

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2021
For
Tees Valley Durham and North Yorkshire Neurological Alliance
Registered Charity 1119043**

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**Tees Valley Durham and North Yorkshire
Neurological Alliance**

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For the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

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Neurological Alliance
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31st March 2021**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1119043

Principal Address

Acklam Green Centre
Stainsby Road
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TS5 4JS

Trustees

Verona Butler	
Eric Charlton	Vice Chair
Christine Harling	
Giles Hudson	
Stephanie Kilingç	
Andrew Lewis	
David Mudd	Chairman
Diane Williams	
Gordon Williams	

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by its governing document, a deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have a duty to identify and assess the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims of the Charity are;

1. To create and sustain an environment where no one will face a neurological condition alone
2. To create and sustain an environment where people with neurological conditions can engage as equal partners and make their views known
3. To be a leading creditable channel of communication, influence and support between people with neurological conditions, commissioners and service providers
4. To be a collaborative partnership to improve local services for people affected by neurological conditions

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To sustain a comprehensive blend of income sources from fees, donations, grants and sponsorship to deliver information, advocacy, education programme and peer support.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

We have doubled income on 2019-20 and improved the Head of Operations salary to ensure the survival of our beneficiaries during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have been recognised as a Disabled Persons Organisation (DPO) through a grant, but regular donations from collection boxes, events and fees from the education programme at Teesside University have been dramatically impacted by the lockdown. We have sustained our obligation to the support needs of our beneficiaries with regular bulletins, problem-solving through 'guarantee of disability' letters for external agencies and hidden disability visors and lanyards and moved peer support on-line. We were exceptionally pleased to receive a *thank you for our incredible support and service* during the early months of the pandemic from her Majesty's County Durham Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Sue Snowdon.

From lobbying about strategic inclusion of the neurological client group in the formation of the Integrated Care Systems (ICS), we are now collaborating on the mental health needs of the client group and our Open Door series of resources is recognised and included on the new ICS website. We contributed to the Youth Justice System consultation on neuro-diversity and continue to advocate for the neuro-diverse client group, particularly Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. Demand for our advocacy service continues to rise, particularly for support during Personal Independence Payment application, review or appeal processes.

We had good representation at Durham, Teesside and Sunderland Universities for our lived experience sessions to over 450 students prior to the pandemic, but have delivered an on-line programme during lockdown.

We are indebted to our volunteers who have engaged with on-line training to improve delivery of peer support and achieve our objectives in the past challenging 12 months.

Thank you to all our stakeholders who have supported this very determined Charity.

On behalf of the Trustee Board;

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Mr D Mudd - Chair of Trustees

24 February 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
Tees Valley Durham and North Yorkshire
Neurological Alliance
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages four to seven.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act): and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a 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 you as 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 connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

We 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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24 February 2022

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	2021 £ Unrestricted	2020 £ Unrestricted
Current assets			
Cash and bank		<u>12,272</u>	<u>1,529</u>
		12,272	1,529
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>(780)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		<u><u>11,492</u></u>	<u><u>1,529</u></u>
Funds			
Balance brought forward		1,529	-
Surplus for year	6	<u>9,963</u>	<u>1,529</u>
Total funds		<u><u>11,492</u></u>	<u><u>1,529</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 February 2022
and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr D Mudd
Chair of Trustees

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Detailed statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2021**

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary Income	-	11,181	11,181	3,717
Contributions	14,750	500	15,250	11,103
Hmrc grant	-	9,400	9,400	-
Membership subscriptions	-	300	300	430
Fees	-	380	380	1,080
Total incoming resources	<u>14,750</u>	<u>21,761</u>	<u>36,511</u>	<u>16,330</u>
Resources Expended				
Wages	13,785	8,837	22,622	10,950
Administration costs (Volunteer and Work from home allowance)	-	674	674	1,789
	<u>13,785</u>	<u>9,511</u>	<u>23,296</u>	<u>12,739</u>
Other resources expended				
Travelling expenses	-	68	68	1,126
Office consumables, IT, telephone, DBS	365	200	565	494
Publications	-	849	849	780
Membership fees (digital fundraising)	-	-	-	72
Room hire	600	260	860	350
Website costs	-	130	130	450
Insurance	-	-	-	319
Accountancy	-	780	780	-
	<u>965</u>	<u>2,287</u>	<u>3,252</u>	<u>3,591</u>
Total resources expended	<u>14,750</u>	<u>11,798</u>	<u>26,548</u>	<u>16,330</u>
Surplus Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>9,963</u>	<u>9,963</u>	<u>-</u>

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	2021 £
Grants received	
Hmrc grant	9,400
County Durham community foundation	5,000
Ground work UK	500
Albert Hunt SP	1,000
Middlebrough council	5,000
Disability action	3,750
	24,650

Grant finders recognised the problems and restrictions created by the pandemic and were happy to extend any deadlines previously imposed. All commitments to the reporting process were completed on time.