

THE BRAIN TRUST LIMITED (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Registered number 02383683 Charity number 1001012

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GUARANTEE)**

**UNAUDITED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY AND ITS TRUSTEES

Trustees

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Charity registered number

1001012

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R D Keene OBE

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of The Brain Trust Limited for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

The principal objective of the company is to promote education and training in cognitive techniques to maximise the ability of each and every individual to unlock and deploy the vast capacity of his or her brain.

The charitable objectives are to promote research into the study of thought processes, the investigation of the mechanisms of thinking, manifested in learning, understanding, communication, problem solving, creativity and decision making, to disseminate the results of such research and study, and to promote generally education and *training in cognitive processes and techniques and to develop and exploit new techniques in cognitive processes.*

b. Activities for achieving objectives

The charity does not undertake activities directly but makes grants to those organisations working to achieve the same objectives.

c. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The charity does not undertake activities directly. However it makes grants to those institutions working to achieve the same objectives and raises awareness through its fundraising. All grants made are for the public benefit in pursuance of the charity's objectives.

Achievements and performance

a. Key financial performance indicators

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As the charity does not undertake any activities directly there are not any particularly relevant KPIs. However of the donations received during the year totalling £153,627, £90,303 were granted to other organisations representing a contribution of 58.8% of income onwards.

b. Review of activities

Fund raising sources are made available from individuals and organisations who have an interest in supporting the charity. Expenditure is reviewed by the trustees and budgets are set and adhered to.

During the year, the company made twelve grants totalling £x (2016: £38,226) to charitable organisations spanning a range of activities which are in line with the charity's objectives.

By making donations to other organisations this provides those organisations with additional funding to pursue their objectives and thus, since their objectives are aligned by the choice of donee, it enables advancement in the pursuit of the objectives of the charity.

Financial review

a. Going concern

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

There was a general funds surplus of £854 at 31 March 2017 and this was as a result of the fact that the charity donates all monies received that are not utilised or retained for the running of the charity.

It is the policy of the charity to match income with resources expended. This policy provides sufficient funds to cover donations and administration costs. The trustees are of the opinion that it is not necessary to retain resources as there are no contingencies to anticipate.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed and by Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 15 May 1989.

The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity number 1001012.

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b. Method of appointment or election of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

The power to appoint new trustees is vested in the board. Recruitment of new trustees takes into account the board's strengths and any potential skill gaps. Any trustee may resign in writing and may be removed by unanimous resolution of the other trustees. The current trustees are responsible for the induction of any new trustees which involves awareness of trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administration procedures and the history of the charity.

c. Organisational structure and decision making

The trustees meet periodically during the year on a formal basis and whenever is required on an ad hoc basis. Day to day management of the charity is undertaken by the trustees.

d. Related party relationships

During the year to 31 March 2017 The Brain Trust Limited repaid a loan of £875 made by R D Keene OBE, a director.

e. Risk management

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

This report was approved by the trustees on 12 December 2017 and signed on their behalf by:


R D Keene OBE
Trustee

(2/12/2017)

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also directors of The Brain Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 of the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

I report on the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2017 which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

This report is made solely to the company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the company is not subject to audit under charity or company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



David Massey

Date: 13/12/2017

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

Unrestricted		Total	Total	
		funds	funds	funds
		2017	2017	2016
	Note	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	153,627	153,627	57,434
		<u>153,627</u>	<u>153,627</u>	<u>57,434</u>
Total income				
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	148,214	148,214	51,644
Total expenditure	5	<u>148,214</u>	<u>148,214</u>	<u>51,644</u>
Net income and Movement in funds		<u>5,413</u>	<u>5,413</u>	<u>5,790</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		<u>(4,559)</u>	<u>(4,559)</u>	<u>(10,349)</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>854</u></u>	<u><u>854</u></u>	<u><u>(4,559)</u></u>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2017

		2017		2016	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		854		2,016	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one Year	11	-		(6,575)	
Net current liabilities/surplus			854		(4,559)
Net liabilities			854		(4,559)
			854		(4,559)
Charity Funds					
Unrestricted funds	12		854		(4,559)
Total Funds/(deficit)		854		(4,559)	


The trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12 December 2017 and signed on their behalf, by:

R D Keene OBE

Trustee

 *oki* 12/12/2017

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

The Brain Trust Limited (A company limited by guarantee) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing these accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

No restatements were required.

1.3 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Cash at Bank and in hand

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

1.5 Income

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

Donations of cash or services are recognised on receipt. Donated services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the company which is the amount the company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Expenditure

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

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company. Support costs includes governance costs which are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

1.7 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

1.8 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. The charity's policies for its major classes of financial assets and financial liabilities are detailed in its accounting policies.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
	2017	2017	2016
	£	£	£
Donations	153,627	153,627	57,434

3. Analysis of grants

Grants of £5,000 or more were as follows:

	2017	2016
	£	£
World Memory Sports Council		5,100
World Speed Reading Council		5,750
World Creativity Council		5,200
World IQ Council Limited		5,000
World Mind Mapping Council		6,240
Institute for Brain Chemistry	14,400	
Professor Crawford Imperial College	12,350	
Donations of under £5,000	63,583	38,226

Grants have been analysed as per the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'FRS 102' published in January 2015.

4. Support Costs

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
	2017	2017	2016
	£	£	£
Accountancy fees			4,400
Professional fees	25,285	25,285	
Office costs	31,168	31,168	7,253
Bank charges	958	958	460
Website and IT	500	500	1,305
Total	57,911	57,911	13,418

5. Analysis of resources expended by expenditure type

Grant	Support	Total	Total
Funding	Costs	2017	2016
£	£	£	£
90,303	57,911	148,214	51,644

All costs were direct costs related to the provision of education and training in cognitive techniques.

6. Analysis of resources expended by activities

Grant	Support	Total	Total
Funding	Costs	2017	2016
£	£	£	£
90,303	57,911	148,214	51,644

All costs were direct costs related to the provision of education and training in cognitive techniques.

7. Net income

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration, benefits in kind and reimbursement of expenses (2016: NIL).

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £1,000 (2016 £4,400).

9. Staff costs

The company has no employees other than the trustees, who did not receive any remuneration (2016 - £NIL).

(2018 - 2017)

The company has no employees other than the trustees who did not receive any remuneration

2. Staff costs

£1,000 (2018 £4,400)

The independent Examiners remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of

3. Independent examiners remuneration

expenses (2018: nil)

4. No income

recognition

All costs were direct costs related to the provision of education and training in cognitive

2018	2017	2016	2015
£	£	£	£
Expenditure	Costs	Total	Total
£1,000	£4,400	£15,314	£1,841

5. Analysis of resources expended by activities

All costs were direct costs related to the provision of education and training in cognitive recognition

2018	2017	2016	2015
£	£	£	£
Expenditure	Costs	Total	Total
£1,000	£4,400	£15,314	£1,841

6. Analysis of resources expended by expenditure type

10. Taxation

Factors that may affect future tax charges

The Brain Trust Limited is a registered charity and it is not liable to taxation on its current activities.

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £	2016 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-
Other creditors	-	2,875
Accruals and deferred income	-	3,700
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,575</u>

12. Statement of funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Resources expended £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds - all funds	(4,559)	153,627	(148,214)	854

Summary of funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Resources expended £	Carried forward £
General funds	(4,559)	153,627	(148,214)	854

13. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2017 £	2016 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of financial activities)	5,413	5,790
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>5,413</u>	<u>5,790</u>

14. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

		2017 £	2016 £
Cash in hand		853	2,016
Total	853	2,016	

16. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee, the liability of the members being limited to £1 each.