



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

DASH (Destitute Asylum Seekers Huddersfield)

1181825

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Apr-21

To

Mar-22

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants | 4,000 | 105,728 | - | 109,728 | 140,682 |
| Donations | 11,376 | - | - | 11,376 | 14,006 |
| Gift Aid | 2,026 | - | - | 2,026 | 1,185 |
| Fundraising | 1,929 | - | - | 1,929 | 2,607 |
| Client Support payments | 185 | - | - | 185 | 322 |
| Billable income | 7,956 | 32,807 | - | 40,763 | 8,756 |
| Other income | 14 | - | - | 14 | 12 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 27,487 | 138,535 | - | 166,022 | 167,570 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 27,487 | 138,535 | - | 166,022 | 167,570 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Client travel costs | - | 1,816 | - | 1,816 | 524 |
| Destitution support | 480 | 8,186 | - | 8,666 | 5,323 |
| Client telecommunications and data | 26 | 4,508 | - | 4,534 | 4,154 |
| Client support | 100 | 1,685 | - | 1,785 | - |
| Client accommodation costs | - | - | - | - | 4,158 |
| Client legal expenses | - | 450 | - | 450 | 500 |
| Client translation services | - | 1,124 | - | 1,124 | - |
| Staff employment costs | - | 97,147 | - | 97,147 | 66,387 |
| Computer equipment | 410 | 239 | - | 649 | 3,133 |
| Insurance | 1,624 | - | - | 1,624 | 1,897 |
| Volunteer expenses | - | 830 | - | 830 | 276 |
| Office rent costs | - | 3,430 | - | 3,430 | 2,150 |
| COVID protection expenses | - | 91 | - | 91 | 859 |
| Admin and other costs | 2,513 | 1,979 | - | 4,492 | 3,713 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 5,153 | 121,486 | - | 126,638 | 93,074 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 5,153 | 121,486 | - | 126,638 | 93,074 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 22,334 | 17,050 | - | 39,383 | 74,496 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 42,657 | 74,319 | - | 116,976 | 42,480 |
| Cash funds this year end | 64,991 | 91,369 | - | 156,359 | 116,976 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds CCXX R1 accounts (SS) | Current account 1 | 6,749 | - | 09/11/2022 - |

| | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Savings account | 55,169 | 91,369 | - |
| Cash and prepayment cards | 3,073 | - | - |
| Total cash funds | 64,991 | 91,369 | - |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK Unrestricted funds to nearest £ Restricted funds to nearest £ Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

| Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |

B3 Investment assets

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

B5 Liabilities

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

K Wood
J Fowden

KAREN WOOD
JANE FOWDEN

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| Cash and prepayment cards | 3,073 | - | - |
| Total cash funds | 64,991 | 91,369 | - |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| OK | OK | OK |
| Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds |
| to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |

B2 Other monetary assets

| | | | |
|---------|---|---|---|
| Details | | | |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
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| | - | - | - |

B3 Investment assets

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | - | - |
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| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
| K Wood | KAREN WOOD | 9/11/2022 |
| J Fowden | JANE FOWDEN | 9/11/2022 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

DASH (Destitute Asylum Seekers Huddersfield)

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1181825

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(insert or include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that
disclosed below*) which gives me 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Zohaib

Date:

23/10/2022

Name:

Zohaib Hassan

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Certificate in Accounting and Finance (ICAP Pakistan)

DASH Annual Report April 2021- March 2022

We started 2021 in yet another lockdown and once again the DASH team responded with resilience and kindness.

At the end of 2021, there were 66,185 people in the UK waiting for a decision on an initial asylum claim. Over 50,000 of those people had been waiting over 6 months and over 30,000 had been waiting over a year. The delays continue to rise, meaning that thousands of people are living in desperate situations and exacerbating mental health difficulties.

DASH is unique, vibrant, creative and is rich in experience because we are led by a team who are experts by their own experiences. We celebrate new ways of working, complimented by cultures represented by over 50 countries.

People seeking asylum are fleeing from conflicts and abuses, looking for safety and have experienced the unimaginable, they have survived dangerous journeys, left family and loved ones far away in horrific situations.

DASH is led by these experiences and learns to try harder, be better by listening, understanding and changing and adapting frequently as we respond.

We are led by those who share these experiences providing not only peer support but strategic direction utilising skills, qualifications and expertise.

It is this reason why DASH was ready for an unforeseen pandemic, which we not only rode out successfully but expanded and improved our service by reorganising our working model.

The UK asylum system is strictly controlled and complex. It is very difficult for people seeking asylum to provide the evidence required to be granted protection. The decision-making process is extremely tough and many people's claims are rejected.

A positive decision only gives permission to stay in the UK for five years. This makes it difficult to make decisions about the future, to find work and feel settled long term.

DASH provides support in Kirklees where a disproportionate amount of people seeking asylum are accommodated, including recently becoming an Initial Accommodation Centre increasing our workload instantly by 10%.

Thanks to those who believed in us and funded, fundraised, during lockdown we were able to increase the number of staff hours.

DASH has 64 active volunteers and regular meetings for feedback and evaluation from staff and volunteers, we ask for anonymous feedback from clients to improve services and involve clients with service delivery.

How we have supported our communities

Asylum Casework is crucial, new arrivals have no idea about the UK Asylum system and the barriers of navigating the complex system causing further distress and anxiety.

Salina, Asylum Caseworker works in partnership with Solicitors for Country of Origin Reports, a range of local, regional solicitors for Fresh Claims, Article 8 Family and Private Life, Restricted Leave, Change of Conditions, Article 3, and hopes to develop areas in Immigration not covered by Legal Aid including Student Visas and Spouse visas, Fee Waivers, Settlement Application.

Salina is supported by a team of volunteers registered OISC Level1.

Trafficking referrals have increased, PIQ extensions and Fresh claims work has increased.

Asylum support applications and appeals have increased and asylum cessations are on the increase. Volunteers have attended specialist training in order to deal with this development.

We have supported over 85 clients per week in all these areas.

The Welfare Support volunteer tesupport with access to NHS services, GP registration, health appointments, HC1/2, referrals for food parcels, access to English classes, liaise and advocate on Migrant Help issues, housing etc.

Asylum Guides provides support in the early stages and helps navigate the complex process. Volunteers are trained and support people early in their asylum journey to address the causes of crisis and prevent barriers to justice.

Initial Accommodation Outreach

Burhan our Support Worker provides support to all new arrivals in Huddersfield and involves clients in DASH projects.

Essential Needs and NRPf

DASH manages a fund granted by Kirklees Council and works closely with organisations supporting those who have no recourse to public funds to access support for their clients for phone top ups, travel expenses and any other essential needs.

Sanctuary Clothing DASH supports with capacity building of this new project developed to provide clothing for people seeking asylum.

DASH has a confident and competent board with expertise ranging from Accounting, finance, project management, community development, theatre, sales, business, marketing.

We collaborate with 9 partners involved with The Essential Needs Fund Project. We are a partner within the Kirklees Welcomes Partnership. We work with Refugee Action with The Asylum Guides, we are a key part of the multi agency group in Kirklees.

funding priorities

Hundreds of refugees assigned to Huddersfield live year after year with little hope of ever returning home. They cannot because their countries are experiencing endless conflict and they fear persecution if they return home.

Finding a home in the country of asylum and integrating into the local community offers a solution and a chance to rebuild a new life. However many with negative decisions are left confused about their future.

Welfare Support works to prevent and address destitution / NRPF by ensuring that essential needs are met – access to food, housing, health and education.

Poor mental health issues such as anxiety and depression, following traumatic and violent experiences back home affects getting a job, learning English, interacting with services and community, all critical to integrating successfully.

The last year has seen monumental change within DASH, an organisation now well respected, we're proud of our achievements and the phenomenal team working above and beyond in difficult times.

Our organisation has provided over 80% of people seeking asylum in Kirklees with services ranging from clothing vouchers for a local charity shop to detailed Fresh Claim work and everything in between.

We have built capacity of our organisation from Trustee level to those using and benefitting from our services, knitting together the strands which unite us all and ensure refugees and those seeking asylum can articulate and build skills, secure employment and financial independence.

Those with refused asylum claims have been guided by our excellent Oisc Level 2 Case Worker regarding their next steps. Volunteers have supported with welfare needs. Volunteers have received high quality training in assessing needs.

Those with positive decisions have been guided through the maze of online forms and supported within the 28 day move on period by ensuring benefits are in place when asylum support ends.

Partnership and collaboration with services have identified gaps and provided support refugees are entitled to.

A team of client volunteers have developed their skills to share with peers.

The team has been actively involved with the Integration strategy locally and is endeavouring to address the disproportionate impact on BAME groups.

We have started a detailed Triage with every new client (over 700 on our database of active DASH clients) which identifies every need in their asylum journey.

As a result we;

built a close partnership with the local health centre and now can register every new client with them.

We now refer every client with a child to the Schools service who allocates school places, we work closely with charities who then provide school uniforms.

We allocate solicitors to every client eligible for legal aid (there are not enough solicitors in the area so we provide transport costs to neighbouring towns to ensure everyone has legal representation)

We refer all clients to either our own ESOL classes or to classes provided by other organisations.

We raised funds to buy clothing vouchers from a local charity shop which means our clients can shop with dignity at their request and choose their own clothes, the Kirkwood Hospice also benefits from the sales. This partnership has encouraged the charity shop to take van loads of clothes to the local hotel where 30 individuals seeking asylum can choose clothes as many only have the clothes they're wearing.

We encourage every client to join our Asylum Guide project which guides and navigates them through the complex asylum system, many clients volunteer to support other clients. Through this process we ask for feedback about where the gaps are and what works well.

We have more creative ideas than time, money or capacity.

The priority this year has also been to balance existing provision and progress of partnership work against new demands from proposed new initial accommodation (IA) sites.

Substantial progress has been made with strengthening external partnerships and this has increased our client offer without minimal personnel resource.

Regionally, we have moved forwards with the start of the Justice Together Initiative and have become the VCS representative for Kirklees at the sub-regional migration group.

Volunteer recruitment is ongoing and business support administrator recruitment is complete, we are excited to welcome our new team members and feedback is positive from volunteers in terms of their management.

Staff team have been stretched this year with our workload being increased by 20% due to the HO IA. Priority will always be given to ensuring team remain strong and their wellbeing is protected.

Progress has also been made with improving client voice and increasing partnership work/ communication.

Challenges have arisen with hotel clients and the confusion and emotional stress of potential deportation to Rwanda. This, combined with inadequate communication with Mears and lack of Home Office correspondence for clients being moved to dispersed accommodation has increased workload for all staff in this area.

Overview: 12 months

New Clients 285

Client Attendances

(casework) 672

Current registered clients 684, this does not include family members, only the main claimant.

Number of countries 60