## DIAL SOUTH ESSEX

## THE DISABILITY HELPLINE



## **ANNUAL REPORT**2018-2019

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

DIAL provides a free, confidential, information and advice service on all issues affecting disabled people's lives, to enable and empower them to improve their quality of life and live as independently as possible. Our own unique experience of living with disability allows us to assist others with understanding and expertise.

#### **CORE VALUES**

**INDIVIDUALITY** We try to respect the uniqueness of each person we work with

and develop services that meet their individual needs.

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

We will actively promote the rights of each individual. We want each person to achieve their hopes and goals and make real choices towards a positive future. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to make their own contribution

to the community they live in.

SUPPORT AND INDEPENDENCE

We believe in offering support to service users in ways which should minimise their reliance on input from

professional services. We are committed to enabling people to make friendships, relationships and community networks.

**BEST VALUE** We are committed to the continuous improvement of services

which provide both quality and value for money for the

community.

**VALUING STAFF** We believe in the strength of teamwork and of the individual.

We will work to improve the knowledge and skills of all of our

staff and volunteers through training.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** We are committed to working openly with service users,

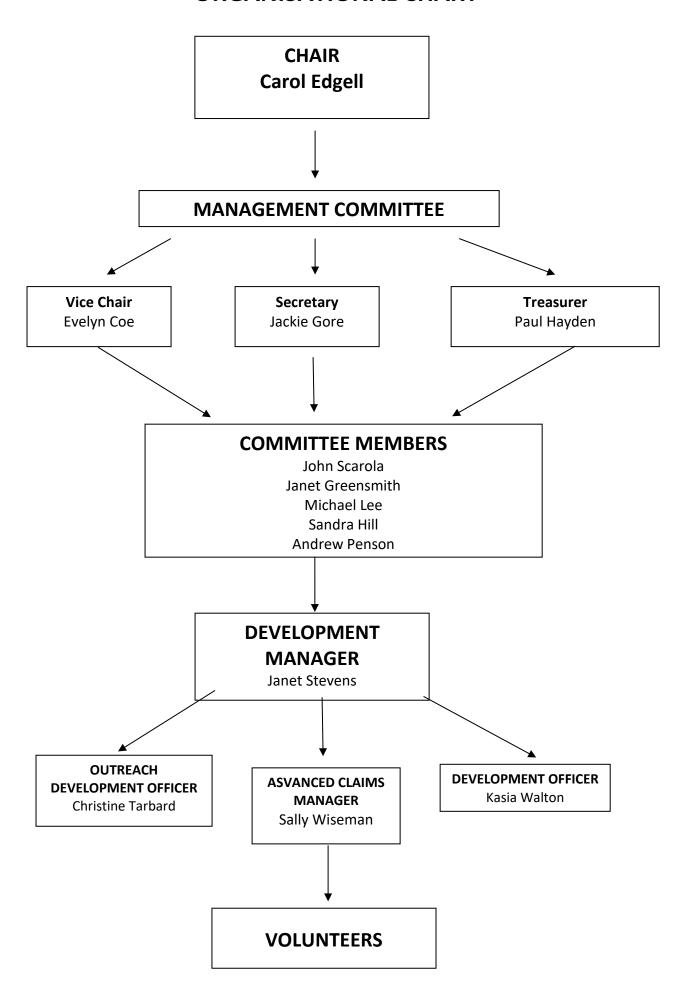
staff, volunteers, our management committee, and external voluntary and statutory bodies. We will work to communicate with and involve all of these people in the decisions in which

they have an interest.

**COMMITMENT** We strive to incorporate our values into all our policies,

procedures and day-to-day working practices.

#### **ORGANISATIONAL CHART**



#### **STAFF**

Jan Stevens, Responsible for the daily running and the development

**Development Manager** of all services at DIAL

Officer

Sally Wiseman Assist clients with appeal submissions, casework and

Advanced Claims Manager tribunal paperwork and complicated benefit enquiries

**Christine Tarbard** Outreach Adviser dealing with a variety of disability issues

**Outreach Development** in various locations in the south of the county

**Kasia Walton**To create social and self-help groups throughout the Basildon

District and promote Volunteering through the groups

#### **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES**

DIAL's Committee is made up of 95% disabled people. They have a wide variety of skills to help enhance the running and decision making of DIAL. All major decisions regarding the charity are taken by the Management Committee.

Carol Edgell Chair Retired Police Force Administrator
Evelyn Coe Vice-Chair Retired Children's Home Carer
Jackie Gore Secretary Pharmacy Manager & Technician
Paul Hayden Treasurer Local Government Officer/Bookkeeper

John Scarola Retired Ford Motor Company Union Representative

Janet Greensmith Retired Confectioner

Sandra Hill Accounts Clerk/Bookkeeper

Michael Lee Essex League Football Team Manager

Andrew Penson Mechanical Engineer



#### **VOLUNTEERS and SERVICES**

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

For 33 years, volunteers have been a vital part of DIAL in providing support to thousands of disabled people by:

- Giving information and advice on any disability issues
- · Working to influence public opinion and government policy
- · Promoting disabled people's active involvement in society
- Promoting lifelong learning

DIAL promotes the role of disabled people in society by:

- Supporting them to influence decisions
- · Sharing their experiences and skills within their communities and society as a whole
- Making choices

Volunteers are crucial in making sure DIAL continues to support disabled people and benefit the local community. People volunteer for many reasons, perhaps to give something back to the local community or to gain valuable experience which could help in finding future employment. This year one of our volunteers has found employment and agree that volunteering with DIAL has helped him to obtain the position due to the skills, experience and increased confidence that he has gained during his time with us.

Volunteers add value to our work with disabled people in the local community and in return can expect:

- · The enjoyment of being part of a team
- · A chance to meet new people, make new friends, gain confidence and increase self esteem
- · To gain new skills
- The chance to use their individual talents and skills to benefit disabled people
- · Personal growth and development
- The rewarding feeling of supporting someone to achieve their full potential
- The knowledge that they have made a real difference

DIAL currently has a bank of 12 committed volunteers, working between 5 and 10 hours per week. Whether they are disabled themselves or have a family member or friend they care for, they are all dedicated to the work that they do and endeavour to help others cope with their problems and difficulties. DIAL promotes the importance of the role volunteers play in the organisation and encourages all volunteers to participate in training courses to benefit their work at DIAL and to increase their own knowledge, skills and confidence.



#### **SERVICES**

DIAL is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 10am and 3pm at its main office. We are closed to the general public for phone calls and drop-ins on Thursdays but see some clients by appointment only. Anybody is welcome to come and visit us at the office or contact us by telephone, text, email or letter. All enquiries are promptly dealt with and further information is passed on as soon as we receive it. DIAL is unique in the fact that it deals with problems relating to all disabilities and disability issues mainly by people who are disabled. This enables them to give advice with compassion and empathy and we feel that this puts us in a better position to give a top quality, specialist service to disabled people. We provide quality advice and information on a wide range of issues.

We offer a variety of projects to help as many people as possible access our service in the way best suited to them. We offer

- General information and advice, face to face, by our office in Grays
- **Home Visiting** service for people unable to get to us for help with benefit applications and independent living advice (this is currently a limited service)
- Welfare Rights Service to help people with appeals, casework, submissions and tribunals
- Advice Desk at **Pitsea Library** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Advice Desk at **Wickford Library** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month
- Advice Desk at Lifestyle & Mobility Shop in Basildon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month
- Advice Desk at **Brentwood Community Hospital** on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- Advice Desk at the **South Ockendon Centre** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month
- Advice Desk at **Chadwell St Mary Library** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month
- Advice Desk at **Tilbury Library** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Advice desk at **Purfleet Hub** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month
- Information provided by telephone, Email, via our website, text
- Social Clubs and Self Help Groups in Basildon (call office for details)

We hope to add venues in Canvey and Rayleigh during the next financial year.

The following services are available. Appointments are needed for some areas of assistance e.g. form filling, appeal casework and home visits.

- Support, Information and Advice by friendly staff and volunteers
- Benefit Checks, Benefit Enquiries, Benefit Appeals and Casework
- Help with completion of various forms (hard copy and online)
- Advice on a variety of disability related subjects, e.g. equipment, leisure, access, etc
- Advocacy, Signposting and Referral, as necessary



#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

This year, as always, has been a very busy year for all concerned. We have welcomed some new volunteers to join us and also welcomed back some who had either left us or have been off on long term sick leave. After an initial false start with coming back into the Thurrock area, we are now working very well with the two offices next to each other on the second floor which is proving successful enabling us to deal with extra clients. We are, therefore, still able to stay at The Beehive from 10am — 3pm each day with Thursday being mainly an administration and appointments day. We are also successfully seeing a variety of people at the various outreach desks and home visits.

Funding - as ever - is still a big issue for us, especially with the extra criteria which is now required and finding a way to adapt what we do to fit in with this. As we all know there is only so much we can do to change what we do or add to it. Almost everyone we see considers that we do an excellent job and should not have to change, but unfortunately that is not how the funders see it and they always want more for their money however small the amount may be.

Overall it has been a successful year and I want to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment and hope we are able to carry on for many years to come.

Carol - Chairperson



#### TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts have improved this year. Although we still had an overspend we had a small amount of reserves to carry forward. DIAL aims to generate as much core funding as possible from income generation and donations/fundraising activities and we aim to enable ongoing development through project funding from other funders. The trustees will continue to monitor the level of funding being generated to ensure sufficient funds to continue to operate the service at its current level for as long as possible hoping to avoid the need to reduce levels of service to the public and to identify sources of funding to allow DIAL to expand its services.

#### **DIAL'S PROJECTS**

#### Sally Wiseman Appeals Service

As with previous years, we have experienced many challenges, from the usual financial worries and difficult cases, to new more in depth appeals including several cases being taken to Upper Tier Tribunals, a new experience for me.

My caseload still appears to be growing with many new clients being referred to me by other organisations, many satisfied clients as well as HMCTS and DWP themselves. With managed migrations from Employment & Support Allowance (ESA) to the much awaited Universal Credit (UC) put on hold, this hasn't stopped the increase in ESA appeals. It seems the DWP are reassessing ESA clients more quickly and the majority of them (who are long term claimants) are being refused ESA, resulting in them having to make a claim for UC, forcing them into financial hardship. Many of these client have long term medical conditions as well as conditions from birth which will not go away or improve. Fortunately, these cases are amongst the ones which have been successful mainly because they shouldn't have got to the appeal stage at all. This had caused a lot of these clients to suffer unnecessary stress and upset, further impacting their conditions and daily living.

Throughout 2018/19, I had a caseload of 149 cases. Of these cases 33 are ongoing, I won 77 cases, lost 19 and have no results for 20. Working on these figures my success rate is stable at 80%, above the national average which is currently 70%.

As we are struggling to raise funding for the organisation we looked at introducing a charge for helping clients with appeals. Instead it was decided to start attaching a donation request letter to my appointment letters and submission responses asking clients to think about making a donation to DIAL if their appeal was successful. We have had some positive response but we feel that this may also be a reason why people are not informing us of the outcome of their hearing.

#### **Christine Tarbard Outreach Service**

I am pleased that the Outreach Service is progressing well especially at the hubs. The funding from the Nat West Skills and Opportunities Fund ended earlier this year but the project has continued through other funding sources. I work closely with Thurrock Community Support (Local Area Co-Ordinators) whose clients suffer a lot of mental health issues and who are unable to navigate the systems themselves. This causes them more anxiety and stress. I meet with other agencies who support people at the hubs, helping with signposting, referrals and networking. The desk at Brentwood Hospital is busy with walkins, most of them being of the older generation. I advise them mainly about benefits that may be available for them and aids and adaptations to help them in their homes. I conduct home visits with the LAC's in Thurrock and throughout the South Essex area, many in sheltered accommodation to help with benefit form completion and to advise on other resources that would help them. I also advise their family members on help available for them as they are caring for them. I have generated a lot of financial benefit for my clients, helping to improve their quality of life and improve both their physical and mental health. I am hoping to open two more outreach desks in Rayleigh and Castle Point next year and am currently working on suitable locations.

#### **Kasia Walton "Coming Together" Project**

Nearly 18 months after I joined DIAL, I still meet many organisations, both statutory and voluntary. I now have closer contact with the local Stroke and Epilepsy Groups. The project relates only to the Basildon district but I have a few people that attend the groups from other places as well. I have regular members in my clubs with different conditions and disabilities as well as people who feel lonely due to all different life situations. My meetings have various activities – crafts, crosswords, Sudoku, special occasion meetings for Easter and Christmas. I've also created groups for the parents and carers where families come to meet friends and share their stories – both happy and difficult, talks about their struggles after miscarriage or labour at 28 weeks. My groups have made people come out from their homes and comfort zones, created friendships and connected people from different age groups that help each other on a regular basis. I've been told by some of my members that they think our groups have improved their life and made them feel part of the community again and praise us for our professionalism and knowledge. We hope to continue our work and get more members who will regularly attend the meetings.

#### **Training / Workshops**

We have arranged training for staff and volunteers on Debt, Financial Capability, Scam Awareness and Universal Credit. We have also had a complete day of Benefits Overview Training delivered by Child Poverty Action Group where we invited some people from other organisations to attend as well, which proved very popular. We hope to do some more of these over the coming year.

We have seen many more of our clients facing an increased mountain of debt largely due to the removal of benefits that they had relied on for many years. Many are also finding the new Universal Credit applications difficult as this is an online application and many of our client group have trouble using computers or do not have access to the internet. We have arranged workshops and training on applying for online benefits, making appointments, online shopping and showing people how they can use social media to stay in touch with family and friends. People are then able to pop back to update their claims as necessary knowing that they have the support of our staff and volunteers if they need help. Through chatting with clients at their appointments, our ongoing and annual suggestions/surveys we have identified that there is a need for one to one financial advice and educating people to take control of their finances by tackling the financial issues people have and advising them of priority debts and budgeting. We are looking at various ways to

DEBT





#### ANNUAL SURVEY RESULTS

Each year we conduct on-going and annual satisfaction surveys on all aspects of DIAL's work. This year we have sent surveys to 200 clients of various ages, areas and enquiries and received 51 replies. We ask a variety of questions on all aspects of our service and ask clients to rate the level of each category. Many commented on how helpful and valued our service is. Overall responses to some of the questions from the recipients are;

•	How satisfied were you with our overall level of service	92% Very Good
•	Did you receive the help you needed	94% Yes
•	How informative did you find our staff	91% Very Good
•	Were you told about other services with your initial enquiry	64% Yes
•	Did we allow you to discuss all issues you wanted to	79% Yes
•	Would you recommend us to someone else	97% Certain To

The following are samples from people's responses. As you will see people have explained how DIAL's service can help people to improve their quality of life, become more independent and ease some of the anxiety and stress they experience to improve their physical and mental health. All recommendations are considered and put forward to the committee but obviously some suggestions are beyond our control to alter. All the original survey results can be viewed in the main office by request.

#### Comments and How might we improve?

- Thank you so much for all your help and support during my PIP appeal
- Thank you so much for your time and all that you have done for me. It is a massive relief for me, I'm so grateful
- I would like to thank you so very much for your help. Without your help I know it would not have been possible for me to sort everything out.
- Thank you very much for everything you have done for us. You're a diamond.
- Thank you so much for your help with my appeal. I won. I really appreciate the effort you put in with such a short amount of time. You and the team do not get enough credit for the work that you do for others.
- Excellent service. All my questions answered and help given to solve the problems I had – great, caring people
- I can't thank you enough for your support, help & advice. I hope you continue to get funding for this important life line service

Other suggestions were around gaining an increase in funding to recruit more staff and volunteers to deliver an extended service and to obtain larger premises. Future funding applications are taking this into account but without more volunteers and funding we will find it hard to improve on the current situation.

Last years surveys brought to light the fact that most people hear about DIAL by Word of Mouth or through other organisations. Therefore this year we have reduced the advertising we do to reduce costs and concentrate on displaying posters in GP surgeries, hospitals, etc

#### **CASE STUDY**

Below is a case study showing the type of enquiries that we deal with every day and how our work is valued and life changing for many people. The positive results and changes to the quality of clients lives inspire the volunteers to continue the work that they do, as they can see how the help they give can change a person's life for the better.

A young man, 26, contacted us as he was homeless, had no money and was having trouble with his leg and foot following a motorbike accident, as well as other disabling conditions that he was being treated for at a London Hospital and at Basildon Hospital. He used to be employed, live with his partner in a flat he was buying in the city and enjoyed a good social life but following the accident that all changed. His partner left him, his flat was repossessed and he had no social life as initially he was living on the streets. We made an appointment and went through various options with him relating to housing and income maximisation. He managed to find a few friends that would sometimes let him stay over and he continued to sofa surf as much as possible whilst we worked with the local council homelessness department to try to find him somewhere to stay. We did a benefit check which showed he was entitled to claim Universal Credit (UC) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) but this then pulled up the fact that someone had stolen his identity and made it appear that he had been working and was excluding him from claiming benefit. This meant that he was relying on friends and family members to give him money for food and general costs. We began working with his previous employer, his bank and HMRC to try to resolve the problem and prove that he was not working when the DWP said he was. This was an ongoing case requiring many hours work over several months. We eventually managed to get his benefit sorted out and helped him to make his claims for Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment. In time these were awarded and he had some of his own money for the first time in over 6 months. Still working with the council, once awarded both benefits on health grounds he was given a flat of his own. We then helped him to apply for a grant to help with furnishing the flat and for the council tax support and to update his UC claim for help with the rent. We thought that we were eventually there but he had started to feel very unwell and unfortunately he was diagnosed with cancer a couple of weeks later. He now has to attend Southend Hospital as well as the other two and we have assisted with getting him hospital transport to be able to attend his appointments. He is still receiving treatment for all his conditions but although his health has deteriorated the rest of his life has improved. He now has his own home where he can relax after his sessions of chemo knowing he is safe, warm and dry and has some money to buy food and the odd luxury. When we first met him he was very angry, low, depressed and stressed, struggling to try and survive and sort his life out. Now his mental health has improved. Although worried about how the cancer will progress or if he will beat it, his stress levels have reduced as everything else in his life is now in place and he can concentrate on his health and trying to rebuild his relationship with members of his family.



#### STATISTICS, EVALUATION & MONITORING

Below are the annual results of the evaluation and monitoring of DIAL's service using the monthly statistics. In the financial year 2018-2019 we saw a total of 2871 clients seeking information on 5040 enquiries. We also saw another 330 people at the clubs and 1 to 1 sessions for the Peoples Health Trust Project.

#### The total of enquiries is broken down as follows;

SUBJECT AREA  ACCESS  AIDS & ADAPTATIONS  APPEALS	2018-2019 9 66 1038 258 227
AIDS & ADAPTATIONS APPEALS	66 1038 258
APPEALS	1038 258
	258
MANDATORY RECONSIDERATIONS	
SSCS1 FORMS	
COMMUNITY CARE	77
CONSUMER	64
ENERGY	33
EDUCATION	21
EMPLOYMENT	24
HOLIDAYS	58
HOUSING	71
LEGAL	49
MEDICAL	58
MOBILITY	49
BLUE BADGE	116
PERSONAL	23
RADAR KEYS	47
TRANSPORT	67
VOLUNTARY SERVICES/ORGANISATIONS	118
BENEFITS (VARIOUS)	2506
OTHER	61
TOTAL	5040

Benefit advice was the main subject that we were contacted about accounting for 2506 enquiries, 50% of all total enquiries received. We were contacted by more people under retirement age. This year we dealt with 635 people over the age of 65 and 2236 people under 65. Contacts by personal visit and telephone were similar and more people are contacting us via email.

#### **AREAS**

Although not everybody that we deal with will give us their full details we try to get the area that they live in. We are being contacted by people from further afield including Outer Boroughs of London, Havering, Dagenham, Chelmsford and Southend. Contacts from each area are shown below;

Basildon, Billericay and Wickford	594
Brentwood	76
Castle Point	157
Rochford	66
Thurrock	1637
Southend	51
Other	290
Total	2871

#### **WEBSITE**

Our website is regularly updated allowing many people to find the answers to their enquiries online for the more frequent enquiries that we deal with. We also advertise where we will be holding our outreach advice desks for the following month. The website is updated regularly and expanded to allow more people to find answers quickly and easily. We have measured usage of the website and this year we have had a total of 62,823 hits. Of these 7,964 people actually entered the site to source information.



#### BENEFITS AND GENERATED INCOME

Of the applications that we completed (667) we have only received 204 results, 30%, leaving 70% still awaiting results therefore the following figures can be assumed that the true income generated could be three times this amount. More claims are now being refused or clients are being awarded a lower rate than they were previously receiving on Disability Living Allowance for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) as the criteria for qualifying for an award is more difficult to achieve than it was with DLA. We have also noticed that more claims for Employment & Support Allowance are being disallowed than in the previous financial year. This combination is putting a higher demand on help for Mandatory Reconsiderations and Appeals. Results still do not take into account any additional income generated by the award of one benefit that leads to entitlement to other benefits, e.g. an award of Attendance Allowance that then leads to an entitlement to Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, etc. We can still only record the amount of the initial Attendance Allowance award for our figures as we are not informed of the rest.

AREA	AWARDED	BACK PAY	TOTAL
BASILDON	£161441	£58343	£219784
BRENTWOOD	£20361	£3358	£23719
CASTLE POINT	£75566	£11011	£86577
ROCHFORD	£9067	£1326	£10393
SOUTHEND	£11588	£240	£11828
THURROCK	£457881	£74217	£532098
OTHER AREAS	£39122	£4576	£43698
	£775026	£153071	£928097
APPEALS	£319974	£253380	£573354
TOTAL	£1095000	£406451	£1501451

#### **GRAND TOTAL OF INCOME GENERATED OF**

£1,501,451



#### **FUNDING AND DONATIONS**

We would like to thank everyone who has helped DIAL over the past year. It is becoming increasingly difficult to raise the funds needed to continue to operate, especially core funding, but, we have managed to survive another year and generate more income to offer an enhanced service to our clients.

We would like to say a very big thank you to our main funders listed below that have funded DIAL's work over the past year, without whose support we would not be able to continue to operate.

We would also like to thank all the individuals who have generously given donations throughout the year and those who have pledged a regular standing order donation. All money given is used for the direct benefit of the service, to help us to help the disabled, carers, older people and vulnerable members of our communities.

# ESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PEOPLES HEALTH TRUST NAT WEST SKILLS & OPPORTUNITIES FUND THURROCK COUNCIL VOLUNTARY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT FUND AWARDS FOR ALL







## WITH COMPLIMENTS

**DIAL** is a **CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION** 

Registered Charity Number: 1155514

### DISABILITY INFORMATION ADVICE LINE SOUTH ESSEX (DIAL SOUTH ESSEX)

Charity Registration Number: 1155514

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

BROOMS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LIMITED
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
REGISTERED AUDITORS

## Disability Information Advice Line South Essex (DIAL South Essex) Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts,

Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity at any time. They also are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Disability Information Advice Line South Essex (DIAL South Essex) for the year ended 31st March 2019

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2019

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

#### Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directons given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the seeking of 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 examiners' statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accorance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made thereunder

have not been met; or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Sonia Shah FCCA ACA CTA

**Brooms Professional Services Ltd** 

Broom House 39/43 London Road Hadleigh Benfleet Essex SS7 2OL

#### Disability Information Advice Line South Essex (DIAL South Essex) Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2019

Unrestricted Funds

#### Restricted Funds

Description	Note	General Fund £	Peoples Health Trust Fund	Big Lottery Fund	Nat West Skill and Opportunity Fund £	2019 Total	2018 Total £
Income and endowments from:						W0 W / O	70.450
Donations and legacies	2	40,380	12,300	9,890	15,698	78,268	79,459
Charitable activities		ž.					1.601
Other trading activities (nyestments		-			-		16
investments		•					
Total income and endowments	APPEARMENT TO AP	40,380	12,300	9,890	15,698	78,268	81,076
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds		~	*	•	*	* 1	*
Charitable activities	3	49,272	19,059	4,250	20,568	93,150	123,991
Other			*	~		~	en
Total expenditure		49,272	19,059	4,250	20,568	93,150	133,991
Net gains (Losses) on investments		*	*1	*	*	*	+
Net income/(expenditure)		(8,892)	(6,759)	5,640	(4,871)	(14,882)	(42,915)
Transfers between funds		(858)	409	4	449	M	*
Net movement in funds	regure, o	(9,750)	(6,350)	5,640	(4,422)	(14,882)	(42,915)
Balances brought forward at 1st April 2018		17,486	6,350	872	4,422	29,130	72,043
Balances carried forward at 31st March 2019		7,736	0	6,512	0	14,248	29,130
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#### Disability Information Advice Line South Essex (DIAL South Essex) Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2019

	Notes	£	2019 £	£	<u>2018</u> £
Fixed assets	6		1,748		437
Current assets		n		0	
Debtors		0 14,053		29,938	
Balances with bankers Cash in hand		14,033		29,938	
Cash in hand		02		0.2	
Total current assets		14,135		30,020	
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Creditors: amounts falling due with	in one year				
Creditors	7	1,635		1,327	
		1,635		1,327	
Net current assets		egenganomia roman and an indication and an indication of the section of the secti	12,500		
THE CHITCH ASSES			,		28,693
Total assets less current liabilities			14.248	**************************************	29,130
Unrestricted funds			7 726		17,486
General fund			7,736		17,400
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery fund			6,512		872
Peoples Health Trust			0		6,350
Nat West Skills and Opportunities			0		4,422
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These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5th August 2019 and signed on their behalf by:

Chairman (Carol Edeall)

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### DISABILITY INFORMATION ADVICE LINE SOUTH ESSEX (DIAL SOUTH ESSEX)

Charity Registration Number: 1155514

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

BROOMS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LIMITED
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
REGISTERED AUDITORS

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The trustees are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts,

Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity at any time. They also are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Disability Information Advice Line South Essex (DIAL South Essex) for the year ended 31st March 2019

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2019

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

#### Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directons given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the seeking of 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 examiners' statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accorance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made thereunder

have not been met; or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Sonia Shah FCCA ACA CTA

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#### Disability Information Advice Line South Essex (DIAL South Essex) Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2019

Unrestricted Funds

#### Restricted Funds

Description	Note	General Fund £	Peoples Health Trust Fund	Big Lottery Fund	Nat West Skill and Opportunity Fund £	2019 Total £	2018 Total £
Income and endowments from:						#D # / D	70.450
Donations and legacies	2	40,380	12,300	9,890	15,698	78,268	79,459
Charitable activities		~		*		-	1.601
Other trading activities		-	*	7	-		16
Investments		*	-				
Total income and endowments	20000	40,380	12,300	9,890	15,698	78,268	81,076
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds		~	-		(w)		*
Charitable activities	3	49,272	19,059	4,250	20,568	93,150	123,991
Other		*	*	¥		~.	<b>20</b>
Total expenditure		49,272	19,059	4,250	20,568	93,150	133,991
Net gains (Losses) on investments			*		*	*	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(8,892)	(6,759)	5,640	(4,871)	(14,882)	(42,915)
Transfers between funds		(858)	409	-	449	×	*
Net movement in funds	прине	(9,750)	(6,350)	5,640	(4,422)	(14,882)	(42,915)
Balances brought forward at 1st April 2018		17,486	6,350	872	4,422	29,130	72,045
Balances carried forward at 31st March 2019	months	7,736	0	6,512	0	14,248	29,130
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#### Disability Information Advice Line South Essex (DIAL South Essex) Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2019

	Notes	£	2019 £	£	<u>2018</u> £
Fixed assets	6		1,748		437
Current assets		n		0	
Debtors		0 14,053		29,938	
Balances with bankers Cash in hand		14,033		29,938	
Cash in hand		02		0.2	
Total current assets		14,135		30,020	
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Creditors: amounts falling due with	in one year				
Creditors	7	1,635		1,327	
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Net current assets		1,000	12,500		
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