

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020**

**WANDSWORTH
MEDIATION SERVICE**

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1102464

COMPANY REGISTRATION No: 04778659

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1102464
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	04778659
DATE OF INCORPORATION	28th May 2003
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2019
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2020
DIRECTORS DURING AND AFTER THE FINANCIAL YEAR	Rev PJS Perkin (resigned 30th March 2020) N Adlington (resigned 29th September 2020) Mr Stephen Ruttle Mr Russ Spargo Ms Hilary Suzanne Campbell Brodsky Ms Clare Jane de Beer Ms Katie Finch Mr Philip Alistair Guthrie Ms Sharon Crooks Mr Stephen Peter Kelly Ms Sarah Spreckley (appointed 17th November 2020)

The existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the organisation's governing instrument.

LEGAL STATUS	Company Limited By Guarantee
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Memorandum and Articles Of Association Incorporated 28th May 2003 as Amended by Special Resolution 23rd February 2004.

OBJECTS

(I) To promote for the public benefit, predominantly but not exclusively in the local area or community of the London Borough of Wandsworth, the provision of services directed towards mediation, conciliation or reconciliation as between persons, organisations, authorities or groups involved or likely to become involved in dispute or inter-personal conflict both generally and, in particular, in any situation where that dispute or conflict results from, or may lead to, acts of violence, nuisance, vandalism, racial abuse, unlawful activity or breakdown of public order. (II) To advance for the public benefit the education of the public, particularly in the said local area or community of the London Borough of Wandsworth, in the purposes and methods of such mediation, conciliation, or reconciliation and in particular the understanding of the nature and causes of any such disputes or conflicts and of all means of managing them for the purposes of peaceful resolution in the interests of good citizenship.

REGISTERED OFFICE	St Mark's Durie Hall, Battersea Rise, London SW11 1EJ
PRIMARY BANKERS	Metro Bank, 1 Southampton Row, London WC1B 5HA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	L M Tempest, Independent Examiners Ltd, Wessex Manor, Satchell Lane, Southampton SO31 4HS

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The charity carried out 49 mediations in 2019, which included a 30% increase in community cases, and signposted another 300+ people who contacted the charity with enquiries. Referrals came from individuals, the Police, Richmond & Wandsworth Council's social services and housing teams, NHS social prescribers and housing associations. The charity provides community mediations for free for residents of Wandsworth.

The charity took on 6 new volunteer mediators, bringing the total number of volunteer mediators on the community, inter-generational, family and workplace and commercial panels to 56.

One of the trustees resigned, due to retirement and moving away.

The trustees have set new brand values for the charity, encompassing its vision and ethos:

*A peacemaking service that empowers without imposing
that listens without fixing and collaborates without judging.
Personal. Professional. Compassionate.*

Some feedback from cases over this period:

"Everything has continued perfectly since the mediation session. We are much happier. It's so nice to go to bed and no longer worry we won't get any sleep. We've both made changes and communicate with each other regularly. Mediation has changed my life dramatically. You have changed my world and for that I will always be grateful."
(Neighbour mediation client)

"The mediation was a great success and something that I will be recommending to more of my clients in the future!"
(Commercial mediation client)

"Things have been much better since the mediation, with lower noise levels and no complaints since then. [My neighbour] is speaking to me in a better way and I am getting more sleep than I used to thanks to less noise from upstairs." (Neighbour mediation client, with thanks also received from the other neighbour.)

"It has been a very insightful and helpful process to become aware of other possible avenues to resolve disputes in the future." (Neighbour mediation client)

In October 2019, the charity was commended in "the Best Charity or Social Enterprise" category in the South London Business Awards 2019.

WMS Battersea

In March and September 2019, the charity continued to train residents and professionals who work in Battersea in how to deal with conflict peacefully in a two-day training course. Eido Research created an impact report regarding the outcomes of participating in the two-day conflict resolution training.

In 2020 WMS trained the entire staff team of three local primary schools in Peer Mediation. The charity also trained a cohort of year 5 pupils from each school to become peer mediators and supported the launch and supervision of the programme for the three schools.

The charity established a cohort of active community members who were going to be trained as community mediators in Battersea, however this had to be suspended due to COVID-19.

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Conflict Coaching

The charity continued to provide conflict coaching with trained conflict coaches (who are also mediators). This can be extremely helpful where one party wishes to mediate, but the other party is not willing to engage with the process. Conflict coaching is free for clients who live in Wandsworth.

As with mediation, the conflict coaches will not suggest or recommend solutions, but help the person work out what their options are, and what they would like to do.

Training

Primary schools peer mediation training: Peaceworks trained 7 of the charity's mediators to deliver their renowned peer mediation training programme into local primary schools in Wandsworth. The charity delivered peer mediation training in 4 primary schools in Wandsworth (3 of which were in Battersea) for pupils in Y2 – Y6 and ran inset training days for the teachers.

Local business: the charity coordinated 2 workshops for 12 members of the front of house and customer services teams at a local business as they were experiencing conflict from irate customers. The workshops were very well received, with all bar one person agreeing they learned new skills and that it was relevant and helpful.

Charity Fundraiser

The charity held its first fundraiser in May 2019, a dinner at a restaurant nearby in their walled garden, with an auction. Almost £17,000 was raised, as well as the promoting the profile of the charity locally and it was an enjoyable evening. One guest wrote:

"We had such a fun and enjoyable evening with you all... Thank you for hosting us all so thoughtfully and the joyful heart of your ministry came through in spades. You are no doubt often an unseen group of selfless givers who bring peace and hope to many. We cheer you on and hope that one blessing for yourselves is in working with such engaging and spirited people."

Grants received

National Lottery: The charity received a grant of £9,950 to train community mediators in Battersea.

Battersea Power Station Foundation: The charity received the third and final tranche of a grant of £30,000 for work in the community to help build community cohesion and to deliver conflict skills and mediation training in Battersea.

Good Neighbours and Talking Families Projects:

Funded by the Wandle Housing Association My Voice Grant, the charity ran 6 free workshops in Balham in the Summer of 2019 covering the following topics:

- Avoiding stress: how to keep your mind well (managing your emotions to keep yourself well)
- Expressing yourself: understanding and expressing your needs and feelings so that others can understand you
- Improving your listening skills: learning how to actively listen to others to understand them better
- Giving feedback: how to say anything to anybody about anything (pre-conflict skills neighbourhood relations)
- Dealing with conflict: managing how you react to disagreements
- Fixing broken relationships: what can be done to restore damaged relationships with neighbours, friends and families

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Grants received (continued)

Good Neighbours and Talking Families Projects: (continued)

There were over 80 attendances at the workshops and the feedback was excellent:

"I have learnt skills that are relevant in my daily life."

"I realise the importance of listening and understanding what people say to me. Any time whether work or personal life."

"It has been helpful to have tools/strategies to draw on in personal relationships"

WMS was awarded a grant from the Wimbledon Foundation to deliver "the Good Neighbours and Talking Families Project" for residents of Southfields in Wandsworth. The charity planned 6 weekly workshops on the same topics as the Balham workshops in Spring 2020, and these were postponed to Autumn 2020 due to COVID-19.

COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the office was closed between March and August 2020, and the charity trained up a team of mediators to continue providing mediations and conflict coaching virtually.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities:

The Charities Act and the Companies Act require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- a)** select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b)** make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c)** prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- d)** state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Directors are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are also responsible for the contents of the Directors' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the Directors' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that on the face of the report there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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**DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

I approve the attached statement of financial activities and balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2020 and confirm that I have made available all information necessary for its preparation.

Approved by the Directors on the17/12/2020.....

Signed on their behalf by DirectorStephen Kelly.....

Print Name: STEPHEN KELLY

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019/20 £	TOTAL 2018/19 £
INCOME						
Donations & Legacies	3a	1,006	-	47,603	48,609	39,702
Investment Income	3b	3	-	152	155	69
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	19,494	-	-	19,494	2,700
Charitable Activities	3d	16,850	-	-	16,850	25,050
Other Incoming Resources	3e	-	-	-	-	1,300
TOTAL INCOME		37,353	-	47,755	85,108	68,821
EXPENDITURE						
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	35,471	-	35,926	71,397	58,289
Governance Costs	4b	780	-	-	780	780
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		36,251	-	35,926	72,177	59,069
NET INCOME/(EXPENDTURE)		1,102	-	11,829	12,931	9,752
Total Funds Brought Forward		6,340	-	42,668	49,008	39,256
Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		7,442	-	54,497	61,939	49,008

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

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

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-20 £	Total 31-Mar-19 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	1,278	-	1,278	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	13,217	54,497	67,714	49,788
Total Current Assets		14,495	54,497	68,992	49,788
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	7,053	-	7,053	780
NET CURRENT ASSETS		7,442	54,497	61,939	49,008
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		7,442	54,497	61,939	49,008
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	10	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		7,442	54,497	61,939	49,008
Funds of the Charity:					
General Funds		7,442	-	7,442	6,340
Designated Funds	5	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds	6	-	54,497	54,497	42,668
TOTAL FUNDS		7,442	54,497	61,939	49,008

Directors' Responsibilities:

The Directors are satisfied that for the year ended on 31st March 2020 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 18.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and if its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Directors on the 17/12/2020

Signed on their behalf by Director Stephen Kelly

Print Name:

STEPHEN KELLY

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS102)) and incorporating update bulletin 1, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

There has been no change to the accounting policies (Valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Cash Flow Statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Incoming Resources (Continued)

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Legal Status of the Charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

Assets

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The Charity held no tangible fixed assets during this or the previous financial year.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2020 : None

31st March 2019 : None

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3. INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019/20 £	TOTAL 2018/19 £
a) Donations & Legacies					
Gifts & Donations	648	-	-	648	4,971
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	358	-	-	358	2,078
Grants	-	-	47,603	47,603	32,653
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	-	-	-	-	-
	1,006	-	47,603	48,609	39,702
b) Investment Income					
Bank Interest	3	-	152	155	69
	3	-	152	155	69
c) Activities for Generating Funds					
Fundraising Income	19,494	-	-	19,494	2,700
	19,494	-	-	19,494	2,700
d) Charitable Activities					
Commercial Income	11,900	-	-	11,900	13,600
Community Fees	2,250	-	-	2,250	1,850
Training Courses	2,700	-	-	2,700	9,600
	16,850	-	-	16,850	25,050
e) Other Incoming Resources					
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-	1,300
	-	-	-	-	1,300

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4. EXPENDITURE

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019/20 £	TOTAL 2018/19 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities						
Contractors' Fees		20,311	-	17,248	37,559	26,363
Equipment Costs		1,668	-	20	1,688	1,104
Fundraising Costs		4,423	-	-	4,423	500
Gifts & Donations		-	-	-	-	1,000
Insurance Costs		593	-	-	593	1,130
Mediation Fees		304	-	-	304	50
Membership Fees		430	-	-	430	200
Printing, Postage & Stationery		290	-	1,208	1,498	468
Professional Fees		-	-	244	244	-
Research & Development		-	-	7,000	7,000	10,000
Room Hire		-	-	677	677	-
Sundry Expenses		1,764	-	873	2,637	3,636
Telephone Costs		685	-	200	885	851
Trainers' Fees		2,935	-	7,850	10,785	9,724
Training Costs		2,016	-	492	2,508	3,185
Travel & Subsistence		52	-	114	166	77
		35,471	-	35,926	71,397	58,289

b) Governance Costs

Independent Examiner's Fee	9	780	-	-	780	780
		780	-	-	780	780

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Charity held no designated funds during this or the previous financial year.

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6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR				Total 31-Mar-20 £
	Total 01-Apr-19 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	
Battersea Pwer Station Foundation Grant	34,431	30,152	30,288		34,295
Big Lottery for Battersea Projects	-	9,950	-		9,950
Wandle Housing Association Grant	2,653	2,653	5,306		-
Wimbledon Grant	-	5,000	332		4,668
Wandsworth Council Fund	5,584	-	-		5,584
TOTAL	42,668	47,755	35,926	-	54,497

	PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR				Total 31-Mar-19 £
	Total 01-Apr-18 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	
Battersea Fund	26,745	30,069	22,383	-	34,431
Wandle Housing Association Grant	-	2,653	-	-	2,653
Wandsworth Council Fund	5,584	-	-	-	5,584
TOTAL	32,329	32,722	22,383	-	42,668

Details of the restricted funds are given in the Directors' Annual Report.

The restricted funds are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-20 £	Total 31-Mar-19 £
Cash at Bank and in Hand	13,217	54,497	67,714	49,788
	13,217	54,497	67,714	49,788

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8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-20 £	Total 31-Mar-19 £
Prepayments	1,253	-	1,253	-
Gift Aid Tax recoverable	25	-	25	-
	1,278	-	1,278	-

9. CREDITORS, ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-20 £	Total 31-Mar-19 £
Independent Examiner's Fee	780	-	780	780
Other Accruals	6,273	-	6,273	-
	7,053	-	7,053	780

10. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial period.

11. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT ON CAPITAL AND RESERVES

The Company is Limited by Guarantee (04778659) and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission (1102464) and does not have a Share capital and has no income subject to Corporation Tax.

	2019/20 £	2018/19 £
Profit / Deficit for the financial year	12,931	9,752
Other Recognised Gains	-	-
	12,931	9,752
Balance Brought Forward	49,008	39,256
Closing Funds at 31st March 2019	61,939	49,008

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12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

The Company employed no staff during this or the previous financial year.

The Company engaged 4 (2018/19: 4) self employed contractors to perform the Charitable Activities of the Company.

13. DIRECTORS AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial period Mrs S. Crooks received £1,300 (2018/19: £2,750) in contractors payments for training undertaken for Wandsworth Mediation Service in furthering the Charity's objects.

During the financial period Mr N. Adlington received £1,850 (2018/19: £2,330) in contractors payments for training undertaken for Wandsworth Mediation Service in furthering the Charity's objects.

Other than reimbursements for small items of expenditure on behalf of the charity, no other payments were made to Directors or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the charity and a Director or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Directors actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Directors have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The Directors have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Directors aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The directors will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Report of the Directors. The directors confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of Wandsworth Mediation Service on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 set out on pages 3 to 16.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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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Date: 29th December 2020