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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135440

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017
FOR
BACP RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

# Objectives and aims

BACP Research Foundation's (the Foundation) objectives are:

- 1. To facilitate high quality, high priority and independently peer reviewed research in psychological therapies, based on robust methodology, for the benefit of the community and those who are the recipients of psychological therapy services; and
- 2. To promote and provide education and information to users of psychological therapies, including commissioners and practitioners through dissemination of the outcomes of relevant research and to advance the knowledge base of the psychological therapies so as to maximise public benefit and protection through the publication of research findings.

### Public benefit

The Board of Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011 and confirm that the Foundation complies with this requirement.

### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Foundation was undertaking a three year randomised controlled trial. The trial is testing the clinical and cost effectiveness of counselling for depression versus cognitive behavioural therapy, the results of which will be used to inform practitioners and improve the information that they provide to their clients.

However as the trustees have been unable to obtain any further external funding they have decided that the Foundation will be wound up. The contract was transferred to the holding company, British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), on the 1st January 2017 at which date the Foundation ceased all activities.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The contract between the Foundation and BACP, its single member, was rewritten so that all administration costs are recharged as part of the cost of the trial. As a result of the cessation of activities, BACP has agreed to continue to support the Foundation until it has been formally wound up. As a result of this decision no reserves are held.

### **GOING CONCERN BASIS**

Even though the Foundation is going to be wound up the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees do not expect that there will be any changes to the valuations of the assets and liabilities as a result of this procedure.

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

# **Governing document**

The Foundation is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association (dated 5th February 2008), and constitutes a company limited by guarantee. All members guarantee an amount not to exceed £10 payable in the event of the Foundation being wound up with a deficiency of assets.

At 31st March 2017, the only member was the holding company, BACP.

# Organisational structure

The Foundation was set up by BACP to undertake independent research into aspects of the counselling and psychotherapy profession independent of the Association.

The Board of Trustees currently constitutes two members of the BACP Board of Governors, the current Chair and Deputy Chair. All major decisions are ratified by the Board of Governors of BACP prior to implementation.

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06494624 (England and Wales)

# Registered Charity number

1135440

# Registered office

BACP House 15 St John's Business Park Lutterworth Leicestershire LE17 4HB

### **Trustees**

E M Schwenk

- resigned 15.7.2016

A R Reeves

F C Ballantine Dykes

M Thurston

- appointed 8.9.2016

# **Company Secretary**

C S Holmes

# **Senior Statutory Auditor**

Stuart Bolton FCA

# **Auditors**

Atkinson Finch & Co, Statutory Auditor Central Chambers 45-47 Albert Street Rugby Warwickshire CV21 2SG

# **CESSATION OF TRADING**

The charitable company ceased activities on 31st December 2016.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of BACP Research Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

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 to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4 STETEMTE 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

C S Holmes - Secretary

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BACP RESEARCH FOUNDATION

We have audited the financial statements of BACP Research Foundation for the year ended 31st March 2017 on pages six to ten. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities set out on page three, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

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 charitable company'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 Report of the Trustees 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its result, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit, the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements, and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements. In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Report of the Directors.

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BACP RESEARCH FOUNDATION

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.



Stuart Bolton FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Atkinson Finch & Co, Statutory Auditor
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Date: (8 -9-1)

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	2017 Total funds	2016 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities			40=44=	40# 44#	100 456
Pragmatic, Randomised Controlled Trial			105,245	105,245	122,456
Total		· -	105,245	105,245	122,456
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities	2			•	
Pragmatic, Randomised Controlled Trial	2		105,245	105,245	126,271
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	٠	-	-	-	(3,815)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		-	-		3,815
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		. · •	-	<u> </u>	· ·

# BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2017

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	2017 Total funds	2016 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CLIPPENT + COPEE					
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	6		1,210	1,210	33,956
Cash at bank	J	-	-	-	<u>26,979</u>
•					
		-	1,210	1,210	60,935
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	-	(1,210)	(1,210)	(60,935)
-					
NEW CHIPPIPM A COPIE					
NET CURRENT ASSETS		-	-	-	-
·		•			
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		•	-		-
			<del></del>		
NET ASSETS		-	-	_	-
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EXIMPO	8				
FUNDS Restricted funds	8			_	_
Resulting fullus				<del></del>	
TOTAL FUNDS				-	-

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14 SEPTEMBE 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

A R Reeves -Trustee

M Thurston -Trustee

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

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of preparing the financial statements

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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

## Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

### Income

All incoming resources are included in the period in which they are receivable.

#### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the recoverable amount due at the balance sheet date.

### Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

A proportion of the parent company's head office expenses are recharged to BACP Research Foundation. This is calculated on a head count basis. Staff costs are recharged as a proportion of total costs based on time spent.

### Creditors

Creditors are recognised at their settlement value when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date.

### **Taxation**

The company is a registered charity and as such its income and gains falling within Section 505(1)(e) Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 are exempt from corporation tax to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Board of 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 Board of Trustees for particular purposes. There are no designated funds.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes.

### 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs	Totals
	(See note 3)	
	£	£
Pragmatic, Randomised Controlled Trial	105,245	105,245

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

# 3. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2017	2016
•	£	£
Staff costs	4,740	15,509
Rates and water	120	367
Light and heat	125	420
Telephone	284	1,449
Printing and postage	160	601
Travel and subsistence	40	1,759
Computer maintenance and equipment	778	2,458
Cleaning and office expenses	175	559
Research costs	95,466	101,486
Bank charges	67	41
Subscriptions	365	362
Professional fees	1,630	120
Auditor's remuneration	1,295	1,140
	105,245	126,271

# 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2017 nor for the year ended 31st March 2016.

### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2017 nor for the year ended 31st March 2016.

# 5. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs are recharged from the ultimate parent company on an average time spent basis. The total recharged equates to less than one full time employee.

# 6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings	2017 £ 	2016 £ 33,956
		<u>1,210</u>	33,956
7.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		• '
	Amounts owed to group undertakings Accrued expenses	2017 £ 	2016 £ 36,560 24,375
		1,210	60,935

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

### 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement		
	At 1.4.16 £	in funds £	At 31.3.17 £
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TOTAL FUNDS	<del></del>		<del></del>
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:		•	
· .	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Restricted funds		•	
Pragmatic, Randomised Controlled Trial	105,245	(105,245)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	105,245	<u>(105,245</u> )	

# 9. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent undertaking of this company is British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy, a charity registered in the UK.

The consolidated accounts of British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy can be obtained from BACP House, 15 St John's Business Park, Lutterworth, Leicestershire LE17 4HB.

# 10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company's ultimate parent company, British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy, purchased services to the value of £105,245 (2016 - £122,456).

At 31st March 2017, the amount outstanding from the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy in respect of these services was £NIL (2016 - £33,956). There was also an amount of £1,210 owed by the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (2016 - £36,560 owing to the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) in respect of recharges made by the Association for running costs.

### 11. COMPANY GUARANTEE

British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy, being the sole member, guarantees an amount not to exceed £10, payable in the event of the company being wound up with a deficiency of net assets.