

LEARNING DISABILITY ENGLAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1092587

Details

Other names HOUSING AND SUPPORT ALLIANCE, HOUSING OPTIONS

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [04233275](#)

Registered 2002-06-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF PEOPLE WHO ARE DISABLED, HANDICAPPED (WHETHER PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY) OR CHRONICALLY SICK PEOPLE, THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ADVICE, COUNSELLING, WORKSHOPS, TRAINING AND ADVOCACY IN RESPECT OF THEIR HOUSING CARE OR SUPPORT NEEDS

Activities: The principle activity of the company is the provision of information, advice and training to individuals with learning disabilities, their relatives and carers and professionals who work with them.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£381,236	£356,101	-	-
2024-03-31	£297,257	£257,208	-	-
2023-03-31	£357,142	£373,352	-	-
2022-03-31	£349,226	£283,821	-	-
2021-03-31	£416,339	£358,468	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Charles Maxsted		2025-10-02
Elizabeth Tilly		2019-07-18
Jodie Williams		2019-01-24
Jordan Stewart Smith		2024-10-18
Lisa Hopkins		2019-07-18
Marja Kristiina Cooper		2024-10-18
Paramjit Kaur Dheensa		2024-10-18
Paula Braynion		2019-01-24

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

2024 - 2025



Report from the Learning Disability England Board of Trustees – sharing what Learning Disability England has done this year and how money has been spent.

About Learning Disability England



Learning Disability England exists to make life better for and with people with Learning Disabilities and their families.

Learning Disability England is bringing people and organisations together to create a movement for change where people with learning disabilities, families, friends and paid supporters come together on an equal basis.



Learning Disability England is the member-led national organisation. Membership is organised into 3 groups of different experiences or voice groups



People with learning disabilities and Self-advocacy organisations;

Family and friends and family carer organisations

Paid supporters and partners (including people and organisations working in social care, health, universities, policy or training)

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Welcome to the Annual Report



Standing together is more important than ever.

Many members of Learning Disability England have told us about their life or their work getting harder.

Disabled people are dealing with changes of criteria or rules that make life harder – we hear about community groups closing, social care changing, having less money or other cuts to services like Blue Badge rules.

Organisation members are managing higher costs including changes to National Insurance and lots of uncertainty on other policies.

These challenges are just some of what Learning Disability England has worked with members on or spoken up about in the last year.

Promoting and supporting the work of members is at the heart of what Learning Disability England does.

The times when we come together as members to build strength and connections are the highs for us.

This year that included the Good Lives Manifesto that brought together campaigns, and shared aims. More than 400 members contributed.

A highlight for us this year was Co Chairing the Learning Disability England conference in March. Nearly 300 people came together to learn, campaign, celebrate and dance.

Thank you from us to all the members of Learning Disability England – there is so much knowledge, skill and creativity across the membership. We are more impressed every year by what we see from members.

Together we are
Sarah Maguire and Jodie Williams
Co chairs of Trustees



What This Is About



This is the Annual Report from the Learning Disability England Trustees

It looks at the year from 1 April 2024 to 31st March 2025.



The report and accounts tell people about the work that Learning Disability England has done.

It also tells people how it has spent the money.



Learning Disability England must publish its report and accounts every year.

This is because it is a registered charity.



The report has been put together by the Board of Trustees of Learning Disability England.

[Find out more about the Trustees here](#)

Aims and Objectives of Learning Disability England



Learning Disability England is a membership organisation.

Members can be people with learning disabilities, their families, friends, and paid supporters.

Organisations and groups can be members too.



Learning Disability England brings together members to:

- learn from each other.
- work out problems.
- be a louder, stronger voice.



Learning Disability England members share the same aims and values.

Members must agree with these aims and values when they join.

[Read the aims and values here](#)

Membership



Members work with each other on an equal basis to share knowledge and create a movement for change together.

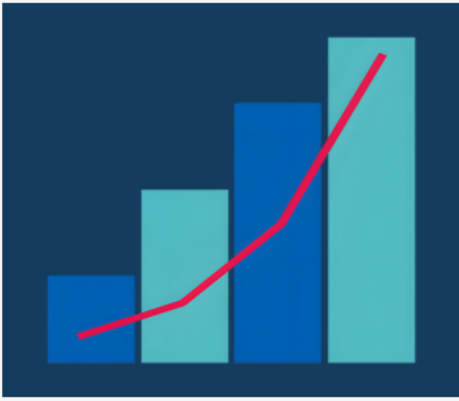


Members work together to build a world where people with learning disabilities have good lives with equal choices and opportunities as others.



At the end of March 2025 there were a total of 723 members.

This was 171 organisation or group members and 535 individual members.



This is 40 more members than 31st March 2024.

During the year there were 117 new members and 77 members left.



We do not always get feedback from members who leave but this year the reasons for leaving included:

- Stopping membership to save money
- Organisations closing or merging with another organisation



Membership is organised into 3 'voice groups' - these are the different lived experience of members

- People with a learning disability or self advocacy organisation
- Family or friends of someone with a learning disability and family led organisations
- People in paid or professional roles working with people with a learning disability



The Good Lives Framework is one example of how members ideas come together for the same goal.



[You can find out more about being a member here](#)

How Learning Disability England Makes Decisions



Learning Disability England has a **Board of Trustees**.

The Trustees are responsible for governing the charity.



This means that they make the big decisions.

They make sure Learning Disability England works to the Charity Commission rules and the law.



The **Rep Body** makes decisions about what members will work on together.



The Rep Body are elected by members to represent them.

There are 12 Rep Body members representing the three different 'voice groups.

The Rep Body helps make sure Learning Disability England is led by members.

The Trustees 2024-2025



The rules say that the Rep Body choose the Trustees.

This year the Rep Body worked with the Trustees to recruit new trustees. 17 people applied.



The Rep Body recommended 5 people and the Board confirmed 3 as new Trustees in October 2024.



Parmi Dheensa, Jordan Smith and Kristiina Cooper joined the Board of Trustees.

2 people joined as observers too so they can learn about how the Board works.



In October Debbie Neil stood down as a Trustee after 5 years on the Board.

We thank Debbie for her support and work as a trustee and welcome the new members.



There was an induction plan for each new Board member that included helping them understand:

- their role,
- the law on being a trustee
- how Learning Disability England works



The induction included meeting other trustees, members of the Rep Body and the staff team.

The Staff Team



The Chief Executive works with the Trustees and Rep Body to lead Learning Disability England.



There is a small staff team of 7 people.

Most of the team work part time and work from home across the country.



[Find out about the staff team here](#)

Big priorities Learning Disability England worked on in 2024 – 2025



In 2023 the Rep Body and Trustees worked together on [a Big Plan for 2024 - 2029](#)

It says what Learning Disability England will do to make the vision for change happen.



[Read the Vision for Change here](#)



Our Vision for the future is:

Learning Disability England is supporting a powerful movement for change, making sure that people of all ages with a learning disability are treated equally and are living their good lives.



All Learning Disability England's work aims to move towards the vision.



The Big Plan says the action Learning Disability England will take and how we will check if we are making a difference.

Read the Big Plan [here](#)



There are 3 big priorities Learning Disability England will work on towards the Vision for the Future:



Rights based approaches are well used
Learning Disability England has and models a rights -based approach in all it does .



People with learning disabilities of all ages and their families are living Good Lives.



The way that people and society think and feel about people with a learning disability has changed for the better.



To support this vision, Learning Disability England will aim to be a creative and strong organisation that is trusted by its members and partners to make change happen by supporting and celebrating their work as well as leading some action on their behalf.

What Learning Disability England did between April 24 – March 25



Informing and supporting members.

We helped the three 'voice groups' of our members get the information they needed and also heard from different people about their work or ideas.



We sent 61 weekly or special information newsletters to 2000 people who are members or part of a member organisation or group.



More than half of those people read the newsletter most weeks.



Learning Disability England shares information on the work of members and partners.

We also celebrate success.



Last year we did this through blogs by members hosted on the website and posts on social media.

There were 53,000 new visits to the Learning Disability England web site in the year.



Learning Disability England helped members respond problems or worries.

An example of this was Summer 2023 when members shared accessible information on the riots or attacks happening in England via LDE so people, families and staff could be informed and supported.



Campaigning and influencing on what matters to people with learning disabilities to help people get a good life.



We helped members to be heard on consultations which were important to them.



These included:

Consultation on changes to Personal Independence Payments

The Change NHS consultation to make a 10 Year Plan for health services

Members also spoke up on and wrote a report on the changes to how much National Insurance employers pay.



Representing the members

As well as members working together on responses to consultations some members have been part of working groups or meetings to represent other members.



This year this included a member of the Rep Body being part of the group working on the guidance for the Down Syndrome Act.



As well as representatives attending the Social Care All Party Parliamentary Group.



There were also member representatives on groups working on Continuing Health Care and Checking services with Care Quality Commission.



Members of the Rep Body represented members at 17 different events or meetings.



Representing members' priorities to inform policy and change attitudes.

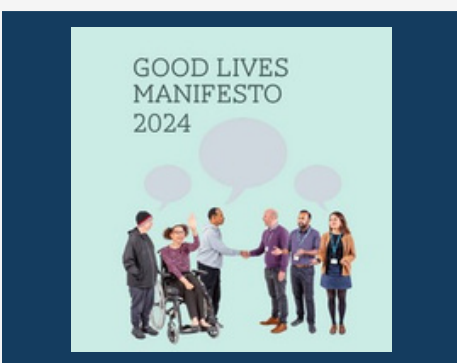


Good Lives brings together people's ideas about what is needed for everyone with learning disabilities to be able to live their good life.

It is led by what people with learning disabilities say is important.



It is a vision for change with actions for everyone who wants to get involved, by campaigning or changing how they work now.



This year Learning Disability England worked with members to develop the Good Lives manifesto and to update the Good Lives framework for 2025.



The Good Lives Manifesto

More than 400 Learning Disability England members were part of making the manifesto.



It is built from a number of campaigns and actions, bringing people and organisations together on what they think are the most important priorities for the next government to take action on to make Good Lives possible.



Members used it to raise what is important to them with politicians before and after the July 2025 elections.



The refreshed Good Lives Framework

In 2024 work started on the update of the Good Lives framework still led by people and families.



This included a joint project with BILD to create the 'Health for a Good Life' chapter.



The 'Six big aims' set out in the Good Lives Manifesto are part of the refreshed version.



There are new actions we can work on together as well as new examples of what is possible.



It also includes more focus on including people from minority ethnic back grounds and people with a profound and multiple learning disability.



There is more work to do to be including what matters for a Good Life for everyone.



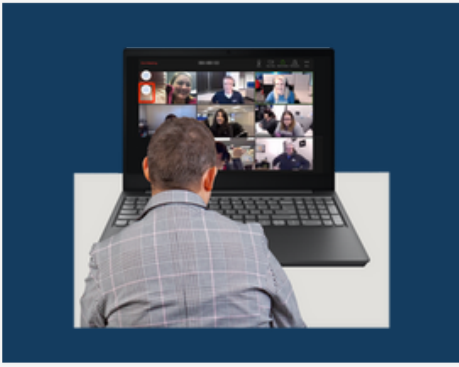
The framework gives us all ideas and plan to build on in our work or campaigning.



Supporting good practice and finding solutions through the 'voice groups' working together.



We bring members together to learn from each other or understand new ideas or research together.



This year we held:

- 13 members network meetings
- 28 webinars

More than 1,550 places were used at the meetings.



These meetings were about research findings, information on rights, or members sharing their work.



There were two Learning Disability England conferences in March 2025.

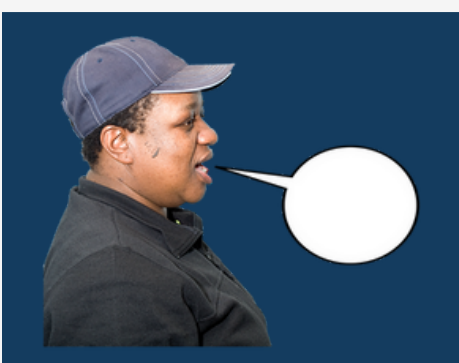


480 people came to the conferences.

The people presenting and attending the conferences were from all parts of the membership.

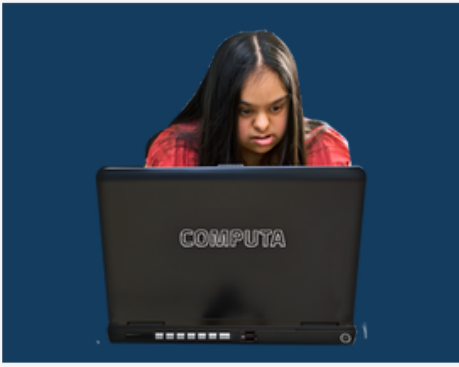


The conferences were focused on Stronger, Louder, Together: Building Good Lives.

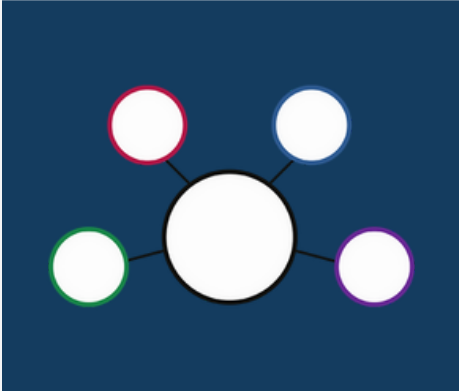


People shared work on

- taking action for Good Lives
- Inclusive Sport and Dance
- Campaigns, resources and research



You can find out more and see the recordings [here](#)



Learning and supporting partners through projects or research.



Learning Disability England works with partners and members to help them get involved in issues which members think are important.



Learning Disability England is one of six organisations in the [Valuing People Alliance](#).



As one of the members of the Health and Wellbeing Alliance, they work with the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, and the UK Health Security Agency.



They help to ensure policies and plans include people with learning disabilities.



There was also work on:

- Including people in research projects as part of a project called No Research About Us Without Us
- Self Advocacy and people being heard



In October 2024 the 'How we Survive and Thrive' commission started its work.



How we Survive and Thrive is an inquiry led by and focusing on people with learning disabilities.



It is trying to answer the question:

What needs to happen for people with learning disabilities to be in the best place to survive and thrive if there is another pandemic?



Partnerships are important to Learning Disability England

Most of our work is done in partnership with members or other partners.



JMS Trust is an important partner, and we share a worker with them.



Learning Disability England is part of different groups and memberships to help members learn about or join in with others work.



This includes Citizen Network and Inclusion Europe. This year we joined Inclusion International to strengthen those links.



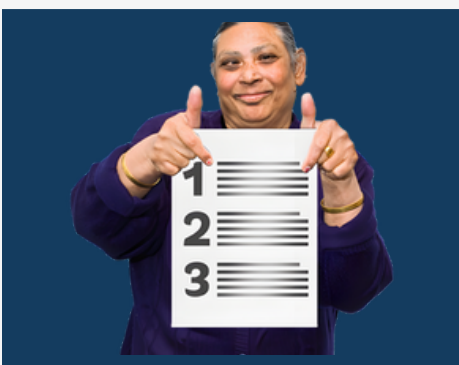
Risks

The Trustees look at the risks Learning Disability England might face.

Risks are the things that might go wrong.



Then they decide what they can do to make it less likely that these things happen, or to protect Learning Disability England if they do happen.



The biggest risks Trustees have worked on this year are:

- How many memberships are joining or staying part of Learning Disability England
- The economic and political changes that are happening.
- How Learning Disability England can be better at checking what difference it makes (making an impact).



To try to keep Learning Disability England strong the Trustees decided to:

- Invest in a new system for managing memberships so it is easier to join and help all members renew.
- Keep the Operations Manager role to help Learning Disability England get stronger.

About The Money



The total income for the year was £381,236

Income is the money that came into Learning Disability England.

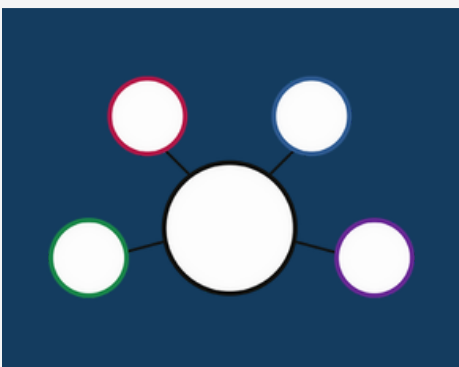


£152,780 came from grant funding.

£131,371 came from membership subscriptions.

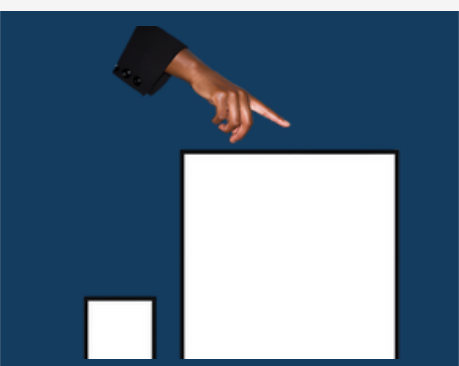
£22,335 came from donations.

£13,785 came from conferences, workshops, and advice.



Learning Disability England got money for these grants and projects:

- JMS Trust
- VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance
- RTR Foundation and Bailey Thomas Foundation



The biggest things Learning Disability England spent money on were:

- £218,537 on staff costs
- £52,445 working on projects and events including the annual conference



The total funds that were brought forward were £231,056.

This means money that Learning Disability England still had money in the bank at the end of the year.

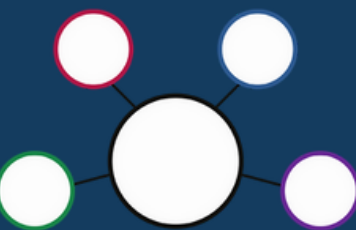


Review of an independent examiner

Each year our annual accounts must be checked by an independent examiner.



An independent examiner is someone who is a qualified accountant and separate from the organisation.



The independent examiner has checked these accounts.

They found that these accounts followed all the rules.

More Information



You can find out more by looking at the website.
<https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/>



If you have any questions, please email
info@LDEngland.org.uk or phone 0300 111 044.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Charity Name
Learning Disability England

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2025

Charity no.:

1092587

Company no.:

04233275

Set out on pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31/03/2025.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

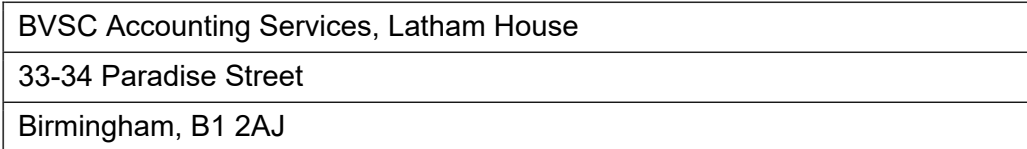
- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts 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).

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.

Signed:  Date: 25/11/2025 

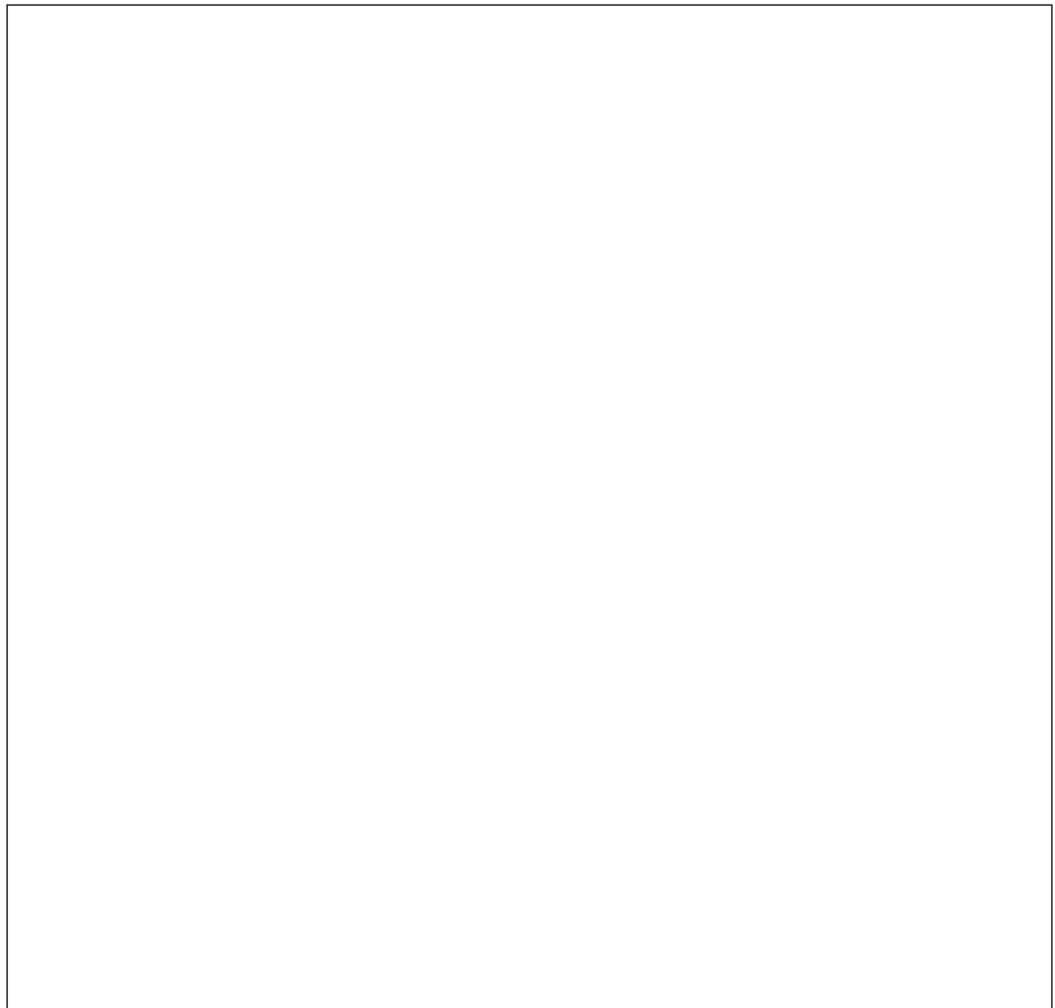
Name: Jasbir Rai 

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

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Section B Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	Notes	Current year Unrestricted & Designated Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations				
Income from charitable activities		22,335	-	22,335
Other income		235,186	62,750	297,936
		60,965	-	60,965
		<u>318,486</u>	<u>62,750</u>	<u>381,236</u>
Total income				
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities		293,351	62,750	356,101
Total expenditure		<u>293,351</u>	<u>62,750</u>	<u>356,101</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		25,135	-	25,135
Transfers between funds	11	-	-	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		<u>25,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,135</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>25,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,135</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		205,	-	205,
Total funds carried forward		<u>921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>921</u>
		231,		231,
The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.		056		056
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.				

Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	Notes	Prior year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Prior year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Prior year Total Funds 2024 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations				
Income from charitable activities		12,037	-	12,037
Other income		226,187	45,330	271,517
		13,703	-	13,703
		<u>251,927</u>	<u>45,330</u>	<u>297,257</u>
Total income				
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities				
		211,878	45,330	257,208
Total expenditure		<u>211,878</u>	<u>45,330</u>	<u>257,208</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		40,049	-	40,049
Transfers between funds				
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers	11	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>40,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,049</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-		<u>40,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,049</u>
Total funds brought forward				
Total funds carried forward		165,	-	165,872
		<u>872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,921</u>
		205,		

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
921

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Learning Disability England
Registered number: 04233275
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		61	364
		1	-
		61	
		1	
Current assets			
Debtors		63,228	56,979
Cash at bank and in hand		364,287	389,114
		427,515	446,093
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(197,070)	(240,536)
Net current assets		231,056	205,557
Net Assets		231,056	205,921
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds			
Designated Funds	1	231,056	188,921
Restricted funds	1	3,500	17,000
	1	-	-
	1		
Total funds	1	231,056	205,921
	1		

The Trustees are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Sarah Maguire
Director and Trustee



Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities

1 Accounting policies Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The reporting currency is £ Sterling.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant & equipment	over 4 years
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Creditors

Shorttermcreditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the transaction price).

Grant income is deferred if it relates to specific expenditure which has not yet been incurred. This expenditure will be a condition of the grant.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amount at the balance sheet date.

Financial Instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. They are recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Income

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Donations are accounted for on a receivable basis. Grants are credited to the statement of financial activities when received or receivable whichever is earlier. Where unconditional entitlement to grants receivable is dependent upon fulfilment of conditions within the Charity's control, the income is recognised when there is sufficient evidence that conditions will be met. Where there is uncertainty as to whether the Charity can meet such conditions the incoming resource is deferred.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Costs allocated to charitable activities include the direct costs of providing services and running projects.

Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs represent amounts payable by the charity during the period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted general funds may be used in accordance with the charity's objects at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are amounts set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities

2 Income	Current year Unrestricted 2025	Current year Restricted 2025	Current year Total Funds 2025
1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025			
	£	£	£
Donations	22 ,33		22 ,33
Total Donations	<u>5 22</u>		<u>5 22</u>
Charitable Activities	,33 5		,33 5
Advice, conferences and training	13 ,78 5		13 ,78 5
Membership Subscriptions	131,371		131,37
Grant Income	90 ,03 0	62 ,75	1
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>235,186</u>	<u>0 62</u>	<u>152,78</u>
Other Income		,75 0	0
Interest	2,454		2,454
Other income	58 ,51 1		658 ,51 1
Total Other Income	<u>60 ,96 5</u>		<u>60 ,96 5</u>
Total Income	<u>318,486</u>	<u>62 ,75 0</u>	<u>381,236</u>
Prior Year Income	Prior year Unrestricted 2024	Prior year Restricted 2024	Prior year Total Funds 2024
1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024	£	£	£
Donations	12 ,03		12 ,03
Total Donations	<u>7 12</u>		<u>7 12</u>
Charitable Activities	,03 7		,03 7
Advice, conferences and workshops	36 ,97 2		36 ,97 2
Membership Subscriptions	131,431		131,43
Grant Income	57 ,78 4	45 ,33	1
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>226,187</u>	<u>0 45</u>	<u>103,11</u>
Other income	13 ,70	,33 0	413 ,70
Total Other Income	<u>3 13</u>		231,513
Total Income	<u>250,927</u>	<u>45 ,33 0</u>	290,257

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3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Direct expenditure (note 4)	328,736	240,754
Support expenditure (note 5)	27,365	16,454
Total	<u>356,101</u>	<u>257,208</u>

4 Direct expenditure on charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs (note 7)	218,537	171,069
Conference costs	18,563	13,007
External project delivery and resource costs	33,882	14,580
Printing costs	4,427	-
Insurance	5,341	5,280
Marketing and advertising	4,263	245
Professional fees	6,214	4,425
Advocate expenses (involvement fees)	150	11,081
Attendance at events - travel, meals and accommodation	26,392	10,793
Subscriptions	3,885	2,559
Room hire	779	7,715
Personal assistant support	6,303	-
Direct expenditure	<u>328,736</u>	<u>240,754</u>

5 Support expenditure on charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Administrative overheads	1,528	598
Accounts support	8,190	-
Software	2,630	7,975
Telephone and internet costs	1,971	799
Web & CRM development & hosting	5,697	4,940
Bad debts	5,356	-
Bank and payment processing charges	842	-
Depreciation	651	352
	<u>26,865</u>	<u>14,664</u>

Examination fee	500	95
Governance, training & review		0
Trustee's expenses (note 6)		84
		0
	<u>500</u>	<u>1,790</u>
Support expenditure	<u>27,365</u>	<u>16,454</u>

6 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received remuneration for any for their services. Where claimed, expenses for travel and subsistence are reimbursed. The amount claimed during the period was £Nil (2021: £Nil).

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7 Staff Costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Salary Costs	195,012	145,617
National Insurance	16,039	14,027
Pension Costs	5,297	8,671
Other Costs including Training & Welfare	2,189	2,754
Total salaries, wages and related costs	<u>218,537</u>	<u>171,069</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Full time equivalents	6.2	5.5

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	6,576
Additions during the year	898
At 31st March 2025	<u>7,474</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	6,212
Charge for the year	651
At 31st March 2025	<u>6,863</u>
Net book value	
At 1 April 2024	<u>36</u>
At 31st March 2025	<u>4</u>
	61
	1

9 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	54,001	54,474
Prepayments and accrued income	9,227	2,505
Total debtors	<u>63,228</u>	<u>56,979</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade Creditors		15,976
Accruals		8,765
Deferred Income	1,780	62,681
Grant & Project Balances	65,318	
Other Creditors	129,972	150,992
Total creditors	<u>197,070</u>	<u>240,536</u>

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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Within grant & project balances are amounts received with preconditions attached. These amounts are released into income when the preconditions are met.

This includes restricted funds of:

SW Connections: £14,740

MMU Covid Impact research £7,496

BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment): £23,832

MMU Covid Commission: Prepare to Thrive: £12,200

11 Fund Balances

At 31 March 2025, funds are analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2024	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31 March 2025
Restricted Funds				
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance				
Speaking Up and More	-			
MMU Covid Impact Research	-			
MMU Covid Commission: Preparing to Thrive	-			
Other restricted funds	-			
Total Restricted Funds	-			
Designated Funds	-			
Membership administration and management				
Membership growth	10,000	(10,000)		
Unrestricted Funds	7,000	(3,500)		3,500
Total Designated and Unrestricted Funds	188,921	38,635		
Total Charity Funds				227,556
Net movements included in the above are as follows:	205,921	25,135		231,056
	<u>205,921</u>	<u>63,770</u>		<u>231,056</u>

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds			
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance			
Speaking Up and More	37,580	(37,580)	
MMU Covid Impact Research	3,570	(3,570)	
MMU Covid Commission: Preparing to Thrive	9,400	(9,400)	
Other restricted funds	12,200	(12,200)	
	<u>62,750</u>	<u>(62,750)</u>	
Designated Funds			
Membership administration and management		(10,000)	(10,000)
Membership growth		(3,500)	(3,500)
Unrestricted funds	318,486	(279,851)	38,635
Total Charity Funds	<u>381,236</u>	<u>(356,101)</u>	<u>25,135</u>

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11 Fund Balances(continued)

At 31 March 2024, funds were analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2023 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted Funds				
Esmee Fairburn				
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	-			
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	-			
MMU Covid Impact Research	-			
NHSE Covid Recovery	-			
Other restricted funds	-			
Total Restricted Funds	-			
Designated Funds	-			
Membership administration and management	-			
Membership growth	-			
Unrestricted Funds			10,000 7,000	10,000 7,000
Total Charity Funds	165,872	40,049	(17,000)	188,921
	<u>165,872</u>	<u>40,049</u>		<u>205,921</u>
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds				
Esmee Fairburn				
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)		23,450	(23,450)	
MMU Covid Impact Research		4,550	(4,550)	
NHSE Covid Recovery		14,050	(14,050)	
		3,280	(3,280)	
		45,330	(45,330)	
			(211,878)	
			(257,208)	
Unrestricted funds		251,927		40,049
		<u>297,257</u>		<u>9,409</u>

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11 Fund Balances (continued)

<p>Restricted Funds Esmee Fairburn</p>	<p>Grant to support some of organisational core costs, to help ensure that the needs and wishes of learning disabled people are accurately represented in policy and decision making at national and local level. In addition Esme Fairburn granted LDE an unrestricted Covid response and support grant.</p>
<p>VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance</p>	<p>This grant which is provided by The Department of Health and Social Care for the purpose of supporting the Health and Wellbeing Programme through facilitating integrated working between voluntary and statutory providers. BILD is the lead organisation on this project and is responsible for liaising and reporting to the funders.</p>
<p>BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment) NHS England are supporting a project because reports have told them that people with a learning disability from minority ethnic groups do not get equal health care. This project includes aims to empower and support self-advocacy or family led groups to overcome barriers and taboos in relation to speaking up about racism and its impact on access to preventative healthcare and treatment.</p>	
<p>MMU Covid Impact Research</p>	<p>This grant funds a project researching how the coronavirus pandemic has changed the lives of people with learning disabilities in the UK.</p>
<p>Covid Commission: Preparing to Thrive</p>	<p>This grant partially funds a Commission on the experiences of people with learning disabilities, their families and supporters during the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>The commission will focus on practical recommendations for the future.</p>
<p>NHSE Covid Recovery</p>	<p>Funded by NHS England, this grant funds the development of a resource bank open for all self-advocacy groups to use. The resources will focus on easy read material and other tools and information to support people who may have difficulties accessing health services.</p>
<p>Other restricted funds</p>	<p>Donations from Trusts are classed as restricted to the purpose as determined by the donor.</p>
<p>Unrestricted funds</p>	<p>These funds are held for the objectives of the charity, and to provide free reserves for future activities, and, subject to charity legislation are free from all restrictions on their use.</p>

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12 Related Parties

Some trustees are employed by member organisations, membership subscriptions are shown below:

Organisation	Membership package	Trustee
ChoiceSupport	LDE Enhanced member £2,500	Sarah Maguire
SeeAbility	LDE Enhanced member £2,500	Lisa Hopkins
Jan Walmsley Associates	LDE Basic member £195 LDE	Jan Walmsley
Vibrance	Basic member £995 LDE Self	Debbie Neill
Building Bridges CIC	advocacy member £25 LDE	Liz Tilly
Future Directions CIC	Basic member £995	Paula Braynion

Jan Walmsley Associates left as a member in April 2025, and Debbie Neill resigned as a Trustee in October 2024

13 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

14 Status of the Charitable Company

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The registered office is 134 C/O Anthony Collins Solicitors, Edmund Street, Birmingham, England, B3 2ES.

Its principal activities are the relief of people who are disabled, handicapped (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people, their families and carers in particular through the provision of advice, counselling, workshops, training, and advocacy in respect of their housing care or support needs.

The liability of members is limited but is not exceed £1 per member.

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About Learning Disability England



Learning Disability England exists to make life better for and with people with Learning Disabilities and their families.

Learning Disability England is bringing people and organisations together to create a movement for change where people with learning disabilities, families, friends and paid supporters come together on an equal basis.



Learning Disability England is the member-led national organisation. Membership is organised into 3 groups of different experiences or voice groups



People with learning disabilities and Self-advocacy organisations;

Family and friends and family carer organisations

Paid supporters and partners (including people and organisations working in social care, health, universities, policy or training)

Learning Disability England Trustee report



What this is about



This is the Annual Report from the Learning Disability England Trustees

It looks at the year from 1 April 2023 to 31st March 2024.



The report and accounts tell people about the work that Learning Disability England has done.

It also tells people how it has spent the money.



Learning Disability England must publish its report and accounts every year.

This is because it is a registered charity.



The report has been put together by the Board of Trustees of Learning Disability England.

[Find out more about the Trustees here](#)

The aims and objectives of Learning Disability England



Learning Disability England is a membership organisation.



Members can be people with learning disabilities, their families, friends, and paid supporters.

Organisations and groups can be members too.



Learning Disability England brings together members to:



- learn from each other.
- work out problems.
- be a louder, stronger voice.

Learning Disability England members share the same aims and values.

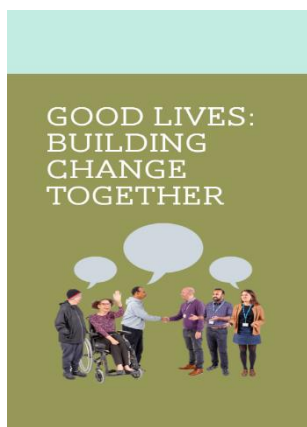
Members must agree with these aims and values when they join.



[Read the aims and values here](#)



Members work with each other on an equal basis to share knowledge and create a movement for change together.



Members work together to build a world where people with learning disabilities have good lives with equal choices and opportunities as others.



At the end of March 2023 there were a total of 683 members.

This was 178 organisation or group members and 483 individual members.



[You can find out more about being a member here](#)



How Learning Disability England makes decisions



Learning Disability England has a [Board of Trustees](#).

The Trustees are responsible for governing the charity.



This means that they make the big decisions.

They make sure Learning Disability England works to the Charity Commission rules and the law.



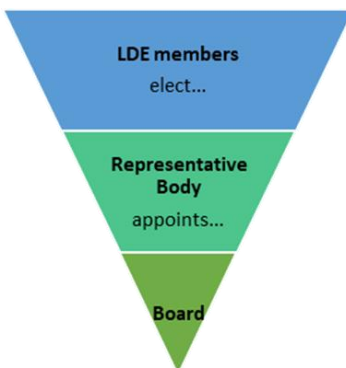
The Board of Trustees works closely with the [Representative \(Rep\) Body](#).

The **Rep Body** makes decisions about what members will work on together.

The Rep Body are elected by members to represent them.

There are 12 Rep Body members representing the three different 'voice groups.

The Rep Body helps make sure Learning Disability England is led by members.





The Chief Executive works with the Trustees and Rep Body to lead Learning Disability England.

There is a small **staff team** of 8 people. Most of the team work part time and work from home across the country.

[Find out about the staff team here](#)



The big priorities Learning Disability England worked on in 2023 - 2024



The work Learning Disability England will prioritise is decided by the Representative (Rep) Body.

[Find out more about the Rep Body here](#)



In 2023 the Rep Body and Trustees worked together on [a Big Plan for 2024 - 2029](#)

It says what Learning Disability England will do to make the vision for change happen.

[Read the Vision for Change here](#)



Our Vision for the future is:

Learning Disability England is supporting a powerful movement for change, making sure that people of all ages with a learning disability are treated equally and are living their good lives.



All Learning Disability England’s work aims to move towards the vision.

The Big Plan says the action Learning Disability England will take and how we will check if we are making a difference.

Read the Big Plan [here](#)

There are 3 big priorities Learning Disability England will work on towards the Vision for the Future:



Rights based approaches are well used
Learning Disability England has and models a rights -based approach in all it does .



People with learning disabilities of all ages and their families are living Good Lives.



The way that people and society think and feel about people with a learning disability has changed for the better.



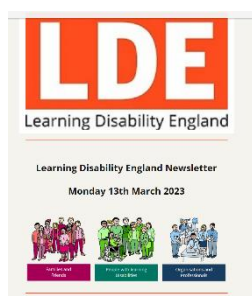
To support this vision, Learning Disability England will aim to be a creative and strong organisation that is trusted by its members and partners to make change happen by supporting and celebrating their work as well as leading some action on their behalf.

What Learning Disability England did between April 2023 – March 2024



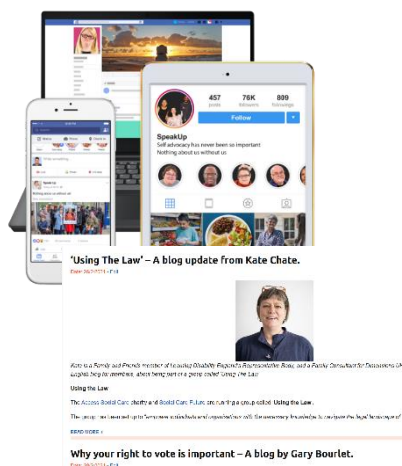
Informing and supporting members.

We helped the three ‘voice groups’ of our members get the information they needed and also heard from different people about their work or ideas.



We sent 49 weekly or special information newsletters to 2000 people who are members or part of a member organisation or group.

More than half of those people read the newsletter most weeks.



Learning Disability England shares information on the work of members and partners.

We also celebrate success.

Last year we did this through 14 blogs by members hosted on the website and posts on social media.

There were 43,000 visits to the Learning Disability England web site in the year.



Campaigning and influencing on what matters to people with learning disabilities to help people get a good life.

We helped members to be heard on consultations which were important to them. These included:



The Disability Action Plan the government wrote.



The Oliver MacGowan Mandatory training code of conduct

How Social Housing is allocated.



Closing Ticket Offices at train stations

Rules on visits to people living in care services.



Representing the members

As well as members working together on responses to consultations some members have been part of working groups or meetings to represent other members.



This year this included a member of the Rep Body being part of the group working on the guidance for the Down Syndrome Act.

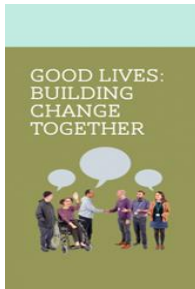
The Social Care All Party Parliamentary Group



There were also member representatives on groups working on Continuing Health Care and Checking services with Care Quality Commission.



Representing members' priorities to inform policy and change attitudes.



[Good Lives](#) brings together people's ideas about what is needed for everyone with learning disabilities to be able to live their good life.

It is led by what people with learning disabilities say is important.

It is a vision for change with actions for everyone who wants to get involved, by campaigning or changing how they work now.



This year Learning Disability England worked with members to take action for Good Lives by

- Sharing examples of Action Towards Good Lives
- Speaking about Good Lives at 14 different events

The Good Lives Manifesto



More than 400 Learning Disability England members were part of making the manifesto.

It is built from a number of campaigns and actions, bringing people and organisations together on what they think are the most important priorities for the next government to take action on to make [Good Lives](#) possible.



Supporting good practice and finding solutions through the 'voice groups' working together.

We bring members together to learn from each other or understand new ideas or research together.



This year we held:

- 10 members network meetings
- 7 members only webinars
- 3 public webinars



More than 700 places were used at the meetings.

These meetings were about research findings, information on rights, or members sharing their work.



There were three Learning Disability England conferences in March 2024.

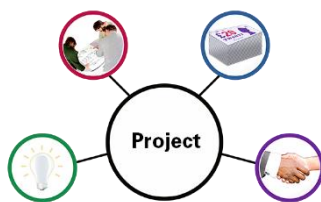
550 people came to the 3 conferences.

At the conferences 56 different speakers shared what they are doing to support Good Lives.

People shared work and ideas on

- Getting involved in politics.
- Campaigning together
- Action for Good Lives health chapter

You can find out more and see the recordings [here](#)



Learning and supporting partners through projects or research.

Learning Disability England works with partners and members to help them get involved in issues which members think are important.



[Annual Health Checks for people with learning disabilities from Black Asian and minoritised ethnic groups](#) was a partnership with the Race Equality Foundation.



It builds on other projects about the experiences of people from ethnic minority communities with learning disabilities and their families.

At Learning Disability England, we will be carrying on working to support the inclusion of people with learning disabilities from ethnic minorities by changing how we work as well as promoting the voice of people from ethnic minorities.



Learning Disability England is one of six organisations in the [Valuing People Alliance](#).



As one of the members of the Health and Wellbeing Alliance, they work with the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, and the UK Health Security Agency. They help to ensure policies and plans include people with learning disabilities.

There was also work on:

- Including people in research projects as part of a project called [No Research About Us Without Us](#)
- Housing choices and rights
- Advocacy and people being heard



Partnerships are important to Learning Disability England

Most of our work is done in partnership with members or other partners.



JMS Trust is an important partner, and we share a worker with them.



Learning Disability England is part of different groups and memberships to help members learn about or join in with others work.



This includes [Citizen Network](#) and [Inclusion Europe](#)



Risks

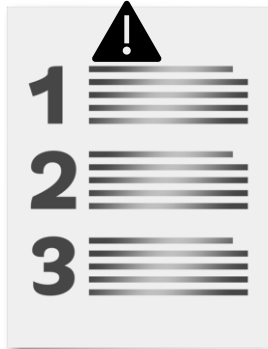
The Trustees look at the risks Learning Disability England might face.

Risks are the things that might go wrong.





Then they decide what they can do to make it less likely that these things happen, or to protect Learning Disability England if they do happen.



The biggest risks Trustees have worked on this year are:

- How many memberships are joining or staying part of Learning Disability England
- Having the right jobs in the organisation so Learning Disability England is strong and makes a difference.
- The economic and political changes that are happening.



To try to keep Learning Disability England strong the Trustees decided to

- Recruit an operations Manager to lead on the administration and finance including managing memberships.
- Invest in a new system for managing memberships so it is easier to join and help all members renew.



About the money



The total income for the year was £297,257

Income is the money that came into Learning Disability England.



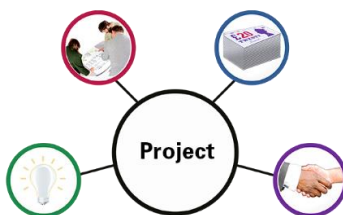
£103,114 came from grant funding.

£131,431 came from membership payments.

£12,037 came from donations.

£36,972 came from conferences, workshops, and advice.

Learning Disability England got money from/for these grants and projects:



- JMS Trust
- VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance
- RTR Foundation and Bailey Thomas Foundation



The biggest things Learning Disability England spent money on were:

- £171,069 on staff costs
- £38,668 working on projects and events



The total funds that were brought forward were £205,921.

This means money that Learning Disability England still had money in the bank at the end of the year.



Review of an independent examiner



Each year our annual accounts must be checked by an independent examiner.



An independent examiner is someone who is a qualified accountant and separate from the organisation.



The independent examiner has checked these accounts.

They found that these accounts followed all the rules.



More information



You can find out more by looking at the website.
<https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/>



If you have any questions, please email
info@LDEngland.org.uk or phone 0300 111 044.

Signed by Sarah Maguire on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Maguire'.

Registered number
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Learning Disability England

Accounts

31 March 2024

incorporating P&W Social Accountants

Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Learning Disability England

Respective responsibilities of charity 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 charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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 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
- 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 matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.



P&W Social Accountants
10 Newent Road
Birmingham
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14th June 2024

**Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
as at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations	2	12,037	-	12,037
Income from charitable activities	2	226,187	45,330	271,517
Other income	2	13,703	-	13,703
Total income		<u>251,927</u>	<u>45,330</u>	<u>297,257</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	211,878	45,330	257,208
Total expenditure		<u>211,878</u>	<u>45,330</u>	<u>257,208</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		40,049	-	40,049
Transfers between funds	11	-	-	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		<u>40,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,049</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>40,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,049</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		165,872	-	165,872
Total funds carried forward		<u>205,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,921</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14th June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

**Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2023	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2023	Prior Year Total Funds 2023
Income & Endowments				
Donations	2	7,188	-	7,188
Income from charitable activities	2	227,656	108,220	335,876
Other income	2	14,078	-	14,078
Total income		<u>248,922</u>	<u>108,220</u>	<u>357,142</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	247,617	125,735	373,352
Total expenditure		<u>247,617</u>	<u>125,735</u>	<u>373,352</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year				
Transfers between funds	11	-	-	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		<u>1,305</u>	<u>(17,515)</u>	<u>(16,210)</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>1,305</u>	<u>(17,515)</u>	<u>(16,210)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		164,567	17,515	182,082
Total funds carried forward		<u>164,567</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>182,082</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Learning Disability England
Registered number:
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024

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	Notes		2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	8		364	716
			364	-
Current assets				
Debtors	9	56,979	35,316	
Cash at bank and in hand		389,114	342,059	
		446,093	377,375	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(240,536)	(212,219)	
Net current assets			205,921	165,156
Net Assets			205,921	165,872
The funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds	11	188,921	165,872	
Designated funds	11	17,000	-	
Restricted funds	11	-	-	
Total funds			205,921	165,872

The Trustees are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.


The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14th June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Maguire
 Director and Trustee

**Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities
as at 31 March 2024**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The reporting currency is £ Sterling.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant & equipment	over 4 years
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Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the transaction price).

Grant income is deferred if it relates to specific expenditure which has not yet been incurred. This expenditure will be a condition of the grant.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amount at the balance sheet date.

Financial Instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. They are recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Income

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants are credited to the statement of financial activities when received or receivable whichever is earlier. Where unconditional entitlement to grants receivable is dependent upon fulfilment of conditions within the Charity's control, the income is recognised when there is sufficient evidence that conditions will be met. Where there is uncertainty as to whether the Charity can meet such conditions the incoming resource is deferred.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs allocated to charitable activities include the direct costs of providing services and running projects.

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1 Accounting policies (*continued*)

Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs represent amounts payable by the charity during the period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted general funds may be used in accordance with the charity's objects at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are amounts set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

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2 Income

1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	Current year Unrestricted 2024	Current year Restricted 2024	Current year Total Funds 2024
Donations	£	£	£
Donations	12,037	-	12,037
Total Donations	<u>12,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,037</u>
Charitable Activities			
Advice, conferences and training	36,972	-	36,972
Membership Subscriptions	131,431	-	131,431
Grant Income	57,784	45,330	103,114
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>226,187</u>	<u>45,330</u>	<u>271,517</u>
Other Income			
Other income	13,703	-	13,703
Total Other Income	<u>13,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,703</u>
Total Income	<u>251,927</u>	<u>45,330</u>	<u>297,257</u>

Prior Year Income

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Prior year Unrestricted 2023	Prior year Restricted 2023	Prior year Total Funds 2023
Donations	£	£	£
Donations	7,188	-	7,188
Total Donations	<u>7,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,188</u>
Charitable Activities			
Advice, conferences and workshops	54,373	-	54,373
Membership Subscriptions	102,258	-	102,258
Grant Income	71,025	108,220	179,245
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>227,656</u>	<u>108,220</u>	<u>335,876</u>
Other Income	14,078	-	14,078
Total Other Income	<u>14,078</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,078</u>
Total Income	<u>248,922</u>	<u>108,220</u>	<u>357,142</u>

Learning Disability England
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3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Direct expenditure (note 4)	240,754	365,422
Support expenditure (note 5)	16,454	7,930
Total	<u>257,208</u>	<u>373,352</u>

4 Direct expenditure on charitable activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs (note 7)	171,069	183,986
Conference costs	13,007	13,274
External project delivery and resource costs	14,580	159,643
Insurance	5,280	4,642
Marketing and advertising	245	90
Professional fees	4,425	2,600
Advocate Expenses	11,081	-
Travel	10,793	-
Subscriptions	2,559	-
Room hire	7,715	1,187
Direct expenditure	<u>240,754</u>	<u>365,422</u>

5 Support expenditure on charitable activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Administrative overheads	598	764
Premises expenses	-	200
Software	7,975	80
Telephone costs	799	768
Web & CRM development & hosting	4,940	3,976
Depreciation	352	352
	<u>14,664</u>	<u>6,140</u>
Examination fee	950	950
Governance, training & review	840	840
Trustee's expenses (note 6)	-	-
	<u>1,790</u>	<u>1,790</u>
Support expenditure	<u>16,454</u>	<u>7,930</u>

6 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received remuneration for any for their services. Where claimed, expenses for travel and subsistence are reimbursed. The amount claimed during the period was £Nil (2022: £Nil).

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7 Staff Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salary Costs	131,617	134,513
Tax and National Insurance	28,027	36,144
Pension Costs	8,671	9,310
Other Costs including Training & Welfare	2,754	4,019
Total salaries, wages and related costs	171,069	183,986

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Full time equivalents	5.5	5.5

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	6,576
Additions during the year	-
At 31st March 2023	<u>6,576</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	5,860
Charge for the year	352
At 31st March 2023	<u>6,212</u>
Net book value	
At 1 April 2022	<u>716</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>364</u>

9 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	54,474	34,349
Prepayments and accrued income	2,505	967
Total debtors	56,979	35,316

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Creditors	15,976	-
Accruals	8,765	4,843
Deferred Income	62,681	32,322
Grant & Project Balances	150,992	172,932
Other Creditors	2,122	2,122
Total creditors	240,536	212,219

**Learning Disability England
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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Within grant & project balances are amounts received with preconditions attached. These amounts are released into income when the preconditions are met.

This includes restricted funds of:

SW Connections: £14,740
MMU Covid Impact research £16,896
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment): £23,832

11 Fund Balances

At 31 March 2024, funds are analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2023 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted Funds				
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	-	-	-	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	-	-	-	-
MMU Covid Impact Research	-	-	-	-
Speaking Up and More	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Designated Funds				
Membership administration and management	-	-	10,000	10,000
Membership growth	-	-	7,000	7,000
Unrestricted Funds	165,872	40,049	(17,000)	188,921
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>165,872</u>	<u>40,049</u>	<u>(17,000)</u>	<u>205,921</u>
Total Charity Funds	<u>165,872</u>	<u>40,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,921</u>

Net movements included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds			
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	23,450	(23,450)	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	4,550	(4,550)	-
MMU Covid Impact Research	14,050	(14,050)	-
Speaking Up and More	3,280	(3,280)	-
	<u>45,330</u>	<u>(45,330)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds	251,927	(211,878)	40,049
	<u>297,257</u>	<u>(257,208)</u>	<u>40,049</u>

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as at 31 March 2024
11 Fund Balances (continued)

At 31 March 2023, funds were analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2022 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2023 £
Restricted Funds				
Esmee Fairburn	17,515	(17,515)	-	-
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	-	-	-	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	-	-	-	-
MMU Covid Impact Research	-	-	-	-
NHSE Covid Recovery	-	-	-	-
		-		
Total Restricted Funds	17,515	(17,515)	-	-
Unrestricted Funds	164,567	1,305	-	165,872
Total Charity Funds	182,082	(16,210)	-	165,872
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds				
Esmee Fairburn		2,500	(20,015)	(17,515)
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance		19,478	(19,478)	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)		24,467	(24,467)	-
MMU Covid Impact Research		10,475	(10,475)	-
NHSE Covid Recovery		51,300	(51,300)	-
		108,220	(125,735)	(17,515)
Unrestricted funds		248,922	(247,617)	1,305
		357,142	(373,352)	(16,210)

**Learning Disability England
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11 Fund Balances (continued)**

Restricted Funds

Esmee Fairburn

Grant to support some of organisational core costs, to help ensure that the needs and wishes of learning disabled people are accurately represented in policy and decision making at national and local level. In addition Esme Fairburn granted LDE an unrestricted Covid response and support grant.

DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant

Grant funding to increase availability of support to people in England during COVID-19 2020/21 through providing Information and resources, supporting practice and operational change in response to Covid 19, and delivering a small grants programme aimed at reducing isolation and building resilience in local groups and their members.

CAF DCMS Resilience fund

Grant to maintain the extended information hub, dissemination, training and peer support activities for people with learning disabilities, their families and paid supporters that Covid 19 necessitated.

RTR Trust Sharing to be Stronger

Grant to Learning Disability England for the Sharing to be Stronger Together project that brought together self advocacy groups across England to share examples of self advocacy making a difference and contribute to the building of a national self-advocacy movement.

VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance

This grant which is provided by The Department of Health and Social Care for the purpose of supporting the Health and Wellbeing Programme through facilitating integrated working between voluntary and statutory providers. BILD is the lead organisation on this project and is responsible for liaising and reporting to the funders.

BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)

NHS England are supporting a project because reports have told them that people with a learning disability from minority ethnic groups do not get equal health care. This project includes aims to empower and support self-advocacy or family led groups to overcome barriers and taboos in relation to speaking up about racism and its impact on access to preventative healthcare and treatment.

MMU Covid Impact Research

This grant funds a project researching how the coronavirus pandemic has changed the lives of people with learning disabilities in the UK.

NHSE Covid Recovery

Funded by NHS England, this grant funds the development of a resource bank open for all self-advocacy groups to use. The resources will focus on easy read material and other tools and information to support people who may have difficulties accessing health services.

Speaking Up and More

Funded by a grant from RTR Foundation and the Baily Thomas Charitable Fund. The project worked with people with learning disabilities and self-advocacy groups to promote the impact of (self and peer) advocacy through an accessible short film led by self advocates.

Other restricted funds

Donations from Trusts are classed as restricted to the purpose as determined by the donor.

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11 Fund Balances *(continued)*

Designated funds

Membership administration and management	These funds are for the development and launch of a membership management system.
Membership growth	These funds are held for the purpose of a campaign to increase membership.

Unrestricted funds

These funds are held for the objectives of the charity, and to provide free reserves for future activities, and, subject to charity legislation are free from all restrictions on their use.

12 Related Parties

Some trustees are employed by member organisations, membership subscriptions are shown below:

Organisation	Membership package	Trustee
Choice Support	LDE Enhanced member £2,500	Sarah Maguire
SeeAbility	LDE Enhanced member £2,500	Lisa Hopkins
Jan Walmsley Associates	LDE Standard member £195	Jan Walmsley (up to April 2023)
Look Ahead	LDE Standard member £995	Debbie Neill (up to July 2023)
Vibrance	LDE Standard member £996	Debbie Neill (after July 2023)
Building Bridges CIC	LDE Self advocacy member £25	Liz Tilly
Future Directions CIC	LDE Standard member £995	Paula Braynion

13 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

14 Status of the Charitable Company

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The registered office is 134 C/O Anthony Collins Solicitors, Edmund Street, Birmingham, England, B3 2ES.

Its principal activities are the relief of people who are disabled, handicapped (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people, their families and carers in particular through the provision of advice, counselling, workshops, training, and advocacy in respect of their housing care or support needs.

The liability of members is limited but is not exceed £1 per member.

LEARNING DISABILITY ENGLAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1092587

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Report and Accounts
2022 - 2023

Learning Disability England Trustee report



What this is about



This is the Annual Report from the Learning Disability England Trustees

It looks at the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.



The report and accounts tell people about the work that Learning Disability England has done.

It also tells people how it has spent the money.



Learning Disability England must publish its report and accounts every year.

This is because it is a registered charity.



The report has been put together by the Board of Trustees of Learning Disability England.

[Find out more about the Trustees here](#)



The aims and objectives of Learning Disability England

Learning Disability England is a membership organisation.

Members can be people with learning disabilities, their families, friends, and paid supporters.

Organisations and groups can be members too.

Learning Disability England brings together three groups –

- people with learning disabilities,
- family members
- people in paid roles (for example, supporters, managers, and researchers)

We do this to help people to:

learn from each other

- work out problems
- be a louder, stronger voice



Learning Disability England members share the same aims and values.

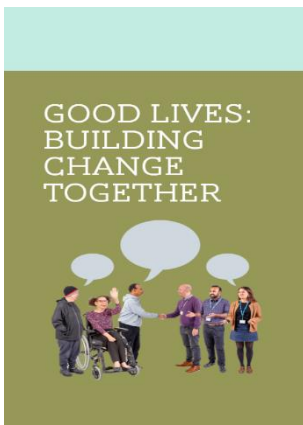


Members must agree with these aims and values when they join.

[Read the aims and values here](#)



Members work with each other on an equal basis to share knowledge and create a movement for change together.



Members work together to build a world where people with learning disabilities have good lives with equal choices and opportunities as others.



At the end of March 2023 there were a total of 704 members.

This was 188 organisation or group members and 537 individual members.



[You can find out more about being a member here](#)



How Learning Disability England makes decisions

Learning Disability England has a [Board of Trustees](#).

The Trustees are responsible for governing the charity.



This means that they make the big decisions.

They make sure Learning Disability England works to the Charity Commission rules and the law.



The Board of Trustees works closely with the [Representative \(Rep\) Body](#).

The **Rep Body** makes decisions about what members will work on together.



The Rep Body are elected by members to represent them.



There are 12 Rep Body members representing the three different 'voice groups'.



In 2022 5 new member representatives joined the Rep Body.

They had a handover and induction to help them understand the role.



The Chief Executive works with the Trustees and Rep Body to lead Learning Disability England.



There is a small **staff team** of 7 people. Most of the team work part time and work from home across the country.

[Find out about the staff team here](#)



The big priorities Learning Disability England worked on in 2022 - 2023



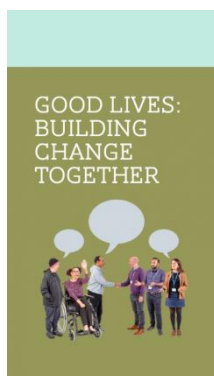
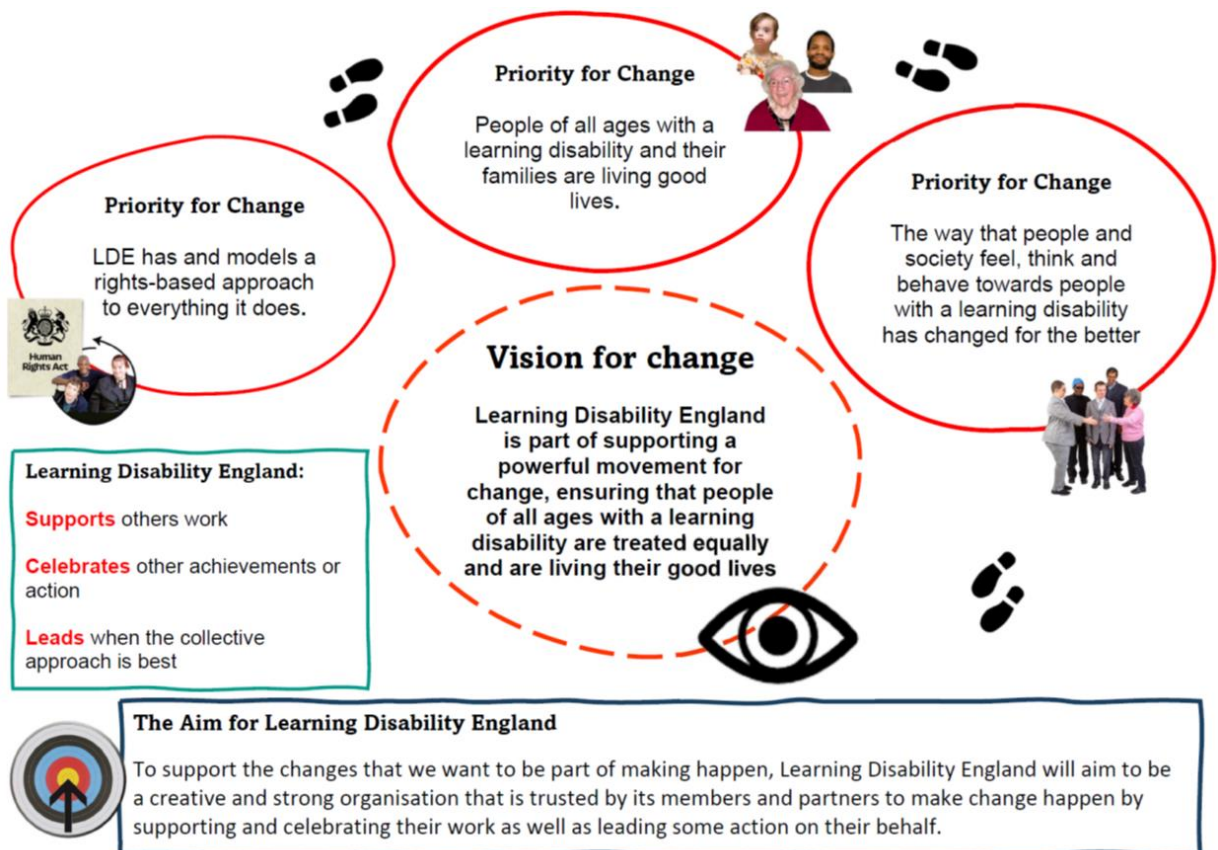
The work Learning Disability England will prioritise is decided by the Representative (Rep) Body.

[Find out more about the Rep Body here](#)



In 2022 the Rep Body and Trustees worked together on a vision for change.

The vision for change says how Learning Disability England will work and what it will focus on:



The full vision for change is [here](#).

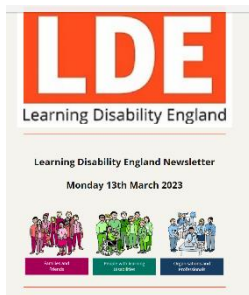
All Learning Disability England's work aims to move towards the vision.

What Learning Disability England did between April 2022 – March 2023



Informing and supporting members.

We helped the three 'voice groups' of our members get the information they needed and also heard from different people about their work or ideas.



We sent 59 weekly or special information newsletters to 2000 people who are members or part of a member organisation or group.

More than half of those people read the newsletter most weeks



In September 2022 we set up a Cost-of-Living information hub on the website

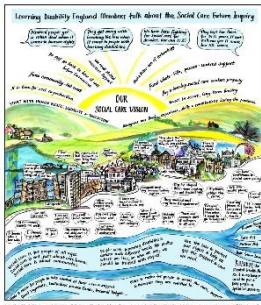
It includes information about the support people can get, where to find advice and about any campaigns.

More than 3,000 people visited the hub in the year



Campaigning and influencing on what matters to people with learning disabilities to help people get a good life.

We helped members to be heard on consultations which were important to them. These included:



- Human Rights Act changes consultation
- Social Care in the future by the Fabian Society inquiry
- Down Syndrome Act call for evidence
- The Covid inquiry being accessible to people with learning disabilities

Representing members' priorities to inform policy and change attitudes.

[Good Lives](#) brings together people's ideas about what is needed for everyone with learning disabilities to be able to live their good life.

It is led by what people with learning disabilities say is important.

It is a vision for change with actions for everyone who wants to get involved, by campaigning or changing how they work now.

Anyone can get involved or use it to help with their work.



This year the Learning Disability England team worked to get more people involved in making Good Lives happen by.

- Presenting at 65 conferences or workshops
- Meeting with 40 member organisations to talk about how they will support Good Lives

Good Lives was also included in papers, reports or blogs from other organisations including:

- Learning Disability Today
- The Local Government Association
- Social Care Futures



In 2023 Members are starting to develop a Good Lives manifesto to influence all political parties' plans.

Supporting good practice and finding solutions through the 'voice groups' working together.



We bring members together to learn from each other or understand new ideas or research together.

This year we held:

- 4 members network meetings
- 10 members only webinars



- 3 public webinars



More than 600 places were used at the meetings.

These meetings were about research findings, information on rights, or members sharing their work.

Action Towards Good Lives

Learning Disability England Annual Conference 2023
Online: Wednesday 15th March 2023
London: Wednesday 22nd March 2023
York: Tuesday 28th March 2023

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Learning Disability England

Partners: Achieve together, ambient, Choice Support, dimensions, Look Ahead, MacIntyre, ABILITY, Anthony Collins solicitors.



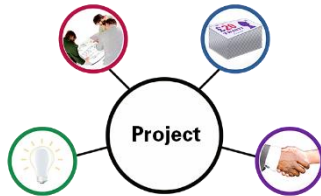
There were three Learning Disability England conferences in March 2023.

440 people came to the 3 conferences.



At the conferences 62 different speakers shared what they are doing to support Good Lives.

You can find out more and see the recordings [here](#)



Learning and supporting partners through projects or research.

Learning Disability England works with partners and members to help them get involved in issues which members think are important.

This year that included [several projects](#) about the experiences of people from ethnic minority communities with learning disabilities and their families.



At Learning Disability England, we will be carrying on working to support the inclusion of people with learning disabilities from ethnic minorities by changing how we work as well as promoting the voice of people from ethnic minorities.



Learning Disability England is one of six organisations in the [Valuing People Alliance](#).

As one of the members of the Health and Wellbeing Alliance, they work with the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, and the UK Health Security Agency.

They help to ensure policies and plans include people with learning disabilities.

VCSE

health & wellbeing alliance



There was also work on:

- Including people in research projects
- Future plans for stopping people being given too much medication (STOMP and STAMP)
- Health Action Plans
- Housing and rights
- Advocacy and people being heard



Partnerships are important to Learning Disability England

Most of our work is done in partnership with members or other partners.



JMS Trust is an important partner, and we share a worker with them



Learning Disability England is part of the ARC Learning Disability Research Unit



Risks

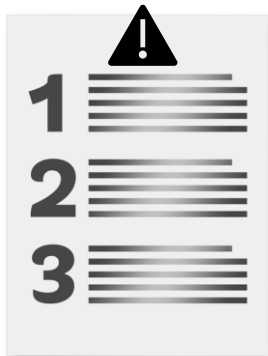


The Trustees look at the risks Learning Disability England might face.

Risks are the things that might go wrong.



Then they decide what they can do to make it less likely that these things happen, or to protect Learning Disability England if they do happen.



The biggest risks Trustees have worked on this year are:

- Membership numbers
- The time and space that a small team has to get all the jobs done
- How the cost-of-living increases might affect Learning Disability England members and Learning Disability England itself
- The economic and political changes that are happening



About the money



The total income for the year was £357,142.

Income is the money that came into Learning Disability England.

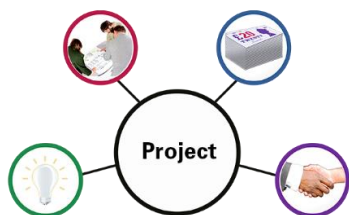
£179,245 came from grant funding.

£102,258 came from membership payments.

£7,188 came from donations.

£54,373 came from conferences, workshops, and advice.

Learning Disability England got money from/for these grants and projects:



- Esmee Fairbairn Foundation
- VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance
- BAME Self Advocacy NHS England (Equal Treatment)
- Covid and People with Learning Disabilities Impact Research



The biggest things Learning Disability England spent money on were:

- £183,986 on staff costs
- £181,436 working on projects and other work



The total funds that were brought forward were £165,872.

This means money that Learning Disability England still had money in the bank at the end of the year.



Review of an independent examiner



Each year our annual accounts must be checked by an independent examiner.



An independent examiner is someone who is a qualified accountant and separate from the organisation.



The independent examiner has checked these accounts.

They found that these accounts followed all the rules.



More information



You can find out more by looking at the website

<https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/>



If you have any questions, please email info@LDEngland.org.uk or phone 0300 111 044.

Approved by Trustees on
05 October 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Maguire'.

Sarah Maguire, Trustee and Director

Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Learning Disability England

Respective responsibilities of charity 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 charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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 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
- 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 matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

R B Welch FCA
Chartered Accountant
P&W Social Accountants
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5th October 2023

**Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations	2	7,188	-	7,188
Income from charitable activities	2	227,656	108,220	335,876
Other income	2	14,078	-	14,078
Total income		<u>248,922</u>	<u>108,220</u>	<u>357,142</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	247,617	125,735	373,352
Total expenditure		<u>247,617</u>	<u>125,735</u>	<u>373,352</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		1,305	(17,515)	(16,210)
Transfers between funds	11	-	-	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		<u>1,305</u>	<u>(17,515)</u>	<u>(16,210)</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>1,305</u>	<u>(17,515)</u>	<u>(16,210)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		164,567	17,515	182,082
Total funds carried forward		<u>165,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165,872</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations	2	22,301	-	22,301
Income from charitable activities	2	146,483	180,435	326,918
Other income	2	7	-	7
Total income		<u>168,791</u>	<u>180,435</u>	<u>349,226</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	120,901	162,920	283,821
Total expenditure		<u>120,901</u>	<u>162,920</u>	<u>283,821</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		47,890	17,515	65,405
Transfers between funds	11	-	-	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		<u>47,890</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>65,405</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>47,890</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>65,405</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		116,677	-	116,677
Total funds carried forward		<u>164,567</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>182,082</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Learning Disability England
Registered number:
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

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	Notes		2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	8		716	1,019
			716	-
Current assets				
Debtors	9	35,316	80,808	
Cash at bank and in hand		342,059	411,222	
		377,375	492,030	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(212,219)	(310,967)	
Net current assets			165,872	181,063
Net Assets			165,872	182,082
The funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds	11	165,872	164,567	
Restricted funds	11	-	17,515	
Total funds			165,872	182,082

The Trustees are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5th October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Maguire
 Director and Trustee

**Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The reporting currency is £ Sterling.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant & equipment	over 4 years
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Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the transaction price).

Grant income is deferred if it relates to specific expenditure which has not yet been incurred. This expenditure will be a condition of the grant.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amount at the balance sheet date.

Financial Instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. They are recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Income

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants are credited to the statement of financial activities when received or receivable whichever is earlier. Where unconditional entitlement to grants receivable is dependent upon fulfilment of conditions within the Charity's control, the income is recognised when there is sufficient evidence that conditions will be met. Where there is uncertainty as to whether the Charity can meet such conditions the incoming resource is deferred.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs allocated to charitable activities include the direct costs of providing services and running projects.

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1 Accounting policies *(continued)*

Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs represent amounts payable by the charity during the period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted general funds may be used in accordance with the charity's objects at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are amounts set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

**Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities**

2 Income	Current year Unrestricted 2023	Current year Restricted 2023	Current year Total Funds 2023
1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023			
Donations	£	£	£
Donations	7,188	-	7,188
Total Donations	<u>7,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,188</u>
Charitable Activities			
Advice, conferences and training	54,373	-	54,373
Membership Subscriptions	102,258	-	102,258
Grant Income	71,025	108,220	179,245
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>227,656</u>	<u>108,220</u>	<u>335,876</u>
Other Income			
Other income	14,078	-	14,078
Total Other Income	<u>14,078</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,078</u>
Total Income	<u>248,922</u>	<u>108,220</u>	<u>357,142</u>
Prior Year Income			
1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	Prior year Unrestricted 2022	Prior year Restricted 2022	Prior year Total Funds 2022
Donations	£	£	£
Donations	22,301	-	22,301
Total Donations	<u>22,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,301</u>
Charitable Activities			
Advice, conferences and workshops	18,633	-	18,633
Membership Subscriptions	94,650	-	94,650
Grant Income	33,200	180,435	213,635
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>146,483</u>	<u>180,435</u>	<u>326,918</u>
Bank Interest	7	-	7
Total Other Income	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>
Total Income	<u>168,791</u>	<u>180,435</u>	<u>349,226</u>

Donations included a donation of £20,000 from Mrs Lathigra's will.

**Learning Disability England
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3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Direct expenditure (note 4)	365,422	268,800
Support expenditure (note 5)	7,930	15,021
Total	<u>373,352</u>	<u>283,821</u>

4 Direct expenditure on charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs (note 7)	183,986	176,962
Conference costs	13,274	-
External project delivery and resource costs	159,643	86,981
Insurance	4,642	4,667
Marketing and advertising	90	-
Professional fees	2,600	190
Room hire	1,187	-
Direct expenditure	<u>365,422</u>	<u>268,800</u>

Due to the pandemic, the conference was held online in 2022.

5 Support expenditure on charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Administrative overheads	764	341
Premises expenses	200	149
Software	80	949
Telephone costs	768	994
Web & CRM development & hosting	3,976	11,298
Depreciation	352	340
	<u>6,140</u>	<u>14,071</u>
Examination fee	950	950
Governance, training & review	840	-
Trustee's expenses (note 6)	-	-
	<u>1,790</u>	<u>950</u>
Support expenditure	<u>7,930</u>	<u>15,021</u>

6 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received remuneration for any for their services. Where claimed, expenses for travel and subsistence are reimbursed. The amount claimed during the period was £Nil (2022: £Nil).

**Learning Disability England
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7 Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salary Costs	134,513	137,980
Tax and National Insurance	36,144	28,656
Pension Costs	9,310	8,805
Other Costs including Training & Welfare	4,019	1,521
Total salaries, wages and related costs	<u>183,986</u>	<u>176,962</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Full time equivalents	5.5	5.5

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	6,527
Additions during the year	49
At 31st March 2023	<u>6,576</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	5,508
Charge for the year	352
At 31st March 2023	<u>5,860</u>
Net book value	
At 1 April 2022	<u>1,019</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>716</u>

9 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	34,349	80,359
Prepayments and accrued income	967	449
Total debtors	<u>35,316</u>	<u>80,808</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	-
Accruals	4,843	5,250
Deferred Income	32,322	39,232
Grant & Project Balances	172,932	251,485
Other Creditors	2,122	15,000
Total creditors	<u>212,219</u>	<u>310,967</u>

**Learning Disability England
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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Within grant & project balances are amounts received with preconditions attached. These amounts are released into income when the preconditions are met.

This includes restricted funds of:

SW Connections: £14,740
MMU Covid Impact research £27,946
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment): £27,832

11 Fund Balances

At 31 March 2023, funds are analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2022 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2023 £
Restricted Funds				
Esmee Fairburn	17,515	(17,515)	-	-
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	-	-	-	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	-	-	-	-
MMU Covid Impact Research	-	-	-	-
NHSE Covid Recovery	-	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>17,515</u>	<u>(17,515)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted Funds	164,567	1,305	-	165,872
Total Charity Funds	<u>182,082</u>	<u>1,305</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165,872</u>

Net movements included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds			
Esmee Fairburn	2,500	(20,015)	(17,515)
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	19,478	(19,478)	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	24,467	(24,467)	-
MMU Covid Impact Research	10,475	(10,475)	-
NHSE Covid Recovery	51,300	(51,300)	-
Other restricted funds	-	-	-
	<u>108,220</u>	<u>(125,735)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds	248,922	(247,617)	1,305
	<u>357,142</u>	<u>(373,352)</u>	<u>(16,210)</u>

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11 Fund Balances *(continued)*

At 31 March 2022, funds were analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2021 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2022 £
Restricted Funds				
Esmee Fairburn	-	17,515	-	17,515
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	-	-	-	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	-	-	-	-
MMU Covid Impact Research	-	-	-	-
NHSE Covid Recovery	-	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,515</u>
Unrestricted Funds	116,677	47,890	-	164,567
Total Charity Funds	<u>116,677</u>	<u>65,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,082</u>
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds				
Esmee Fairburn		64,215	(46,700)	17,515
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance		34,250	(34,250)	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)		21,000	(21,000)	-
MMU Covid Impact Research		18,870	(18,870)	-
NHSE Covid Recovery		41,100	(41,100)	-
Other restricted funds		1,000	(1,000)	-
		<u>180,435</u>	<u>(162,920)</u>	<u>17,515</u>
Unrestricted funds		168,791	(120,901)	47,890
		<u>349,226</u>	<u>(283,821)</u>	<u>65,405</u>

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11 Fund Balances *(continued)*

Restricted Funds

Esme Fairburn

Grant to support some of organisational core costs, to help ensure that the needs and wishes of learning disabled people are accurately represented in policy and decision making at national and local level. In addition Esme Fairburn granted LDE an unrestricted Covid response and support grant.

DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant

Grant funding to increase availability of support to people in England during COVID-19 2020/21 through providing Information and resources, supporting practice and operational change in response to Covid 19, and delivering a small grants programme aimed at reducing isolation and building resilience in local groups and their members.

CAF DCMS Resilience fund

Grant to maintain the extended information hub, dissemination, training and peer support activities for people with learning disabilities, their families and paid supporters that Covid 19 necessitated.

RTR Trust Sharing to be Stronger

Grant to Learning Disability England for the Sharing to be Stronger Together project that brought together self advocacy groups across England to share examples of self advocacy making a difference and contribute to the building of a national self-advocacy movement.

VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance

This grant which is provided by The Department of Health and Social Care for the purpose of supporting the Health and Wellbeing Programme through facilitating integrated working between voluntary and statutory providers. BILD is the lead organisation on this project and is responsible for liaising and reporting to the funders.

BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)

NHS England are supporting a project because reports have told them that people with a learning disability from minority ethnic groups do not get equal health care. This project includes aims to empower and support self-advocacy or family led groups to overcome barriers and taboos in relation to speaking up about racism and its impact on access to preventative healthcare and treatment.

MMU Covid Impact Research

This grant funds a project researching how the coronavirus pandemic has changed the lives of people with learning disabilities in the UK.

NHSE Covid Recovery

Funded by NHS England, this grant funds the development of a resource bank open for all self-advocacy groups to use. The resources will focus on easy read material and other tools and information to support people who may have difficulties accessing health services.

Other restricted funds

Donations from Trusts are classed as restricted to the purpose as determined by the donor.

Unrestricted funds

These funds are held for the objectives of the charity, and to provide free reserves for future activities, and, subject to charity legislation are free from all restrictions on their use.

**Learning Disability England
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12 Related Parties

Some trustees are employed by member organisations, membership subscriptions are shown below:

Organisation	Membership package	Trustee
Choice Support	LDE Enhanced member £2,500	Sarah Maguire
SeeAbility	LDE Enhanced member £2,500	Lisa Hopkins
Jan Walmsley Associates	LDE Basic member £195	Jan Walmsley
Look Ahead	LDE Basic member £995	Debbie Neill
Building Bridges CIC	LDE Self advocacy member £25	Liz Tilly
Future Directions CIC	LDE Basic member £995	Paula Braynion

13 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

14 Status of the Charitable Company

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The registered office is 134 C/O Anthony Collins Solicitors, Edmund Street, Birmingham, England, B3 2ES.

Its principal activities are the relief of people who are disabled, handicapped (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people, their families and carers in particular through the provision of advice, counselling, workshops, training, and advocacy in respect of their housing care or support needs.

The liability of members is limited but is not exceed £1 per member.

LEARNING DISABILITY ENGLAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1092587

Accounts

Registered number
04233275
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Learning Disability England

Report and Accounts

31 March 2022



incorporating P&W Social Accountants

Learning Disability England

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Introduction

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015.

Learning Disability England's History

Learning Disability England (LDE) is a registered charity (No. 1092587) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 4233275). It has been working in its present form since June 2016.

Learning Disability England was formed through the coming together of the Housing and Support Alliance and People First England. Until June 2016, the charity currently known as Learning Disability England operated as The Housing and Support Alliance (H&SA).

Learning Disability England retained an organisational membership building on that of H&SA. In addition, Learning Disability England expanded membership for individuals, user-led or self-advocacy or family organisations and partner companies.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have referred to and taken due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider the charity's activities are for the public benefit.

Learning Disability England's (LDE's) aims, and objectives are outlined in our Memorandum and Articles of Association. All our activities aim to further these aims and objectives. These are the relief of people who are disabled, handicapped (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people, their families, and carers in particular through the provision of advice, counselling, workshops, training, and advocacy in respect of their housing, care or support needs.

Who benefits from our work?

Our membership includes people with learning disabilities, their families and friends and paid supporters as individual members. Organisations and groups can be members too.

Benefit extends beyond our direct membership as many people can use a broad range of resources via our website, and our campaigning influences policy for everyone with learning disabilities.

By the end of March 2022, we had 770 members and a reach of approx. 11,000 people through the newsletter, social media, and our direct work. The membership includes 608 individual members and 162 organisational or small group members.

Organisation or group members themselves are connected to many thousand people so our work indirectly benefits them.

Objectives, aims and significant activities

Learning Disability England aims to make sure:

What is important to people with Learning Disabilities is heard and understood.

There is a change in behaviour in service design and delivery that builds on rights.

We demonstrate how coproduction and real collaboration make a difference.

We live our values and model the change we want

Learning Disability England delivers its work through 5 main activities:

1. Informing and supporting our members.
2. Represent member priorities to inform policy and change attitudes.
3. Supporting good practice and finding solutions with the 3 member communities together.
4. Campaigning and influencing on what matters to people with learning disabilities.

Membership of Learning Disability England is an opportunity:

-To be a part of the change Learning Disability England members are making together.

-To influence and inform the campaigning, influencing and key messages Learning Disability England uses in its work with partners, government or members.

All members get:

Up-to-date information, news and resources including a weekly email newsletter.

Help to be well connected and not isolated by joining a network of like-minded people and organisations.

Access to events, meetings, and conferences we run at a reduced rate or free where we can.

This includes being entered into a lottery for a free ticket to our annual conference.

A formal vote on key decisions, including Representative Body elections.

A say in what Learning Disability England does day to day.

Objectives, aims and significant activities continued

Groups and organisations also benefit by: Helping the organisation's mission

By supporting work or campaigns you agree with.

By contributing to a wider benefit to your community of interest or beneficiaries.

Helping change and improve what you do

You get good information, solutions to problems and new ideas through facilitated co-production and quality and improvement tools and networks.

Everyone is challenged, based on rights and people with learning disabilities' priorities – a conscience and some help.

Facilitated problem-solving networks or debates on issues that face people and organisations including policy and practice changes.

Our Achievements and key work 2021 - 2022

The Trustees are working with the members' Representative Body on an impact report It will be available on the charity's website www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk.

This year the difference we could make working with people with learning disabilities and their families was significantly helped by some specific grant funding, especially from Esmee Fairbairn Foundation which supported the development of the Good Lives Framework.

Learning Disability England's achievements include:

1. Informing and supporting our members

We help the 3 'voice groups' of members get the information they need for their role and understand more about each other by sharing information on policy, research, practice development, and new ideas as well as Learning Disability England work.

One way we do this is through a weekly online newsletter.

We sent 39 regular weekly newsletters plus 16 special focused ones and 7 -self-advocacy newsletters
2000 people, on average, every week get that newsletter.

We continued to develop and regularly update an inclusive Coronavirus information hub until September 2021. After that, we focused on information members told us was most important such as vaccination access, and support tools.

Objectives, aims and significant activities continued

We hosted 9 webinars and 5 for members only on:

- Supporting people from the LGBT+ community
- Women's human rights and actions to understand them
- Supporting people to use technology: an introduction to a new toolkit
- Building self-advocacy networks and alliances
- Shaping Future Support: Consultation on the green paper
- IMPACT: The new adult Social care evidence centre and its work
- Individual Service Funds in England: Making Choice and Control Happen
- Coming out of lockdown and rebuilding life
- Creating Connections: tackling isolation and loneliness through working in partnership

People with learning disabilities, family members, researchers, support workers, trainers, and managers led or attended these online sessions.

More than 650 people attended those sessions live, and 100s have viewed the recordings since.

2. Representing members' priorities to inform policy and change attitudes

Learning Disability England acts or speaks up on what matters to members and will help achieve our shared goals.

We aim to make sure what is important to people with learning disabilities is heard and understood.

We make sure people with learning disabilities are heard first, but we create a stronger voice by everyone speaking together.

We made sure members' voices were heard in policy consultations on

- The development of the Social Care white paper
- Covid vaccination requirements for social care staff
- The Disability Strategy
- The review of the Human Rights Act
- Small payments and mental capacity requirements

We also supported members to contribute to policy development with government departments on Covid guidance on support settings including supported living, community support and residential care.

Objectives, aims and significant activities continued

Access to Covid vaccinations continued to be a priority for members. Learning Disability England worked to represent members on the national policy but also help local policy and implementation.

Members fed into the Joint Committee on Human Rights review of human rights in care settings.

We also worked with members to represent others at 2 All-Party Parliamentary Groups representing members' priorities on the integration of health and social care and social care reform.

Members contributed to the Archbishop's inquiry on social care as well as Social Care Future inquiry 'Whose Social Care is it anyway?'

Learning Disability England was 1 of 6 partners appointed as the Valuing People Alliance in a refreshed Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Health and wellbeing alliance programme.

The new Valuing People Alliance is working in partnership with the health and care system to share its expertise at a national level to improve services for all communities.

As the operational lead of the Valuing People Alliance, Learning Disability England supported people with learning disabilities, their families and paid supporters priorities to be included on:

- Social Care Reform
- Digital inclusion in service development
- Influencing the Building the Right Support Action plan
- NHS England plans for tackling health inequalities

3. Supporting good practice and finding solutions with the 3 member communities together.

We aim for there to be a change in behaviour in service design and delivery that builds on rights Making sure people with learning disabilities, their families and paid supporters working together can influence policy and practice

The Good Lives Framework: Building Change Together was launched at our annual conference held online over 3 days in March.

The framework brings together people's thoughts and ideas about what it will take for everyone with learning disabilities to be able to live their good life. It is built on human rights and a HOPE-based vision for change.

The framework has positive actions needed now as well as longer-term policy and legal changes.

Objectives, aims and significant activities continued

The member's conference was 6 online sessions that explored the 6 chapters of the framework:

- A Home
- Communication and staying connected
- The right support
- To love and be loved
- Effective voice-Self advocacy/Advocacy
- Employment and contribution

39 Members and partners spoke at the sessions exploring with more than 570 attendees the 'Vision for change', and 'Policy now' and shared examples of what is possible and in place at the moment.

We supported several specific pieces of work or training to help members tackle big challenges. One such challenge highlighted through the pandemic are the worse outcomes for Black Asian Minority Ethnic people with learning disabilities.

Since 2020 Learning Disability England has worked with partners, particularly the Race Equality Foundation, to understand the reasons for this and engage members in finding solutions or developing their practice to be more inclusive.

Building on this NHS England gave a grant to Learning Disability England to develop community and The Equal Treatment project is aiming to challenge racism and health inequalities. The Equal Treatment project is aiming to challenge racism and health inequalities through strengthening self-advocacy, peer support and learning from supporters' practices and approaches.

The work includes a training programme for self-advocacy and family groups and support for health and social organisations and community groups led by minority ethnic groups.

The project has three delivery partners, Contact, Changing our Lives and Include Me Too who between them are working directly with more than 40 organisations across England.

We aim to demonstrate that co-production and real collaborative working are making a difference

We directly supported members of Learning Disability England to work together through a fortnightly peer support meeting and direct training or support.

Work with enhanced members included:

- Training staff to understand self-advocacy, its role and how they can support it
- Coproducing service changes
- Reviewing local governance with a Learning Disability Partnership board

4. Campaigning and influencing on what matters to people with learning disabilities to help people get a good life

Learning Disability England supports campaigns led by our members and brings together members and partners to campaign on important issues together.

Following consultation with members, Learning Disability England publicized members' concerns about the Down Syndrome Bill. The members' Representative Body presented members' views on the Bill to the politicians leading the private Members Bill, where they received assurances that

- other people with learning disabilities will not be disadvantaged by the Act, and
- the accompanying Guidance might include overlapping support needs where relevant.

The Bill has now passed into Law, so now members are working on making sure the Down Syndrome Act guidance has the greatest advantage for the biggest group of people.

Learning Disability England members spoke up on

- Better Pay for Social care staff campaign
- Access to the Covid Vaccination
- The Human Rights Act review and it being accessible

We supported other members' campaigns and got the wider membership involved on:

- Campaigns for change on the 10 year anniversary of the TV programme on the abuse at Winterbourne View
- Voting resources and campaigns hub for local elections May 2021
- The Better Pay for Social Care campaign
- Social Care Futures work and wider campaigning
- Social Care Day of Remembrance and Reflection
- Coproduction on the DNACPR Ministerial Oversight Group campaign

We support a group of spokespeople to represent members because Learning Disability England staff do not speak for people with learning disabilities or other members.

Objectives, aims and significant activities continued

5. Learning and Supporting partners through projects or research

The majority of Learning Disability England's work is done through partnerships.

This includes being part of research projects.

Learning Disability England was the lead voluntary sector partner for England in the UK-wide Impact of Coronavirus on people with learning disabilities research PMLD Link was our partner in this work too.

We supported the research team to work with advisory groups to develop the research questions, analyse the findings, and share them with the broader community.

5 members and partners also worked on the policy briefs with the research team, help to make the findings real and to engage people, families and paid supporters.

Learning Disability England has also supported other research through advisory roles or supported members to be involved. These include

- Outcomes and costs of supported living and residential care services (The 200 Lives project)
- Experiences of people at the edges of social care of renting accommodation (My own front door project)
- Understanding the use of restrictive practices in hospital settings
- Examining barriers and how to remove them to reduce the length of hospital stays in specialist mental health units.

Learning Disability England has an important long-term partnership with the JMS Trust. We host a worker for the Trust and work closely with the Trustees to support the worker to promote the Trust's work on supported living and engage people with Learning Disabilities and their families in the Trust's work in supported living.

Our Partnerships on projects continued this year including

- Supporting the 'Funding the gap' research led by the Open university through a member led advisory group
- developing a collaboration with fourteen self-advocacy, family or community groups to tackle health inequalities.

Volunteers

LDE benefits from the active participation of the 18 volunteers involved in its governance as Representative Body members or Trustees. In addition, a group of 10 - 15 people from the membership regularly volunteer to represent Learning Disability England at policy or consultation working groups, or by being spokespeople

Achievements and Performance

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities show net incoming resources for the year of £65,405 (2021: net incoming resources £101,379). Total funds carried forward show £182,082 (2021: £116,677) of which £17,515 (2021: £Nil) are restricted. There were no incoming or outgoing resources of a capital nature.

The total and free unrestricted reserves at the year end of 31 March 2022 stand at £164,587 (2021: £116,677).

The Trustees have closely monitored financial performance and cash flow throughout the year and at every Board meeting. They have sought to diversify income streams, including successfully obtaining additional grant funding during the year.

The trustees have agreed to a policy of seeking to maintain 6 months' running costs as reserves. This is an increase from the previous level. The policy was reviewed in April 2022 and 3 months of additional reserves were maintained due to the increased uncertainty in the wider sector. At the same time, the Trustees agreed to review the reserves level at the mid-year point to ensure any additional resources are being used to further the charity's aims.

Future Plans

Learning Disability England's Representative Body leads the development of priorities.

In January 2022 the Representative Body worked with the Trustees to develop key objectives for the year ahead.

1. People's Voice. That the voice of people with learning disabilities and families is getting stronger and supported by
2. Building shared action for policy and practice for people with Learning Disabilities by developing the Good Lives Framework. That we are making progress on developing a new national Learning Disability policy/vision for the future.
3. Growing Learning Disability England membership. That more people are joining LDE across all three of our membership 'groups' - (i) self-advocates (ii) families (iii) paid supporters.
4. Stable Finances. That we have enough money to do the things we want and need to do.
5. Learning Disability England is influencing and connecting people, organisations and government bodies led by people with learning disabilities themselves and their priorities.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing document and charity constitution

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12th June 2001, amended by special resolution on 28th May 2012, and registered as a charity on 24th June 2002. The organisation changed name on 14th June 2016 (having previously been the Housing and Support Alliance).

The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, which is governed under its Articles of Association.

LDE's Articles were reviewed and revised in 2016/2017 as Learning Disability England was formed. In February 2020 the Annual General meeting agreed to a change that reduced the number of Trustees required to between 6 - 8.

Organisational structure and decision making

The charity is managed by a Board of Directors who are also Trustees. All trustees are members of the charity.

The Board of Trustees hold the overall responsibility for governing the charity but do that in consultation and partnership with the Representative Body, which is elected by the membership.

The Chief Executive reports to the Trustees of the charitable company who meet at least quarterly. The Board focuses on strategic decision-making and delegates the day-to-day management to the Chief Executive Officer.

The CEO collaborates with the Co-Chairs of the Representative Body and Chair and Co-Chairs of the Board on decisions affected by organisational policy or strategy and consultation with the wider governance group.

Building on the 2020 - 2021 Trustee and Rep Body governance programme the governance code of conduct was updated in Autumn 2021 to ensure all members are comfortable and confident in their role either as a Trustee or Rep Body member.

In March 2022 the organisation had 7 staff working equivalent hours to 5.5 full-time staff.

LDE did not have a physical office space during the year but is trying to find something suitable again in Kent for colleagues based there. Most of LDE's staff work remotely based at home and before Coronavirus travelled nationally as part of their work. In March 2020 LDE changed how it works like many other organisations. The Trustees have worked with the Representative Body and staff team to regularly review how LDE works safely to deliver our aims through 2021 and beyond. The successful delivery of 2 annual conferences and positive feedback from across all membership voice groups means the organisation is going to maintain some one line working.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

In line with our approach to democratic involvement the Representative Body lead the appointment of Trustees in 2018 on behalf of the membership. There have been no Trustee vacancies in the period. The Trustees are committed to strengthening the diversity on the Board, but did not prioritise acting on that during the year due to Covid priorities.

The Representative Body members will usually serve no more than 2 three-year terms. As the first group only started in 2017 the body agreed that 6 of the 12 places would be up for election in 2020 and the next 6 places re-elected in 2022.

In February 2022 the Representative Body started elections for 6 new members to join. The elections concluded in July 2022.

Induction and training of new trustees

Any new Trustees receive a full induction including meetings with longer-standing Trustees, and the CEO with written and electronic information shared on the organisation, the legal responsibilities and current or recent organisation plans and activities.

The general governance induction programme and processes were reviewed by members in preparation for the Representative Body elections in 2022. The updated version will be used to support all members joining the governance with specific additional elements for Trustees on their specific responsibilities and members' representatives similarly.

Related Parties

Trustees are employed by member organisations which are documented. All trustees give their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- a regular review of the risks the charitable company may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and,
- implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charitable company should those risks materialise.

The Risk Register identified a range of risks to manage including

- a reduction of membership levels and resulting financial difficulties, and;
- lack of capacity within a small staff team resulting in an inability to perform all needed functions as a key risk
- Need for succession planning in the paid and unpaid roles because individuals play such significant roles in the organisation

The Risk Register identified the effect of changes in Government/LA funding priorities due to austerity and now Coronavirus changes in spending and the impact on organisational membership in particular.

The impact of the current economic and political changes is regularly reviewed by the Board to provide a robust response to ensure the long-term survival of the organisation. A key element in the management of financial risk is the regular review by trustees of the financial position.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Company number

4233275 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1092587

Principal and Registered office

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Sarah Maguire (Co Chair)
Deborah Neill
Jan Walmsley
Jodie Williams (Co chair)
Paula Braynion
Lisa Hopkins
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Learning Disability England for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7th October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Maguire
Director and Trustee

Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Learning Disability England

Respective responsibilities of charity 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 charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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 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
- 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 matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.



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7th October 2022

Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

	Notes	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations	2	22,301	-	22,301
Income from charitable activities	2	146,483	180,435	326,918
Other income	2	7	-	7
Total income		<u>168,791</u>	<u>180,435</u>	<u>349,226</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	120,901	162,920	283,821
Total expenditure		<u>120,901</u>	<u>162,920</u>	<u>283,821</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		47,890	17,515	65,405
Transfers between funds	11	-	-	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		<u>47,890</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>65,405</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>47,890</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>65,405</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		116,677	-	116,677
Total funds carried forward		<u>164,567</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>182,082</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

	Notes	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations	2	6,610	-	6,610
Income from charitable activities	2	185,549	224,168	409,717
Other income	2	12	-	12
Total income		<u>192,171</u>	<u>224,168</u>	<u>416,339</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	133,865	224,603	358,468
Total expenditure		<u>133,865</u>	<u>224,603</u>	<u>358,468</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		58,306	(435)	57,871
Transfers between funds	11	(435)	435	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		<u>57,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,871</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>57,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,871</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		58,806	-	58,806
Total funds carried forward		<u>116,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,677</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Learning Disability England**Registered number:** 04233275**Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2022**

	Notes		2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	8		<u>1,019</u>	<u>-</u>
			1,019	-
Current assets				
Debtors	9	80,808	81,919	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>411,222</u>	<u>245,978</u>	
		492,030	327,897	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(310,967)	(211,220)	
Net current assets			<u>182,082</u>	<u>116,677</u>
Net Assets			182,082	116,677
The funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds	11	164,567	116,677	
Restricted funds	11	17,515	-	
Total funds			<u>182,082</u>	<u>116,677</u>

The Trustees are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7th October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Maguire
Trustee

Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The reporting currency is £ Sterling.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant & equipment over 4 years

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the transaction price).

Grant income is deferred if it relates to specific expenditure which has not yet been incurred. This expenditure will be a condition of the grant.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amount at the balance sheet date.

Financial Instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. They are recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Income

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants are credited to the statement of financial activities when received or receivable whichever is earlier. Where unconditional entitlement to grants receivable is dependent upon fulfilment of conditions within the Charity's control, the income is recognised when there is sufficient evidence that conditions will be met. Where there is uncertainty as to whether the Charity can meet such conditions the incoming resource is deferred.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs allocated to charitable activities include the direct costs of providing services and running projects.

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1 Accounting policies *(continued)*

Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs represent amounts payable by the charity during the period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted general funds may be used in accordance with the charity's objects at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are amounts set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

**Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities**

2 Income	Current year Unrestricted 2022	Current year Restricted 2022	Current year Total Funds 2022
1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022			
Donations	£	£	£
Donations	22,301	-	22,301
Total Donations	<u>22,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,301</u>
Charitable Activities			
Advice, conferences and workshops	18,633	-	18,633
Membership Subscriptions	94,650	-	94,650
Grant Income	33,200	180,435	213,635
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>146,483</u>	<u>180,435</u>	<u>326,918</u>
Other Income			
Bank Interest	7	-	7
Total Other Income	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>
Total Income	<u>168,791</u>	<u>180,435</u>	<u>349,226</u>
Donations include a donation of £20,000 from Mrs Lathigra's will.			
Prior Year Income			
1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	Prior year Unrestricted 2021	Prior year Restricted 2021	Prior year Total Funds 2021
Donations	£	£	£
Donations	6,610	-	6,610
Total Donations	<u>6,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,610</u>
Charitable Activities			
Advice, conferences and workshops	27,683	-	27,683
Membership Subscriptions	79,566	-	79,566
Grant Income	78,300	224,168	302,468
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>185,549</u>	<u>224,168</u>	<u>409,717</u>
Bank Interest	12	-	12
Total Other Income	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>
Total Income	<u>192,171</u>	<u>224,168</u>	<u>416,339</u>

Learning Disability England
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3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Direct expenditure (note 4)	268,800	337,501
Support expenditure (note 5)	15,021	20,967
Total	<u>283,821</u>	<u>358,468</u>

4 Direct expenditure on charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs (note 7)	176,962	177,640
Conference costs excluding room hire	-	400
Charitable donations	1,000	-
External project delivery and resource costs	86,981	151,695
Insurance	4,667	5,130
Marketing and advertising	-	110
Professional fees	190	2,382
Room hire	-	144
Direct expenditure	<u>268,800</u>	<u>337,501</u>

Due to the pandemic, the conference was held online in 2022.

5 Support expenditure on charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Administrative overheads	341	322
Premises expenses	149	338
Software	949	2,010
Telephone costs	994	1,148
Web & CRM development & hosting	11,298	11,440
Depreciation	340	759
	<u>14,071</u>	<u>16,017</u>
Examination fee	950	950
Governance, training & review	-	4,000
Trustee's expenses (note 6)	-	-
	<u>950</u>	<u>4,950</u>
Support expenditure	<u>15,021</u>	<u>20,967</u>

6 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received remuneration for any for their services. Where claimed, expenses for travel and subsistence are reimbursed. The amount claimed during the period was £Nil (2021: £Nil).

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7 Staff Costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salary Costs	137,980	146,409
Tax and National Insurance	28,656	23,489
Pension Costs	8,805	6,962
Other Costs including Training & Welfare	1,521	780
Total salaries, wages and related costs	<u>176,962</u>	<u>177,640</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Full time equivalents	5.5	6.5

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	5,168
Additions during the year	1,359
At 31st March 2022	<u>6,527</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2021	5,168
Charge for the year	340
At 31st March 2022	<u>5,508</u>
Net book value	
At 1 April 2021	-
At 31st March 2022	<u>1,019</u>

9 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	80,359	81,470
Prepayments and accrued income	449	449
Total debtors	<u>80,808</u>	<u>81,919</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	360
Accruals	5,250	1,275
Deferred Income	39,232	53,234
Grant & Project Balances	251,485	154,879
Other Creditors	15,000	1,472
Total creditors	<u>310,967</u>	<u>211,220</u>

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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Within grant & project balances are amounts received with preconditions attached. These amounts are released into income when the preconditions are met.

This includes restricted funds of:

SW Connections: £14,740
MMU Covid Impact research £31,421
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment): £42,800
NHSE Covid Recovery: £51,300

11 Fund Balances

At 31 March 2022, funds are analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2021 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2022 £
Restricted Funds				
Esmee Fairburn	-	17,515	-	17,515
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	-	-	-	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	-	-	-	-
MMU Covid Impact Research	-	-	-	-
NHSE Covid Recovery	-	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>17,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,515</u>
Unrestricted Funds	116,677	47,890	-	164,567
Total Charity Funds	<u>116,677</u>	<u>47,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,082</u>

Net movements included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds			
Esmee Fairburn	64,215	(46,700)	17,515
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	34,250	(34,250)	-
BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)	21,000	(21,000)	-
MMU Covid Impact Research	18,870	(18,870)	-
NHSE Covid Recovery	41,100	(41,100)	-
Other restricted funds	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>180,435</u>	<u>(162,920)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds	168,791	(120,901)	47,890
	<u>349,226</u>	<u>(283,821)</u>	<u>65,405</u>

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At 31 March 2021, funds were analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2020 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2021 £
Restricted Funds				
Esmee Fairburn	-	-	-	-
DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant	-	(435)	435	-
CAF DCMS Resilience fund	-	-	-	-
RTR Trust Sharing to be Stronger	-	-	-	-
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance	-	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	(435)	435	-
Unrestricted Funds	58,806	58,306	(435)	116,677
Total Charity Funds	58,806	57,871	-	116,677
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds				
Esmee Fairburn		74,000	(74,000)	-
DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant		125,427	(125,862)	(435)
CAF DCMS Resilience fund		10,137	(10,137)	-
RTR Trust Sharing to be Stronger		3,280	(3,280)	-
VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance		9,250	(9,250)	-
Other restricted funds		2,074	(2,074)	-
		224,168	(224,603)	(435)
Unrestricted funds		192,171	(133,865)	58,306
		416,339	(358,468)	57,871

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Restricted Funds

Esmee Fairburn

Grant to support some of organisational core costs, to help ensure that the needs and wishes of learning disabled people are accurately represented in policy and decision making at national and local level. In addition Esme Fairburn granted LDE an unrestricted Covid response and support grant.

DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant

Grant funding to increase availability of support to people in England during COVID-19 2020/21 through providing Information and resources, supporting practice and operational change in response to Covid 19, and delivering a small grants programme aimed at reducing isolation and building resilience in local groups and their members.

CAF DCMS Resilience fund

Grant to maintain the extended information hub, dissemination, training and peer support activities for people with learning disabilities, their families and paid supporters that Covid 19 necessitated.

RTR Trust Sharing to be Stronger

Grant to Learning Disability England for the Sharing to be Stronger Together project that brought together self advocacy groups across England to share examples of self advocacy making a difference and contribute to the building of a national self-advocacy movement.

VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance

This grant which is provided by The Department of Health and Social Care for the purpose of supporting the Health and Wellbeing Programme through facilitating integrated working between voluntary and statutory providers. BILD is the lead organisation on this project and is responsible for liaising and reporting to the funders.

BAME Self Advocacy NHSE (Equal Treatment)

NHS England are supporting a project because reports have told them that people with a learning disability from minority ethnic groups do not get equal health care. This project includes aims to empower and support self-advocacy or family led groups to overcome barriers and taboos in relation to speaking up about racism and its impact on access to preventative healthcare and treatment.

MMU Covid Impact Research

This grant funds a project researching how the coronavirus pandemic has changed the lives of people with learning disabilities in the UK.

NHSE Covid Recovery

Funded by NHS England, this grant funds the development of a resource bank open for all self-advocacy groups to use. The resources will focus on easy read material and other tools and information to support people who may have difficulties accessing health services.

Other restricted funds

Donations from Trusts are classed as restricted to the purpose as determined by the donor.

Unrestricted funds

These funds are held for the objectives of the charity, and to provide free reserves for future activities, and, subject to charity legislation are free from all restrictions on their use.

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12 Related Parties

Some trustees are employed by member organisations, membership subscriptions are shown below:

Organisation	Membership package	Trustee
Choice Support	LDE Enhanced member £2,500	Sarah Maguire
SeeAbility	LDE Enhanced member £2,500	Lisa Hopkins
Jan Walmsley Associates	LDE Basic member £195	Jan Walmsley
Look Ahead	LDE Basic member £995	Debbie Neill
Building Bridges CIC	LDE Self advocacy member £25	Liz Tilly
Future Directions CIC	LDE Basic member £995	Paula Braynion

13 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

14 Status of the Charitable Company

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The registered office is 134 C/O Anthony Collins Solicitors, Edmund Street, Birmingham, England, B3 2ES.

Its principal activities are the relief of people who are disabled, handicapped (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people, their families and carers in particular through the provision of advice, counselling, workshops, training, and advocacy in respect of their housing care or support needs.

The liability of members is limited but is not exceed £1 per member.

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Learning Disability England

Report and Accounts

31 March 2021



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Learning Disability England

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Introduction

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015.

Learning Disability England's History

Learning Disability England (LDE) is a registered charity (No. 1092587) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 4233275). It has been working in its present form since June 2016.

LDE was formed through the coming together of the Housing and Support Alliance and People First England. Until June 2016, the charity currently known as Learning Disability England operated as The Housing and Support Alliance (H&SA). LDE retains the membership of H&SA. In addition, Learning Disability England now has expanded membership for individuals, user led or self-advocacy or family organisations.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011, and have referred to and taken due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider the charity's activities are for the public benefit.

Learning Disability England's (LDE's) aims and objectives are outlined in our Memorandum and Articles of Association. All our activities aim to further these aims and objectives. These are: the relief of people who are disabled, handicapped (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people, their families and carers in particular through the provision of advice, counselling, workshops, training, and advocacy in respect of their housing care or support needs.

Objectives, aims and significant activities

Learning Disability England's aims are to make sure:

1. What is important to people with Learning Disabilities is heard and understood.
2. There is a change in behaviour in service design and delivery that builds on rights.
3. Show how Coproduction and real collaborative working make a difference.
4. We live our values and model the change we want.

Like everyone else Learning Disability England's staff, volunteers and members rapidly changed priorities and working methods in March 2020.

At the start of the pandemic the organisation worked with our members and partners to understand the community's priority needs.

We did this through on line meetings, a special survey of members and contact with member reps of all kinds.

Our members have told us their most urgent needs and priorities they believe we were uniquely placed to offer were:

- Getting reliable, accurate information about government policy and guidance
- Supporting them to understand how to use technology to help them connect with others, access information and share solutions
- Sharing ideas and resources on approaches to their work under the Covid 19 restrictions, for example a workshop on least restrictive, rights-based support for people who want to continue their daily routine despite social distancing and stay at home instructions
- Linking with others who are working on the same things to share resources and minimise duplication or for peer support,
- Getting their voice heard by LDE gathering intelligence on people's experiences and challenges and feeding those into guidance and policy development
- Making sure they, their loved ones or the people they support continue to get good, reliable support
- Informing or directly contributing to coronavirus policy and guidance for people with learning disabilities based on evidence from people's experience or the academic networks linked to LDE
- Keeping going as a small organisation - particularly important for small user-led organisations which have diversified income streams and relied heavily on face to face delivery for their sustainability

We integrated those priorities into the 5 key ways of working we have expanding or flexing them as Coronavirus developed:

1. Informing and supporting our members.
2. Represent their priorities to inform policy and change attitudes.
3. Supporting good practice and finding solutions together.
4. Campaigning and influencing on what matters to people with learning disabilities.
5. Learning and supporting partners through projects and research

Learning Disability England aspires to be an inclusive solution focused organisation that brings together members as a movement for change. The benefits of membership including the opportunities to work with others across England or with different experiences.

Members who wish to be active in campaigning or influencing are often able to gain a place at policy tables through us; and our spokespeople give members a voice in the media and beyond.

Our Achievements and key work 2020-2021

The Trustees are working with the members' Representative Body on accessible information on the difference we have made and feedback from members and partners.

It will be available on the charity's website www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk.

This year the difference we could make working with people with learning disabilities and their families was significantly helped by some specific grant funding. The flexibility of Esmee Fairburn Foundation and their specific Covid support grant alongside that from Department for Health and Social Care, CAF and DCMS enabled the organisation to extend our work considerably. We are very grateful for that.

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1. Informing and supporting our members

All members get a weekly online newsletter with information on new ways of working, policies and legal changes, blogs and opinion pieces, and resources shared by members and the wider community.

We sent 42 regular weekly newsletters plus four special focused ones.

More than 2,000 people every week get that newsletter.

Covid response grants allowed us to make the member's newsletter available to anyone who wanted it.

Covid response grants also allowed us to develop and maintain an inclusive Coronavirus information hub.

The hub included information from members and partners as well as easy read and accessible information on

- Coronavirus restrictions and guidance
- Keeping-in-touch resources and open events
- Tools to support wellbeing, staying healthy and digital inclusion

By November 2020, visits to the Learning Disability England website had grown by 142% compared to the previous 6-month period.

73% of the 92,806-page views were from new visitors.

By March 2021, there had been more than 160,000 new visitors to the website.

The Coronavirus hub pages are the most popular pages on the LDE site. 6 of the top ten pages were consistently covid related.

More people visited the website when changes to Government Guidance were announced - with around 1,455 new visitors on those days.

Learning Disability England shared this information across social media, and we have seen similar increases in engagement there.

We hosted 9 public webinars and 3 for members only on:

- Covid: the law and guidance
- Mental Capacity Act and Covid laws
- Making Annual Health Checks work
- Families planning ahead and for emergencies
- Managing shared household expenses
- The benefits system and basic income
- Developing supported living
- Knowing your rights: visiting during Covid 19
- Understanding the impact of Covid on people with learning disabilities and their families
- Raising the Profile - PMLD Core & Essential Service Standards?
- Living through Covid and lockdown - coping strategies and positive action
- The 2021 Census and accessibility

People with learning disabilities, family members, researchers, barristers, support workers, trainers, and managers led or attended these online sessions.

More than 2,800 people attended those sessions live, and 100s have viewed the recordings since.

2. Representing members' priorities to inform policy and change attitudes

Learning Disability England focuses on what people with Learning Disabilities, family members, paid supporters and all their organisations agree on.

We aim to make sure what is important to people with learning disabilities is heard and understood.

We make sure people with learning disabilities are heard first, but we create a stronger voice by everyone speaking together.

This year, members' priorities were shaped by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Members spoke up about the disproportionate impact on people with learning disabilities and their families.

The areas Learning Disability England focused on were

- People's rights in decision making on treatment and the correct use of Do Not Resuscitate notices
- The impact on people with learning disabilities and their families of Covid 19 guidance generally including reasonable adjustments for exercise and hospital visiting, for example
- Covid guidance on support settings including supported living, community support and residential care
- Risk management and guidance on visiting or meeting people outside support settings
- Accessible information
- The Social Care Taskforce and Covid 19 winter plan

An example of how we worked to influence on issues is having heard concerns about Do Not Resuscitate Notices (DNAR):

Rapid research

Learning Disability England did rapid research with members and partners on what was happening with from members. We published the outcome, so all members and partners had that information too.

Findings informed policy and practice

The research findings were used to inform policy leads and the national Government on what was needed to protect rights and treatment decisions.

Worked in partnership

We also supported other work led by disabled people's organisations. We worked with the British Institute of Human Rights on the DNAR evidence inquiry they led, supporting members to link in.

Spoke up with members on what matters

Learning Disability England fed in member's views to the review of DNAR the Government commissioned and supported members to take action locally or within their work with local governance systems.

Member spokespeople contributed to media pieces and wrote blogs on the impact of not working with people on treatment decisions.

Worked with others to help stop misuse

With Turning Point, a paid supporter organisation member, we created an open-source tool kit and resources to help people with learning disabilities, families members, and direct support workers understand the law, good practice and options on treatment decisions, including DNAR and how to challenge if they think there has been misuse.

Inquiries and consultations

We helped members share what is important to people with learning disabilities, their families and supporters by sending evidence created with members to 3 government consultations or parliamentary inquiries:

- The Life after Covid House of Lords inquiry
- The Disability Strategy
- The Social Care Taskforce Learning Disability and Autism advisory group

We worked with groups of members to feed into the following consultations with what our members said was important :

- The Care Quality Commission strategy consultation
- The Social Care Futures Inquiry
- Mandatory vaccines for residential care workers

More than 500 organisations, groups and individual members were directly involved in feeding back, speaking up or shaping policy.

Learning Disability England was 1 of 3 partners in the Valuing People and Health and Well Being Alliance, 1 of 22 national alliances working in partnership with the health and care system to share its expertise at a national level to improve services for all communities.

We helped NHS England, Public Health England and the Department for Health and Social Care to work with the Voluntary sector and people with learning disabilities and their families on changing health services and policies.

As a member of the Valuing People Alliance, Learning Disability England supported people with learning disabilities, their families and paid supporters priorities to be included on:

- The Health Inequalities after Covid task and finish group
- Inclusion in service redesign through and after Covid
- Identifying what will stop the premature deaths of people with learning disabilities from minority ethnic groups
- How NHS 111 is working inclusively
- Reasonable adjustments and inclusive practice on vaccine deployment, testing for Covid 19
- The development of work on Social Care across the VCSE Health and Well Being Alliances and with DHSC

3. Supporting good practice and finding solutions together

We aim for there to be a change in behaviour in service design and delivery that builds on rights.

We held our annual conference online over 3 days on March 2021. 'One year on: Staying strong, getting stronger' included 6 formal sessions plus 3 lunchtime catch-ups that more than 850 places taken up overall.

We supported peer support across self-advocate and family members and their organisations, hosting 25 online sessions that focused

- on helping people get online or stay connected other ways
- Supporting wellbeing remotely
- Understanding Covid guidance and implementing it
- Digital inclusion and practically making that happen
- Keeping safe and good mental health

We supported several specific pieces of work or training to help members tackle big challenges. To do this, we worked with partners and brought members together to

- Train as Pass it on Mental Health trainers
- Plan for emergencies as families - tools and strategies
- Share strategies for changing or reopening services like short breaks, or day services

Making sure people with learning disabilities and their families working together can influence policy and practice

We led the Sharing to be Stronger Together, funded by a grant from RTR Trust. We ran online workshops: to facilitate the sharing of good practice across self-advocacy groups in England to contribute to the building of a national self-advocacy movement to reduce social isolation by strengthening self-advocacy.

The 3 workshops focused on

1. Sharing Good Practice in the South West.
2. Sharing Good Practice in including people with severe and profound learning disabilities
3. Sharing Good Practice in supporting people during the pandemic

We helped organisational members of Learning Disability England to:

- Develop Co-production in the organisation
- Train staff to understand self-advocacy, its role and how they can support it

Learning Disability England worked with members to produce the Family Voices report on the key messages from family members during Covid 19, pulling together members' experiences, their organisations and partners to demonstrate the shared experiences to inform policy and service change.

We aim to demonstrate co-production and real collaborative working making a difference.

We worked with members of all kinds to find out more about how choices and getting a home.

Where people live - we worked to find out what is happening through the Big Housing Conversations hosted with Housing LIN.

We wrote a report on what members told us about the Big Housing Conversations in 2020.

There are clear recommendations for better information on the options and how to make them happen, including people with learning disabilities in strategic housing plans,

We are using what we heard to feed into research being led by York University as well as our work with members and partners.

Supported by the DHSC led grant we created a grant programme for user led or community groups that helped them change how they work or keep going through the pandemic. The programme distributed 16 grants of £4688 on average that helped groups develop on line activities, connect people to speak up or have fun as well as deliver Covid safe ways of working that support wellbeing.

4. Campaigning and influencing on what matters to people with learning disabilities to help people get a good life

Learning Disability England supports campaigns led by our members and brings together members and partners to campaign on important issues together.

Learning Disability England is part of the Social Care Future movement; campaigning for what is important for good social care in the future and worked with members to confirm the detail of what matters in their support for the Social Care Future Vision so everyone can use that in their work.

We support a group of spokespeople to represent members because Learning Disability England staff do not speak for people with learning disabilities or other members.

Learning Disability England members spoke up on:

- Housing choices across the country
- Cuts to support packages
- Access to the Covid Vaccination
- The use of DNAR during Covid and the Protect, Respect and Connect Review
- The Coronavirus Bill and disabled people's rights
- Challenging the British Medical Associations ethics guidance on prioritising during Coronavirus

We supported other members' campaigns and got the wider membership involved on:

- Promoting changes to sleep in payments mean people get the support they need, and support staff are paid fairly
- Walk It Like You Talk It employment campaign
- The Right 2 Home campaign and visiting rights resource
- The #WeAreHumanToo campaign
- The fair pay for social care campaign.

5. We aim to live our values and model the change we want

One way we do this is by Learning and Supporting partners through projects or research.

Learning Disability England has an important long-term partnership with the JMS Trust. We host a worker for the Trust and work closely with the Trustees to support the worker to promote the Trust's work on supported living and engage people with Learning Disabilities and their families in the Trust's work in supported living.

Our work with other partners included:

Joining Be Human and signing up to the principles

Hosting the Self Advocacy map developed by Sunderland People First and Sheffield University

Collaborating with People First Self Advocacy and the wider movement to support the Accessible information campaign

Tackling digital inclusion through The Digital Lifeline Project led by Good things Foundation Learning Disability England supported members to get involved in the project, contribute to the shaping the work and understand the impact.

- Being part of research

Learning Disability England is the lead voluntary sector partner for England in the UK wide Impact of Coronavirus on people with learning disabilities research led by Manchester Metropolitan and Warwick Universities. PMLD Link was our partner in this work alongside self advocacy and paid support members who helped recruit people to take part.

The Big Housing conversations fed into the Housing and People with Learning Disabilities Research Project led by York University.

- Partnerships on projects

Projects this year were dominated by the urgent issues thrown up by Covid 19 around digital inclusion, social connection and contribution. 2 projects particularly brought together all 3 parts of the membership:

Supporting inclusion and reducing loneliness through the Creating Connections project. Led by SeeAbility the Creating Connections project brought together self advocacy, family led and paid supporter organisations to develop digital inclusion and volunteering. Learning Disability England helped members link in and share learning

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LDE worked in partnership with NDTi, Skills for Care and VODG as part of a project to understand how more people can be supported to have an Annual Health Check.

We also collaborated with Gwen Moulster and Health Education England on understanding what is important in learning disability liaison nurse roles. The report is feeding into the nursing review work

Who benefits from our work?

Our membership includes people with learning disabilities, their families and friends and organisations and others who support them. Benefit extends beyond our direct membership as many people can use a broad range of resources via our website, and our campaigning influences policy for everyone with learning disabilities.

By end March 2021 we had over 700 members and a reach of approx. 11,000 people through the newsletter, social media and our direct work. The membership includes 623 individual members and 136 organisational or small group members.

The organisation or group members themselves are connected to many thousand people so our work indirectly benefits them.

In response to Coronavirus in March 2020 we opened much of our work to self-advocates and family members who were interested or needed the support whether they were members or not. More than 2,800 attendees were directly involved in sessions. A crisis grants from DHSC allowed us to extend and continue that until November 2020 including the on line Coronavirus information hub. By March 2021, there had been more than 160,000 new visitors to the website.

Volunteers

LDE benefits from the active participation of the 18 volunteers involved in its governance as Representative Body members or Trustees. In addition, a group of 10 - 15 people from the membership regularly volunteer to represent Learning Disability England at policy or consultation working groups, or through being spokespeople.

Achievements and Performance

Financial Review

The statement of Financial Activities for the year shows a net movement in funds of £57,871 (2020: £1,650).

The total funds carried forward are £116,677 (2020: £58,806).

The trustees have closely monitored financial performance and cash flow throughout the year and at every Board meeting. They have sought to diversify income streams, including successfully obtaining additional grant funding during the year.

The trustees have agreed a policy of seeking to maintain 3 months running costs as reserves plus a contingency fund for unexpected events. The Trustees annually review the policy and actual reserves held

Future Plans

LDE's Representative Body led the development of the work priorities for 2018 - 2020.

After a consultation open to the whole membership the 4 core priorities for the work were agreed as:

1. Funding
2. Housing Choices
3. Making self-advocacy stronger
4. A vision for social care

The Coronavirus pandemic diverted or delayed progress on some of these issues. In April 2021 the Trustees and Representative Body members agreed these priorities would continue into 2021 - 2022 alongside our work on delivering these aims and measure our impact on achieving these:

1. People's Voice. That the voice of people with learning disabilities and families is getting stronger.
2. Building shared action for policy and practice for people with Learning Disabilities (Good Lives 2020). That we are making progress on developing a new national Learning Disability policy/vision for the future.
3. Growing Learning Disability England membership. That more people are joining LDE across all three of our membership 'groups' - (i) self-advocates (ii) families (iii) organisations and friends/workers.
4. Stable Finances. That we have enough money to do the things we want and need to do.
5. People knowing about Learning Disability England (our 'profile'). That we are getting better known and people always think of us as an organisation they should be working with.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing document and charity constitution

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12th June 2001, amended by special resolution on 28th May 2012, and registered as a charity on 24th June 2002. The organisation changed name on 14th June 2016 (having previously been the Housing and Support Alliance).

The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, which is governed under its Articles of Association.

LDE's Articles were reviewed and revised in 2016/2017 as Learning Disability England was formed. In February 2020 the Annual General meeting agreed to a change that reduced the number of Trustees required to between 6 - 8.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Board of Trustees hold the overall responsibility for governing the charity but do that in consultation and partnership with the Representative Body, elected by the membership.

The Chief Executive reports to the Trustees of the charitable company who meet at least quarterly. The Board focuses on strategic decision making and delegates the day to day management to the Chief Executive Officer.

The CEO collaborates with the Co-Chairs of the Representative body and Chair and Vice Chair of the Board on decisions affected by organisational policy or strategy and consultation with the wider governance group.

In Autumn 2020 the Trustees and Representative Body commissioned a governance support programme to review what it needs from its governance to make sure that LDE delivers on its values and moves forward as a strong organisation. The programme involved all members of the governance and ran from January to June 2021. The programme confirmed that those involved think the model is right for Learning Disability England. The Trustees and Representative Body members have an action plan to strengthen the model through investing in the support mechanisms and ways of working. There is also specific work happening to learn from the 2020 Rep Body elections to inform the 2022 elections.

LDE had a registered small office base in Faversham until May 2020. During Covid 19 lockdown period the charity was forced to close its office as the landlord changed the use of the building. A new appropriate office base has been secured for later in 2021.

In March 2021 the organisation had 7 staff working equivalent hours to 5 full time staff.

Most of LDE's staff work remotely based at home and before Coronavirus travelled nationally as part of their work. In March 2020 LDE changed how it works like many other organisations. The Trustees have worked with the Representative Body and staff team to regularly review how LDE works safely to deliver our aims through 2020 and beyond. The successful delivery of the annual conference and positive feedback from across all membership voice groups means the organisation is going to maintain some online working.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

In line with our approach to democratic involvement the Representative Body lead the appointment of Trustees in 2018 on behalf of the membership. There have been no Trustee vacancies in the period. The Trustees have a commitment to strengthen the diversity on the board but did not prioritise acting on that during the year due to Covid priorities.

The Representative Body members will usually serve no more than 2 three-year terms. As the first group only started in 2017 the body agreed 6 of the 12 places would be up for election in 2020 and the next 6 places re-elected in 2022.

In February 2020 the election to 6 places on the Representative Body were launched. These completed in June 2020 with 1 person re-elected and 5 new reps joining the group.

Induction and training of new trustees

The new Trustees received a full induction, including meetings with longer standing Trustees, and the CEO, with written and electronic information shared on the organisation, the legal responsibilities and current or recent organisation plans and activities.

As the Board had 6 new members in place and the Representative Body had 5 new members the 2 groups have commissioned a governance development programme.

The purpose of the programme was:

1. To support everyone, understand their role and contribution to LDE
2. To lay the foundations for both groups work effectively, together and with LDE staff
3. To help us take stock of our governance 4 years into Learning Disability England's work
4. To help new members of the governance get to know the organisation and other people within it
5. To support everyone, understand their role and contribution to LDE

Related Parties

Trustees are employed by member organisations which are documented. All trustees give their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of directors' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- a regular review of the risks the charitable company may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and,
- implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charitable company should those risks materialise.

The Risk Register identified a range of risks to manage including

- a reduction of membership levels and resulting financial difficulties, and;
- lack of capacity within a small staff team resulting in an inability to perform all needed functions as key risk.

The Risk Register identified the effect of changes in Government/LA funding priorities due to austerity and now Coronavirus changes in spending and the impact on organisational membership in particular.

The impact of the current economic and political changes is regularly reviewed by the Board to provide a robust response to ensure long term survival of the organisation. A key element in the management of financial risk is the regular review by trustees of the financial position.

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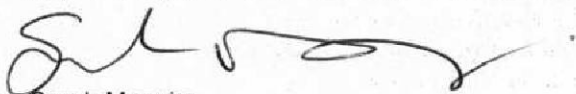
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Learning Disability England for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18th October and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Maguire
Director and Trustee

Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Learning Disability England

Respective responsibilities of charity 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 charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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 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
- 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 matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.



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18th October 2021

Learning Disability England
Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2020 to 30 March 2021

	Notes	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations	2	6,610	-	6,610
Income from charitable activities	2	185,549	224,168	409,717
Other income	2	12	-	12
Total income		<u>192,171</u>	<u>224,168</u>	<u>416,339</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	133,865	224,603	358,468
Total expenditure		<u>133,865</u>	<u>224,603</u>	<u>358,468</u>
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		58,306	(435)	57,871
Transfers between funds	11	(435)	435	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		<u>57,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,871</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>57,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,871</u>
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		58,806	-	58,806
Total funds carried forward		<u>116,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,677</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Learning Disability England
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
1 April 2019 to 30 March 2020

	Notes	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2020 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
Income & Endowments				
Donations	2	5,385	11,285	16,670
Income from charitable activities	2	148,219	45,955	194,174
Total income		153,604	57,240	210,844
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	151,954	57,240	209,194
Total expenditure		151,954	57,240	209,194
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		1,650	-	1,650
Transfers between funds	11	-	-	-
Net (expenditure) / income after transfers		1,650	-	1,650
Net movement in funds		1,650	-	1,650
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		57,156	-	57,156
Total funds carried forward		58,806	-	58,806

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Learning Disability England

Registered number:

04233275

Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2021

	Notes		2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	8		-	759
Current assets				
Debtors	9	81,919	112,029	
Cash at bank and in hand		245,978	133,712	
		327,897	245,741	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(211,220)	(187,694)	
Net current assets			116,677	58,047
Net Assets			116,677	58,806
The funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds	11	116,677	58,806	
Total funds			116,677	58,806

The Trustees are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

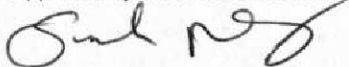
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The income and expenditure account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18th October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Maguire
Trustee

**Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The reporting currency is £ Sterling.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant & equipment	over 4 years
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Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the transaction price).

Grant income is deferred if it relates to specific expenditure which has not yet been incurred. This expenditure will be a condition of the grant.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amount at the balance sheet date.

Financial Instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. They are recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Income

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants are credited to the statement of financial activities when received or receivable whichever is earlier. Where unconditional entitlement to grants receivable is dependent upon fulfilment of conditions within the Charity's control, the income is recognised when there is sufficient evidence that conditions will be met. Where there is uncertainty as to whether the Charity can meet such conditions the incoming resource is deferred.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs allocated to charitable activities include the direct costs of providing services and running projects.

**Learning Disability England
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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs represent amounts payable by the charity during the period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted general funds may be used in accordance with the charity's objects at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are amounts set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

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2 Income	Current year Unrestricted 2021	Current year Restricted 2021	Current year Total Funds 2021
1 April 2020 to 30 March 2021			
Donations	£	£	£
Donations	6,610	-	6,610
Total Donations	<u>6,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,610</u>
Charitable Activities			
Advice, conferences and workshops	27,683	-	27,683
Membership Subscriptions	79,566	-	79,566
Grant Income	78,300	224,168	302,468
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>185,549</u>	<u>224,168</u>	<u>409,717</u>
Other Income			
Bank Interest	12	-	12
Total Other Income	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>
Total Income	<u>192,171</u>	<u>224,168</u>	<u>416,339</u>
Prior Year Income			
1 April 2019 to 30 March 2020	Prior year Unrestricted 2020	Prior year Restricted 2020	Prior year Total Funds 2020
Donations	£	£	£
Donations	5,385	-	5,385
Total Donations	<u>5,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,385</u>
Charitable Activities			
Advice, conferences and workshops	78,467	45,955	124,422
Membership Subscriptions	69,752	-	69,752
Grant Income	-	11,285	11,285
Total Income from Charitable Activities	<u>148,219</u>	<u>57,240</u>	<u>205,459</u>
Total Income	<u>153,604</u>	<u>57,240</u>	<u>210,844</u>

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3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Direct expenditure (note 4)	337,501	200,719
Support expenditure (note 5)	20,967	8,475
Total	<u>358,468</u>	<u>209,194</u>

4 Direct expenditure on charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs (note 7)	177,640	136,029
Conference costs excluding room hire	400	20,000
External project delivery and resource costs	151,695	35,454
Insurance	5,130	2,348
Marketing and advertising	110	942
Professional fees	2,382	3,668
Room hire	144	2,278
Direct expenditure	<u>337,501</u>	<u>200,719</u>

Due to the pandemic, the conference was held online in 2021.

5 Support expenditure on charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Administrative overheads	322	227
Premises expenses	338	3,620
Software	2,010	931
Telephone costs	1,148	1,123
Web & CRM development & hosting	11,440	897
Depreciation	759	759
	<u>16,017</u>	<u>7,557</u>

Examination fee	950	900
Governance, training & review	4,000	-
Trustee's expenses (note 6)	-	18
	<u>4,950</u>	<u>918</u>
Support expenditure	<u>20,967</u>	<u>8,475</u>

6 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received remuneration for any for their services. Where claimed, expenses for travel and subsistence are reimbursed. The amount claimed during the period was £Nil (2020: £18 to one Trustee).

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7 Staff Costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Salary Costs	146,409	99,024
Tax and National Insurance	23,489	30,451
Pension Costs	6,962	6,020
Other Costs including Training & Welfare	780	534
Total salaries, wages and related costs	<u>177,640</u>	<u>136,029</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Full time equivalents	6.5	5

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	5,168
Additions during the year	-
At 31st March 2021	<u>5,168</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2020	4,409
Charge for the year	759
At 31st March 2021	<u>5,168</u>
Net book value	
At 1 April 2020	<u>759</u>
At 31st March 2021	<u>-</u>

9 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	81,470	111,145
Prepayments and accrued income	449	449
Other debtors	-	435
Total debtors	<u>81,919</u>	<u>112,029</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade Creditors	360	4,244
Accruals	1,275	1,275
Deferred Income	53,234	46,091
Grant & Project Balances	154,879	134,084
Other Creditors	1,472	2,000
Total creditors	<u>211,220</u>	<u>187,694</u>

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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Within grant & project balances are amounts received with preconditions attached. These amounts are released into income when the preconditions are met.

This includes restricted funds of:

Esmee Fairburn: £39,215
Standard Community Awareness: £22,600
SW Connections: £14,740
NHS People in Hospital: £8,639
RTR Trust: £1,000

11 Fund Balances

At 31 March 2021, funds are analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2020 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2021 £
Restricted Funds				
Esmee Fairburn	-	-	-	-
DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant	-	(435)	435	-
CAF DCMS Resilience fund	-	-	-	-
RTR Trust	-	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds	58,806	58,306	435	117,112
Total Charity Funds	58,806	58,306	-	117,112

Net movements included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds			
Esmee Fairburn	74,000	(74,000)	-
DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant	125,427	(125,862)	(435)
CAF DCMS Resilience fund	10,137	(10,137)	-
RTR Trust	3,280	(3,280)	-
Health and Wellbeing Alliance	9,250	(9,250)	-
Other restricted funds	2,074	(2,074)	-
	224,168	(224,603)	(435)
Unrestricted funds	192,171	(133,865)	58,306
	416,339	(358,468)	57,871

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11 Fund Balances (continued)

At 31 March 2020, funds were analysed as follows:

	At 1 April 2019 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2020 £
Restricted Funds				
NESTA	-	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted Funds	57,156	1,650	-	58,806
Total Charity Funds	<u>57,156</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,806</u>

Net movements included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Restricted funds			
Health and Wellbeing Alliance	13,200	(13,200)	-
NESTA	32,000	(32,000)	-
Other restricted funds	12,040	(12,040)	-
	<u>57,240</u>	<u>(57,240)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds	153,604	(151,954)	1,650
	<u>210,844</u>	<u>(209,194)</u>	<u>1,650</u>

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11 Fund Balances (continued)

Restricted Funds

Esmee Fairburn

Grant to support some of organisational core costs, to help ensure that the needs and wishes of learning disabled people are accurately represented in policy and decision making at national and local level. In addition Esme Fairburn granted LDE an unrestricted Covid response and support grant.

DHSC Covid 19 Support Grant

Grant funding to increase availability of support to people in England during COVID-19 2020/21 through providing Information and resources, supporting practice and operational change in response to Covid 19, and delivering a small grants programme aimed at reducing isolation and building resilience in local groups and their members.

CAF DCMS Resilience fund

Grant to maintain the extended information hub, dissemination, training and peer support activities for people with learning disabilities, their families and paid supporters that Covid 19 necessitated.

RTR Trust

Grant to Learning Disability England for the Sharing to be Stronger Together project that brought together self advocacy groups across England to share examples of self advocacy making a difference and contribute to the building of a national self-advocacy movement.

Health and Wellbeing Alliance

This grant which is provided by The Department of Health and Social Care for the purpose of supporting the Health and Wellbeing Programme through facilitating integrated working between voluntary and statutory providers. BILD is the lead organisation on this project and is responsible for liaising and reporting to the funders.

NESTA

The grant was part of a Nesta programme to support emerging social movements to grow their influence and impact on health and care by offering tailored funding, movement-building opportunities and connection to a community of social movement peers.

Other restricted funds

Donations from Trusts are classed as restricted to the purpose as determined by the donor.

Unrestricted funds

These funds are held for the objectives of the charity, and to provide free reserves for future activities, and, subject to charity legislation are free from all restrictions on their use.

12 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

**Learning Disability England
Notes to the Accounts
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13 Status of the Charitable Company

The charitable company, 04233275, is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The registered office is 134 C/O Anthony Collins Solicitors, Edmund Street, Birmingham, England, B3 2ES. Its principal activities are the relief of people who are disabled, handicapped (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people, their families and carers in particular through the provision of advice, counselling, workshops, training, and advocacy in respect of their housing care or support needs.

The liability of members is limited but is not exceed £1 per member.