

Autism Alliance UK Limited
(A company limited by guarantee)

Report & Financial Statements

For the year ending 30 September 2016

Charity Number: 1112897
Company Number: 3629625

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AUTISM ALLIANCE UK LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2016**

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2016.

In preparing the report the Board has had regard to the Guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Autism Alliance UK Limited

Registered Charity No: 1112897

Registered Company No: 03629625

Registered Office: Century House
Riverside Office Centre
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Trustees John Phillipson - Resigned 18th October 2016
Clive Stobbs
Jonathan Shephard - Resigned 13th October 2015
Alan Somerville - Resigned 1st December 2016
Jane Howson
Robin Bush - Appointed 10th March 2016

Company Secretary Clive Stobbs

General Secretary: Jackie Doughty

Bankers: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2016

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Governance and Internal Control

Governing Document

The Autism Alliance is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was established by the Memorandum and Articles of the Association on 30th September 2005 by which the charity is governed. Its objects are to promote, maintain, improve and advance the education, development, health and welfare of people with autism and/or related conditions. The members of the company are the chief executives of the constituent charities of the Alliance. The members elect at least three (and not more than fifteen) from among their number to be Trustees of the charity and Directors of the company. The members meet in general meeting at least twice a year.

Statement of Trustees's Responsibilities

Company and charity 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 Charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. The charity's income for the year ended 30th September 2016 exceeded £25,000 and therefore external scrutiny of the accounts is required. The Independent Examiner's report can be found on page 5.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

The Trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Risk and Internal Control

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the Charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the Charity or for publication is reliable;
- the Charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- an annual budget approved by the Board of Trustees;
- regular consideration by the Board of Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets and non-financial performance indicators;
- delegation of authority;
- identification and management of risks.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

The Autism Alliance seeks to improve the lives of people with autism. The main activities in the year to 30th September 2016 were:

- sharing good practice among its member charities.
- responding to consultations from Government and others.
- project managing funding from the Department of Health to improve public awareness and understanding of autism and build autism-friendly communities that are accessible for people with autism.
- to manage the training of staff in Job Centres who are looking at the whole experience of people with autism who are capable and keen to work, through funding from the Department of Work and Pensions

In order to facilitate its work, the Alliance has appointed a General Secretary as the sole employee. The charity has low overheads and a positive cash balance.

The charity continued to achieve its objectives throughout the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Financial Position

Additional funding was received in the year to 30th September 2016 from a) Department of Health to deliver a project to improve public awareness of autism and to build autism-friendly communities and b) Department of Work and Pensions to train staff in Job Centres

Policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The trustees consider that the reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which the additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Investments Policy

It is not envisaged that the Alliance will generate sufficient surplus funds to warrant investment. Accordingly no investments policy has been developed.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED

The charitable organisation has one member of staff.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



C Stobbs

6th June 2017

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES / MEMBERS OF AUTISM ALLIANCE UK LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2016 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of 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 trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Chartered Accountants

6th June 2017

AUTISM ALLIANCE UK LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2016

		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> 2016	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> 2015
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income - memberships		76,500	-	76,500	71,000
- DOH Innovations Funding		125,000	-	125,000	200,000
- DWP Training Funding		43,500	-	43,500	-
Total Incoming Resources		245,000	-	245,000	271,000
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds					
Cost of generating voluntary income	2	57,227	-	57,227	41,227
Cost of DOH Innovations Funding		125,000	-	125,000	200,000
Cost of DWP Training Funding		43,500	-	43,500	-
Governance costs	3	6,557	-	6,557	12,093
Total Resources Expended		232,284	-	232,284	253,320
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		12,716	-	12,716	17,680
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		63,529	-	63,529	45,849
Total funds carried forward	9	76,245	-	76,245	63,529

The statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing.
There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the above statement.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors and Prepayments	6	550	50,650
Cash at bank and in hand		123,226	91,463
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditors & Accruals	7	47,531	78,584
Net Current Assets		<u>76,245</u>	<u>63,529</u>
<u>Funds</u>			
Unrestricted Funds	10	76,245	63,529
		<u>76,245</u>	<u>63,529</u>

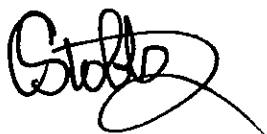
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies act 2006.

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

For the year ended 30 September 2016 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 6th June 2017 and signed on their behalf by:-



C A Stobbs
Trustee

6th June 2017

Company registration number:- 03629625

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form an integral part of these accounts.

AUTISM ALLIANCE UK LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2016****1 Accounting Policies****Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Accumulated funds

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

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Value added tax

The company's activities are classified as exempt for the purpose of value added tax and the company is unable to reclaim the value added tax which it suffers on its expenses. Expenditure in these financial statements is therefore shown inclusive of value added tax.

2 Cost of generating voluntary income**Comprises:**

	2016	2015
	£	£
Administration Costs	820	615
Website Maintenance and Development	10,150	3,903
Gross Wages	33,855	24,406
Travel & Subsistence	10,064	10,542
Small Equipment	1,781	448
Bank Charges	100	119
Consultancy	457	-
Subscriptions	-	1,194
DOH Innovations Fund	125,000	200,000
DWP Training Fund	43,500	-
	<u>225,727</u>	<u>241,227</u>

3 Governance costs

Meeting Expenses	6,357	11,093
Independent Examiner Fees	200	1,000
	<u>6,557</u>	<u>12,093</u>

4 Trustees Emoluments

No payments were made to Trustees during the period in respect of salaries or re-imbursed expenses.

5 Employee Information

Number of employees	2016	2015
Administration	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Employment costs		
Wages and salaries	32,981	40,285
Social security costs	874	960
	<u>33,855</u>	<u>41,245</u>

AUTISM ALLIANCE UK LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2016**

6 Debtors & Prepayments - Short term, less than one year	2016	2015
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	-	50,000
Other debtors	550	650
	<u>550</u>	<u>50,650</u>

7 Creditors & Accruals - Amounts falling due within one year	2016	2015
	£	£
Payroll tax and social security	2,760	2,838
Accruals and deferred income	44,771	74,548
Other creditors	-	1,198
	<u>47,531</u>	<u>78,584</u>

8 Called Up Share Capital

Autism Alliance UK Ltd is a Company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. Each member will contribute a maximum of £1 on winding up.

9 Reserves	2016	2015
	£	£
Brought Forward	63,529	45,849
Surplus for the year	12,716	17,680
Carried Forward	<u>76,245</u>	<u>63,529</u>

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2016 Total
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Fund balances at 30 September 2016 are represented by:

Current assets	123,776	-	123,776
Creditors: amounts due within 1 year	47,531	-	47,531
	<u>76,245</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>76,245</u>

11 Trustees Expenses

The trustees received no remuneration and no expenses were incurred on behalf of the Charity.

12 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.