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**Bar Pro Bono Unit**

(A company limited by guarantee)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

Charity no: 1057620  
Company no: 3237309

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

### **PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Advocate is the operating name of the Bar Pro Bono Unit. Advocate is established to provide legal advice and representation in relation to the prosecution and defence of actions before the Courts and Tribunals of England and Wales, the European Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights to persons who by reason of their inadequate means are unable to obtain such advice and representation from their own resources.

#### **GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Charity is governed by a Board of Trustees who are all volunteers. The Board meets six times per year. The Board recruits Trustees by reference to the skills and experience considered to be appropriate for the Board's work. Trustees are appointed by open advertising and interviewing. The Board acknowledges the benefits of diversity, including gender, age, race, disability, sexual orientation, transgender status, national or ethnic origin, religion or belief diversity, and remains committed to ensuring that Advocate's Trustees bring a wide range of skills, knowledge, experience, background and perspectives to the Board. All appointments are made against objective criteria in the context of the overall balance of skills and background that the Board needs to maintain in order to remain effective. All new trustees receive an induction.

The staff team is accountable, through the Chief Executive, to the Trustees, and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Charity in accordance with the strategy, business plan and budget approved by the Board. All staff salaries are set taking into account the needs of the organisation and external economic circumstances.

#### **PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Advocate was established in May 1996 with the aims of establishing a panel of barristers willing to advise and represent persons without means and unable to obtain legal aid involved in matters on a pro bono basis and informing legal and advice services of the assistance available.

By 30 June 2022, the panel comprised of 4,390 barristers willing to work free of charge in suitable cases for at least three days each year. To this pre-volunteered resource can be added barristers not on the panel but who nonetheless respond to a request from Advocate to assist in a particular case. The panel of volunteer barristers continues to grow with the addition of barristers at all levels of seniority. Work

is being continued, in collaboration with LawWorks, to increase links with solicitors willing to work pro bono through the Pro Bono Connect scheme.

2021 was Advocate's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in which we launched 25 for 25: The Pro Bono Challenge to encourage more pro bono volunteering. Barristers were encouraged to sign up to complete 25 hours of pro bono for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The target was for 100 barristers to complete the Challenge but this was surpassed by 356 barristers from 126 chambers nationwide completing the Challenge, giving 15,434 hours of pro bono help.

In 2021 the level of demand for our service continued to rise. The number of requests for help was 24% more than 2020 and 56% more than 2019. Through core casework alone in 2021 we placed over 1,150 pieces of pro bono work with the Bar. This is in addition to the many hours of pro bono contributed by barristers through a variety of duty schemes. Unsurprisingly, the cost-of-living crisis, fuel poverty and the pressure on frontline advice agencies is driving demand for pro bono help yet further and we are regularly made aware of the financial pressures on people we are trying to help.

In Summer 2021 we moved to a different way of working. Applicants and our volunteer barristers now have a named caseworker that improves the volunteering experience for our barristers and creates a more streamlined journey for our applicants. We have also increased the size of our casework team to help with the rise in applications.

Whilst we have seen an increased demand across all areas of law, the vulnerability of applicants is a particular concern. People are presenting with complex vulnerabilities which means we are trying to adapt our process to support them. We are seeing more applicants with learning difficulties and more people with health problems impacting on their ability to get documents to us because they are in hospital or seriously ill. More generally we are seeing an increase in requests for help in contentious probate cases.

Family and employment continue to be the areas of law in highest demand, representing 46% of cases placed in 2021. A key focus over the financial year has been to try to increase the number of barristers in these areas either volunteering to do cases or volunteering to review cases on our behalf.

Advocate has also been involved in various emergency schemes. As part of a cross profession collaboration, Advocate has helped facilitate specialist barristers for those that needed an urgent route to the UK from Afghanistan and Ukraine. In response to the number of international circumstances requiring an emergency response, we have worked with the Bar Council and the Bar Standards Board to set up a disaster response to help ensure pro bono work is coordinated.

We introduced a fully funded Internship Programme for the first time in the summer, limited to those who could not afford to volunteer with us. Working with Advocate as a student casework volunteer is a



valuable experience offering exposure to the procedural requirements in a wide range of areas of law, the needs of litigants in person and the Bar as a profession. Many of our alumni volunteers go on to a career at the Bar and have attested to the usefulness of their time as a volunteer in discerning their preferred area of practice and enhancing their CV ahead of pupillage applications. In creating a paid internship, we sought to extend the opportunity to those who could not apply to our pre-existing volunteering programmes.

The 2021 Bar Pro Bono Awards in November celebrated the best of the Bar's pro bono work and the winners featured in New Law Journal and the Times Brief. There were 46 nominations across nine categories and the awards were presented by Solicitor General Alex Chalk KC MP and former Attorney General and Advocate's founder, Lord Goldsmith KC.

We support a properly funded legal system that enables access to justice, but we recognise that pro bono is critical for those who are ineligible for legal aid and cannot afford to pay for help.

We are delighted to have recruited three new trustees to the Board in this period – Sarah Abram KC, David Joseph KC and Ishan Kolhatkar. We also brought more expertise to our operations through the introduction of a finance sub-committee and a marketing group. Several volunteers from the Bar and beyond are now supporting us through this structure, including a Senior Clerk, marketing executives, and accountants within chambers.

The accounting year has been amended to a period where it is easier to assess the funding for the forthcoming year, which assists with budgeting. The new financial year begins on 1st July.

As the accounts for the period demonstrate, we are in good financial health. In particular, we were fortunate to save on rent for many months over the pandemic and owe particular thanks to South Square who provided office space for our staff team over the period. We have now recommenced paying market rate for premises and we have increased the size of our staff team which accounts for increased expenditure.

Our financial position has allowed us to embark on a number of new projects including creating additional caseworker posts in different parts of the UK, outside of London and the South East. We look forward to working on these projects over the year ahead with the funds saved on rent during the pandemic and successful fundraising.

Advocate is hugely grateful to all who support it financially, including the General Council of the Bar and the Inns of Court and many individuals and chambers within the profession.

We were created by the profession and we are sustained by the profession.

## OUTLOOK

We launched our new three year strategy in July 2022 which focuses on providing pro bono, promoting pro bono, and building a strong, sustainable organisation. The first year particularly focuses on the introduction of a new digital development officer to help investigate tech tools to improve our caseworkers' function, and the introduction of caseworkers outside the South East in the Midlands, Wales and the North. We also want to focus on making pro bono work part of being a lawyer by focusing on training within the Inns and Circuits, development within courses, and continuing to embed pro bono as part of the culture of the Bar.

## PUBLIC BENEFIT

Advocate's work is of public benefit. In a time of increased need due to economic conditions, and reduced access to legal aid, the number of those needing its help in order to obtain access to the legal system has increased. When planning the Charity's activities, particular regard has been given to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## CONNECTED ORGANISATIONS

There is an overlap of Trustees and Directors between Advocate and Bar in the Community (Charity no. 1089907, Company no. 4211688). Sir Robin Knowles is a trustee of the National Pro Bono Centre (a registered charity 1137708 and a company limited by guarantee 7226359).

## POLICIES

**Reserves.** Financial stability is an important factor for Advocate, as is the ability to mitigate current and future risks and to be able to plan ahead with confidence. All of these factors will help to ensure that Advocate can maintain its core purpose of providing legal expertise to those most in need.

The Board recognises that risks and contingencies that may need mitigation include, but are not limited to:

- Funding withdrawal
- A collapse in fundraising
- Rapidly fluctuating demands of Advocate's services, particularly those requiring additional staff
- Rapid development of new initiatives as the context in which Advocate works changes
- Delayed receipt of funding
- Fluctuations in receipts of Other Sources of Income
- Emergency costs
- Funding of future development plans

Taking into consideration the risks highlighted above, Advocate's reserves policy is to maintain reserves of at least 25% of forecast annual expenditure, as set in the Annual Budget, plus a 20% contingency.

**Investments.** Advocate's Board reviews its arrangements for holding funds from time to time, and adopts a cautious approach to investment.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees review areas of risk periodically at its regular meetings. The review assesses the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operation and finances. The Trustees are satisfied that, where appropriate, systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.


Advocate has sought to maintain a good relationship with key funders. Internal control risks are minimised by the procedures in place for the authorisation of expenditure and commitments. Risks presented by cases in which Advocate arranges assistance are subject to reporting lines to the Chief Executive and ultimately to the Chair.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The attached financial statements show the state of Advocate's finances as at 30 June 2022.

The Trustees are of the opinion that the state of Advocate's finances is no less sound than it was at 31 March 2021. The level of reserves is within the agreed policy.

**On behalf of the Trustees**  
**Sharif Shivji KC – Chair**





## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BAR PRO BONO UNIT**

I report on the accounts for the period ended 30 June 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 19.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and reporting accountant**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified accountant.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- The accounts do not accord with such records; or
- The accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).



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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Place Campbell', written in a cursive style.

**Place Campbell, Chartered Certified Accountant**

**Date 23 March 2023**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account**  
**PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	<u>Notes</u>	<b>Unrestricted Funds Period To 30/06/2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds Period To 30/06/2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds Period To 30/06/2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds Year To 31/03/2021 £</b>
<b>Income from</b>					
Donations - core funders		197,150	-	197,150	138,100
Donations		623,868	61,192	685,060	661,902
Events		79,465		79,465	65,168
Investment income		1,117	-	1,117	249
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>901,600</b>	<b>61,192</b>	<b>962,792</b>	<b>865,419</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Raising funds	2	99,218	-	99,218	60,387
Charitable Activities	2	759,649	55,504	815,153	502,091
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>858,867</b>	<b>55,504</b>	<b>914,371</b>	<b>562,478</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>42,733</b>	<b>5,688</b>	<b>48,421</b>	<b>302,941</b>
<b>Total Funds at 1 April 2021</b>		<b>561,966</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>566,278</b>	<b>263,337</b>
<b>Total Funds at 30 June 2022</b>		<b>604,699</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>614,699</b>	<b>566,278</b>

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022**

			<u>30/06/2022</u>		<u>31/03/2021</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	3		2,205		3,780
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	4	31,804		70,944	
Cash at bank and in hand		608,696		530,787	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>640,500</u>		<u>601,731</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors	5	<u>28,006</u>		<u>39,233</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>612,494</u>		<u>562,498</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u><u>614,699</u></u>		<u><u>566,278</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>					
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Restricted Funds	9		10,000		4,312
Unrestricted Funds	8		<u><u>604,699</u></u>		<u><u>561,966</u></u>



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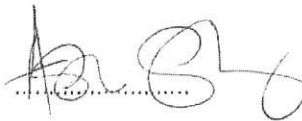
### Audit Exemption Statement

For the period ending 30 June 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2022 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 20/3/23 and signed on its behalf by:



Sharif Shivji KC, Chair



## CASHFLOW STATEMENT

For the period ended 30 June 2022

	Period To 30/06/2022 £	Year To 31/03/2021 £
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net cash generated in operating activities	77,909	269,781
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	-	(5,040)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>77,909</b>	<b>264,741</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	-	-
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	77,909	264,741
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	530,787	266,046
<b>Total Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>608,696</b>	<b>530,787</b>

## RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

Net movement of funds	126,701	302,941
Add back depreciation charge	1,575	1,937
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors	(39,140)	(9,759)
(Decrease)/ increase in creditors	(11,227)	(25,338)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>£ 77,909</b>	<b>£ 269,781</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).
- (b) All income received by Advocate is available for its general purposes, unless otherwise stated. Income is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The Trustees and the barristers who provide legal advice and representations to persons whose cases are accepted by Advocate, provide all of their services free of charge without receiving any benefit. Place Campbell review these accounts and provide payroll services at no charge. The value of these services has not been included in the financial statements.
- (c) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.
- (d) Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in the case of office equipment is estimated to be 4 years. Leasehold improvements are written off over the life of the lease.

**2 EXPENDITURE**

	Cost of generating funds	Charitable activities	Period to 30/06/2022 Total	Year to 31/03/2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	76,967	684,832	761,799	486,166
Accommodation	1,781	66,972	68,753	26,443
Travel and training	126	4,921	5,047	1,648
Publicity and stationery	216	8,406	8,622	2,766
Fundraising activities	18,791	-	18,791	9,378
IT	935	34,337	35,272	25,732
Sundry	363	14,149	14,512	8,870
Depreciation and Amortisation	39	1,536	1,575	1,475
	<b>99,218</b>	<b>815,153</b>	<b>914,371</b>	<b>562,478</b>



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The Trustees have carried out an apportionment of management and administration costs, as appropriate between Advocate and its related charity, Bar in the Community.

<b>Staff Costs</b>	<b>Period to 30/06/2022</b>	<b>Year to 31/03/2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff salaries	672,435	420,287
Social Security costs	53,276	40,370
Temporary agency staff	30	512
Recruitment	1,849	2,400
Pension costs	34,209	22,597
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Total	761,799	486,166
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Average Employees	18	15
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Total cost of Key Management Personnel	188,203	124,100
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One employee was paid at a rate between £70,000 - £79,999 per annum during the period ended 30 June 2022 (2021: 1). The Key Management Personnel of the Charity are the Chief Executive and Director of Casework and Chief Operating Officer.

The charity operates a defined contribution group personal pension plan with Aviva for staff. The costs relating to this scheme are shown above.



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**3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Office
	Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	36,870
Additions	-
At 30 June 2022	36,870
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2021	33,090
Depreciation charge	1,575
At 30 June 2022	34,665
Net Book Value at 30 June 2022	2,205
Net Book Value at 31 March 2021	3,780

**4 DEBTORS**

	<u>30/06/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
	£	£
Tax recoverable	-	9,217
Funding due	15,012	43,311
Prepayments	16,792	18,416
	<u>31,804</u>	<u>70,944</u>

**5 CREDITORS**

	<u>30/06/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
	£	£
Taxation payable – PAYE	16,150	11,104
Defined Contribution Pension Scheme contributions	3,693	4,309
Funding received in advance	-	18,275
Trade Creditors	366	5,295
Accrued Expenses	7,797	250
	<u>28,006</u>	<u>39,233</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**6 STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	2,205	-	2,205
Net current assets	602,494	10,000	612,494
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	604,669	10,000	614,699
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**7 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION**

	<u>30/06/2022</u> £	<u>31/03/2021</u> £
Trustee Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses	-	-

**8 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<u>30/06/2022</u> £	<u>31/03/2021</u> £
General unrestricted fund		
Balance at 1 April 2021	561,966	263,337
Income	901,600	779,272
Expenditure	(858,867)	(480,643)
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Balance at 30 June 2022	604,669	561,966
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The general unrestricted fund represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the Charity.



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**9 RESTRICTED FUNDS**

<b>Volunteer Management Fund</b>	<b><u>30/06/2022</u></b>	<b><u>31/03/2021</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance brought forward	4,312	-
Grant received	26,194	35,860
Expenditure	(30,506)	(31,548)
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Balance at 30 June 2022	<hr/> <b>-</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>4,312</b> <hr/>

Therium Access have provided funding for the charity's volunteer management role.

<b>Access to Justice Foundation Fund</b>	<b><u>30/06/2022</u></b>	<b><u>31/03/2021</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grant received	30,000	-
Expenditure	(20,000)	-
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Balance at 30 June 2022	<hr/> <b>10,000</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>-</b> <hr/>

The Access to Justice Foundation provided two grants, the first to recruit an administrator to support the Engagement Manager and the second to support the provision of pro bono services in the Midlands.

<b>Matrix Video Project Fund</b>	<b><u>30/06/2022</u></b>	<b><u>31/03/2021</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grant received	4,998	-
Expenditure	(4,998)	-
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Balance at 30 June 2022	<hr/> <b>-</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>-</b> <hr/>

The Matrix Causes Fund provided a grant to fund the creation of animations to explain to members of the public how we operate and to make our services more accessible.

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**10 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

Sir Robin Knowles CBE (Trustee – resigned 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023) is a Trustee of the National Pro Bono Centre which provides accommodation, accounting support and other services to Advocate. The National Pro Bono Centre is a registered charity number 1137708 and company limited by guarantee number 7226359. The licence fees paid to the National Pro Bono Centre, including irrecoverable VAT were £1,268 in the period ended 30 June 2022 (2021: £22,534).

**11 COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

		<b>Unrestricted Funds Year To 31/3/2021</b>	<b>Restricted Funds Year To 31/3/2021</b>	<b>Total Funds Year To 31/03/2021</b>
	<b><u>Notes</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income from</b>				
Donations - core funders		138,100	-	138,100
Donations		575,755	86,147	661,902
Events		65,168		65,168
Investment income		249	-	249
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>779,272</b>	<b>86,147</b>	<b>865,419</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>				
Raising funds	2	60,387	-	60,387
Charitable Activities	2	420,256	81,835	502,091
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>480,643</b>	<b>81,835</b>	<b>562,478</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>298,629</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>302,941</b>
<b>Total Funds at 1 April 2020</b>		<b>263,337</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>263,337</b>
<b>Total Funds at 31 March 2021</b>		<b>561,966</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>566,278</b>

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Status

The Bar Pro Bono Unit (operating under the name Advocate) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 13 August 1996. The members, who are the Trustees, have undertaken to contribute, to the extent set out in the Memorandum of Association, to the assets of Advocate in the event of it being wound up.

### Trustees and directors

The Trustees of the Unit as at 30 June 2022 were:

Sir Robin Knowles CBE – Chair  
Chris Broom  
Theo Huckle KC  
Ishan Kolhatkar (Appointed 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022)  
Jane Rayson  
Sharif Shivji KC (Chair as of 30 January 2023)

Sarah Abram KC (Appointed 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022)  
Eleanor Holland  
David Joseph KC (Appointed 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022)  
Conall Patton KC  
Diane Sechi

### Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed in an open process by the current Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Association of the company. New Trustees are provided with background information, including the constitutional documents of the charity, and meet staff to be shown the work of the charity.

### Company Secretary

Shyam Popat

### Chief Executive Officer

Rebecca Wilkie

### Reporting Accountant

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Chartered Certified Accountants  
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