

Charity registration number 1109897

Company registration number 5354254 (England and Wales)

DUDLEY ADVOCACY LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

DUDLEY ADVOCACY LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs A Williams (Chairperson)	(Appointed 15 November 2022)
	Mr J Turley	
	Mr K E Drew	
	Mrs J Shiels	
	Miss J Jandhu	
Chief Executive Officer	Miss J Islam	
Secretary	Miss J Islam	
Charity number	1109897	
Company number	5354254	
Principal address	The Savoy Centre Northfield Road Dudley West Midlands DY2 9ES	
Registered office	The Savoy Centre Northfield Road Dudley West Midlands DY2 9ES	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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).

Objectives and activities

Dudley Advocacy ensure that vulnerable people in Dudley have the right to be heard, listened to and not marginalised or socially excluded.

Our aims, as always are -

- To defend equal rights and fight discrimination
- To support people to ensure that their human rights are upheld
- To represent the need and wished of vulnerable people
- To support people who need help to express their views and to make sure they are heard, listened to and receive answers
- To enable people to have a say in the services they use and who works in them

We achieve these aims by -

- Putting vulnerable people first
- Listening to what vulnerable people have to say
- Making sure that people who should be listening begin and continue to listen
- Asking questions of people and organisations that haven't been asked before
- Expecting and receiving answers to questions and if none is forthcoming, then we ask again and again

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Advocacy

Since 1st April 2022, as part of a planned initial restructure, Dudley Advocacy has ceased to provide statutory advocacy in Dudley. Dudley Advocacy has subsequently focused its service delivery on non-statutory advocacy.

Dudley Advocacy has provided support to people with learning disabilities and senior citizens, through the non-statutory advocacy projects of Volunteer Advocacy and Parent Advocacy.

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Using our fourth and final year of funding from Tudor Trust we continued to provide advocacy through our Volunteer Advocacy and Parent Advocacy services, expanding the Volunteer Advocacy project to include providing advocacy assistance to senior citizens.

Our Volunteer Advocacy and Parent Advocacy services created 84 advocate to person partnerships.

Our Volunteer Advocacy service continued to recruit and train volunteer advocates to aid people with a learning disability. Our volunteers continued to provide support on a long term basis, as a citizen advocate, or for short term basis, as a crisis advocate.

Our Parent Advocacy service supported parents who had a learning disability and whose children were subject to either child protection planning or care proceedings. The Parent Advocacy service provided assistance to parents on a long term basis until the end of their child's statutory protection planning or care proceedings, which ranged from 6 months to 18 months, with an increase to 24 months due to post-pandemic delays.

The Volunteer Advocacy and the Parent Advocacy services have continued to work closely together to identify cases where both projects can create a professional support network to provide parents with consistent holistic support, across a plethora of issues directly linked to the safeguarding needs of their children.

Across all the different advocacy services we provided, people were supported with many issues, including:-

Accommodation
Complaints
Employment
Finances
Parenting
Safeguarding
Safeguarding adults
Safeguarding children
Social inclusion

By providing advocacy support with the issues outlined above, we were able to obtain life changing positive outcomes for local people; empowering their day to day living and delivering longstanding change. Some of our outcomes included people identifying the following:-

Being listened to and receiving answers
Increased independence
Feeling safer
Involved in decisions about their life
Being more socially included
Experiencing less discrimination
Having a better quality of life
Access to increased, improved and more appropriate services
Increased dignity and respect
Having their rights being upheld

As the easing of the restrictions during the pandemic continued, we remained committed to ensuring our staff, volunteers and advocacy partners were able to safely conduct face to face visits where possible and support our advocacy partnerships to have their needs met in a manner that was most convenient and comfortable for their interests.

We said thank you to our volunteers and acknowledged that without their time, expertise and ongoing commitment, many people would struggle with many different issues.

Our commitment to our local community remains at the core of our work, as we continue the next phase of rebuilding and restructuring Dudley Advocacy, to ensure that we are able to support the requirements of local people, especially when they have no other equivalent service.

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We were successful in securing funding from the Tudor Trust to continue our non-statutory advocacy projects - Volunteer and Parents until August 2023. This ensured that our work with learning disabled parents and communities continued, as well as incorporating support for senior citizens.

We completed our planned transition towards becoming a smaller organisation for an interim period and successfully continued to provide non statutory advocacy to many people.

Dudley Advocacy saw the retirement of its longstanding Chief Executive Officer and the Chairperson with their roles being fulfilled by a new Chief Executive and Chairperson, both with strong backgrounds in health and social care; governance and policy and strategy.

Financial review

The statement of Financial Activities shows gross income for the year of £44,001 and expenditure of £122,669.

Reserves stand at £159,607 in total consisting of £159,607 unrestricted funds and £Nil restricted funds.

Reserves policy

Reserves

Dudley Advocacy holds general unrestricted reserves in order to:

- Ensure that Dudley Advocacy can meet its obligations in the short term in the event of late payment of grants
- Cover any outstanding liabilities such as staff redundancy payments and remaining lease commitments
- Ensure that Dudley Advocacy's core activity can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty
- Finance an unexpected increase in running costs
- Finance some unexpected capital expenditure

The directors/trustees will seek to maintain unrestricted funds, not designated for the next 12 months or invested in fixed assets, equivalent to a minimum of 6 months revenue expenditure on its core activities to finance these eventualities should they occur. In the event that these reserves significantly exceed this amount in any one year the Management Committee will determine a planned use of these excess reserves on activities in the following financial year.

'Core activities' are defined as those general advocacy activities funded from the core grant received by Dudley Advocacy Limited.

The reserves will be maintained in a form realisable within 28 days.

On this basis the required level of free reserves at 31 March 2023 was £234,000 and the actual level of free reserves was £166,000. Reserves held now ensure that Dudley Advocacy Limited are able to continue to provide non statutory advocacy for many people until additional funding is obtained as the core grant received by Dudley Council has now stopped.

Risk Management

The directors and trustees monitor the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charitable company faces to ensure that systems are adequate to mitigate these risks.

Future plans

We will continue to work on a continuous programme of improvement and development so that Dudley Advocacy can continue to provide a user led, independent, efficient, responsive, adaptable service.

As we move into a new era at Dudley Advocacy we will re-evaluate the long-term goals of the organisation and its method of service delivery.

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Structure, governance and management

The charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and was setup by a Memorandum and Article of Association on the 7 February 2005 as amended by special resolution dated 1 June 2005 and 26 July 2006.

The objects of the charitable company are to provide advocacy service, to assist in any way any person with a disability, including, but not restricted to, learning difficulties, physical disabilities, mental illness or age.

The day to day running of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer under the supervision of the trustees.

The charity is also grateful to a number of volunteers who assist in various capacities.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs A Williams (Chairperson)	(Appointed 15 November 2022)
Mrs C M Grimmitt (Vice Chairperson)	(Resigned 5 November 2023)
Mr D Price	(Resigned 15 November 2022)
Mr J Turley	
Mr K E Drew	
Mrs J Shiels	
Miss J Jandhu	

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees are elected from the membership of the organisation. Trustees are nominated, proposed and seconded by members and carried at the AGM. Trustees are able to co opt a person to the committee for their expertise and knowledge, usually from statutory organisations, however those persons co opted have no voting powers.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees. This approach ensures that new trustees are respected maintaining a strong relationship between Dudley Advocacy and the community.

When selecting new trustees, we aim to identify individuals who actively participate in the charity's events and are willing to volunteer for broader initiatives. Prospective trustees are invited to observe trustees' meetings, where they receive detailed information about the charity's goals and activities. If all parties agree, they are then proposed as new trustees during subsequent trustee meetings. This process allows for careful consideration of eligibility, personal competence, specialized knowledge, and skills of potential trustees.

Induction and training of trustees

After their appointment, new trustees receive a thorough introduction to their responsibilities. They are provided with copies of the trustee deed and a guide to the charity's policies and procedures. In addition, they are given publications from the charity commission, including guidance on charities and public benefit. This ensures that new trustees are fully aware of their obligations under the Charities Act and have a clear understanding of the scope of their role.

Initially, new trustees work closely with existing trustees, assisting them in various activities and projects. This hands-on experience allows them to gain practical knowledge and familiarize themselves with the charity's operations. Throughout this period, existing trustees provide feedback to ensure that new trustees are progressing effectively and actively contribute to the charity's endeavors.

By providing a comprehensive introduction, ongoing support, and a gradual increase in responsibilities, the charity ensures that new trustees are well-prepared to fulfill their roles and make meaningful contributions to the organization's objectives.

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Other matters

Assets cover for funds

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the charitable company has the power to make any investment which the directors and trustees see fit.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs A Williams (Chairperson)

Trustee

7 December 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUDLEY ADVOCACY LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Dudley Advocacy Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).


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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



Babar Mahmood ACA

Qualified member of ICAEW

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Dated: 7 December 2023

DUDLEY ADVOCACY LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	-	59,120	-	59,120
Charitable activities	4	-	44,001	44,001	213,940	68,859	282,799
Investments	5	125	-	125	4	-	4
Total income		125	44,001	44,126	273,064	68,859	341,923
Charitable activities	6	58,955	59,358	118,313	260,311	70,859	331,170
Net income/(expenditure)		(58,830)	(15,357)	(74,187)	12,753	(2,000)	10,753
Transfers between funds		(15,357)	15,357	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(74,187)	-	(74,187)	12,753	(2,000)	10,753
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		233,761	-	233,761	221,008	2,000	223,008
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		159,574	-	159,574	233,761	-	233,761

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		1		67
Current assets					
Debtors	13	1,860		15,885	
Cash at bank and in hand		160,150		232,810	
		<u>162,010</u>		<u>248,695</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>2,437</u>		<u>15,001</u>	
Net current assets			159,573		233,694
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>159,574</u>		<u>233,761</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			159,574		233,761
			<u>159,574</u>		<u>233,761</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 7 December 2023

Amy Williams

Mrs A Williams (Chairperson)
Trustee

Company registration number 5354254 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Dudley Advocacy Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Savoy Centre, Northfield Road, Dudley, West Midlands, DY2 9ES.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grant income represents grants received for specific projects within the charity's activities. Grant income received which is subject to conditions before it can be spent, is deferred and carried forward in creditors in deferred income until conditions have been met.

Other income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon the notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computers	33% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure), except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Grants receivable for core activities - Dudley MBC	-	59,120

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Dudley MBC - IMCA/People with complex learning difficulties	-	48,510
Dudley MBC - People with complex learning difficulties	-	30,192
Dudley MBC - Care Act	-	88,352
Out of Borough Relevant Persons Representative	-	68,888
Dudley MBC other (RPR/Pilot Project)	-	8,190
The Tudor Trust	44,001	38,667
	<u>44,001</u>	<u>282,799</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	-	213,940
Restricted funds	<u>44,001</u>	<u>68,859</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	<u>125</u>	<u>4</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	94,046	268,082
Depreciation and impairment	66	267
Staff training	475	2,778
Rent	3,626	3,565
Travel and subsistence	722	4,025
Printing, Postage and Stationery	203	324
Telephone and internet	2,854	3,022
Insurance	1,683	1,977
Sundry expense	827	2,610
Computer costs	2,189	2,813
Consultancy fees	-	31,850
Bad debts	-	2,512
Bank charges	67	-
	<u>106,758</u>	<u>323,825</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Governance	11,555	7,345
	<u>118,313</u>	<u>331,170</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	58,955	260,311
Restricted funds	59,358	70,859
	<u>118,313</u>	<u>331,170</u>

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Governance	<u>11,555</u>	<u>7,345</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7 Support costs allocated to activities

(Continued)

	2023 £	2022 £
Governance costs comprise:		
Staff costs	5,328	2,585
Legal and professional	3,323	-
Accountancy	2,779	4,560
Printing and Stationery	125	200
	<u>11,555</u>	<u>7,345</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	96,692	242,902
Social security costs	1,982	24,032
Other pension costs	700	3,733
	<u>99,374</u>	<u>270,667</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	11,254
At 31 March 2023	11,254
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2022	11,187
Depreciation charged in the year	66
At 31 March 2023	11,253
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	1
At 31 March 2022	67

12 Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,051	15,086
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	2,437	4,001

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	301	14,164
Other debtors	750	922
Prepayments and accrued income	809	799
	1,860	15,885

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income	15	-	11,000
Accruals and deferred income		2,437	4,001
		2,437	15,001

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

15 Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Arising from The Tudor Trust	-	11,000

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	-	11,000
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2022	11,000	16,667
Released from previous periods	(11,000)	(5,667)
Deferred income at 31 March 2023	-	11,000

16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds			
	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
The Tudor Trust	44,001	(59,358)	15,357	-

The Tudor Trust

Funding from The Tudor Trusty has been used to support the costs of the Parent Advocacy team; mainly salary costs of Parent advocate and The Volunteer Development Officer.

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	233,761	125	(58,955)	(15,357)	159,574

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17 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	221,008	273,064	(260,311)	-	233,761

18 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

There were no significant liabilities at the balance sheet date (2022 - £Nil)

19 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Between two and five years	9,828	13,104

20 Control and limited liability

The charitable company is not under the control of any one particular party.

The charitable company is a registered charity and has been granted the power to dispense the word 'Limited' from its name.

The liability of the members is limited by guarantee to a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the company being wound up.

21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).