



Registered charity no. 1162110

Annual Report

2025



TAKE TIME
TO TALK



Tou-Can

TalkFIRST Trustee Annual Report 2025

(Sept 2024 – Aug 2025)

Foreword by Chair – May 2026

Strategy, Spotlight and Sustainability

As one of the Mayor of Wigan’s two designated charities during 2025 it’s been a busy year, with more networking opportunities and increased exposure, raising our profile across the borough.

This year we seized an opportunity to take stock, ensuring that TalkFIRST remained not just current, but proactive about the future, both in terms of what we deliver and how we sustain our services.

The Changing Landscape

In a year when more than 1 in 5 pupils in England were identified as having special educational needs and disabilities (*the highest proportion since records began in their current form*)¹, and financial pressures prevailed as inflation remained above the Bank of England’s 2025 target, pressure on families and their relationships continued to increase.

As a small charity with limited resources, our operating environment remained challenging as ever. The need to remain focused on our USP was paramount. With a future focus on tailoring what we do best to current need, we embarked on a strategic, sustainable plan for the organisation that would best support the evolving and ever-growing needs of the families we support.

¹ Dept of Education “special Educational Needs in England” – Jan 2025

About Us

TalkFIRST was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in June 2015 and was operational immediately. The CIO is a development of its predecessor Resolutions, a Community Interest Company, set up in 2012, operational from 2013.

All work; finances and staff were seamlessly transferred into the CIO. We are based in a central location in the borough, offering easy access from all areas.

Governance

Our trustees understand their legal obligations and are committed to ensuring solvency, and compliance under charity law. Our Trustee's Code of Conduct reinforces all aspects of the constitution, our policies and practice which are subject to annual review.

Trustee board meetings have taken place monthly and all meetings minuted to ensure transparency and accountability.

Our Board of Trustees



Martine Delaney
Chair



Mitesh Halai
Trustee



Brian Rees
Trustee



Emma Klieve
Trustee



Lee Whalley
Trustee



Damon Musgrove
Trustee

Our Staff



Tracy Sheppard
Manager & Mediator



Martine Delaney
Mediator



Christine Boydell
Administrator



Stacey Keggin
Taking Time To Talk/Tou-Can



Beverley McIntyre
Taking Time To Talk/Tou-Can

Our Vision, Our Mission and Our Charitable Objectives

Our Vision is:

To resolve conflict and inspire positive communication, recognising that healthy and supportive relationships are the cornerstone to aspire and achieve.

Our Mission Statement is:

To empower individuals and families in all their forms to improve communication and build better family life.

Our charitable objectives are:-

To support children, young people and their families who are at risk of family conflict, anti-social behaviour, criminal activities or relationship breakdown, through the provision of family mediation, family support and group work activities.



Our family mediation and relationship support services

Guided by our Vision and our Mission Statement, we provide bespoke, future focused relationship services, working with families in all forms including inter-generational, non-blood, extended, stepfamilies, LGBTQ, carers, kinship and special guardians.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Strengthening Relationships, Supporting Wellbeing,
Building Resilience

Every family faces challenges at different stages of life. Through our Family Support Services, we provide practical support, specialist guidance and opportunities for positive change, helping families build stronger relationships and brighter futures.



ACCREDITED FAMILY MEDIATION

Supporting families to resolve disputes constructively and make informed decisions for the future through accredited family mediation services.



TOU-CAN

Perinatal & Early Years
Mental Health Family Support

Supporting parents and carers during pregnancy, infancy and the early years through specialist emotional wellbeing and mental health support.



TAKING TIME TO TALK

Relationship-focused support that strengthens communication, improves understanding and includes Special Guardianship Mediation.



Our Family Support Services provide families with the opportunity to improve communication, strengthen relationships and access support at the moments they need it most.



- Family mediation provided through the Family Mediation Council (FMC) Accreditation programme enables separating or divorcing couples to work with an FMC Accredited Mediator to resolve child arrangements or address property and finance matters.

- FMC Accredited Child Inclusive Mediation gives children a voice in an age-appropriate way that helps inform struggling parents about their thoughts, feelings and wishes.
- The Ministry of Justice Family Mediation Voucher Scheme supports families with access to financial help with the cost of mediating about children arrangements.
- Grant funding helps underpin our Tou-Can initiative supporting the perinatal and early years agenda, promoting attachment and child development. This year saw further expansion as we prepared to launch Tou-Can2 at a second community centre in the borough in collaboration with Wigan Borough Communities First.
- Our continued collaboration with the Brick-by-Brick project supports our Tou-Can and Take Time To Talk parents and carers by bringing, everyday essentials and consumer items to those that need them most and helping household budgets stretch a little further.
- Grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund enabled us to develop our free Take Time to Talk service supporting struggling families who are experiencing conflict and relationship problems.

Our Reach

Our grant funded Taking Time to Talk and Tou-Can initiatives focused upon free local service delivery in the Wigan Borough.

Our grant funded Kinship Mediation Service supported by Awards For All extended beyond Wigan's boundaries, and thanks to recommendations and remote working technology, our Accredited Family Mediation Service continued to extend as far as Scotland and Wales.

TalkFIRST nationally and locally



Highlights of our year 2024-2025

- ★ Local businessman and entrepreneur, Mitesh Halai joined our Board of Trustees, bringing with him a wealth of expertise and business acumen.
- ★ As our participation in the Wigan Mayoral year continued, we enjoyed a host of networking opportunities, increasing awareness of our portfolio of services and our profile generally.
- ★ With grant funding from Awards For All we launched our free Kinship Mediation service, supporting families with special guardianship arrangements to communicate and manage, often complex family relationships.
- ★ As our Building Better Relationships initiative was superseded by Take Time to Talk with the help of National Lottery Community Fund, we added a dedicated children's worker to our offering, providing support to enable and facilitate the child's voice within Take Time To Talk conversations.

- ★ Through collaboration with Wigan Borough Communities First we laid plans for expansion of our Tou-Can project, to a second venue in the borough where we'll be able to increase the reach of our support to parents and carers about attachment and child development in the perinatal and early years stages.
- ★ Connect 5 delivery of mental health training in collaboration with Wigan Public Health Services continued as we normalised the conversation on mental health and upskilled the general population to better understand and talk about mental health and wellbeing.
- ★ Supported by the Family Mediation Voucher Scheme, our Accredited Family Mediation Service, continued to grow, generating increased sustainability.
- ★ We joined Radio M29 in a podcast interview about how TalkFIRST came about and our family and relationship support services.
- ★ Strategic support from the Cranfield trust created an opportunity to take stock and plan ahead as we created a three year plan for TalkFIRST's direction and development.
- ★ Fundraising opportunities came thick and fast as we switched focus this year to supporting the Mayoral year events and those of Wigan and Leigh Hospice (*with whom we shared Mayor's nominated charity status*). Our highlights included: -
 - Mayor's Canal Cruise
 - Wigan Pride Celebration
 - Mayor's Charity Ball
 - Wigan and Leigh Hospice Easter and Christmas Fairs

- ★ As the mayoral year concluded in May 2025, we embarked on capital investment plans to upgrade TalkFIRST's case management systems and refurbish our mediation rooms, achieving greater administrative efficiencies and creating a more welcoming mediation space.



Accredited Family Mediation

With the Family Court Service in England and Wales actively encouraging parties to explore the option of mediation before embarking on litigation, and with increased visibility amongst local law firms and social care agencies, our Accredited Family Mediation Service which continued to grow.



As Property and Finance mediation for separating and divorcing couples increased in tandem with enquiries for Children Arrangements mediation our mix of services saw horizontal and vertical expansion.

Continued financial support via the non-means tested, Family Mediation Voucher Scheme from the Ministry of Justice, provided the financial means for many families to access Accredited Family Mediation.

This enabled many parents to navigate separation and divorce constructively, as they pressed “reset”, forging new co-parenting arrangements for separated family life.

The growth of this service has increased unrestricted income generated in support of our ambition and vision toward sustainability and financial independence.

Kinship Mediation

With grant funding from Awards For All we launched our Kinship Mediation service, specifically curated to support family relationships where a child cannot live with their biological parent(s) and instead lives with a member of the extended family under a Special Guardianship Order.



Take Time To Talk

Following feedback from our beneficiaries last year we learned that 80% of the young people we worked with had a diagnosis or were awaiting assessment for Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), or Autistic Spectrum Disorder.



Listening to the needs of our beneficiaries we understood the potential benefit a children’s support worker could bring to assist parent / child conversations and remodelled our free family conflict and relationship service to accommodate this as we launched Take Time To Talk with funding from The National Lottery Community Fund.

Tou-Can - Supporting the Perinatal & Early Years Agenda

With the benefit of feedback from our beneficiaries about the need for support beyond the perinatal phase we made changes to include early years parents, carers and children, in our service delivery.



Reflecting on demand for a second Tou-Can session in the borough we collaborated with Wigan Borough Communities First laying plans for the launch of Tou-Can 2 in September 2025.



The Future – Strategy & Sustainability

Ever mindful of the uncertainty that flows from ever increasing pressures upon the grant funding industry, with prospects of success often standing at less than 5%, we continued to seek out and engage with well-matched funding partners who share our vision.

As beneficiary feedback continued to shape our service delivery, we took time out with the Cranfield Trust to take stock and review our strategy and direction for the road ahead.

Assessing beneficiary needs in tandem with future costs and reality testing existing capabilities was essential in an ever-changing landscape impacted by not just economic and social changes, but developments in social care and the family court service.

Working with the Cranfield Trust we created a bespoke business plan that identified opportunities and established direction for the coming years with opportunity to promote increased sustainability prospects through

expansion of our Accredited Family Mediation service, which generates unrestricted income.

This plan is intermittently reviewed by our passionate Board of Trustees on dedicated Strategy Days, ensuring TalkFIRST's service delivery remains focused and relevant.



A Trustee's Perspective: Lee Whalley

Being a Trustee of TalkFIRST - why it matters to me

A while ago, I found myself going through one of 'those' chapters in life—the kind that tests your resilience and makes you re-evaluate what's important. During that time, TalkFIRST was a quiet lifeline. Their support didn't just help me—it shaped me. It gave me perspective, community, and a renewed sense of purpose.



Fast forward to today, and I'm proud to sit on the other side of the table—as a Trustee for the very charity that helped me through.

Giving back isn't just a nice phrase we toss around—it's powerful. It grounds you. Being a trustee isn't just about meetings and governance (though, yes, there's a bit of that too!). It's about using your experience—personal and professional—to help steer a cause that genuinely makes a difference.

For me, it's about paying it forward. About ensuring that TalkFIRST can continue reaching others who might be in the same position I once was.

It's one of the best decisions I've ever made.

If you've ever thought about becoming a trustee—especially for a cause that means something to you—I'd highly recommend it. You bring more to the table than you think.

Funding

This year, we have received £147,067 in grants from: Groundwork, National Lottery Community Fund's Reaching Communities, and Awards For All programmes, Trusthouse, Making a Difference Locally, Wigan Council and The Coalfield Regeneration Trust.

We thank our funders for their support; without it we could not provide the level of service to the families who need us.

In addition, we generated £45,807 unrestricted income through our mediation services and fundraising.

Fundraising Strategy, Partnership & Next Steps

The one thing we've learned along our fundraising journey, is how important collaboration is. This year has been a fantastic opportunity to showcase TalkFIRST and our services. With a spotlight from the Mayor of Wigan's Charity, we've enjoyed greater visibility and made some fantastic contacts, sharing ideas, expertise and mutual support.

We take this opportunity to thank all our partners, public, private and voluntary, for their support. From local solicitor referrals for family mediation to the health and social care professionals and the voluntary and community organisations who champion our services, but most of all this year Debbie Parkinson the 2024-2025 Mayor of Wigan and her committee who showcased our charity and has fundraised endlessly throughout the year.



We look ahead to the coming year with optimism and focus on the increased possibilities for collaboration and creativity.

Beneficiaries & outcomes

MEDIATION

We received 119 referrals for family mediation, many of which came by way of recommendation.

Other routes to referral included family solicitors, social care, schools and local VCFSE organisations. A total of 418 individuals benefitted from our service.

TAKE TIME TO TALK

54 families, comprising of 171 individuals benefited from our new Take Time To Talk initiative, completing work with us.

TOUCAN

31 families, comprising 39 adults and 63 children, benefited from Tou-Can's perinatal and Early Years support.

A Taste of What We Do - Tou-Can Perinatal & Early Years Support

Tou-Can is a popular local resource for parents and their little ones. We offer a chance to meet other mum, dads and caregivers, and take part in themed activities and play. Our group facilitator, Bev is on hand for with a listening ear, advice and guidance, where needed.

As well as being great fun, Tou-Can supports the development of the all-important parent-child bond, and the good mental health and wellness of parents and children alike.

How we support families:

Theo was two and a half when he came to Tou-Can with his mum, and sometimes grandma. Theo had a tricky time interacting with other children, and didn't always want to share or play. His mum and grandma struggled to understand his behaviour, and were understandably, worried and frustrated.

We supported all family members, whether through chats with mum, playing with Theo, helping him focus, and supporting play and interaction between mum and son. We decided to set up the group a little earlier each week, and allow Theo to come 15 minutes earlier than other families, to see if a quieter integration helped him manage. Theo soon got used to the routine, and other children, and showed less anxiety as he became calmer and more resilient.

When it was time for Theo to leave our group and go to nursery, his grandma said:

"this group has been brilliant for our Theo and Demi (mum). Demi is more relaxed and not getting on at him nearly so much, and we're much less worried about him starting nursery. Coming here has made a real difference to us all"

Family Mediation Voucher Scheme

With the benefit of the Ministry of Justice Family Mediation Voucher Scheme separated parents have been able to use the voucher to mediate with TalkFIRST, securing two cost-free mediation sessions in which they have navigated out how they can jointly meet the needs of their children, through mutual understanding and future-focussed, child-centred negotiations.

This initiative has been a genuine asset to the families TalkFIRST supports, enabling those parents to come to us without the financial pressures that otherwise might not have been able to afford our services.

Family Mediation Feedback

"The thought of going to mediation was really daunting after a difficult and emotional separation. Coming to TalkFIRST, I felt heard and validated. Tracy shared lots of helpful information. She took the time to help me see through the chaos and focus on what mattered most; my family and making sure we were all going to be ok. Thank you!"

Our Vision For 2025-2026

With increased mediation referrals and an ever-watchful eye on local service provision, we are looking ahead to sustain and shape our grant funded and income-generating initiatives in line with changing needs.

Capitalising on existing partnerships and exploring new collaborations, we look ahead to 2026 with hope and optimism about making family life happier for everyone.

Reserves Policy

The reserve parameters identified aim to provide financial stability and the means for the development of our principal activities. To protect TalkFIRST and its beneficiaries and employees, TalkFIRST intends to establish and maintain reserves at a level sufficient to cover approximately six months running costs plus requisite redundancy considerations. Reserves will be utilised in the following manner: - 1. In the event of a drop in income; to protect against short-term fluctuations 2. In the event of a drop in income to make provision for necessary redundancy payments should the organisation find it is unable to sustain staffing levels 3. To allow TalkFIRST to take advantage of new opportunities aligned with its aims.

To achieve this, we will aim to put £5k per year into reserves from unrestricted (mediation) income until that level is achieved. Requisite reserve figures will be reviewed annually in accordance with current staffing and other relevant responsibilities to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil our continuing obligations.

Income £192,874 Expenditure £176,863

TALKFIRST

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 August 2025

Registered number: CE003520

Charity number: 1162110

TALKFIRST
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15 May 2026 and signed on their behalf, by:



M. DELANEY
Chair

Date 15 May 2026

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

Company number CE003520

TALKFIRST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The accounts have been prepared in compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Charity Accounts.

Income and Expenditure is recognised in the accounts on the accruals basis at the date on which an asset is recognised or a liability incurred.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

1.2 Income

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.3 Taxation

The company is exempt from Taxation on income arising from activities in carrying out, and investment income applied only for, the company's main charitable purpose.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS

	Grants 2025 £	Other income 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Voluntary income	<u>147,887</u>	<u>45,897</u>	<u>193,784</u>	<u>129,562</u>

3. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

	Support costs 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities			
Charitable expenditure	<u>178,863</u>	<u>178,863</u>	<u>117,428</u>

4. CREDITORS:

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Social security and other taxes	-	1,134
Deferred income	-	-
Loans	4,752	4,752
Other Creditors	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>5,252</u>	<u>6,386</u>
Amounts falling due over one year		
Loans	1,634	2,435

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

5. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<i>Restricted Funds 2025 £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2025 £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2024 £</i>
Net current assets/(liabilities)	72,017	72,017	61,537
Creditors: Due after one year	<u>(1,894)</u>	<u>(1,894)</u>	<u>(7,435)</u>
Total	<u>70,123</u>	<u>70,123</u>	<u>54,102</u>

6. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a Share Capital. Each member gives a guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 to the company should it be wound up.

At 31st August 2025 there were 7 members.

TALKFIRST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF
TALKFIRST

Related Party Disclosures

During the year the trustee M. Delaney was employed by the charity and received remuneration of £31,276 (2024:£26,965).

Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

The directors and trustees are required by law to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements the directors and trustees are required to:-

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 company will continue in business.

The directors and trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small Company Status

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

Signed by order of the Board of Trustees and the Directors



M. Delaney
Chair



TALKFIRST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF
TALKFIRST

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

The trustees have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its surplus/(deficit) for the financial year.

In accordance with the instructions, we have prepared the financial statements on pages 7 – 12 from the accounting records of the company and on the basis of information and explanations we have been given.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 trustees have not met the requirements:
 - * To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and S386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - * To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement 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; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF
TALKFIRST



K Bloomfield CPAA
For and on behalf of
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Date: 1st June 2026

TALKFIRST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

		Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
	Note			
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	2	<u>192,874</u>	<u>192,874</u>	<u>129,562</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>192,874</u>	<u>192,874</u>	<u>129,562</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of generating funds				
Charitable activities	3	<u>178,883</u>	<u>178,883</u>	<u>117,438</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>178,883</u>	<u>178,883</u>	<u>117,438</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS				
		<u>18,911</u>	<u>18,911</u>	<u>9,134</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
Fund balances at 1 September 2024		<u>54,102</u>	<u>54,102</u>	<u>44,928</u>
FUND BALANCES AT 31 August 2025		<u>79,113</u>	<u>79,113</u>	<u>54,102</u>

**TALKFIRST
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2024 £	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and bank in hand			<u>77,289</u>		<u>67,823</u>	
			77,289		67,823	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4		<u>(8,352)</u>		<u>(6,390)</u>	
Net current assets	5			<u>73,917</u>		<u>61,537</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			73,917		61,537	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year	4		<u>(1,894)</u>		<u>(7,436)</u>	
NET ASSETS			<u>73,113</u>		<u>54,102</u>	
CHARITY FUNDS						
Restricted funds				<u>73,113</u>		<u>54,102</u>

The directors and trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of S.469 of the Companies Act 2006.

No notice from the members under S.478 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring the company to have an audit has been deposited with the company.

The directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with S.386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing accounts, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company at 31st August 2023 and of its net expenditure for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of S.390, but which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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TALKFIRST
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Trustees

M. Delaney (Chair)

E. Klenne

B. Rees (resigned 01/09/2025)

D. Musgrove

L. Whalley

S. Martland

M. Vajli Halal (appointed 01/09/2024)

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TALKFIRST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF
TALKFIRST

Reference and Administration Information

The Trustees, who are also the 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 31 August 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 and updated May 2008.

Talkfirst is a company limited by guarantee and a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales under number 1162110. The Trustees of the charity and the principle advisers of the charity are listed on page 1.

Structure, Governance and Management

The report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Objectives and Activities of the Charity

The main objectives of the charity are to support children, young people and their families who are at risk of family conflict, anti-social behavior, criminal activity or relationship breakdown, through the provision of family mediation, family support and group work activities.

Results

A summary of the results of the year's activities is incorporated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

All revenue from the charitable activities are restricted and applied for the charitable objectives of the company.

During the year the charity continued to deliver the Reaching Communities/Partnerships programme with funds received from the National Lottery Community Fund in the prior year, totalling £56,418.

Directors and Trustees

The directors and trustees during the year were as follows:-

M. Delaney (Chair)
B. Rees (resigned 01/09/2025)
D. Musgrove
L. Whalley
E. Kieve
S. Merland
M. Vajli Halai (appointed 01/09/2024)

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Date: 10 May 2026