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Trustees' Annual Report for 2024

About Caring Kits for Kids

Caring Kits for Kids was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2021 with the aim of fundraising and putting together backpacks for children and young people entering emergency foster care via A&E and for mothers fleeing situations of domestic abuse and human trafficking.

Our kits for children and young people entering emergency foster care contain a change of clothes, toiletries, a mental health resource from the NSPCC and comforts such as a book and a cuddly toy. The kits are designed to provide dignity and comfort to children and young people at an uncertain time and ensure they arrive in emergency foster care with more than just the clothes they are wearing¹.

Our kits for expectant mothers fleeing situations of domestic abuse and human trafficking contain a change of clothes, toiletries, a book, a notepad and pen, a cuddly toy and a drinks bottle.

Caring Kits for Kids' principal address is 3 Swaythling Road, West End, Southampton, SO30 3AE.

Caring Kits for Kids had at the end of 2024 four trustees: Mark Houghton MBE, Dr Gayle Hann, Rebecca Taylor and Kalina Bolingbroke.

¹ Source: <https://www.nfa.co.uk/thinking-about-fostering/types-of-foster-care/emergency-foster-care/>

2024 Year in Review

2024 saw us continue in our mission to provide dignity and comfort to those in need, in hospital. For our area leads, this meant continuing to support the work of NHS staff at hospitals across the country.

We celebrated a great many wins – every delivery meant a little support was offered to someone who needed it. The charity also continued its commitment to sustainability, the environment and reducing our carbon footprint, by migrating our website to infrastructure powered by 100% renewable energy.

The essential operating model of the charity is to make contact with a hospital, or receive a request from one, identify the number of kits required and shop and pack them accordingly. Whenever we make a delivery, we want to ensure that the kits provided are tailored to the needs of their recipients. This involves delivering a variety of backpacks, each with items intended for different groups, from newborns to teenagers as well as new mothers. Over the years, we have worked with a number of hospitals and this year was no different!

In Ipswich, we applied for funding from Tesco's Stronger Starts scheme. Tesco customers around Ipswich were asked to select between three charities, each supporting projects in the community – indicating their preference by voting with tokens acquired at the checkout. We were very pleased to receive the most votes, receiving £1500, equivalent to 30 kits which we delivered in July and November 2024. Our thanks to Tesco and Groundwork UK for their support.



Kits being delivered to Ipswich Hospital

This success in Ipswich mirrored the 30 kits delivered to Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS foundation trust earlier in the year. Again Tesco's Community

Grants scheme, this time, delivered the funds necessary to make this possible, which we are incredibly grateful for.

We have also worked with St George's Hospital in Tooting, again, where a further 24 kits were delivered in collaboration with Alstom.



Kits being delivered to St George's Hospital

At Worthing Hospital and St Richard's Hospital, we worked closely, again, with Joan and the Chichester Lions Club to donate clothes and baby supplies leftover from 2023 when we packed kits for the hospital.

Occasionally, we are asked to respond in a shorter time frame. In Summer, we provided a kit for a young person in urgent need, at a hospital within the University Hospitals Sussex Foundation Trust. Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, we were able to deliver the kit within 48 hours. A first for Caring Kits for Kids!

We couldn't supply kits without the amazing fundraising of our volunteers. This year's fundraising included £1649.61 raised through coffee mornings at Alstom depots across London. Our Area Lead for London, Kalina, fundraised this phenomenal sum over just three coffee mornings where sausage rolls, lemon drizzle cake, samosas and croissants were well received by some of Alstom's incredibly generous employees.



Sausage rolls, lemon drizzle cakes, samosas and croissants for sale at an Alstom Coffee morning.

Finally, a huge thanks to all who volunteered and contributed to the financing, purchase, packing and delivery of our kits at so many stages. We know that these kits are valued and make such a big difference to those that receive them, often at the most difficult times in their lives.

2024 Financial Review

Trustees have received regular reports this past year on the charity's financial position and have had regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

In 2024, Caring Kits for Kids' income increased by £234 from £3536 to £3770, expenditure decreased by £341 from £4728 in 2023 to £4387 in 2024. Materials spending accounted for £4230 of all expenditure. At the end of 2024, Caring Kits for Kids had £5,197 at the bank, with a reserves level of £1000.

In 2024, the rate of inflation in the United Kingdom was 3.3% compared to 6.8% in 2023 and 7.9% in 2022. Whilst inflation levels are decreasing, it is likely the rising cost of goods will continue to remain a risk factor to the charity in 2025.

Going into 2025, lack of income diversification and accurate management of accruals are the two biggest financial risks the charity faces. Caring Kits for Kids' biggest governance risk remains the loss of key staff and volunteers. Caring Kits for Kids relies significantly on key staff and volunteers to operate and so it will be crucial to retain as well as attract further staff and volunteers.

Caring Kits for Kids' day-to-day operating costs continue to remain low, thanks in part to nonprofit offerings from Google, BT, Salesforce and Microsoft.

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Mark Houghton MBE
Chair

Signed on the behalf of the Board of Trustees'



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Caring Kids for Kids

No (if any)
1193173

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from
01/01/2024 To
31/12/2024

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
002 JustGiving	481	-	-	481	109
058 Grant Income	-	1,500	-	1,500	3,425
005 Cash Donations	124	-	-	124	-
007 Donations	1,660	-	-	1,660	-
0051 Interest Received	5	-	-	5	2
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,270	1,500	-	3,770	3,536
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,270	1,500	-	3,770	3,536
A3 Payments					
268 Web Hosting	0	-	-	0	2
103 Materials	41	4,189	-	4,230	4,670
237 Internet & Telephone	1	-	-	1	9
364 Insurance	96	-	-	96	26
275 Cell Phone	0	-	-	0	-
363 Bank/Finance Charges	60	-	-	60	25
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	198	4,189	-	4,387	4,728
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	198	4,189	-	4,387	4,728
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,072	- 2,689	-	- 617	- 1,192
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,942	1,848	-	5,790	-
Cash funds this year end	6,014	- 841	-	5,173	- 1,192

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	750-1 Bank Account	2,556	94	-
	750-2 Bank Account	2,651	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,108	94	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))		Agreement	Agreement	OK
		Error	Error	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Expense Account 905-12	905-12	0	31 December 2025
	Expense Account 905-08	905-08	29	31 December 2025
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Bolton</i>	<i>K. Bolingbroke</i>	<i>29/09/2025</i>
<i>S. Hann</i>	<i>GAYLE HANN</i>	<i>10/10/2025</i>