason of ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage through being an effective public voice for parents and families in influencing public policy
- The advancement of education through the provision of an online database which contains practices, research and policy for parents and practitioners in Scotland.

Achievements and performance

The following sets out the projects we are involved in and our achievements:

Support for parents and families in Scotland

Parenting across Scotland (PAS) aims to support families in Scotland in bringing up their children. We do this by providing information to parents, carrying out research and influencing policymakers.

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PAS believes that we should acknowledge and value the major contribution made by parents and families in helping children achieve their potential. We recognise that children are raised in all sorts of families and that it is the quality of parenting and caring that counts. Bringing up children is both rewarding and challenging but is especially challenging when families live in poverty or experience discrimination. We believe that there should be greater support for family relationships given that they underpin all aspects of parenting. Parents and families deserve the best possible information and support to help them care for their children through childhood and into adult life.

Making parents' voices heard

We aim to **influence politicians and policymakers** by:

- Talking to politicians and decision-makers about what parents have told us matters to them
- Sitting on Scottish Government working groups to make sure that there is a parental perspective
- Responding to consultations about issues which affect families; and
- Developing ideas to improve the services that parents use.

Information for parents and practitioners

For parents and families:

- We make it easy to find **information and specialist support services** by bringing them together on our website
- We produce a series of **Ten Top Tips** offering valuable advice for parents

For practitioners:

- We run **conferences about parenting**
- Parenting across Scotland and its partners hold seminars on parenting issues
- We produce an **e-newsletter** which includes **good practice in parenting and family support**
- We undertake and **share information and research about families**

PAS website – for practitioners

The Parenting across Scotland website's practitioner section provides links to resources for practitioners, publishing a wide range of articles and updates on initiatives, programmes, research and policy. These pages are widely used by practitioners, who also report that they use the information from the parents' section to provide information to parents.

<https://www.parentingacrossscotland.org/info-for-practitioners/>

PAS' social media channels disseminate information from a variety of trusted sources. The PAS Twitter account, @ScotParents, has over 5,000 followers including professionals from social work, academia, housing, children's sector, schools and health sectors.

PAS website – for parents

Information for parents is crucially important – parents and carers need timely and relevant information to ensure that they are armed with the knowledge to make the right decisions for their families. Parenting across Scotland both provides information directly to parents and carers and professionals and advises others on how to make sure their communications with families are effective.

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PAS website (continued)

Parenting across Scotland's website and social media channels provide up-to-date information on key parenting issues to thousands of parents and carers every month.

This includes information on new government initiatives such as the baby box, Early Learning and Childcare and financial help as well as public health messages on, for example, vaccinations, winter flu jabs and safe sleep. PAS works closely with Scottish Government and ParentClub to ensure key messages get to parents.

The website, which provides information for parents and carers from pregnancy right through to the teenage years, also signposts parents to specialist services including breastfeeding support, mental health and well-being and money and benefits.

The most popular pages on the site are:

- Information on pregnancy and babies
- free-parenting-classes-and-courses
- money and benefits information.

Ten Top Tips

Parenting across Scotland's popular Ten Top Tips series gives evidence-based information to parents and carers at key stages in their children's lives.

The Ten Top Tips series are:

- Sleep – babies and toddler
- Play
- Starting primary school
- Starting high school
- Parenting teenagers
- Sex, relationships and teenagers

The Tips are available online and are widely used by schools and parents particularly in the run up to children starting school.

The PAS website also has information for practitioners and produces a quarterly newsletter for practitioners. Most PAS events are available as videos on the website and are regularly viewed.

This year PAS collaborated with the National Parent Forum of Scotland to produce information for parents and carers during Anti-Bullying week reaching a large number of parents and carers. During Challenge Poverty Week 2019 PAS published blogs, contributed by its member organisations, about the effect of poverty on families.

PAS also has a role in contributing to other agencies' information for parents and carers. As part of the Scottish Government's Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People Strategy, we contributed to the Maternity Guide for professionals working with young parents.

Influencing legislation and policy

One of PAS' key objectives is to ensure that legislation and policy better meets the needs of parents and carers. This year our main areas of activity have been poverty, family support, early learning and childcare, equal protection from assault and incorporation of the UNCRC

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Poverty

The organisations who are partners in PAS have all reported a major rise in the families they work with experiencing poverty. For too many families, their biggest challenge in bringing up their children is not having enough money to put food on the table or pay their bills, which makes it even harder to bring up their children. In recent years, as well as those living on social security, many families in work are also living below the poverty line. Currently one in four children are living in poverty with this expected to rise in the coming years.

PAS gathers evidence from its partners and to ensure that the experience of families living in poverty is communicated to Scottish Government and others through our consultation responses and meetings we attend.

In Challenge Poverty week in 2019, PAS partners each wrote a blog to illustrate the families they worked with. The blogs covered single parents, parents with learning disabilities, parents affected by disability, families affected by imprisonment and a variety of other situations. The blogs were widely shared and read.

PAS is very supportive of the Scottish Government's efforts to support families in the early years and has been an active participant in the Scottish Government's Reference Group on the Best Start Grant to ensure that it best meets the needs of families. The Best Start Grant provides financial boost to parents and carers on low incomes at key stages in the early years of their child's life: at birth, at nursery starting age and at school starting age. Since the grant was introduced, PAS has worked with Scottish Government to ensure that the grant is widely known to parents and carers to maximise its uptake and ensure that as many families as possible are helped by the grant.

Family support

The organisations that are part of PAS support thousands of families throughout Scotland; as PAS we want to see families supported in a way that responds to their needs and to how they want to be supported. All families need to have their basic needs for income, housing and food met in order to thrive. Family support needs to be holistic and relationship based, working alongside families and supporting them to achieve the best for the whole family.

PAS has been working with its partners and others to promote this model of family support. To this end, we have worked on a number of activities this year to promote that.

Protecting families: a social model

PAS held a seminar/book launch with Professors Brid Featherstone and Anna Gupta to launch their book, *Child Protection: a social model*, which was well attended by policymakers and practitioners. The event explored inequalities in child welfare and looked at how children would be better protected within their families through a social model which recognises that poverty and inequality are key determinants of child well-being and need to be addressed in order for families to thrive.

The Independent Care Review

The Independent Care Review was set up to see how Scotland could support its most vulnerable children by improving the care system. The PAS Manager sat on the Care Review's Edges of Care Group looking at how to support families better so that they have a better chance of staying together, contributing a paper on how with the right support families can be enabled to stay together.

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Parliamentary event – learning disabled parents

In partnership with Aberlour and the Scottish Commission on Learning Disability, PAS hosted a Parliamentary reception on supporting learning disabled parents. Learning disabled parents are among the most disadvantaged parents in Scotland with around 60% of them having children removed or subject to child protection orders; at the event learning disabled parents talked about their experiences and about how support had enabled them to stay together with their children.

Roundtable event on supporting families in Early Learning and Childcare settings

The Scottish Government has committed to extending Early Learning and Childcare provision to 1140 hours for all three and four-year olds and some two-year olds. Intended to improve outcomes for children and provide childcare for working parents, it also has the potential to provide support for parents. Young children spend most of their time with their families; during the first years of their child's life parents receive support from health visitors but otherwise have little support or guidance. Early years settings offer the opportunity to provide families with support prior to their child starting nursery so that parents can meet each other and find peer support as well as being able to seek guidance from early years professionals. At the request of Scottish Government, PAS in partnership with Children in Scotland and One Parent Families Scotland, held a roundtable to explore principles and practice of this approach. An event report and principles were produced which will inform the Scottish Government's future approach to this.

Open Kindergarten

Last year PAS had produced a feasibility study looking at the potential of the Open Kindergarten approach (widely used in the Nordic countries) for Scotland. Open Kindergartens are a model of family support for the early years where families are supported in drop-in sessions in early years settings by professionals.

Together with Children in Scotland, Midlothian SureStart, City of Edinburgh Council and the University of Stirling, PAS piloted Open Kindergartens in two settings providing useful insight into how family support can be run alongside Early Learning and Childcare.: families found Open Kindergartens very helpful and professionals valued the way of working. A full evaluation is forthcoming.

The UNCRC

PAS has long been an active advocate of the incorporation of the UNCRC into domestic law and was delighted with the Scottish Government's commitment to bring forward legislation in 2020 to enable this.

The UNCRC recognises parents as the most important defenders of their children's rights and makes it clear throughout its provisions that the best interests of the child are served by supporting the child's family and places obligations on governments to invest in family support and child protection. PAS believes that incorporation of the UNCRC offers an overarching framework for supporting families in Scotland.

In 2019/2020 in line with its commitment to incorporation of the UNCRC, PAS sat on the Scottish Government's Incorporation Reference Group which looked at how best the UNCRC might be incorporated into Scots Law and will report in autumn 2020. It provided expert comment to Together's report on the state of children's rights in Scotland. Working with Home-Start Scotland, it held a very well attended and successful event on A Rights-based approach to family support looking at how the incorporation of the UNCRC into Scots Law could support families.

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Early Learning and Childcare

PAS has continued to be a voice for parents and carers in the expansion of Early Learning and Childcare believing that Early Learning and Childcare is key to improving outcomes for children and enabling parents to take up employment and study. PAS has continued its participation in the Early Learning and Childcare Strategic Forum which oversees the expansion of ELC to 1140 hours. Additionally, it has been part of developing the CPD module on Parental Engagement in ELC for practitioners working in ELC.

Out of School Care

PAS has consistently advocated for Out of School Care to enable parents and carers to work and study. The Scottish Government has produced a strategy for supporting and expanding Out of School Care in Scotland; PAS contributed to the formulation of the strategy through research on how parents in Scotland currently use Out of School Care, meetings with officials and its consultation response.

Equal protection

The UN's periodic reports on the state of children's rights in the United Kingdom have repeatedly criticised Scotland on its breach of the UNCRC in failing to afford children the same protection under the law as adults. After many years of sustained campaigning by a coalition of organisations of which PAS was a part, the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Act 2019 was finally passed by the Scottish Parliament in October 2019. PAS gave written and oral evidence to the Scottish Parliament on this. Now children have equal protection from assault under the law as adults; PAS is proud to have played its part in achieving this.

PAS is now part of an implementation group set up to advise on the implementation of the Act, including how best to raise awareness of the new legislation and how services will respond to incidents of physical punishment.

Family Friendly Working Scotland (FFWS)

Parenting across Scotland, along with Working Families Scotland and Fathers Network Scotland, was a founding member of Family Friendly Working Scotland when it was set up in 2013. PAS has long recognised that balancing work and family life is a huge challenge for many families and that proactive initiatives are needed to enable families to achieve a positive balance between family and work commitments.

Family Friendly Working Scotland's mission was to create and support change in working culture in Scotland that improves the lives of families and builds economic success. In 2020, Family Friendly Working Scotland became a charity in its own right rebranding as Flexibility Works; we wish them all the best in their new venture and look forward to working with them in future to ensure that families can achieve the best life balance possible.

Working with practitioners

Parenting e-newsletter

Parenting across Scotland's popular e-newsletter goes out to over 1,100 subscribers; as well as having a high 'open' rate, recipients also frequently forward it to colleagues. It provides articles on good practice, resources and policy updates to practitioners throughout Scotland.

National Parenting Network

Seventeen local authorities from across Scotland are members of the National Parenting Network convened by Parenting across Scotland. The Network is a forum of parenting leads from local authorities and health boards which meets two to three times a year.

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National Parenting Network (continued)

Parenting leads share information about family support and parenting work in their local areas, development of local family support strategies and implementation of parenting programmes, enabling cross-authority collaboration in practice development. It also provides an opportunity to both hear from Scottish Government about key family policy developments at national level and to influence how they play out at local level. Over this period, this has included input into policies including ACES, social security, child poverty, and baby boxes.

Financial Review

In the year to 31 March 2020 the charity had receipts of £101,952 (2019: £211,195) and payments of £107,931 (2019: £155,309), giving net payments of £5,979 (2019: net receipts £55,886). Comparatives for 2019 relate to a 17-month period. Total funds under management at 31 March 2020 were £49,907 (2019: £55,886), of which there is a restricted fund with a negative balance of £3,998 due to the timing of the receipt from the funder. A total of £53,905 was held as unrestricted funds at 31 March 2020.

Reserves

PAS holds reserves, in the form of unrestricted funds to allow the charity to continue to operate for a period of time and meet potential liabilities, such as staff redundancies in the event of a withdrawal of funding. It is estimated that three months running costs, together with staff redundancies would be in the region of £55,000 to £60,000. As at 31 March 2020, unrestricted reserves were £53,905. The trustees consider this is sufficient to comply with the reserves policy given the early stages of the charity.

Major risks facing the charity

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The principal risks facing the charity are withdrawal of the major funding streams or long-term illness of key staff members. All reserves are regularly monitored by the Trustees to ensure that sufficient funds are held to cover likely eventualities.

The trustees are mindful that the current Covid-19 epidemic poses a risk to the charity. Plans are in place to mitigate this risk, including home working and virtual trustees meetings. This will be monitored going forward.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration during the period or travel expenses from PAS during the year to 31 March 2020

Plans for future periods

The charity is continuing its work in all areas as described under the Achievements and Performance section. Funding from CYPFEIF was extended to end March 2021 to cover the year 20/21; a decision is still outstanding on the Families and Communities Fund and is expected to be announced in September 2020. Other funding will be sourced as appropriate for specific projects.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

L Kelly

**Lesley Kelly
6 October 2020**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Parenting Across Scotland

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020, which are set out on pages 10 and 11 and the related notes on pages 12 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006(as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. 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 seeks 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 audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met, or
2. 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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6 October 2020

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Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Receipts from					
Grants and donations	2	-	100,875	100,875	191,902
Charitable activities	3	1,000	77	1,077	19,293
		<u>1,000</u>	<u>100,952</u>	<u>101,952</u>	<u>211,195</u>
Payments on					
Charitable activities	4	600	107,331	107,931	153,481
Purchases of equipment		-	-	-	1,828
		<u>600</u>	<u>107,331</u>	<u>107,931</u>	<u>155,309</u>
Net receipts before transfers		400	(6,379)	(5,979)	55,886
Transfers		<u>(2,381)</u>	<u>2,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net receipts		<u><u>(1,981)</u></u>	<u><u>(3,998)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,979)</u></u>	<u><u>55,886</u></u>

Note: 2019 results are for a 17-month period

The notes on pages 12 to 14 form part of these accounts

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Statement of Balances As at 31 March 2020

Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Opening fund balances	55,886	-	55,886	-
Net (payments)/receipts for the year	(1,981)	(3,998)	(5,979)	55,886
Closing fund balances at 31 March	<u>53,905</u>	<u>(3,998)</u>	<u>49,907</u>	<u>55,886</u>
Cash and bank balances at 31 March	<u>53,905</u>	<u>(3,998)</u>	<u>49,907</u>	<u>55,886</u>
Fixed assets (for information only)			£	£
Computer equipment (cost)			<u>1,828</u>	<u>1,828</u>
Computer equipment (NBV)			<u>914</u>	<u>1,371</u>
Creditors (for information only)			£	£
Independent examination fee			<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 6 October 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

L Kelly

Lesley Kelly

The notes on pages 12 to 14 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2020

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

VAT

The charity is not registered for VAT and, accordingly, expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Resources expended

Expenditure incurred has been classified on a basis appropriate to the charity's circumstances. All expenditure relates to the charitable activities.

Governance costs are separately identified in the relevant note to the accounts.

2. Grants and donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
CYPFEIF*	-	100,000	100,000	150,000
Children in Scotland (CYPFEIF)**	-	-	-	(8,161)
Children in Scotland**	-	-	-	44,062
Family Friendly Working	-	-	-	2,000
Open Kindergarten	-	-	-	4,001
NIHR Mellow Babies Project	-	875	875	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	-	100,875	100,875	191,902
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*Relates to 12 months funding in 2020, and 18 months funding in 2019

**Prior to the formation of the SCIO, funds related to the current activities of PAS were administered through Children in Scotland. On 2 November 2017, when the SCIO was established, the balances of these funds were transferred to the SCIO to be administered under the same restrictions. The negative balance on the CYPFEIF fund is due to the timing of the quarterly grant instalments and expenditure on the project.

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3. Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<i>Consultancy:</i>				
Royal Caledonian Education Trust	-	-	-	8,686
Social Work Scotland	-	-	-	4,252
Other consultancy and similar fees	1,000	77	1,077	-
PAS Conference fees	-	-	-	6,355
	<hr/> 1,000	<hr/> 77	<hr/> 1,077	<hr/> 19,293

4. Charitable activities

	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	-	84,823	84,823	117,452
Staff travel & training	-	1,277	1,277	1,949
Consultant costs	-	2,990	2,990	2,900
Direct project expenses	-	-	-	4,321
Facilities & administration*	-	11,852	11,852	16,790
Conference & meeting expenses	-	3,320	3,320	5,592
Website development & IT	-	2,340	2,340	2,881
Design & artwork	-	305	305	1,405
Postage, print & stationery	-	137	137	106
Subscriptions & publications	-	287	287	85
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 107,331	<hr/> 107,331	<hr/> 153,481
Governance costs				
Independent examination 2019	600	-	600	-
	<hr/> 600	<hr/> 107,331	<hr/> 107,931	<hr/> 153,481

The March 2020 independent examination fee is included in the statement of balances.

*Facilities and administration represent the hosting fee charged by Children in Scotland

5. Staff costs

	£	£	£	£
Gross Salaries	-	71,503	71,503	99,141
Employer's National Insurance	-	7,486	7,486	10,230
Pension	-	5,834	5,834	8,081
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 84,823	<hr/> 84,823	<hr/> 117,452

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6. Related party transactions

No payments were made to trustees for remuneration or travelling expenses.

7. Funds

	Balance at 31 March 2019 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted Funds	55,886	1,000	(600)	(2,381)	53,905
Restricted Funds					
CYPFEIF	-	100,000	(102,381)	2,381	-
Open Kindergarten	-	-	(3,998)	-	(3,998)
NIHR Mellow Babies	-	952	(952)	-	-
	-	100,952	(107,331)	2,381	
Total Funds	55,886	101,952	(107,931)	-	49,907

Restricted funds:

CYPFEIF: Infrastructure funding from the Children, Young People & Families Early Intervention Fund and Adult Learning & Empowering Communities Fund in order to achieve the following key outcomes:

- (1) Legislation, policy and practice better meets the needs of families in Scotland
- (2) Practitioners working with families are better informed and skilled to deliver support to families
- (3) Parents are better equipped with the information to ensure their children have the best start in life and are read to succeed.

Open Kindergarten: Funding for a feasibility study to assess the Open Kindergarten Model in relation to the Scottish context.

The negative balance on this fund is due to a timing difference between the costs incurred and the funds received. £4,001 was received in relation to this fund in May 2000.

NIHR Mellow Babies: Funds were received to cover staff time and expenses. The fund was completely utilised in the year to 31 March 2020.

Transfers between funds: A transfer of funds has been made from unrestricted funds to meet the shortfall in CYPFEIF funding during the 12-month period against the actual expenditure of the project.