

Brainwave
Unlocking Children's Potential

Annual Review 2022

A brief insight into our financial year.



Transforming childrens lives

Brainwave has been transforming the lives of children with physical and cognitive disabilities since 1982, providing bespoke specialist multidisciplinary therapy such as speech and language, physiotherapy, sensory integration, and learning development. During the year, we continued to achieve life-changing outcomes for the children and families we supported, and we are proud to share our impact report for the year.

Activities

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Our multidisciplinary team of qualified therapists support and empower families to deliver therapy for their children at home, to increase their strength, mobility, communication, relationships, and co-ordination, to reach their potential and live more independent fulfilled lives.
All therapies are based on the principle of neuroplasticity, which helps the brain find new pathways, providing regular repetition of newly acquired skills. Families are empowered to deliver home-based therapy sessions in-between assessments (4–6-month intervals), during which time, we are in regular contact providing essential equipment for home use and offering support/advice based on current and future families' needs and aspirations.

Outputs

In 2022, we conducted 191 assessments for children with various conditions, including developmental delay, cerebral palsy, and autism spectrum disorder. Among these 63 were new children for initial assessments with 128 having reassessments. Our team of specialists worked with children with a range of conditions, including chromsome/ genetic disorders, muscular dystrophy/atrophy, and acquired brain injury.
We also worked with children who had the following conditions:

- Cerebella Hypoplasia
- Down Syndrome
- Metabolic disorders
- Undiagnosed
- Epilepsy
- Agenesis of the Corpus Collosum

Service Development

The launch of our Outreach Hubs in the SE, NW and Scotland, and home visits, have enabled us to reach more families, who are experiencing barriers to access specialist therapy support, due to geographical, social, and financial restrictions. In addition, being awarded Level 1 sponsorship status has helped to facilitate the expansion of the team, which will help us to achieve a wider reach.

67 Certificates of achievement

Outcomes

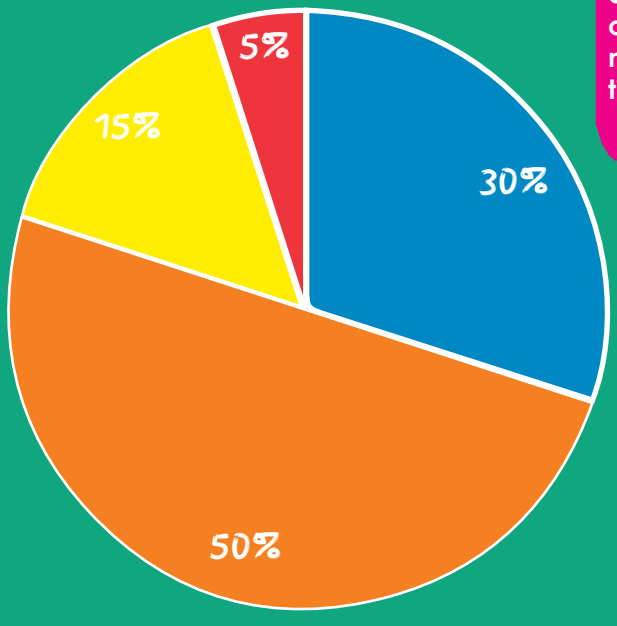
We awarded 67 certificates of achievement and progress in 2022. These certificates recognised significant improvements in areas such as sitting up and walking independently, improved attention, and understanding single words. The progress made by the children we support is significant to them and their families and their ability to manage and cope with their child's condition.

Other awards included:

- Sitting up from lying independently.
- Improved attention.
- Improved head control.
- Using Makaton signs for 'More' & 'please.'
- Crawling independently.
- Standing up from the floor independently.

15% of the children we saw maintained their abilities, preventing the development of greater muscle contractures, scoliosis, or loss of physical skills. These are often children with 4 limb cerebral palsy, metabolic conditions, or severe epilepsy.

5% of children have degenerative conditions and we aim to maintain their abilities and quality of life for as long as possible. These children often have muscular dystrophy, muscular atrophy, and degenerative genetic conditions.



50% of children made some progress, which is significant to them and their families and helps them manage and cope with their child's condition. Often these are children with cerebral palsy, epilepsy, chromosome, or genetic abnormalities.

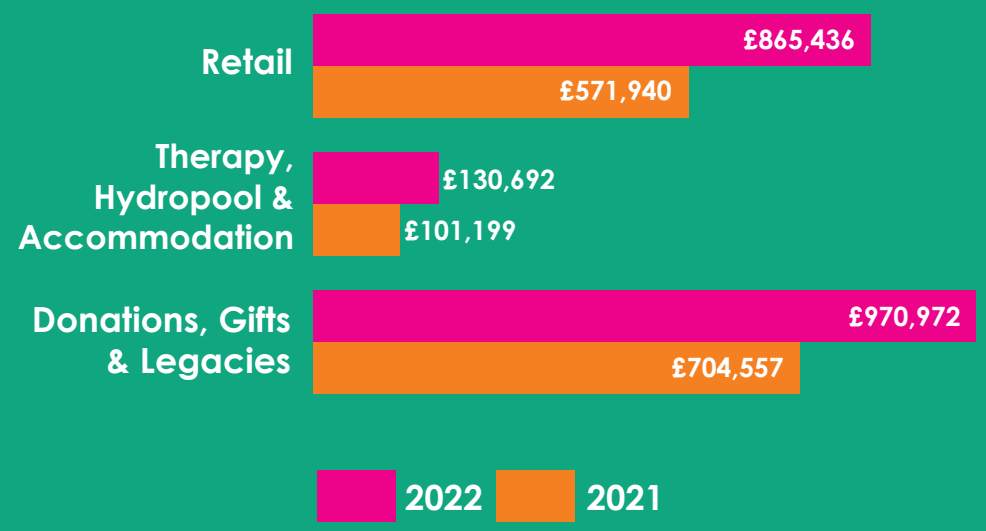
30% made significant progress, often dependent on their diagnosis. Children with Down syndrome, for example, are likely to learn to sit up, stand, and walk, so they often make good progress up to the age of around eight years old.

"April 2019 was our last visit to Brainwave, and today's visit, with Bethan and Shreya, confirmed just how much we've missed it. We left feeling so positive about the future, knowing we have the tools and activities at home to enable our son to progress further. Bethan and Shreya were in simple terms, just awesome, and we can't wait to see them again in October."

Summary Financials

Income generation has been positive and ahead of 2021 figures across all income streams. Expenditure on Therapy has increased with a new therapist joining the team. Please see the audited Annual Report and Accounts for full details on income and expenditure for the year ending 2022.

Income 2022 v 2021



Expenditure 2022 v 2021









Future plans

During the next 12-18 months we aim to reach even more new families, as well as continuing to provide support to those already known to us. We will achieve this from our Centre in the SW, outreach hubs, (two each in the SE, NW, and Scotland), as well as Home Visits, and Brainwave online.

We will also expand our team through the recruitment of a further Speech and Language therapist, which will increase our capacity to deliver more outreach hubs reaching even more children and families.

Awareness raising continues to be a priority for us, however we need to strike a balance between increasing demand and being able to meet this. Therefore we will be measured in our approach and increase our activities in line with our capacity. Financial stability is key to our future sustainability and more longer-term trust and foundation fundraising is part of our strategy for achieving this, with successful applications already for £400k over the next three years.

We will continue to be at the forefront of addressing the impact the pandemic and now cost of living crisis has had, and is still having, on the children and families we support. Through our UK wide multidisciplinary therapy programme, we will reach new families and continue to provide support to those already known to us.

Summary

There is no doubt that the current financial crisis has been challenging for us, and the families we support, and though the generosity of our funders we have been able to provide more support to families though our Therapy Access Fund. This means that most of the families we support currently only need to pay a £50 deposit to access an assessment.

Our team of frontline specialist therapists and support staff bring an array of experience and skills to new and existing families. We provide accessible advice and assistance throughout their journey, something we are all extremely proud to be a part of.

Without the hard work of our team (both paid and voluntary) and the generosity of supporters, funders, and patrons, we would not be able to achieve all we do. We thank everyone in our Brainwave family for enabling us to reach more children with disabilities and additional needs, enabling them to reach their potential.

In 2022 we celebrated our 40th anniversary of achieving life changing outcomes for the children we support and during this time we delivered:



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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 November 2022 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds Charity Shops £	Unrestricted funds Other Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Donations, gifts, and legacies	3	100	827,580	143,292	970,972
Grant income	3	-	5,000	-	5,000
Charitable activities	4	-	-	130,692	130,692
Other trading activities:					
Income from charity shops	5	840,116	-	-	840,116
Rental income	5	-	25,320	-	25,320
Investment income	6	-	307	-	307
Other income	7	-	3,420	-	3,420
Total Income		840,216	861,627	273,984	1,975,827
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds – Costs of generating voluntary income	8	-	374,539	-	374,539
Raising funds – Trading cost of goods sold	8	816,191	-	-	816,191
Charitable activities	9	-	516,706	246,229	762,935
Total Expenditure		816,191	891,245	246,229	1,953,665
Net income/(expenditure)		24,025	(29,618)	27,755	22,162
Transfers between funds		(24,025)	(4,609)	28,634	-
Net movement in funds		-	(34,227)	56,389	22,162
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		-	547,714	529,900	1,077,614
Total funds carried forward	22	-	513,487	586,289	1,099,776

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(Registration number:03666739)
Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	815,697	816,864
Investments	15	2	2
		815,699	816,866
Current assets			
Debtors	16	38,559	33,570
Cash at bank and in hand	17	592,142	666,396
		630,701	699,966
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(308,291)	(355,224)
Net current assets		322,410	344,742
Total assets less current liabilities		1,138,109	1,161,608
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(38,333)	(83,994)
Net assets		1,099,776	1,077,614
Funds of the Charity:			
Restricted		586,289	529,900
Unrestricted funds		513,487	547,714
Total funds	22	1,099,776	1,077,614

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on **8 June 2023.**