

## Minutes from the Kids Care Working Group

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### Participants

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### Review of last 3 months

- The Grand Auction raised 3k and set the model for future fundraising – less frequent but better organised and wider spread. Campaigns for auction items have already started for the next event in Jun.
- Focus has transferred onto building relationships with businesses, resulting in four online stores which added Kids Care buttons for donations. All volunteers are to take up the initiative to offer the functionality to their friends who own businesses.
- For details of all activities by month, see our newsletter here:  
<http://www.kidscarecharity.co.uk/documents>

### Meeting with our partners in Bulgaria

#### 1. Foster care provider “Sauchastie” – Varna

- a. The organisation explores the programme “Sure Start” for prevention of abandonment and increasing the parental capacity of the risk families.
- b. Current families – 30
- c. Children in foster care currently – 36
- d. 7 new families have been trained and registered as foster families, 4 of which have now been placed with children.
- e. Additional funding of 1050 BGN was provided for medical care.
- f. A walker was bought for Melanie, who suffers from cerebral palsy, which cost 2190 BGN.
- g. We discussed the demolition of 40 houses in the Roma ghetto Maksuda – Varna and the increased risk this brought of abandonment as these families have nowhere to go.
- h. The Council has started to support the foster families, while we’ll remain focused on work with the children. We can still campaign for applicants, train and research them, but will have less administrative work to write reports for the family; the Council will do this going forward.

#### 2. Foster care provider “Samaritans” - Stara Zagora

- a. The Council of Stara Zagora has chosen a new foster care provider ISDP and “Samaritans” no longer provide this service as of 1 Oct 2015. Kids Care is negotiating the conditions to continue to support the municipality via the new foster care provider.

### Q3 plans

1. Prevention of abandonment – provide starter packs for new borns to risk families, in order to enable them to look after the baby in the first days and encourage the bonding. The packs will include nappies, clothes, cosmetics, etc.
2. 21 Nov – working group at DL’s to prepare decorated New Year’s sticks to sell
3. 28 Nov – presentation and raffle at the birthday party of the group Bulgarian Professionals in UK

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/BULGARIANPROFESSIONALSUK/?FREF=TS](https://www.facebook.com/groups/BULGARIANPROFESSIONALSUK/?fref=ts)

4. Saturday, 5 Dec at the Bulgarian School in Barking  
[WWW.BULGARIANFOOD.CO.UK](http://WWW.BULGARIANFOOD.CO.UK)
5. Saturday 12 Dec at the Bulgarian Nursery “Happy Days”, 12:00  
[HTTPS://WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/I-ANGELOVA3](https://www.justgiving.com/I-ANGELOVA3)
6. Sunday, 13 Dec at Walthamstow Academy, E17 5DP, 16:00  
[HTTPS://BGKIDS.YAPSODY.COM/EVENT/BOOK/18713/125317](https://bgkids.yapsody.com/event/book/18713/125317)

### Actions

1. IR to send DL details of the programme Sure Start.
2. IR to send DL pictures of Mariika with the wheelchair, so we can raise funds for that.
3. IR to find out how many children remain in the institution.
4. DL and IR to prepare a separate contract for the additional funding.
5. JA to prepare questions which can be raised with Mr Vitov, who is a MP.
6. JA to analyse the expenses needed for starter packs for new borns and emergency placements in foster care.
7. DL to send JA pdf bank statements to prepare the Annual Return.
8. DL and JA to prepare the pack for remote adoption.
9. JA to apply for registration with the Charities Commission.
10. DL to prepare a campaign for Melanie’s wheelchair.
11. DL to investigate opportunities for cooperation with the new foster care provider in Stara Zagora.
12. DL to organise Christmas fundraising