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04233275
Registered Charity number
1092587

Learning Disability England

Report and Accounts

31 March 2022



incorporating P&W Social Accountants

Learning Disability England

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Introduction

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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.

Learning Disability England's History

Learning Disability England (LDE) is a registered charity (No. 1092587) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 4233275). It has been working in its present form since June 2016.

Learning Disability England was formed through the coming together of the Housing and Support Alliance and People First England. Until June 2016, the charity currently known as Learning Disability England operated as The Housing and Support Alliance (H&SA).

Learning Disability England retained an organisational membership building on that of H&SA. In addition, Learning Disability England expanded membership for individuals, user-led or self-advocacy or family organisations and partner companies.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have referred to and taken due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider the charity's activities are for the public benefit.

Learning Disability England's (LDE's) aims, and objectives are outlined in our Memorandum and Articles of Association. All our activities aim to further these aims and objectives. These are the relief of people who are disabled, handicapped (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people, their families, and carers in particular through the provision of advice, counselling, workshops, training, and advocacy in respect of their housing, care or support needs.

Who benefits from our work?

Our membership includes people with learning disabilities, their families and friends and paid supporters as individual members. Organisations and groups can be members too.

Benefit extends beyond our direct membership as many people can use a broad range of resources via our website, and our campaigning influences policy for everyone with learning disabilities.

By the end of March 2022, we had 770 members and a reach of approx. 11,000 people through the newsletter, social media, and our direct work. The membership includes 608 individual members and 162 organisational or small group members.

Organisation or group members themselves are connected to many thousand people so our work indirectly benefits them.

Objectives, aims and significant activities

Learning Disability England aims to make sure:

What is important to people with Learning Disabilities is heard and understood.

There is a change in behaviour in service design and delivery that builds on rights.

We demonstrate how coproduction and real collaboration make a difference.

We live our values and model the change we want

Learning Disability England delivers its work through 5 main activities:

1. Informing and supporting our members.
2. Represent member priorities to inform policy and change attitudes.
3. Supporting good practice and finding solutions with the 3 member communities together.
4. Campaigning and influencing on what matters to people with learning disabilities.

Membership of Learning Disability England is an opportunity:

-To be a part of the change Learning Disability England members are making together.

-To influence and inform the campaigning, influencing and key messages Learning Disability England uses in its work with partners, government or members.

All members get:

Up-to-date information, news and resources including a weekly email newsletter.

Help to be well connected and not isolated by joining a network of like-minded people and organisations.

Access to events, meetings, and conferences we run at a reduced rate or free where we can.

This includes being entered into a lottery for a free ticket to our annual conference.

A formal vote on key decisions, including Representative Body elections.

A say in what Learning Disability England does day to day.

Objectives, aims and significant activities continued

Groups and organisations also benefit by: Helping the organisation's mission

By supporting work or campaigns you agree with.

By contributing to a wider benefit to your community of interest or beneficiaries.

Helping change and improve what you do

You get good information, solutions to problems and new ideas through facilitated co-production and quality and improvement tools and networks.

Everyone is challenged, based on rights and people with learning disabilities' priorities – a conscience and some help.

Facilitated problem-solving networks or debates on issues that face people and organisations including policy and practice changes.

Our Achievements and key work 2021 - 2022

The Trustees are working with the members' Representative Body on an impact report It will be available on the charity's website www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk.

This year the difference we could make working with people with learning disabilities and their families was significantly helped by some specific grant funding, especially from Esmee Fairbairn Foundation which supported the development of the Good Lives Framework.

Learning Disability England's achievements include:

1. Informing and supporting our members

We help the 3 'voice groups' of members get the information they need for their role and understand more about each other by sharing information on policy, research, practice development, and new ideas as well as Learning Disability England work.

One way we do this is through a weekly online newsletter.

We sent 39 regular weekly newsletters plus 16 special focused ones and 7 -self-advocacy newsletters
2000 people, on average, every week get that newsletter.

We continued to develop and regularly update an inclusive Coronavirus information hub until September 2021. After that, we focused on information members told us was most important such as vaccination access, and support tools.

Objectives, aims and significant activities continued

We hosted 9 webinars and 5 for members only on:

- Supporting people from the LGBT+ community
- Women's human rights and actions to understand them
- Supporting people to use technology: an introduction to a new toolkit
- Building self-advocacy networks and alliances
- Shaping Future Support: Consultation on the green paper
- IMPACT: The new adult Social care evidence centre and its work
- Individual Service Funds in England: Making Choice and Control Happen
- Coming out of lockdown and rebuilding life
- Creating Connections: tackling isolation and loneliness through working in partnership

People with learning disabilities, family members, researchers, support workers, trainers, and managers led or attended these online sessions.

More than 650 people attended those sessions live, and 100s have viewed the recordings since.

2. Representing members' priorities to inform policy and change attitudes

Learning Disability England acts or speaks up on what matters to members and will help achieve our shared goals.

We aim to make sure what is important to people with learning disabilities is heard and understood.

We make sure people with learning disabilities are heard first, but we create a stronger voice by everyone speaking together.

We made sure members' voices were heard in policy consultations on

- The development of the Social Care white paper
- Covid vaccination requirements for social care staff
- The Disability Strategy
- The review of the Human Rights Act
- Small payments and mental capacity requirements

We also supported members to contribute to policy development with government departments on Covid guidance on support settings including supported living, community support and residential care.

Objectives, aims and significant activities continued

Access to Covid vaccinations continued to be a priority for members. Learning Disability England worked to represent members on the national policy but also help local policy and implementation.

Members fed into the Joint Committee on Human Rights review of human rights in care settings.

We also worked with members to represent others at 2 All-Party Parliamentary Groups representing members' priorities on the integration of health and social care and social care reform.

Members contributed to the Archbishop's inquiry on social care as well as Social Care Future inquiry 'Whose Social Care is it anyway?'

Learning Disability England was 1 of 6 partners appointed as the Valuing People Alliance in a refreshed Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Health and wellbeing alliance programme.

The new Valuing People Alliance is working in partnership with the health and care system to share its expertise at a national level to improve services for all communities.

As the operational lead of the Valuing People Alliance, Learning Disability England supported people with learning disabilities, their families and paid supporters priorities to be included on:

- Social Care Reform
- Digital inclusion in service development
- Influencing the Building the Right Support Action plan
- NHS England plans for tackling health inequalities

3. Supporting good practice and finding solutions with the 3 member communities together.

We aim for there to be a change in behaviour in service design and delivery that builds on rights Making sure people with learning disabilities, their families and paid supporters working together can influence policy and practice

The Good Lives Framework: Building Change Together was launched at our annual conference held online over 3 days in March.

The framework brings together people's thoughts and ideas about what it will take for everyone with learning disabilities to be able to live their good life. It is built on human rights and a HOPE-based vision for change.

The framework has positive actions needed now as well as longer-term policy and legal changes.

Objectives, aims and significant activities continued

The member's conference was 6 online sessions that explored the 6 chapters of the framework:

- A Home
- Communication and staying connected
- The right support
- To love and be loved
- Effective voice-Self advocacy/Advocacy
- Employment and contribution

39 Members and partners spoke at the sessions exploring with more than 570 attendees the 'Vision for change', and 'Policy now' and shared examples of what is possible and in place at the moment.

We supported several specific pieces of work or training to help members tackle big challenges. One such challenge highlighted through the pandemic are the worse outcomes for Black Asian Minority Ethnic people with learning disabilities.

Since 2020 Learning Disability England has worked with partners, particularly the Race Equality Foundation, to understand the reasons for this and engage members in finding solutions or developing their practice to be more inclusive.

Building on this NHS England gave a grant to Learning Disability England to develop community and The Equal Treatment project is aiming to challenge racism and health inequalities. The Equal Treatment project is aiming to challenge racism and health inequalities through strengthening self-advocacy, peer support and learning from supporters' practices and approaches.

The work includes a training programme for self-advocacy and family groups and support for health and social organisations and community groups led by minority ethnic groups.

The project has three delivery partners, Contact, Changing our Lives and Include Me Too who between them are working directly with more than 40 organisations across England.

We aim to demonstrate that co-production and real collaborative working are making a difference

We directly supported members of Learning Disability England to work together through a fortnightly peer support meeting and direct training or support.

Work with enhanced members included:

- Training staff to understand self-advocacy, its role and how they can support it
- Coproducing service changes
- Reviewing local governance with a Learning Disability Partnership board

4. Campaigning and influencing on what matters to people with learning disabilities to help people get a good life

Learning Disability England supports campaigns led by our members and brings together members and partners to campaign on important issues together.

Following consultation with members, Learning Disability England publicized members' concerns about the Down Syndrome Bill. The members' Representative Body presented members' views on the Bill to the politicians leading the private Members Bill, where they received assurances that

- other people with learning disabilities will not be disadvantaged by the Act, and
- the accompanying Guidance might include overlapping support needs where relevant.

The Bill has now passed into Law, so now members are working on making sure the Down Syndrome Act guidance has the greatest advantage for the biggest group of people.

Learning Disability England members spoke up on

- Better Pay for Social care staff campaign
- Access to the Covid Vaccination
- The Human Rights Act review and it being accessible

We supported other members' campaigns and got the wider membership involved on:

- Campaigns for change on the 10 year anniversary of the TV programme on the abuse at Winterbourne View
- Voting resources and campaigns hub for local elections May 2021
- The Better Pay for Social Care campaign
- Social Care Futures work and wider campaigning
- Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection
- Coproduction on the DNACPR Ministerial Oversight Group campaign

We support a group of spokespeople to represent members because Learning Disability England staff do not speak for people with learning disabilities or other members.

Objectives, aims and significant activities continued

5. Learning and Supporting partners through projects or research

The majority of Learning Disability England's work is done through partnerships.

This includes being part of research projects.

Learning Disability England was the lead voluntary sector partner for England in the UK-wide Impact of Coronavirus on people with learning disabilities research PMLD Link was our partner in this work too.

We supported the research team to work with advisory groups to develop the research questions, analyse the findings, and share them with the broader community.

5 members and partners also worked on the policy briefs with the research team, help to make the findings real and to engage people, families and paid supporters.

Learning Disability England has also supported other research through advisory roles or supported members to be involved. These include

- Outcomes and costs of supported living and residential care services (The 200 Lives project)
- Experiences of people at the edges of social care of renting accommodation (My own front door project)
- Understanding the use of restrictive practices in hospital settings
- Examining barriers and how to remove them to reduce the length of hospital stays in specialist mental health units.

Learning Disability England has an important long-term partnership with the JMS Trust. We host a worker for the Trust and work closely with the Trustees to support the worker to promote the Trust's work on supported living and engage people with Learning Disabilities and their families in the Trust's work in supported living.

Our Partnerships on projects continued this year including

- Supporting the 'Funding the gap' research led by the Open university through a member led advisory group
- developing a collaboration with fourteen self-advocacy, family or community groups to tackle health inequalities.

Volunteers

LDE benefits from the active participation of the 18 volunteers involved in its governance as Representative Body members or Trustees. In addition, a group of 10 - 15 people from the membership regularly volunteer to represent Learning Disability England at policy or consultation working groups, or by being spokespeople

Achievements and Performance

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities show net incoming resources for the year of £65,405 (2021: net incoming resources £101,379). Total funds carried forward show £182,082 (2021: £116,677) of which £17,515 (2021: £Nil) are restricted. There were no incoming or outgoing resources of a capital nature.

The total and free unrestricted reserves at the year end of 31 March 2022 stand at £164,587 (2021: £116,677).

The Trustees have closely monitored financial performance and cash flow throughout the year and at every Board meeting. They have sought to diversify income streams, including successfully obtaining additional grant funding during the year.

The trustees have agreed to a policy of seeking to maintain 6 months' running costs as reserves. This is an increase from the previous level. The policy was reviewed in April 2022 and 3 months of additional reserves were maintained due to the increased uncertainty in the wider sector. At the same time, the Trustees agreed to review the reserves level at the mid-year point to ensure any additional resources are being used to further the charity's aims.

Future Plans

Learning Disability England's Representative Body leads the development of priorities.

In January 2022 the Representative Body worked with the Trustees to develop key objectives for the year ahead.

1. People's Voice. That the voice of people with learning disabilities and families is getting stronger and supported by
2. Building shared action for policy and practice for people with Learning Disabilities by developing the Good Lives Framework. That we are making progress on developing a new national Learning Disability policy/vision for the future.
3. Growing Learning Disability England membership. That more people are joining LDE across all three of our membership 'groups' - (i) self-advocates (ii) families (iii) paid supporters.
4. Stable Finances. That we have enough money to do the things we want and need to do.
5. Learning Disability England is influencing and connecting people, organisations and government bodies led by people with learning disabilities themselves and their priorities.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing document and charity constitution

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12th June 2001, amended by special resolution on 28th May 2012, and registered as a charity on 24th June 2002. The organisation changed name on 14th June 2016 (having previously been the Housing and Support Alliance).

The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, which is governed under its Articles of Association.

LDE's Articles were reviewed and revised in 2016/2017 as Learning Disability England was formed. In February 2020 the Annual General meeting agreed to a change that reduced the number of Trustees required to between 6 - 8.

Organisational structure and decision making

The charity is managed by a Board of Directors who are also Trustees. All trustees are members of the charity.

The Board of Trustees hold the overall responsibility for governing the charity but do that in consultation and partnership with the Representative Body, which is elected by the membership.

The Chief Executive reports to the Trustees of the charitable company who meet at least quarterly. The Board focuses on strategic decision-making and delegates the day-to-day management to the Chief Executive Officer.

The CEO collaborates with the Co-Chairs of the Representative Body and Chair and Co-Chairs of the Board on decisions affected by organisational policy or strategy and consultation with the wider governance group.

Building on the 2020 - 2021 Trustee and Rep Body governance programme the governance code of conduct was updated in Autumn 2021 to ensure all members are comfortable and confident in their role either as a Trustee or Rep Body member.

In March 2022 the organisation had 7 staff working equivalent hours to 5.5 full-time staff.

LDE did not have a physical office space during the year but is trying to find something suitable again in Kent for colleagues based there. Most of LDE's staff work remotely based at home and before Coronavirus travelled nationally as part of their work. In March 2020 LDE changed how it works like many other organisations. The Trustees have worked with the Representative Body and staff team to regularly review how LDE works safely to deliver our aims through 2021 and beyond. The successful delivery of 2 annual conferences and positive feedback from across all membership voice groups means the organisation is going to maintain some one line working.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

In line with our approach to democratic involvement the Representative Body lead the appointment of Trustees in 2018 on behalf of the membership. There have been no Trustee vacancies in the period. The Trustees are committed to strengthening the diversity on the Board, but did not prioritise acting on that during the year due to Covid priorities.

The Representative Body members will usually serve no more than 2 three-year terms. As the first group only started in 2017 the body agreed that 6 of the 12 places would be up for election in 2020 and the next 6 places re-elected in 2022.

In February 2022 the Representative Body started elections for 6 new members to join. The elections concluded in July 2022.

Induction and training of new trustees

Any new Trustees receive a full induction including meetings with longer-standing Trustees, and the CEO with written and electronic information shared on the organisation, the legal responsibilities and current or recent organisation plans and activities.

The general governance induction programme and processes were reviewed by members in preparation for the Representative Body elections in 2022. The updated version will be used to support all members joining the governance with specific additional elements for Trustees on their specific responsibilities and members' representatives similarly.

Related Parties

Trustees are employed by member organisations which are documented. All trustees give their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- a regular review of the risks the charitable company may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and,
- implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charitable company should those risks materialise.

The Risk Register identified a range of risks to manage including

- a reduction of membership levels and resulting financial difficulties, and;
- lack of capacity within a small staff team resulting in an inability to perform all needed functions as a key risk
- Need for succession planning in the paid and unpaid roles because individuals play such significant roles in the organisation

The Risk Register identified the effect of changes in Government/LA funding priorities due to austerity and now Coronavirus changes in spending and the impact on organisational membership in particular.

The impact of the current economic and political changes is regularly reviewed by the Board to provide a robust response to ensure the long-term survival of the organisation. A key element in the management of financial risk is the regular review by trustees of the financial position.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Company number

4233275 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1092587

Principal and Registered office

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Trustees

Sarah Maguire (Co Chair)
Deborah Neill
Jan Walmsley
Jodie Williams (Co chair)
Paula Braynion
Lisa Hopkins
Liz Tilly

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Learning Disability England for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7th October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Maguire
Director and Trustee

Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Learning Disability England

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.



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7th October 2022

Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

	Notes	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations	2	22,301	-	22,301
Income from charitable activities	2	146,483	180,435	326,918
Other income	2	7	-	7
Total income		<u>168,791</u>	<u>180,435</u>	<u>349,226</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	120,901	162,920	283,821
Total expenditure		<u>120,901</u>	<u>162,920</u>	<u>283,821</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		47,890	17,515	65,405
Transfers between funds	11	-	-	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		<u>47,890</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>65,405</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>47,890</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>65,405</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		116,677	-	116,677
Total funds carried forward		<u>164,567</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>182,082</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

	Notes	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations	2	6,610	-	6,610
Income from charitable activities	2	185,549	224,168	409,717
Other income	2	12	-	12
Total income		<u>192,171</u>	<u>224,168</u>	<u>416,339</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	133,865	224,603	358,468
Total expenditure		<u>133,865</u>	<u>224,603</u>	<u>358,468</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		58,306	(435)	57,871
Transfers between funds	11	(435)	435	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		<u>57,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,871</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>57,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,871</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		58,806	-	58,806
Total funds carried forward		<u>116,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,677</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Learning Disability England**Registered number:** 04233275**Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2022**

	Notes		2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	8		<u>1,019</u>	<u>-</u>
			1,019	-
Current assets				
Debtors	9	80,808	81,919	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>411,222</u>	<u>245,978</u>	
		492,030	327,897	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(310,967)	(211,220)	
Net current assets			<u>182,082</u>	<u>116,677</u>
Net Assets			182,082	116,677
The funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds	11	164,567	116,677	
Restricted funds	11	17,515	-	
Total funds			<u>182,082</u>	<u>116,677</u>

The Trustees are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledges their responsibilities 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 and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

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).

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7th October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Maguire
Trustee

Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The reporting currency is £ Sterling.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant & equipment over 4 years

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the transaction price).

Grant income is deferred if it relates to specific expenditure which has not yet been incurred. This expenditure will be a condition of the grant.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amount at the balance sheet date.

Financial Instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. They are recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Income

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants are credited to the statement of financial activities when received or receivable whichever is earlier. Where unconditional entitlement to grants receivable is dependent upon fulfilment of conditions within the Charity's control, the income is recognised when there is sufficient evidence that conditions will be met. Where there is uncertainty as to whether the Charity can meet such conditions the incoming resource is deferred.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs allocated to charitable activities include the direct costs of providing services and running projects.

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Statement of Financial Activities

1 Accounting policies *(continued)*

Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs represent amounts payable by the charity during the period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted general funds may be used in accordance with the charity's objects at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are amounts set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

**Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities**

2 Income	Current year Unrestricted 2022	Current year Restricted 2022	Current year Total Funds 2022
1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022			
Donations	£	£	£
Donations	22,301	-	22,301
Total Donations	<u>22,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,301</u>
Charitable Activities			
Advice, conferences and workshops	18,633	-	18,633
Membership Subscriptions	94,650	-	94,650
Grant Income	33,200	180,435	213,635
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>146,483</u>	<u>180,435</u>	<u>326,918</u>
Other Income			
Bank Interest	7	-	7
Total Other Income	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>
Total Income	<u>168,791</u>	<u>180,435</u>	<u>349,226</u>
Donations include a donation of £20,000 from Mrs Lathigra's will.			
Prior Year Income			
1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	Prior year Unrestricted 2021	Prior year Restricted 2021	Prior year Total Funds 2021
Donations	£	£	£
Donations	6,610	-	6,610
Total Donations	<u>6,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,610</u>
Charitable Activities			
Advice, conferences and workshops	27,683	-	27,683
Membership Subscriptions	79,566	-	79,566
Grant Income	78,300	224,168	302,468
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>185,549</u>	<u>224,168</u>	<u>409,717</u>
Bank Interest	12	-	12
Total Other Income	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>
Total Income	<u>192,171</u>	<u>224,168</u>	<u>416,339</u>

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3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Direct expenditure (note 4)	268,800	337,501
Support expenditure (note 5)	15,021	20,967
Total	<u>283,821</u>	<u>358,468</u>

4 Direct expenditure on charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs (note 7)	176,962	177,640
Conference costs excluding room hire	-	400
Charitable donations	1,000	-
External project delivery and resource costs	86,981	151,695
Insurance	4,667	5,130
Marketing and advertising	-	110
Professional fees	190	2,382
Room hire	-	144
Direct expenditure	<u>268,800</u>	<u>337,501</u>

Due to the pandemic, the conference was held online in 2022.

5 Support expenditure on charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Administrative overheads	341	322
Premises expenses	149	338
Software	949	2,010
Telephone costs	994	1,148
Web & CRM development & hosting	11,298	11,440
Depreciation	340	759
	<u>14,071</u>	<u>16,017</u>
Examination fee	950	950
Governance, training & review	-	4,000
Trustee's expenses (note 6)	-	-
	<u>950</u>	<u>4,950</u>
Support expenditure	<u>15,021</u>	<u>20,967</u>

6 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received remuneration for any for their services. Where claimed, expenses for travel and subsistence are reimbursed. The amount claimed during the period was £Nil (2021: £Nil).

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7 Staff Costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salary Costs	137,980	146,409
Tax and National Insurance	28,656	23,489
Pension Costs	8,805	6,962
Other Costs including Training & Welfare	1,521	780
Total salaries, wages and related costs	<u>176,962</u>	<u>177,640</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Full time equivalents	5.5	6.5

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	5,168
Additions during the year	1,359
At 31st March 2022	<u>6,527</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2021	5,168
Charge for the year	340
At 31st March 2022	<u>5,508</u>
Net book value	
At 1 April 2021	-
At 31st March 2022	<u>1,019</u>

9 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	80,359	81,470
Prepayments and accrued income	449	449
Total debtors	<u>80,808</u>	<u>81,919</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	360
Accruals	5,250	1,275
Deferred Income	39,232	53,234
Grant & Project Balances	251,485	154,879
Other Creditors	15,000	1,472
Total creditors	<u>310,967</u>	<u>211,220</u>

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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Within grant & project balances are amounts received with preconditions attached. These amounts are released into income when the preconditions are met.

This includes restricted funds of:

SW Connections: £14,740
MMU Covid Impact research £31,421
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment): £42,800
NHSE Covid Recovery: £51,300

11 Fund Balances

At 31 March 2022, funds are analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2021 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2022 £
Restricted Funds				
Esmee Fairburn	-	17,515	-	17,515
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	-	-	-	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	-	-	-	-
MMU Covid Impact Research	-	-	-	-
NHSE Covid Recovery	-	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,515</u>
Unrestricted Funds	116,677	47,890	-	164,567
Total Charity Funds	<u>116,677</u>	<u>47,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,082</u>

Net movements included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds			
Esmee Fairburn	64,215	(46,700)	17,515
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	34,250	(34,250)	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	21,000	(21,000)	-
MMU Covid Impact Research	18,870	(18,870)	-
NHSE Covid Recovery	41,100	(41,100)	-
Other restricted funds	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>180,435</u>	<u>(162,920)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds	168,791	(120,901)	47,890
	<u>349,226</u>	<u>(283,821)</u>	<u>65,405</u>

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11 Fund Balances *(continued)*

At 31 March 2021, funds were analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2020 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2021 £
Restricted Funds				
Esmee Fairburn	-	-	-	-
DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant	-	(435)	435	-
CAF DCMS Resilience fund	-	-	-	-
RTR Trust Sharing to be Stronger	-	-	-	-
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	-	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>(435)</u>	<u>435</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted Funds	58,806	58,306	(435)	116,677
Total Charity Funds	<u>58,806</u>	<u>57,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,677</u>

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds			
Esmee Fairburn	74,000	(74,000)	-
DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant	125,427	(125,862)	(435)
CAF DCMS Resilience fund	10,137	(10,137)	-
RTR Trust Sharing to be Stronger	3,280	(3,280)	-
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	9,250	(9,250)	-
Other restricted funds	2,074	(2,074)	-
	<u>224,168</u>	<u>(224,603)</u>	<u>(435)</u>
Unrestricted funds	192,171	(133,865)	58,306
	<u>416,339</u>	<u>(358,468)</u>	<u>57,871</u>

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Restricted Funds

Esmee Fairburn

Grant to support some of organisational core costs, to help ensure that the needs and wishes of learning disabled people are accurately represented in policy and decision making at national and local level. In addition Esme Fairburn granted LDE an unrestricted Covid response and support grant.

DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant

Grant funding to increase availability of support to people in England during COVID-19 2020/21 through providing Information and resources, supporting practice and operational change in response to Covid 19, and delivering a small grants programme aimed at reducing isolation and building resilience in local groups and their members.

CAF DCMS Resilience fund

Grant to maintain the extended information hub, dissemination, training and peer support activities for people with learning disabilities, their families and paid supporters that Covid 19 necessitated.

RTR Trust Sharing to be Stronger

Grant to Learning Disability England for the Sharing to be Stronger Together project that brought together self advocacy groups across England to share examples of self advocacy making a difference and contribute to the building of a national self-advocacy movement.

VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance

This grant which is provided by The Department of Health and Social Care for the purpose of supporting the Health and Wellbeing Programme through facilitating integrated working between voluntary and statutory providers. BILD is the lead organisation on this project and is responsible for liaising and reporting to the funders.

BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)

NHS England are supporting a project because reports have told them that people with a learning disability from minority ethnic groups do not get equal health care. This project includes aims to empower and support self-advocacy or family led groups to overcome barriers and taboos in relation to speaking up about racism and its impact on access to preventative healthcare and treatment.

MMU Covid Impact Research

This grant funds a project researching how the coronavirus pandemic has changed the lives of people with learning disabilities in the UK.

NHSE Covid Recovery

Funded by NHS England, this grant funds the development of a resource bank open for all self-advocacy groups to use. The resources will focus on easy read material and other tools and information to support people who may have difficulties accessing health services.

Other restricted funds

Donations from Trusts are classed as restricted to the purpose as determined by the donor.

Unrestricted funds

These funds are held for the objectives of the charity, and to provide free reserves for future activities, and, subject to charity legislation are free from all restrictions on their use.

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12 Related Parties

Some trustees are employed by member organisations, membership subscriptions are shown below:

Organisation	Membership package	Trustee
Choice Support	LDE Enhanced member £2,500	Sarah Maguire
SeeAbility	LDE Enhanced member £2,500	Lisa Hopkins
Jan Walmsley Associates	LDE Basic member £195	Jan Walmsley
Look Ahead	LDE Basic member £995	Debbie Neill
Building Bridges CIC	LDE Self advocacy member £25	Liz Tilly
Future Directions CIC	LDE Basic member £995	Paula Braynion

13 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

14 Status of the Charitable Company

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The registered office is 134 C/O Anthony Collins Solicitors, Edmund Street, Birmingham, England, B3 2ES.

Its principal activities are the relief of people who are disabled, handicapped (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people, their families and carers in particular through the provision of advice, counselling, workshops, training, and advocacy in respect of their housing care or support needs.

The liability of members is limited but is not exceed £1 per member.