

Asha

North Staffordshire
Social inclusion for Asylum Seekers & Refugees



Asha North Staffordshire Annual Trustees Report

From: 01 September 2018

To: 31 August 2019

Reference and Administration

Charity Name: Asha North Staffordshire

Also Known By: ASHA

Registered in England and Wales. Charity No. 1176934. Company No. CE013097

Principal Address: Unit 7, Hanley Business Park, Cooper Street, Hanley
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST1 4DW

Charity Trustees from 01 September 2017:

Chair: Kevin Saunty, Chief Executive, Sporting Communities

Secretary: Angela Glendenning (Retd). Formerly Chair of the North Staffs Racial Equality Council and PARINS and a non-executive director of Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

Hon. Treasurer: Jenny Dennis, Service Manager Early Years and Childcare, Oldham Council

Members: John Walsh (Retd). Formerly a Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Officer.

Sporting Communities representative (co-opted)

Type of Advisor:

Name: Stoke-on-Trent Voluntary Action

Address:

The Dudson Centre

Hope Street

Stoke- on- Trent

ST1 5DD

(For advice on finance and policies)

Members of Staff

1. Godefroid Seminega BSc (Hons) & MPH Charity Service manager (Full time)
2. Jane Bailey- Charity Deputy Manager (22 hours per week)
3. Charlotte Swann, Befriending & Asylum Seekers Development Coordinator (12 hours per week)
4. Lydia Mugoyikazi – Women & Children Support Worker (18 hours per week)
5. Facinet Keita, Digital Health Support Worker, sessional worker (6 hours per week)
6. Dr Alvin Bampton- Information & Technology

Description of the Charity's Trust

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted: Association

Trustee Selection Methods: Appointed by Trustees elected from the membership at a general meeting

Additional Governance Issues: On 1st February 2018, Asha North Staffordshire became Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO) with 1176934 (Charity registration) & CE013097 (Company)

Introduction

Asha was registered as a charity 2006. Today Asha welcomes men, women and families from all over the world and works to lessen their social isolation, increase access to information/resources, reduce the delay in accessing support, promote harmony and aid the integration between refugees and the local community.

Need outstrips demand and Asha is constantly seeking ways of making better use of its resources. Developing services for destitute asylum seekers (see below) remains a priority by targeting those most excluded, this includes asylum seekers whose application has been unsuccessful, lone parents with children, families living with illnesses such as, HIV/AIDS, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, victims of rape, female genital mutilation and sexual violence.

Asha is supported by the British Red Cross, Refugee Action, Keele University's Language Learning Unit, Trinity Church Leek and Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit, other faith groups, organisations and individual donors.

(Destitute asylum seekers are those whose application has been unsuccessful, who are not deported for humanitarian reasons)

***Asha supports asylum seekers to live in safety
and with dignity.***

Asha's provides several services; these include:

- Making donated food available for destitute asylum seekers and families in crisis
- Providing donated clothing for those who need it.
- Hosting a weekly British Red Cross Drop-In and follow-up appointments on Mondays and Fridays
- Collecting and reconditioning donated bicycles for asylum seekers.
- Organising English classes and one-to-one tuition in association with Keele University's Learning Language Unit.
- Computer Lessons
- Social Inclusion & Community learning (healthy life style, community safety, life in the UK, etc..)
- Educational trips
- Women's Club to lessen social isolation and develop self-esteem and confidence
- Children's Club to support school integration, self-esteem and confidence and to increase school attainment, being happier
- Football for men
- Internet facilities & Digital Hub
- Casework, advice, advocacy and signposting
- Recreational activities
- Opportunities for asylum seekers to volunteer alongside Asha staff
- A friendly welcoming environment where people can drop-in, have a drink and relax
- Immigration advice
- Befriending programme

Asha 2018-2019 in Numbers

Summary of the Year

- From September 2018 to August 2019 Asha offered 32223 services, which increased up to 35% compare to last year, with a total of 9537 visit from service users.
- 963 asylum seekers and refugees utilised Asha North Staffordshire, representing around 98% of all asylum seekers living in North Staffordshire.

General Advice Service

Drop in advice services facilitated by 4 case workers available 4 days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., asylum seekers can access information and support such as contacting an immigration solicitor, housing, health, reference, schools, signposting, etc..

General Impact:

- 525 people were referred to British Red cross and supported for special advice needs
- 108 women attended women's club
- 63 asylum seeker men attended men's club
- 3472 food parcels were given to destitute asylum seekers in last 6 months from September 2019
- 198 asylum seekers children were supported through the year
- 58 bicycles were donated to asylum seekers for mobility
- Integration asylum seekers into the community through sports events were organised and over 200 people attended the lunch of social inclusion and a litter pick activity which was carried out in the biggest local Public Park (Hanley and surrounding areas). This was well supported by the local community and local leaders .
- 247 asylum seekers have benefited from Refugee Digital health project, e.g they learnt how to use My GP application, NHS111, health registration online, online health promotion,etc..
- 33 local community organisations have been contacted/engaged in a community volunteering programme for asylum seekers and refugees
- We work with British Red Cross new programme " Anti-trafficking" As a result of this we were able to refer our service users and receive support within 3 days and also receive emotional support and counselling from our services.
- 29 asylum seekers and refugees supported/trained to become peer volunteers and volunteering within the local community organisations
- 1255 asylum seekers visited the charity clothes's donation room
- All asylum seeker visited the Asha centre had a wifi facilities and internet

Projects and Impact

1. Asylum Seekers and Refugees Wellbeing Services

1.1. Women's Club

- 811 attendances in the women's club through the year
- an average of 32 women per session

Impact:

- 78% of vulnerable refugee/asylum seekers women who attended asylum seeker women's club over 3 months reported feeling less isolated, having made friends and coping with stress related to their immigration application process. They also feel happier and are coping with family and children needs as a result of general wellbeing improvement. Last year 84% reported improvement, that's 6% less compared to this year. This is mainly due to 20% of women are new in the club and have arrived within the last three months of the date of the surveys.

1.2. The Children's Club

- 1427 children attendances for various activities.
- An average of 29 children per session

Impact:

- 57% (N=198) of disadvantaged asylum seekers children involved in the charity's children's club over 3 months have made significant progress in building self-esteem and confidence, feel less isolated and have made friends from the club. 43% have either or are yet to start experiencing progress in building confidence and coming out of isolation. This is due to the fact they are new in the area combined with language barriers and other social health needs for the parents or children themselves.
- 84% (N=77) are better engaged with schools, 16% (N=77) are in the progress of engagement with the school as they are new in the area. The issue related to emotional support for children experiencing emotional wellbeing is still an issue and this is mostly due to the immigration process which is very stressful for parents which affects their children. Also, the unaccompanied minor asylum seeker number is increasing.

The school admission process starts within 3 working days and this has reduced the delay in getting into school for newly arrived asylum seeker.

1.3. Men Football Club

- 455 attendances in the men's club through the years
- An average 18 asylum seekers and unaccompanied minors. All fed back feeling more connected, developing confidence and feeling less isolated as result of being involved in football sessions activities, especially unaccompanied asylum seeker minors.

- The club is peer managed and the asylum seeker team manager has completed FA Football coaching level1

1.4 English classes

- 104 asylum seekers attended in 3 levels: Beginners, Elementary and Pre-intermediate and one to one sessions with special sessions in summer
- English is delivered in two ways at Asha: firstly, by the Language Dept. at Keele University and secondly, by a team of local volunteers teachers at the Asha Centre

Impact



- 88% improved their use of English and were encouraged to use English in Asha's building.
- 53 students were referred to ESOL classes in College as they have improved their English and have been here for over 6 months which allows them access to English college.
- 12 of the students were moved away from Stoke to another area.
- In total, between Keele and the Asha Team they delivered 1,462 Learning Services



1.5 Befriending, Social integration, community link and contribution

- 138 asylum seekers and families socially isolated are benefitting from the befriending scheme including local befrienders. The scheme is to recruit socially isolated and vulnerable asylum seekers to become friends of a member of the local community for a mutually beneficial friendship. Following are some comments from befrienders and befriendees
- 10656 hours provided by volunteers including 4608 hours provided by asylum seeker volunteers.

Impact

- A single woman from the Middle East She says about her Befriender....

"She's friendly, an amazing person. She seems to know when I need her. She texts me regularly to check I am ok. She has taken me to a Book Club, I have joined her choir, she is helping me to write a book.

When I got Leave to Remain, she helped me to move furniture into my new house.

She is the best thing that has happened to me since I arrived in the UK!"

- A married woman with three children from the Middle East

"She (my Asha friend) has helped me so much with my English and given me confidence. Now I have more confidence to go out and about.

When I do the shopping I understand the prices. If I get lost, I know my address. I can speak to my neighbours now, so I am not so isolated"

- I befriend a beautiful young Zimbabwean single mother. The best thing about being a befriender is simply being a friend. Like any ordinary friendship we share aspects about our daily lives, history, love, loss, future. She has a friend in me and I have found a friend in her. She has made me a better person as I look at life differently, slightly clearer and more grateful than before. We should all befriend, what's the harm, an extra person to care for you and for you to care for?"

1.5 Outreach programme

A team of staff and volunteers conduct home visits in the area to newly arrived asylum seekers. The purpose of which is to welcome them and assess their needs. They are then referred to the different services available and if the asylum seeker is interested, they may be offered the opportunity to utilise what skills they may have by becoming a volunteer in the local community

1.6 Recreational Activities

- 92% of Asha charity centre service users declare coming for socialising in addition of any other support service they receive
- Through Stoke City Football team, a football game was organised with Leicester asylum seekers team
- A big TV screen was acquired, and asylum seekers can now watch TV with international channels and some of the premier football games in the evening
- As part of refugee week 2019, Asha organised a community integration through a football tournament; with a team of asylum seekers from Derby, members of the local community, staff from local voluntary and public sectors joined our asylum seekers to make mixed teams for the tournament, including children. After the tournament the winning mixed teams received medals and a local band played music with plenty of food provided by a barbecue. Over 250 people attended the event.



2 Keele University Medical Student Community Placements and Staffordshire psychologist students

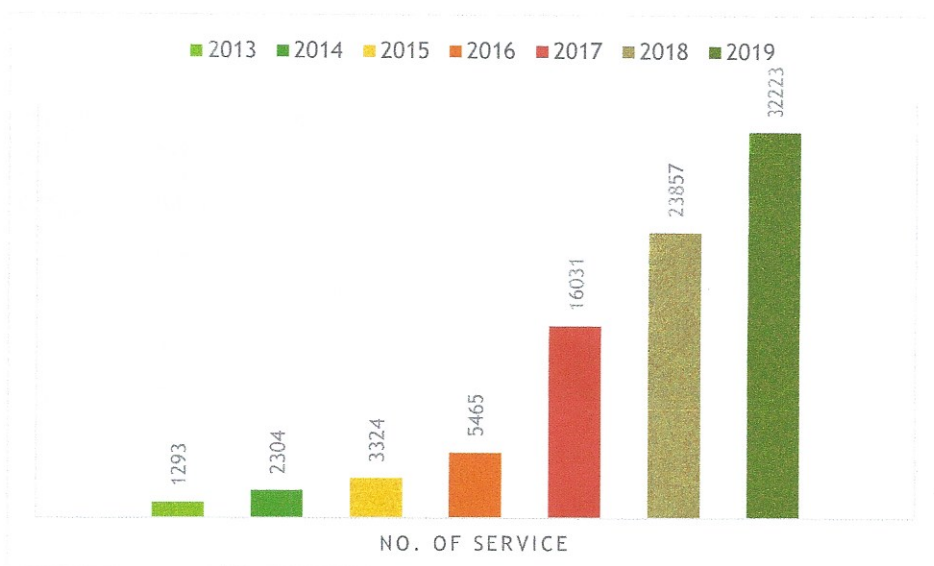
As part of their degree, four medical students attended Asha to fulfil a community work placement and for final year placement for those who study psychology attended asylum seekers drop in for general support and emotional support.

Next Year's Priorities

1. Increase and continue to improve existing services, ongoing
2. Increase the number of asylum seekers and refugees accessing to the charity's services from 98% to 100% (at least have one contact with Asha's service)
3. Earlier intervention to connect and support newly arrived in the area to get earlier support for quick integration and develop self-resilience to cope with the stressful asylum process. Ongoing.

4. Enable new arrivals to contribute to their local community through volunteering. Ongoing
5. Reduce misconceptions and promote social cohesion amongst asylum seekers, refugees and the local community. Ongoing
6. Try a new bespoke approach to support.

Asha North Staffordshire 7 Years Services Progression



Financial Review

Reserves:

The purpose of Asha's Reserves Policy is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of up to three months should a shortfall in income occur, and to take account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. Current level held £28,000

Donations:

The charity is pleased to report that £28,559 was received in donations.
Volunteers contributed 6032 hours for the year

Sincere Thanks and Appreciation to the Following:

1. Charities and grant giving organisations that have funded ASHA:

BBC Children in Need, The Souter Trust, The Henry Smith Charity, The Foyle Foundation, The Tudor Trust, Allen Lane Foundation, Evans Cornish Foundation, Wood trust, Big Lottery – Awards For All, Reaching Communities, etc..

2. Churches:

Trinity Church Leek, Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit, St Wulstan's Church Newcastle, St Dominic's Convent Stone, Tunstall Methodist Church, Holy Trinity Newcastle-under-Lyme, St Filomena's Church Caverswall, Stoke and Stone Friends Meeting, Our Lady of All Angels and St Peter in Chains Stoke-on-Trent

3. English Teaching:

Dr Russell Clark, Dr Barbara James and their team and students from Keele University's Language Learning Unit who teach English and the following who offer one-to-one tuition: Joyce Silk, Phil and Joyce Silk, Sylvia Richards, Claire Winsch, Margaret Yates, Virginia Kent-Bagguley

4. Other:

Kevin Sauntry and his team from Sporting Communities for the Children's Christmas Party

5. Local volunteers

All those who have contributed to Asha in various ways and especially those who regularly donate food, clothing and money.

6. Asylum volunteers

Kirill Ryazanov, Sandrine Kabangu Datoko, Amadu M, Osman Hiva, Manjula Arumapperumachchige, Keita Facinet, N'Guessan Guigui Guillam, Moghadan, Pauline N'Guessan, Matt Lapos, Aristides Merino, Tamba Musa, Misbah Udin, Natnael Gezahegn, Sami Feshehay, Bertrand Batamag, Figerete Demucuj

Challenges

Four challenges for Asha are to:

1. Obtain funding to meet increasing demand for services required.
2. Secure a local emergency accommodation for failed asylum seekers.
3. Increase the number of local qualified immigration advisers.
4. Set up a destitution fund to meet the needs of failed asylum seekers

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Angela Glendenning	
Full name(s)	Angela Glendenning	
Position (E.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Secretary of Board of Trustees	

Date

12/03/20

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Kevin Sauntry
	Jenny Dennis
	Catherine Ralph
	Angela Glendenning
	John Walsh
Principal Office	Unit 7 Hanley Business Park Copper Street Hanley Stoke -on-Trent Staffs ST1 4DW
Charity Registration Number	1176934
Company Registration Number	CE013097
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA VAST The Dudson Centre Stoke on Trent ST1 5DD

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Trustees

Kevin Sauntry

Jenny Dennis

Catherine Ralph

Angela Glendenning

Benjamin David Rigby (resigned 1 June 2019)

John Walsh

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

- 1) To relieve the needs of asylum seekers and refugees in Staffordshire in particular but not exclusively by providing and assisting in the provision of goods and items to relieve poverty, such as food and clothing and by providing support and practical advice.
- 2) The promotion of social inclusion among people who are refugees and asylum seekers who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing:
 - a) education and training in the English language and in vocational skills;
 - b) social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community.

Public benefit

The charity was formed on 1 February 2018 and commenced to operate on 1 May 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity, ASHA North Staffordshire were transferred to the CIO.

During the year the main activities of the charity were:

Supporting destitute asylum seekers by providing food, clothes, advice, housing etc.
Providing volunteering opportunities for the local community including local University students.
Providing free English classes.
Educational trips for disadvantaged asylum seeker children.
Providing emotional support for asylum seeker and refugee women who suffer post traumatic experience.
Providing IT Classes.
Assisting with school admission for new arrival asylum seekers children.
Signposting asylum seekers to appropriate services.
Providing homework clubs and other activities that help asylum seeker children to develop self esteem and confidence, to come out of isolation and help them to integrate into new schools.
Providing a free Internet café.
Providing free sports activities for disadvantaged asylum seeker children.
Providing recreational space for homeless asylum seekers.
Hosting Christmas celebrations for socially isolated asylum seeker children and families.
Holding drop in sessions.
Organising a British Red Cross clinic to support destitute asylum seekers, family reunion, voluntary return, emergency accommodations, etc.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance

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Financial review

Policy on reserves

A reserves policy was set up in September 2017 to cover the average running costs of the charity for 3 months. This would equate to £34,680. The actual level of unrestricted reserves held at the year end are £54,886.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The organisation was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1 February 2018

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees. The charity has a mandatory training package and induction for all trustees, staff and volunteers.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30.04.20 and signed on its behalf by:

Angela Glendenning

Angela Glendenning
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2019 which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

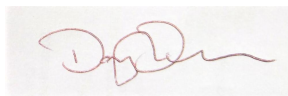
I report in respect of my examination of the ASHA North Staffordshire 's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of ASHA North Staffordshire as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Daryl Denson ACMA

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The Dudson Centre
Stoke on Trent
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Date: 06/05/2020
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 31 August 2019 £
Note				
Income and Endowments from:				
	2	42,795	180,339	223,134
Donations and legacies				
	4	54	-	54
Investment income				
Total income		42,849	180,339	223,188
Expenditure on:				
	6	(96,059)	(42,662)	(138,721)
Charitable activities				
Total expenditure		(96,059)	(42,662)	(138,721)
Net movement in funds		(53,210)	137,677	84,467
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		48,801	45,583	94,384
Total funds carried forward	13	(4,409)	183,260	178,851
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 31 August 2018 £
Note				
Income and Endowments from:				
	2	7,566	41,232	48,798
Donations and legacies				
	3	4,613	-	4,613
Charitable activities				
	5	43,695	31,012	74,707
Other income				
Total income		55,874	72,244	128,118
Expenditure on:				
	6	(7,073)	(26,661)	(33,734)
Charitable activities				
Total expenditure		(7,073)	(26,661)	(33,734)
Net movement in funds		48,801	45,583	94,384
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds carried forward	13	48,801	45,583	94,384

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2018 is shown in note 13.

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(Registration number: 1176934)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2019

	Note	31 August 2019 £	31 August 2018 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		179,451	94,984
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(600)</u>	<u>(600)</u>
Net assets		<u>178,851</u>	<u>94,384</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		123,965	45,583
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>54,886</u>	<u>48,801</u>
Total funds	13	<u>178,851</u>	<u>94,384</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 30.04.20 and signed on their behalf by:

Angela Glendenning
Angela Glendenning
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

ASHA North Staffordshire 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 notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Total 31 August 2019	Total 1 February 2018 to 31 August 2018
	General £	Restricted funds £	£	£
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	42,795	-	42,795	7,566
Grants, including capital grants;				
Grants from other charities	-	180,339	180,339	41,232
	<u>42,795</u>	<u>180,339</u>	<u>223,134</u>	<u>48,798</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Total 31 August 2019	Total 1 February 2018 to 31 August 2018
	£	£
Room Hire	-	4,613

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	
	General £	Total 31 August 2019 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	54	54

5 Other income

	Total 31 August 2019 £	Total 1 February 2018 to 31 August 2018 £
Income from asset transfer	-	74,707

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly £	Total 31 August 2019 £	Total 1 February 2018 to 31 August 2018 £
Staff Costs	72,277	72,277	15,765
Staff/volunteer expenses	5,385	5,385	1,775
Travel Expenses	2,337	2,337	710
Training and Development	3,316	3,316	921
Other	564	564	180
Professional and Legal	4,347	4,347	1,347
Rent, Utilities & Office Costs	18,708	18,708	6,308
Maintenance	6,247	6,247	-
Equipment	5,152	5,152	1,117
Activities, Trips and Groups	5,872	5,872	4,135
Workshop, Social events & Refreshments	8,506	8,506	552
Bus passes	6,010	6,010	924
	<u>138,721</u>	<u>138,721</u>	<u>33,734</u>

£36,764 (2018 - £7,073) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £101,957 (2018 - £26,661) to restricted funds.

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 31 August 2019 £	Total 1 February 2018 to 31 August 2018 £
	General £		
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	600	600	600
	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

8 Government grants

Big Lottery Fund

The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £- (2018 - £9,960).

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2019 £	31 August 2018 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	28,131	4,160
Social security costs	2,961	187
Pension costs	897	83
	<u>31,989</u>	<u>4,430</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	31 August 2019 No	31 August 2018 No
Support Worker	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

In addition to this payments of £41,057 were made to sub contractors.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 August 2019 £	31 August 2018 £
Accruals	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

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13 Funds

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Total net assets	<u>54,886</u>	<u>123,965</u>	<u>178,851</u>
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15 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

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	Jenny Dennis
	Catherine Ralph
	Angela Glendenning
	John Walsh
Principal Office	Unit 7 Hanley Business Park Copper Street Hanley Stoke -on-Trent Staffs ST1 4DW
Charity Registration Number	1176934
Company Registration Number	CE013097
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA VAST The Dudson Centre Stoke on Trent ST1 5DD

ASHA North Staffordshire

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Trustees

Kevin Sauntry

Jenny Dennis

Catherine Ralph

Angela Glendenning

Benjamin David Rigby (resigned 1 June 2019)

John Walsh

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

- 1) To relieve the needs of asylum seekers and refugees in Staffordshire in particular but not exclusively by providing and assisting in the provision of goods and items to relieve poverty, such as food and clothing and by providing support and practical advice.
- 2) The promotion of social inclusion among people who are refugees and asylum seekers who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing:
 - a) education and training in the English language and in vocational skills;
 - b) social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community.

Public benefit

The charity was formed on 1 February 2018 and commenced to operate on 1 May 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity, ASHA North Staffordshire were transferred to the CIO.

During the year the main activities of the charity were:

Supporting destitute asylum seekers by providing food, clothes, advice, housing etc.
Providing volunteering opportunities for the local community including local University students.
Providing free English classes.
Educational trips for disadvantaged asylum seeker children.
Providing emotional support for asylum seeker and refugee women who suffer post traumatic experience.
Providing IT Classes.
Assisting with school admission for new arrival asylum seekers children.
Signposting asylum seekers to appropriate services.
Providing homework clubs and other activities that help asylum seeker children to develop self esteem and confidence, to come out of isolation and help them to integrate into new schools.
Providing a free Internet café.
Providing free sports activities for disadvantaged asylum seeker children.
Providing recreational space for homeless asylum seekers.
Hosting Christmas celebrations for socially isolated asylum seeker children and families.
Holding drop in sessions.
Organising a British Red Cross clinic to support destitute asylum seekers, family reunion, voluntary return, emergency accommodations, etc.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance

From September 2018 to August 2019 ASHA offered 32223 services, an increase of 35% compared to last year, with a total of 9537 from service users.

963 asylum seekers and refugess utilised ASHA North Staffordshire, representing around 98% of all asylum seekers living in North Staffordshire.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

A reserves policy was set up in September 2017 to cover the average running costs of the charity for 3 months. This would equate to £34,680. The actual level of unrestricted reserves held at the year end are £54,886.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The organisation was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1 February 2018

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees. The charity has a mandatory training package and induction for all trustees, staff and volunteers.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30.04.20 and signed on its behalf by:

Angela Glendenning

Angela Glendenning
Trustee

ASHA North Staffordshire

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2019 which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of ASHA North Staffordshire you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

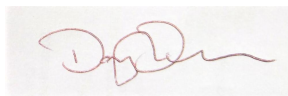
I report in respect of my examination of the ASHA North Staffordshire 's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of ASHA North Staffordshire as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Daryl Denson ACMA

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The Dudson Centre
Stoke on Trent
ST1 5DD

Date: 06/05/2020
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 31 August 2019 £
Note				
Income and Endowments from:				
	2	42,795	180,339	223,134
	4	54	-	54
		<u>42,849</u>	<u>180,339</u>	<u>223,188</u>
Expenditure on:				
	6	(96,059)	(42,662)	(138,721)
		<u>(96,059)</u>	<u>(42,662)</u>	<u>(138,721)</u>
		(53,210)	137,677	84,467
Reconciliation of funds				
		<u>48,801</u>	<u>45,583</u>	<u>94,384</u>
	13	<u>(4,409)</u>	<u>183,260</u>	<u>178,851</u>
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 31 August 2018 £
Note				
Income and Endowments from:				
	2	7,566	41,232	48,798
	3	4,613	-	4,613
	5	<u>43,695</u>	<u>31,012</u>	<u>74,707</u>
		<u>55,874</u>	<u>72,244</u>	<u>128,118</u>
Expenditure on:				
	6	(7,073)	(26,661)	(33,734)
		<u>(7,073)</u>	<u>(26,661)</u>	<u>(33,734)</u>
		<u>48,801</u>	<u>45,583</u>	<u>94,384</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
	13	<u>48,801</u>	<u>45,583</u>	<u>94,384</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2018 is shown in note 13.

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(Registration number: 1176934)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2019

	Note	31 August 2019 £	31 August 2018 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		179,451	94,984
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(600)</u>	<u>(600)</u>
Net assets		<u>178,851</u>	<u>94,384</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		123,965	45,583
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>54,886</u>	<u>48,801</u>
Total funds	13	<u>178,851</u>	<u>94,384</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 30.04.20 and signed on their behalf by:

Angela Glendenning
Angela Glendenning
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

ASHA North Staffordshire 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 notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Total 31 August 2019 £	Total 1 February 2018 to 31 August 2018 £
	General £	Restricted funds £		
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	42,795	-	42,795	7,566
Grants, including capital grants;				
Grants from other charities	-	180,339	180,339	41,232
	<u>42,795</u>	<u>180,339</u>	<u>223,134</u>	<u>48,798</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Total 31 August 2019 £	Total 1 February 2018 to 31 August 2018 £
Room Hire	-	4,613

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	
	General £	Total 31 August 2019 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	54	54

5 Other income

	Total 31 August 2019 £	Total 1 February 2018 to 31 August 2018 £
Income from asset transfer	-	74,707

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly £	Total 31 August 2019 £	Total 1 February 2018 to 31 August 2018 £
Staff Costs	72,277	72,277	15,765
Staff/volunteer expenses	5,385	5,385	1,775
Travel Expenses	2,337	2,337	710
Training and Development	3,316	3,316	921
Other	564	564	180
Professional and Legal	4,347	4,347	1,347
Rent, Utilities & Office Costs	18,708	18,708	6,308
Maintenance	6,247	6,247	-
Equipment	5,152	5,152	1,117
Activities, Trips and Groups	5,872	5,872	4,135
Workshop, Social events & Refreshments	8,506	8,506	552
Bus passes	6,010	6,010	924
	<u>138,721</u>	<u>138,721</u>	<u>33,734</u>

£36,764 (2018 - £7,073) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £101,957 (2018 - £26,661) to restricted funds.

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 31 August 2019 £	Total 1 February 2018 to 31 August 2018 £
	General £		
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	600	600	600
	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

8 Government grants

Big Lottery Fund

The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £- (2018 - £9,960).

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2019 £	31 August 2018 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	28,131	4,160
Social security costs	2,961	187
Pension costs	897	83
	<u>31,989</u>	<u>4,430</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	31 August 2019 No	31 August 2018 No
Support Worker	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

In addition to this payments of £41,057 were made to sub contractors.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 August 2019 £	31 August 2018 £
Accruals	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

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