

The cover features a light blue header at the top. The main body is white, with a vertical strip on the left showing a close-up of white window blinds. The title 'DASH' is centered in a large, bold, black serif font. Below it, 'ANNUAL REPORT' is centered in a bold, dark blue sans-serif font. At the bottom, a dark grey diagonal band separates the white area from a solid black footer. The text 'APRIL 2022 - MARCH 2023' is centered in a bold, dark blue sans-serif font.

DASH

ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 2022 - MARCH 2023

OVERVIEW

Once again DASH has adapted and responded well to the needs of refugees and people seeking asylum in Kirklees this year.

We appreciated feeling welcome in our offices at The Quaker Meeting House in Paddock.

We were feeling thankful to see people again. Lockdown had taken its toll on both staff, volunteers and clients, the isolation from home working and the increase in hotel accommodation had tested our resilience.

Around 46,000 people were detected crossing the English Channel in small boats in 2022.

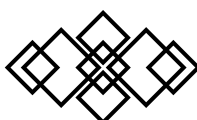
Just 4% of people who arrived in small boats in 2021 have had a decision, waiting times get longer and the backlog grows whilst people who have fled the most traumatic experiences are often waiting years for a decision about their asylum claim.

DASH now operates within three major departments, Legal, Welfare, and Integration.

Multiple projects run within these departments such as Asylum and Immigration, Outreach and Drop-ins, Asylum Guide, Substantive Interview Preparation, Integration and Partnership, Asylum Support, Fresh Claim etc.

Strengthening the Legal Department was part of this years target. New ventures such as the Immigration service and Substantive Interview Preparation project were introduced.

The Integration and Positive Change Project has interlocked legal and welfare support.



DASH runs 4 drop-ins per week, providing support to initial and dispersed accommodation clients. The Welfare Support Projects offer more than 20 services, the Legal department offers 13 services.

2 out of 4 drop-ins are held at the Initial Accommodation sites. One drop-in is held at the Friends meeting House with hot lunch and a relaxed art session, the other at The Mission in the town centre.

DASH has supported an average of 110 clients each week ranging from single men to families.

DASH has worked with multiple partners and has started offering training on Asylum to our partners. We are receiving positive feedback.

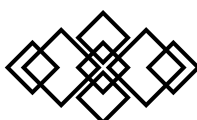
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

This years Ramadan month reflected the positive relationship between DASH and its partners, receiving prayer mats and dates from the local mosques.

The Iftar dinner was very successful with over 70 people attending from the local community, clients and volunteers, the food was delicious, home cooked by our client volunteers.

The Pop Up Cinema welcomed over 100 people from clients and local people to enjoy Bollywood and delicious food.

Our Pizza Day held in a local village welcomed over 100 people from the local community to enjoy alfresco lunch, learn about DASH and contribute to the fundraising.



We have developed a partnership with Growing Communities/Sanctuary Kirklees, where we support clients to attend a session a week in Golcar on an allotment type project and organise and support our clients to attend Sanctuary Suppers.

We attended a partnership/fundraising event with the Kirklees Young Employee Network at the university of Huddersfield where our staff members managed to fundraise money for DASH.

We were part of the Lawrence Batley Theatre Open Day. It was great to share our knowledge and work with local communities and different services.

We had regular Coffee and Catch ups with volunteers who are generously giving their time to assist in any way possible especially during this current challenging time!

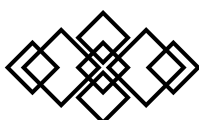
As previous award winners, we were invited to join the panel at the Kirklees Diversity, Equality & Innovation Conference and Awards 2022. A room full of solidarity and an inspiring panel of business leaders sharing their innovative approaches to equality in the workplace.

Mike Prior took part in the Ilkley Triathlon to raise funds for our work. It was 500m swim, 14.5k bike and 4.8k run. He did it, 197th out of 291! Thank you, Mike, for all you do for us!

We attended the Yorkshire Integration Festival - a beautiful celebration of the positive impact made by migrants and refugees in Yorkshire and Humber.

Our incredible volunteers showcased their diverse range of cultures and customs that all contributed to making our region a special place to live.

Our clients have been able to access support and services, feel safe and establish friendships and connections in their local communities.



Our projects have enabled a positive experience of living in Kirklees, preparing our clients for the next stage of their lives, regardless of the outcome of their application.

We have held events for Refugee Week, Volunteer Week, Christmas celebrations, open door lunch at a weekly drop in, welcoming visitors from the local community along with clients.

We have worked to develop partnerships with local organisations to better connect with the refugee community and have expanded our legal programmes and services.

This year has been both challenging and rewarding! We are now a leading charity in Kirklees delivering Integration, Legal and Welfare Support to people seeking asylum.

THERE IS A LEGAL CRISIS!

There just aren't enough Solicitors, only 50% of our clients are able to secure legal representation. Changes in Legal Aid Contracts has meant many solicitor firms are no longer offering Legal Aid.

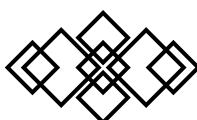
The majority of people who reach the UK seeking safety from violence, war and persecution need to apply to seek asylum when they arrive.

The Home Office have recently introduced a questionnaire for those who arrived into the UK before June 2022 from Eritrea, Libya, Yemen, Syria and Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq.

It requires an applicant to put in writing a significant amount of detail about their asylum claim, almost to the extent of a witness statement, but with complicated questions and unclear guidance.

This has increased our workload in both assisting with the questionnaire but also disseminating information in order to prepare our clients to expect a questionnaire and if they have a solicitor to contact them immediately as there are only 30 days to complete it.

For those without solicitors we are supporting with completing the questionnaires.

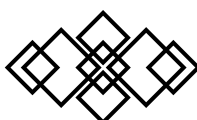


PROJECTS AND SERVICES

We are developing new training programmes for our volunteers, providing volunteering opportunities for clients and local people who are supporting in all areas of work.

The Asylum Guide Programme and Welfare Support has supported with:

- Providing Asylum Guide sessions in 11 languages with the help of DASH's Asylum Guides and Interpreters.
- Navigating the complexities and restrictions associated with the asylum process and asylum support system, and the impact that this can have on their integration.
- Facilitating people seeking asylum and refugees to understand their rights, responsibilities and entitlements, and are able to exercise them to pursue full and independent lives.
- Providing training workshops so that people seeking asylum are supported to understand the asylum system and their rights and entitlements throughout the process, and are able to engage with services.
- Supporting access to NHS services including assisting with registering at medical centres, opticians and dental practices and helping plan for visits to hospitals or specialist appointments
- Providing support and advice on how to access services such as food banks, migrant groups and legal advice.
- Providing support to access English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) assessments and ESOL classes
- Providing assistance, helping to identify and access community activity to support integration.



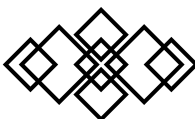
OUR WORK IN FIGURES

LEGAL

Home Office Correspondence – For various reasons	333
Fresh Claim	23
Tribunal Correspondence	85
Immigration Application	8
Leave in Line Application	13
NRPF Application	0
Substantive Interview Preparation/QA	57
Exceptional Case Funding application for Legal Aid	5
Obtaining Expert evidence and Legal Reports	11
Solicitor referral	92

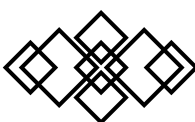
ASYLUM SUPPORT

Section 95 application	23
Section 95- subsistence only	27
Section 95A	20
Relocation Requests	20
Maternity (Change of Circumstances)	6



WELFARE

Total Welfare Clients	1,956
Newly registered client	548
Total Languages	21
MEARS related issues	51
ASPEN Card issues	47
Migrant Help Communication	56
Home Office Communication	136
Food bank referrals	36
Total bus passes	563
Total phones	60
Total Sim Card	269
Clothing referrals/vouchers	153
GP Registration/Communication	99
HC2 Applications	69
Mental health referrals	24
Signpostings/Referrals/3rd party Comms	180



TRUSTEES

Chair – Jane Fowden (Left Oct 22) then rotating Chair

Treasurer – Karen Wood

Secretary – John Atherton (Left Feb 23)

Andrew Tomlinson

Allison Porter

Pete Evans

Jihad Omer

Mohannad Almohammad Alabo

Firas Shihab

Julie Park

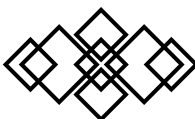
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Sophie Ballinger

We rely on our volunteers, 55 volunteers donated 108 volunteer hours (about 3 full time staff hours) every week.

We couldn't do what we do without them.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, the DASH team will continue to support people seeking asylum in Kirklees with your help.



DASH Treasurer's Report – Financial Year 2022-2023

Author: K Wood – Treasurer

Date: October 2023

This report covers the financial accounting period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

The organization has grown through the last year, with 2 additional employees. Work in the welfare area has expanded and there are now at least 3 drop-ins each week. We have been pleased to receive funding from the Justice Fund to support our work assisting our clients to access the legal process to remain in the UK.

Some of our projects extend beyond one year – the rise in cash reserves to **£196,333** reflect that these funds will be used over a longer term. Our total income during the year was **£247,672**, the majority of which came from grants.

- The Tudor Trust: This grant provided **£32,000** in this financial year, to help to cover management costs. Tudor also offered a further **£2,000** to support the welfare of staff and volunteers.
- KMC: **£35,000** to fund a Welfare Support worker
- Refugee Action: **£17,793** to support the Asylum Guides project.
- Blue Thread: **£32,090** to support work on Asylum casework.
- National Lottery: **£47,980** to support outreach work.
- Justice Fund: **£28,634** to support legal and casework
- James Reckitt Fund: **£15,400** funding for essential clothing for our clients

We continue to be supported through donations from both individuals and organisations. Nearly half of public donations are made regularly and we are especially grateful for these.

Our total outgoings for the year were **£207,698**. Of this total, DASH spent £39,324 on direct financial support to clients in the form of client destitution payments (£22,237), the payment of client legal expenses (£500) and digital connectivity phone/data(£11,013).

Staff costs were our most significant outgoing (£146,178), with a further £6,012 spent on hiring office space in the Quaker Meeting House in Paddock and other general expenses including IT support, professional interpreter services plus stationery, printing and general admin costs.

We began the financial year with funds of £156,359 and these increased over the year so that we ended it with a cash balance of £196,333. Our funds are designated to salary costs and expenses for our projects, ensuring a sustainable service for our clients.

DASH ended the 2022-2023 financial year in a good financial position, allowing the organisation to expand operations wider to support our clients.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

DASH (Destitute Asylum Seekers Huddersfield)

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Apr-22

To

Mar-23

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	111,882	113,427	-	225,309	109,728
Donations	18,689	-	-	18,689	11,376
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	2,026
Fundraising	1,880	-	-	1,880	1,929
Client Support payments	168	-	-	168	185
Billable income	-	-	-	-	40,763
Other income	1,627	-	-	1,627	14
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	134,245	113,427	-	247,672	166,021
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	134,245	113,427	-	247,672	166,021
A3 Payments					
Client travel costs	-	4,553	-	4,553	1,816
Destitution support	-	22,237	-	22,237	8,666
Client telecommunications and data	-	11,013	-	11,013	4,534
Client support	427	-	-	427	1,785
Client Drop In costs	1,985	-	-	1,985	-
Client legal expenses	-	-	-	-	450
Client translation services	544	550	-	1,094	1,124
Staff employment costs	30,124	116,054	-	146,178	97,147
Computer equipment	1,413	-	-	1,413	649
Insurance	1,723	-	-	1,723	1,624
Volunteer expenses	1,914	2,301	-	4,215	830
Office rent costs	6,012	-	-	6,012	3,430
COVID protection expenses	-	-	-	-	91
Events and Fundraising	518	-	-	518	-
Admin and other costs	6,332	-	-	6,332	4,492
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	50,992	156,708	-	207,699	126,638
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	50,992	156,708	-	207,699	126,638
Net of receipts/(payments)	83,254	- 43,281	-	39,973	39,383
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	64,991	91,369	-	156,360	116,976
Cash funds this year end	148,245	48,088	-	196,333	156,359

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 £
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B1 Cash funds

Current account	26,361	-	-
Savings account	118,748	48,088	-
Cash and prepayment cards	3,136	-	-
Total cash funds	148,245	48,088	-

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Unrestricted
funds

Restricted funds

Endowment
funds

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

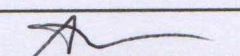

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

ALLISON PORTER
KAREN WOOD

27/10/23
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

DASH (Destitute Asylum Seekers Huddersfield)

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1181825

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

09/10/2023

Name:

Zohaib Hassan

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Certificate of Accounting and Finance (ICAF Pakistan)

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