OSCAR BIRMINGHAM LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1109849

Details

Other names	MIDLANDS SICKLE CELL AND THALASSAEMIA SOCIETY, ORGANISATION FOR SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA RELIEF
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05311442
Registered	2005-06-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 PROMOTE THE RELIEF OF PERSONS SUFFERING FROM, OR AFFECTED BY SICKLE CELL, THALASSAEMIA AND OTHER RELATED CONDITIONS INCLUDING YOUNG PEOPLE; REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS AND THE WIDER PUBLIC.3.2 TO ADVANCE EDUCATION;I) TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF SICKLE CELL DISORDERS, THELASSAEMIA AND OTHER RELATED CONDITIONS.II) THROUGH RESEARCH INTO NATURE, PREVALENCE, TREATMENT OF SICKLE CELL AND THALASSAEMIA AND RELATED CONDITIONS.

Activities: OSCAR Birmingham Ltd raises awareness of Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia, both red blood cell disorders and provides support and befriending services to those affected by these conditions. OSCAR educates, provide advocacy and raises awareness by organising community events, presentations in schools,colleges. We work with public and private agencies to further our work in uand around Birmingham

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE. WEST MIDLANDS
- Birmingham City
- Solihull
- Walsall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£247,731	£240,245	-	-
2024-03-31	£273,887	£236,166	-	-
2023-03-31	£194,468	£190,542	-	-
2022-03-31	£165,119	£164,424	-	-
2021-03-31	£202,698	£153,441	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AJAY DATTANI	Chair	
LURIETEEN MILLER		
PAUL NNONYELU UDENZE		
RACHEL RENFREW		2022-11-14

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Accounts

OSCAR Birmingham

Organisation for Sickle Cell Anaemia Relief And Thalassaemia Support

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2025

Company Number 05311442

Charity Number 1109849

OSCAR Birmingham
Year Ending March 2025

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd

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OSCAR Birmingham
Year Ending March 2025

Charity reference and administrative details

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Oscar Birmingham Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

OSCAR Birmingham Limited was incorporated on 13 December 2004 and registered as a charity on 3 June 2005. The charity remained dormant until 1 April 2008, when the assets, liabilities, and activities of OSCAR (Birmingham) (charity number 702847) were transferred. OSCAR Birmingham Limited operates under its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 December 2004 and as amended by resolution dated 2 April 2007. Latest changes were adopted as amended by special resolution(s) dated 9 January 2023, as amended on 1 March 2023.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

All trustees must be members of the charitable organisation. The trustees of the charity are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law. All board members are circulated with invitations to potential trustees.

A detailed list of candidates who have expressed an interest in becoming a trustee is presented to a full board meeting for consideration and decision. When considering co-opting trustees, the board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. Trustees appointed during the year must stand for re-appointment at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Directors who served during the year are shown on the reference and administration section on page 1. All members of the board gave their time voluntarily and any expenses reclaimed from the charity are reflected in the financial statements.

The constitution of the charity requires a minimum of three and maximum of ten trustees. The Charity Commission are aware of this.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees.

All new trustees undergo induction training and are provided with an induction pack to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law. The induction covers the constitution, the committee and decision-making process, the business plan and the recent financial performance of the charity.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charitable organisation is governed by its Board of Trustees, who are responsible for formulating its Strategies and policies, including the approval of budgets and the exercise of financial controls.

The Board of Trustees meets on a regular basis. The trustees delegate the day-to-day running of the charitable organisation to the Head of Service and operational staff.

POLICIES & OBJECTIVES

The objects of the charity as set out in the constitution are: -

- To promote the relief of persons suffering from Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia disorders.
- To educate the public to increase their knowledge and understanding of such disorders.
- To promote research into the nature, prevalence, treatment and prevention of Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia disorders and to disseminate and publish the useful results of such research.

CHARITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

OSCAR Birmingham is a voluntary organisation based in Birmingham. It was established to provide advice, support and counselling to individuals, families and carers affected by the Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Blood disorder.

Both are potentially life-threatening disorders which disproportionately affect black and ethnic minority (BAME) communities. Our mission is to educate, support and provide relevant information through signposting, advocacy, and assistance. Through our work with partners, we will raise awareness of these conditions.

Demand for OSCAR services continue, due to the demographics of the Birmingham population who are at risk of inheriting Sickle cell or Thalassaemia Blood Disorders. We have seen an increase of service users with both Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia especially from African, Asian and European Countries migrating to the area.

Overview-Sickle Cell

Sickle cell disease is the name for a group of inherited health conditions that affect the red blood cells. The most serious type is called sickle cell anaemia**.** Sickle cell disease is particularly common in people with an African or Caribbean family background.

People with sickle cell disease produce unusually shaped red blood cells that can cause problems and block blood vessels. Sickle cell disease is caused by a gene that affects how red blood cells develop. If both parents have the gene, there's a 1 in 4 chance that each child they have will be born with sickle cell disease.

The child's parents often will not have sickle cell disease themselves, and they're only carriers of the sickle cell trait. Sickle cell disease is a serious and lifelong health condition, although treatment can help manage some of the symptoms.

The main symptoms of Sickle Cell disease are:

- Painful episodes called sickle cell crises, which can be very severe and last up to a week.
- An increased risk of serious infections.
- Anaemia (where red blood cells cannot carry enough oxygen around the body), can cause tiredness and shortness of breath. Some people also experience other problems, such as delayed growth, strokes and lung problems.

Overview-Thalassaemia

People with thalassaemia produce either no or too little haemoglobin, which is used by red blood cells to carry oxygen around the body. This can make them very anaemic (tired, short of breath and pale).

It mainly affects people of Mediterranean, South Asian, Southeast Asian and Middle Eastern origin. There are different types of thalassaemia, which can be divided into alpha and beta thalassaemia. Beta thalassaemia major is the most severe type.

Other types include beta thalassaemia intermedia, alpha thalassaemia major and haemoglobin H disease. It's also possible to be a "carrier" of thalassaemia, also known as having the thalassaemia trait.

The main health problems associated with Thalassaemia are:

- Anaemia – severe tiredness, weakness, shortness of breath, pounding, fluttering or irregular heartbeats (palpitations) and pale skin caused by the lack of haemoglobin

- Too much iron in the body – this is caused by the regular blood transfusions used to treat anaemia and can cause problems with the heart, liver and hormone levels if untreated. Some people may also have delayed growth, weak and fragile bones (osteoporosis), and reduced fertility.

Summary

Our 2025 report provides an opportunity to showcase our work, how we have continued to support the local Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia community and wider strategic partnerships.

We remain committed to supporting our community to thrive, prosper and address health inequalities, given the challenges they continuously face. Our devotion to serving our community remains at the heart of what we do best.

Thank you to all our beneficiaries who participated in our activities, services, and support. To all our funders, partners and key stakeholders, we are grateful for the ongoing support.

A sincere heartfelt thank you to our staff and volunteers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in making a difference to the community.

As we reflect on the past 12 months, we look forward to what opportunities lie ahead. We will continue to work in partnership to make positive differences in our community.

OSCAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES & SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Support for Children and Young People

Thanks to BBC Children in Need, we engaged and supported 103 children and young people who benefited from project activities and mentoring support.

89% children were identified as disadvantaged, living with Sickle Cell and/or Thalassaemia while experiencing health and social challenges.

100% of children were able to take part in all year-round free activities, workshops and days out, taking place during school holidays.

Our mentors were able to support 21 children and young people, with 101 hours of mentoring support and contact on a one-to-one basis, group workshops and providing information, a range of activities, guidance, and emotional support based on the assessment, views and interests of children and young people. We undertook a BBC Children in Need Spotlight survey regarding what makes children happy and unhappy in their area, and the world they live.

Impact

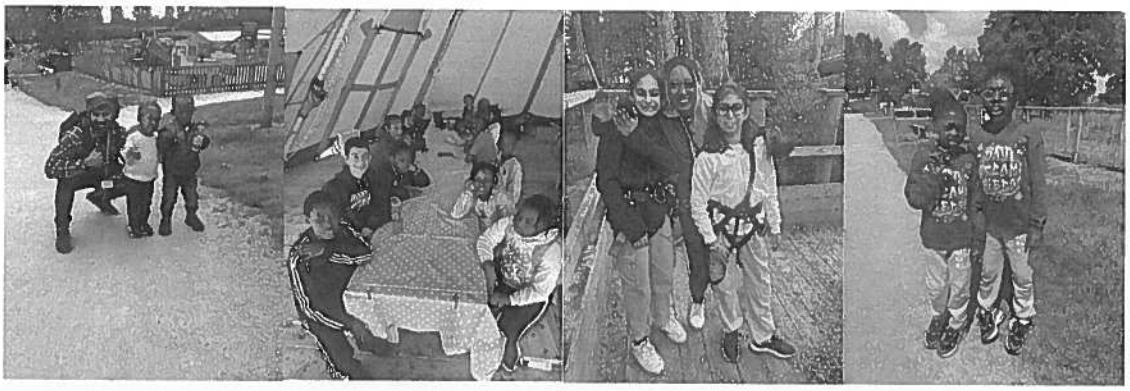
- 95% of children and young people gave a self-rating of 8-10 in spending less time alone and meeting new people.
- 100 % of children stated they always felt safe.
- 100 % of young people rated 9 or more for feeling positive about the future.
- 90% agreed that they had access to meaningful activities.

Feedback

BWCH Specialist Liaison Sister said, 'It's amazing that you can offer this provision. I'm not sure what our patients would do without the help'

14-year-old Jamel from Erdington stated, ' I like coming to the project. It takes my mind off the worries and learning to manage my sickle cell better'

Single parent carer Chantelle from Sutton highlighted, ' My little girl gets the opportunity to meet others who understand what she goes through. For me, that means a lot. Thank you for making this happen'.



Befriending & Peer Support Service

Supported by Birmingham City Council, we continued to provide befriending and peer support to help vulnerable citizens living with Sickle Cell and/or Thalassaemia. 35 citizens received befriending interventions.

Number of Citizens Engaged and Supported

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
57	43	49	62

Social outings and cultural activities were organised for citizens, resulting in reduced isolation and feeling less anxious, with 94% of citizens stating they hardly ever or never felt alone or left out, and 81% citizens stated they felt happier the week before. Interventions, activities and support included:

- Stitching and crochet session
- Windrush Carnival and Festival
- Monthly peer group drop-in
- Comedy Club
- Day trip to Barry Island
- Miss Ida Lifestyle Tour.
- Befriending Contacts and Visits
- Health and Personal Protection

Specialist Carers Service

We have continued to support and deliver carer-related activities, support and interventions, working in collaboration with Birmingham Carers Hub Partnership arrangements, supported by Forward Carers and Birmingham City Council.

16 unpaid carers had access to a statutory carers assessment, while 280 carers, including unpaid and parent carers, took part in regular and one-off events.
141 interventions, including one-to-one sessions, were conducted directly with carers on a range of issues relating to their caring role and matters relating to family and lifestyle.

Carers also had the opportunity to connect with others, share new experiences and have a time out. These included:

- Bell Boat Racing
- Meet up and Brunch
- Arts and Crafts
- Information on Caring Role
- Coffee and Canvas

Our service was recognised as an approved partner by Forward Carers as part of 10-year celebration, which took place in December 2024.

Carer feedback and Impact:

- **100 % of Carers felt supported by OSCAR.**
- **100 % of Carers stated they always felt valued.**
- **95% of carers stated they had more confidence in caring role.**



Well-Being Support

Supported by The National Lottery Community Fund-Reaching Communities Grant, we supported 291 individuals and their households through specialist interventions to encourage healthy behaviours, alleviate financial hardship and take up opportunities to strengthen their resilience.

These included:

- Conversations and promoting positive mental well-being.
- Access to outdoor wellbeing events and activities.
- Self-care and stress awareness workshop facilitated by a trained therapist.
- We delivered 42 sessions on holistic therapy and mindfulness.

- Coping strategies, conversations and workshops on how to look after their emotional and spiritual health.
- Project staff conducted 48 home visits to support individuals going through poor health and other difficulties.
- Ready, Steady Cook for families and exploring good nutrition.
- We undertook 48 Hardship grant applications, supporting over 300 household members experiencing financial hardship with their energy costs.
- Our advisors supported 300 people across the West Midlands who were experiencing excluded access to travel with a free bus travel pass.
- We helped individuals and families with over 200 winter warm packs and essentials, while referring to local community food pantries.
- Redistributed 450 oral health packs and 50 Baby Thermometers to the Haemoglobinopathy team at Waterfall House.



Outcomes	
% Beneficiaries feeling less anxious than before during the cost-of-living crisis and during winter.	70%
% Beneficiaries agreed they had opportunity to connect with others and feeling less isolated.	100%
% Beneficiaries stated the support provided has really helped improved their mood	85%

PwSCD Research Project

During 2024, we undertook a research project in partnership with the NHS England Health Inequalities Team. This involved exploring health-seeking behaviours for acute and emergency care.

We carried out a survey, questionnaires, semi-structured interviews and a focus group with 40 patients to gather experiences and insights when accessing healthcare and triggers of pain crisis. As part of the project, we conducted a community engagement session, held at Soho House with 65 patients and carers in attendance.

Final report was shared with NHS England Sickle Cell and Health Inequalities Team to disseminate these findings.

Keeping Well with Sickle Cell

This project is supported by Heart of England and BSoL ICB Fairer Futures Fund and aimed at supporting 18-30-year-olds living with Sickle Cell using a peer-to-peer model approach to addressing some of the health inequalities this group are facing. This project commenced in November 2024 using informal and formal group meet-ups, taking place each month. 30 patients have already taken part. We look forward to the impact this project will have over the next 2 years.

Advice, Information, and Guidance

223 individuals aged 18 years and over were supported on a one-to-one basis on a range of issues and needs regarding welfare benefits such as Disability Living Allowance and Personal Independence Payments, Housing conditions and accommodation, signpost, and screening for Hb.

Advice, information and guidance on issues and concerns prescription charges and help available, travelling, employment rights, managing pain and barriers to accessing emergency care and treatment.

Training, Awareness and Education

Over the past 12 months we provided a range of awareness, educational and training to a range of audiences. Over 600 people (Public and Professionals) benefited from this. They include:

- Boldmere Inclusion Base
- Russell's Hall Hospital
- Tesco staff as part of Black History Month
- Birmingham City University
- Holyhead School teachers, parents and students
- Siemens Birmingham
- Job Centre Plus Central and Kings Heath









Health Promotion

Working in partnership with Birmingham and Solihull ICS, we undertook 17 different health promotion campaigns. A majority of these were online, and the use of social media.

These have included:

- Importance of blood donations and donors.
- Mental Health and Employment.
- Carers rights.
- National blood donation campaigns supported by NHSBT and how to go about registering to become a blood donor.
- Amazing Bloody Kidney campaign Kidney UK and getting tested.
- Keeping Warm and Well during winter with Sickle Cell.
- Getting screened and knowing about your genotype.
- Can you tell it's Sickle Cell campaign?

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in supporting and publicising the work of the charity, supporting individuals affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Blood disorders within the local communities.

A total of 8 volunteers were actively involved with the work of OSCAR Birmingham during this period.

Partnerships and Collaborative Working

We have continued to work in close co-operation and collaboration with Birmingham NHS Community Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Team, Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Haemoglobinopathy Unit and Sandwell West Birmingham NHS. The focus has been based on referrals, shared interest in patient support and advocacy.

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We continue to work closely with Adult Health and Social Care, Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council (BVSC) and a wide range of providers to deliver positive change as part of the Prevention and Communities Strategy and Neighbourhood Network Schemes.

Working with BVSC and Birmingham City Council as an approved referral partner, enabling and identifying many of our families to successfully access a one-off grant from the Hardship Community Grant.

We have established a new working relationship with Birmingham and Solihull ICB SCaT Development Steering Group, a collaboration of partners and stakeholders involved with the clinical pathway services across the area. This has resulted in developing new guidance and policy for education settings across Birmingham and Solihull in how best to support children and young people with Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia.

Our carers project continues to be embedded within Birmingham Carers Strategy to support carers through our existing partnership arrangements as part of Birmingham Carers Hub delivery arrangements.

Partnership Working and Awareness







Transport for West Midlands, West Midlands Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Network to ensure 300 patients and carers had access and opportunity for free bus travel, addressing excluded access and isolation.

OSCAR continues to support the development of a West Midlands Haemoglobinopathy Network for Patients and Carers affected by a blood disorder.

We have continued to develop links and collaborative working with NHS Birmingham Community Connexions and worked with Birmingham Community NHS Healthcare regarding engagement, consultation and focus group with the patient population.

We continue to support NHS Blood and Transplant to promote positive messages regarding the need for blood donations and donors from ethnically matched communities.

Partnership through commissioning arrangements with NHS England Health Inequalities Quality Improvement Team to undertake a research project exploring health-seeking behaviours for people with Sickle Cell Disease in Birmingham.

We collaborated and supported Midland Mencap, Legacy WM and Birmingham Women and Children's Hospital to redistribute oral health packs for citizens, carers and families, as part of the wider Birmingham Public Health Initiative.

We collaborated with DWP Ladywood, Central and King's Heath Job Centre Plus to deliver training to work coaches on how best to support claimants seeking or unable to work.

Our organisation continues to be recognised as an In-Kind Direct Network provider, ensuring our community has access to meaningful products and items to stay happy and healthy during the cost-of-living crisis.

Financial review

Total income for the year was £247,731, of which £211,654 was restricted and £36,077 was unrestricted.

Total expenditure for the year was £240,245, of which £220,620 was restricted and £19,625 was unrestricted.

Principal funding

Grants and contracts awarded to the organisation were from Birmingham City Council and NHS Birmingham and Solihull ICB, and NHS England.

Restricted grants received from BBC Children in Need, Forward Carers, The National Lottery Community Fund Reaching Communities and Heart of England Community Foundation.

Reserve's policy

The trustees keep the reserves of the charity under review, considering the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves.

The trustees consider that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services and/or event of winding up, a designated reserve of £111,750 equating to 12 months operational, creditors and redundancy costs is appropriate.

The current level of designated reserves is £90,000

OSCAR Birmingham is also extremely grateful to all supporters, donors and the wider public who have undertaken fundraising events or donated, over the past 12 months to support our work. They include:

Donor/Fundraiser	Total
Charitable Giving	£190
Charities Trust	£145
D A Smith	£253
Local Giving	£1068
Ms L Herbert	£100
The Muntz Trust	£500
Tesco Birmingham	£1917

Risk Management

The trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and implement risk management strategies. This involved identifying the types of risks the charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence and identifying means of mitigating the risks.

Future

Strategic developments and priorities include:

- Supporting our communities to address health inequalities so that they can thrive and improve well-being.
- Collaboration with NHS Health Inequalities and Quality Improvement Team
- Provide targeted support for our community to help overcome challenges associated with their health and the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.
- Seeking to strengthen our governance by recruiting and training new board members.
- Work towards a quality kite mark, including Thrive at Work Bronze level and Carer Friendly Employer Kitemark.
- Explore relocation of office and premises.
- Continue to increase the quality and provision of support services and projects for children, young people, and their families, especially helping those new to areas and seek to expand our reach beyond our remit.
- To share good practice with others and to be recognised as experts in our field of work in and around the West Midlands.

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Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the financial activities for that period, together with the assets and liabilities at the end of the period and which adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the company. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

d) Prepare financial statements on the 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in its activities.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

Signed



Director's name: Rachel Renfrew

Date 21/11/2025

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF OSCAR BIRMINGHAM LTD

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on the following pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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:

(1) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

(2) To follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and

(3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 . the accounts do not comply with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination ;or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Gary Peter Brookes

Name	Gary Peter Brookes
Relevant Professional Qualifications	FCA BSc
Address	130 Wombourne Park Wombourne Wolverhampton WV5 0LY

Date : 21 November 2025

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)
Year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
			2025		2024
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	4,989	-	4,989	4,240
Investments		1,732	-	1,732	1,502
Charitable Activities	2(b)	29,356	211,654	241,010	268,145
Total Income		36,077	211,654	247,731	273,887
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3	19,625	220,620	240,245	236,166
Total Expenditure		19,625	220,620	240,245	236,166
Net Income		16,452	(8,966)	7,486	37,721
Net movement in funds		16,452	(8,966)	7,486	37,721
Transfer of Funds		(1,843)	1,843	-	-
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		87,940	38,530	126,470	88,749
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**102,549**	**31,407**	**133,956**	**126,470**

The notes on pages to form part of these financial statements **

** See note 13 for full comparatives for 2024

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Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		550		647
			550		647
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	-		1,244	
Bank & Cash in hand		160,532		139,709	
		160,532		140,953	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	9	(27,126)		(15,130)	
Net Current Assets			133,406		125,823
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			133,956		126,470
Net Assets			133,956		126,470
Charity Funds					
Restricted Funds	10		31,407		38,530
Unrestricted and Designated Funds			102,549		87,940
Total Funds			133,956		126,470

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (1) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2025 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company and in accordance with FRS 102

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.

Signed and approved on the behalf of the Board on 21st November 2025

RA Renfrew

Trustee Name: Rachel Renfrew

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity is a Charitable Company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) second edition published October 2019, the Charities Act 2011 the and UK Generally Accepted Practice.
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value.

(b) Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time (although expenses relating to there role is included in project costs) in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Any further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report
Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.
Interest on funds on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company , this is normally upon notification of the interest by the bank.

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c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support Costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs , governance costs , administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads and central functions have been allocated on an activity costs basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities

(d) Funds

Restricted Funds	Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.
Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.
Designated funds	Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes . The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements
(e) Tax	Exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Any Gift Aid and other tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the donations to which they relate.
(f) Debtors	Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.
Liabilities and Provisions	Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement , and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.
Financial instruments	This entity only has assets and financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

(i) Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the assets capable or operating as intended. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Computer equipment	33% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and Fittings	15% Reducing Balance

(j) Going Concern
The directors consider that the charity remains viable for the year ahead

2(a). Income from grants, donations and legacies

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	4,260	-	4,260	3,582
Fundraising	500	-	500	500
Other	229	-	229	158
Total	4,989	-	4,989	4,240

2(b). Income from charitable activities

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Birmingham City Council P&C Grant	-	38,000	38,000	38,000
Heart of England community	-	3,177	3,177	-
Birmingham and Solihull ICB	29,356	-	29,356	29,181
The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region	-	76,500	76,500	74,154
DCMS Community C Of L	-	-	-	35,925
Forward Carers	-	49,154	49,154	49,776
Awards for all	-		-	9,626
Children In Need	-	34,833	34,833	31,483
NHS England	-	9,990	9,990	-
	29,356	211,654	241,010	268,145

(3a) Direct Costs	**2025** **£**	**2024** **£**
Wages and salaries	132,799	135,198
Sessional Workers	30,274	23,093
Direct Project costs	48,267	50,787
	211,340	209,078

(3b) Support costs (including Governance)

	2025 **£**	**2024** **£**
Property costs	12,052	11,518
Training	1,376	2,049
Office Expenses	4,301	4,326
Insurance	665	917
Telephone & Postage	4,008	3,218
Depreciation	97	114
Advertising and marketing	731	805
Finance and related admin	3,059	1,835
Bank Charges	240	256
Governance costs	2,376	2,050
	28,905	27,088
TOTAL CHARITY ACTIVITY COSTS	240,245	236,166

4. Governance Costs	**2025**	**2024**
	£	**£**
Accounts preparation and independent examination	2,050	1,900
Prior year underaccrual for Prof fees	-	150
Trustee exps	326	-
	2,376	2,050

5. Employees

		£	£
Wages & Salaries		124,718	128,364
Social Security Costs		8,021	6,578
Pensions		60	256
		132,799	135,198

The average monthly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

Charitable activities	3 Full time 11 part time	14	13
		14	13

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more

6.Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration expenses

During both years reported on no remuneration or benefits in kind only travel expenses reimbursement were made to trustees this year

Rachel Renfrew is now a trustee . This meant that her finance admin charges are reported as Related Party Transaction of £2,489 (cp £ 1,957) for the whole reported period

7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	8,973	9,585	18,558
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	8,973	9,585	18,558
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	8,327	9,584	17,911
Charge for Year	97	-	97
At 31 March 2025	8,424	9,584	18,008
Net Book Values			
At 31 March 2025	549	1	550
At 31 March 2024	646	1	647

8. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
	-	1,244

9. Creditors : Amounts falling due in less than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1,950	4,632
Other taxation	12,442	4,386
Grants in Advance	11,824	-
Trade creditors	910	6,112
	27,126	15,130

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10 Fund Reconciliation

	Fund Balances 31 March 2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund Balances 31 March 2025
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region	6,908	76,500	85,337	2,300	371
BCC	4,708	38,000	40,229	-	2,479
Children In Need	1,750	34,833	32,650	-	3,933
FFF	-	3,176	3,176	-	-
NHS England	-	9,990	9,990	-	-
DCMS Community C Of L	457	-		(457)	-
Forward Carers	24,707	49,154	49,238	-	24,623
Total Restricted	38,530	211,653	220,620	1,843	31,406
Unrestricted Reserves					
Designated	80,000	-	-	10,000	90,000
Birmingham and Solihull ICB	3,915	29,356	22,141	(5,000)	6,130
General funds	4,025	6,722	(2,516)	(6,843)	6,420
	87,940	36,078	19,625	(1,843)	102,550
Total Funds	126,470	247,731	240,245	-	133,956

Children In Need
Grant for mentoring and activities for children and young people affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia

BCC Prevention and Communities
Grant funding to run befriending and peer support service for citizens affected by Sickle Cell as part of BCC communities and prevention strategy

Forward Carers
Service to support Carers across Birmingham who look after someone, predominently children with Sickle Cell, Thalassaemia and Comorbidity. Grant used for staffing, carer related support services and interventions.

The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region
Reaching Communities Community Fund will continue and expand our offer of specialised support to people suffering from Sickle Cell Anaemia and Thalassaemia.

Fairer Futures Fund (FFF)
To run a 2 year peer mentoring project for 18.30 living with Sickle Cell funded by the Heart of England CF

NHS England
One off grant to conduct a research study regarding health seeking behaviours for parents with Sickle Cell seeking acute and emergency care

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11. Net Assets Analysis Between Funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed assets	550	-	550	647
Current assets	129,126	31,406	160,532	140,953
Creditors due within one year	(27,126)	-	(27,126)	(15,130)
	102,550	31,406	133,956	126,470

12. SOFA Comparatives

Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)
Year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
			2024	
		£	£	£
Income from				
Donations and legacies	2(a)	4,240	-	4,240
Investments		1,502	-	1,502
Charitable Activities	2(b)	29,181	238,964	268,145
Total Income		34,923	238,964	273,887
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	3	29,591	206,575	236,166
Total Expenditure		29,591	206,575	236,166
Net Income		5,332	32,389	37,721
Net movement in funds		5,332	32,389	37,721
Transfer of Funds				-
Reconciliation of Funds:				
Total funds brought forward		82,608	6,141	88,749
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**87,940**	**38,530**	**126,470**

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Organisation for Sickle Cell Anaemia Relief And Thalassaemia Support

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Oscar Birmingham Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

OSCAR Birmingham Limited was incorporated on 13 December 2004 and registered as a charity on 3 June 2005. The charity remained dormant until 1 April 2008 when the assets, liabilities, and activities of OSCAR (Birmingham) (charity number 702847) were transferred. OSCAR Birmingham Limited operates under its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 December 2004 and as amended by resolution dated 2 April 2007. Latest changes were adopted as amended by special resolution(s) dated 9 January 2023 as amended on 1 March 2023.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

All trustees must be members of the charitable organisation. The trustees of the charity are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law. All board members are circulated with invitations to potential trustees.

A detailed list of candidates, who have expressed an interest in becoming a trustee, is presented to a full board meeting for consideration and decision. When considering co-opting trustees, the board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. Trustees appointed during the year must stand for re-appointment at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Directors who served during the year are shown on the reference and administration section on page 1. All members of the board gave their time voluntarily and any expenses reclaimed from the charity are reflected in the financial statements.

The constitution of the charity requires a minimum of three and maximum of ten trustees. The Charity Commission are aware of this.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees.

All new trustees undergo induction training and are provided with an induction pack to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law. The induction covers the constitution, the committee and decision-making process, the business plan and the recent financial performance of the charity.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charitable organisation is governed by its Board of Trustees, who is responsible for formulating its Strategies and policies including the approval of budgets and the exercising of financial controls.

The Board of Trustees meets on a regular basis. The trustees delegate the day to day running of the charitable organisation to Head of Service and operational staff.

POLICIES & OBJECTIVES

The objects of the charity as set out in the constitution are: -

- To promote the relief of persons suffering from Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia disorders.
- To educate the public to increase their knowledge and understanding of such disorders.
- To promote research into the nature, prevalence, treatment and prevention of Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia disorders and to disseminate and publish the useful results of such research.

CHARITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

OSCAR Birmingham is a voluntary organisation based in Birmingham. It was established to provide advice, support and counselling to individuals, families and carers affected by the Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Blood disorder.

Both are potentially life-threatening disorders which disproportionately affect black and ethnic minority (BAME) communities. Our mission is to educate, support and provide relevant information through signposting, advocacy, and assistance. Through our work with partners, we will raise awareness of these conditions.

Demand for OSCAR services continue, due to the demographics of the Birmingham population who are at risk of inheriting Sickle cell or Thalassaemia Blood Disorders. We have seen an increase of service users with both Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia especially from African, Asian and European Countries migrating to the area.

Overview-Sickle Cell

Sickle cell disease is the name for a group of inherited health conditions that affect the red blood cells. The most serious type is called sickle cell anaemia**.** Sickle cell disease is particularly common in people with an African or Caribbean family background.

People with sickle cell disease produce unusually shaped red blood cells that can cause problems and can block blood vessels. Sickle cell disease is caused by a gene that affects how red blood cells develop. If both parents have the gene, there's a 1 in 4 chance of each child they have being born with sickle cell disease.

The child's parents often will not have sickle cell disease themselves and they're only carriers of the sickle cell trait. Sickle cell disease is a serious and lifelong health condition, although treatment can help manage some of the symptoms.

The main symptoms of Sickle Cell disease are:

- Painful episodes called sickle cell crises, which can be very severe and last up to a week.
- An increased risk of serious infections.
- Anaemia (where red blood cells cannot carry enough oxygen around the body), which can cause tiredness and shortness of breath. Some people also experience other problems, such as delayed growth, strokes and lung problems.

Overview-Thalassaemia

People with thalassaemia produce either no or too little haemoglobin, which is used by red blood cells to carry oxygen around the body. This can make them very anaemic (tired, short of breath and pale).

It mainly affects people of Mediterranean, south Asian, southeast Asian and Middle Eastern origin. There are different types of thalassaemia, which can be divided into alpha and beta thalassaemia. Beta thalassaemia major is the most severe type.

Other types include beta thalassaemia intermedia, alpha thalassaemia major and haemoglobin H disease. It's also possible to be a "carrier" of thalassaemia, also known as having the thalassaemia trait.

The main health problems associated with Thalassaemia are:

- Anaemia – severe tiredness, weakness, shortness of breath, pounding, fluttering or irregular heartbeats (palpitations) and pale skin caused by the lack of haemoglobin

- Too much iron in the body – this is caused by the regular blood transfusions used to treat anaemia and can cause problems with the heart, liver and hormone levels if untreated. Some people may also have delayed growth, weak and fragile bones (osteoporosis), and reduced fertility.

Summary

Our 2024 report provides opportunity to showcase our work, how we have supported the local Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia community and wider strategic partnerships.

We have faced a new challenge. The pressures from cost-of-living crisis impacts us all in different ways. We remain committed to supporting our community to thrive, prosper and address health inequalities, given the challenges they continuously face. Our devotion to serving our community remains at the heart of what we do best.

Thank you to all our beneficiaries who participated in our activities, services, and support- To all our funders, partners and key stakeholders, we are grateful for the ongoing support.

A sincere heartfelt thank you to our staff and volunteers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in making a difference to the community.

As we reflect over the past 12 months, we look forward to what opportunities lie ahead. We will continue to work in partnership to make the positive differences to our community.

OSCAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES & SENIOR MANAGEMENT

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Support for Children and Young People

Thanks to BBC Children in Need, we engaged and supported 137 children and young people who benefited from project activities and services.

108 children were identified as disadvantaged, living with Sickle Cell and/or Thalassaemia while, experiencing health and social challenges.

100% of children were able to take part in all year-round free activities, workshops and days out, taking place during school holidays.

Our mentors were able to support 33 children and young people, with 124 hours of mentoring support and contact on a one-to-one basis, group workshops, providing information, range of activities, guidance, emotional support based on assessment, views and interests of children and young people.

Impact

- 95% of children and young people gave a self-rating of 8-10 in spending less time alone and meeting new people.
- 100 % of children stated they always felt safe.
- 100 % of young people rated 9 or more for feeling positive about the future.
- 90% agreed that they had access to meaningful activities.

Feedback

Specialist Education Nurse said, 'What you guys do are amazing, the support you provide to our young patients has so much of a positive impact'.

16-year-old s from Lozells stated, 'My pain was getting to me, my school did not understand sickle cell until you came to see them. I'm getting the right support now. Thank you'.

15-year-old B from Yardley said, 'Knowing and talking to someone who has been through this has really helped me'.

Parent carer J from Selly Oak highlighted, ' I really appreciate the support not just for my child but for me too. It's hard with everything right now'.



(BBC Midlands Today Visit, BBC Radio WM talk and our Summer 2023 Youth Team)

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Befriending & Peer Support Service

Supported by Birmingham City Council, we continued to provide befriending and peer support to help vulnerable citizens living with Sickle Cell and/or Thalassaemia. A total of 27 citizens received befriending interventions with of direct contact.

Number of Citizens Engaged and Supported during 2023/24

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
103	81	29	53

Social outings and cultural activities were organised for citizens resulting in reduced isolation and feeling less anxious, with 94% of citizens stated they hardly ever or never felt alone or left out and 81% citizens stated they felt happier the week before. These included:

- Day trip to Barry Island
- Coffee and chat drop in sessions
- Black History Celebration Event
- Liverpool Slavery Museum
- Birmingham Festival 23
- Kidney Care UK and Sickle Cell

Specialist Carers Service

We have continued to support and deliver carer related activities, support and interventions, working in collaboration with Birmingham Carers Hub Partnership arrangements, supported by Forward Carers and Birmingham City Council.

16 carers had accessed to a statutory carers assessment, while 300 carers including unpaid and parent carers took part in regular and one-off events. 69 one-to-one sessions were conducted directly with carers on a range of issues relating to their caring role.

Carer feedback and Impact:

- 100 % of Carers felt supported by OSCAR.
- 95 % of Carers stated they always felt valued.
- 89 % of Carers stated they were much happier and able to connect with other carers who have a shared understanding.



(Carers Events and Networking)

Well-Being Support

Supported by The National Lottery Community Fund-Reaching Communities Grant, we supported 291 individuals and their household through specialist interventions to encourage healthy behaviours, alleviate financial hardship and take up opportunities to strengthen their resilience.

These included:

- Agreed personalised stress buster plans for beneficiaries experiencing low levels of anxiety and depression.
- Conversations and promoting positive mental well-being.
- Signposting and referral to Healthy Minds Birmingham and/or GP.
- Access to outdoor wellbeing events and activities.
- Self- care and stress awareness workshop facilitated by a trained therapist and mindfulness coach.
- Coping strategies, conversations and workshops on how to look after their emotional and spiritual health with 39 individuals benefitting from this.
- Project staff conducted 51 home visits to support individuals going through poor health and other difficulties.
- 114 household members received support with financial hardship by accessing Household Support Fund.
- 41 people took part in our cost-of-living drop-in information sessions.
- Wellbeing days throughout the year for the community including local walks in Moseley Park, Cannon Hill and Handsworth to escape from day-to-day life.
- Access to emergency essentials, winter warm packs, and community pantries.

We are approaching the final year of delivery and will be exploring how to sustain this through continuation funding, collaborating with other stakeholders or work todays exit strategy.



(Outdoor Well-Being Activities)



(Support with Basic Essentials)

Community Cost of Living Support

During December 2023 to March 2024, we expanded our support and services to Sandwell and Coventry due to the increase demand and needs with cost-of-living crisis affecting communities diagnosed with Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia.

Supported by UK government and working in partnership with Birmingham Women and Children's Hospital, Acton Energy, Coventry Caribbean Association and University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, we identified and helped families with baby essentials, food provision, advice and information on keeping warm, financial worries and managing their health better.

Over 700 people benefited, including wider household members, 7 staff members worked on this project with over 1700 hours of delivery.



(Collaboration and Partnerships in Coventry)

Windrush 75 Their Journey, Our Heritage

Supported by Awards for All, we delivered Windrush 75 project over 10-month period. 390 people took part in project activities and events, celebrating, commemorating and recognising contributions made by Windrush and their generations. These included:

- Launch event attended by Blondell Cluff CBE-Chair of The National Lottery Fund
- Children's Creative Workshop exploring Windrush
- Who do you think you are in collaboration with West Indian Committee
- Sickle Cell Care and NHS Treatment over past 75 years
- Handsworth Walk and Monument
- Comedy of Black Origin
- Health and Well-being workshops



(Windrush Activities)

Advice, Information, and Guidance

118 people aged 18 years and over were supported with on one-to-one basis on a range of issues and needs regarding welfare benefits such as Disability Living Allowance and Personal Independence Payments, Housing conditions and accommodation, signpost, and screening for Hb.

Advice, information and guidance on issues and concerns prescription charges and help available, travelling, employment rights, managing pain and barriers to accessing emergency care and treatment.

Training, Awareness and Education

Over the past 12 months we provided a range of awareness, educational and training to a range of audiences. A total of 305 people benefited from the following:

- Black History Month, we held a stall and information awareness session at BT Open Reach Birmingham.
- Awareness at Birmingham Parent Carer Forum Event during November.
- Presentation to Abbey Rose Care Home Staff and Residents.
- Professionals and Third Sector representatives as part of Birmingham Carers Hub Partnership Launch.



(Training and Awareness on Sickle Cell and 75 years of NHS Care & Treatment)

Health Promotion

Working in partnership with Birmingham and Solihull ICS, we undertook 19 different health promotion campaigns during this period. A majority of these were online and use of social media.

These have included:

- Screening for Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia.
- Mental Health Awareness.
- Importance of good nutrition
- Awareness of Sickle Cell as an invisible & disabling illness during Disability Rights day.
- Sickle Cell and Mental Health
- National blood donation campaigns support by NHSBT and how to go about registering to become blood donor.
- Sharing NHS Campaign to boost awareness of signs and symptoms of Sickle Cell.
- Heat and Cold Alerts
- Treatments for Sickle Cell Symptoms

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in supporting and publicising the work of the charity supporting individuals affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Blood disorder within the local communities.

A total number of 9 volunteers were actively involved with the work of OSCAR Birmingham during this period.

Partnerships and Collaborative Working

We have continued to work in close co-operation and collaboration with Birmingham NHS Community Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Team, Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Haemoglobinopathy Unit and Sandwell West Birmingham NHS. The focus has been based on referrals, shared interest in patient support and advocacy.

We continue to work closely with Adult Health and Social Care, Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council (BVSC) and wide range of providers to deliver positive change as part of Prevention and Communities Strategy and Neighbourhood Network Schemes.

Working with BVSC as an approved referral partner, enabling and identifying many of our families to successfully access a one-off grant from Household Support Fund.

Our carers project continues to be embedded within Birmingham Carers Strategy to support carers through our existing partnership arrangements as part of Birmingham Carers Hub delivery arrangements.

OSCAR continues to support the development of a West Midlands Haemoglobinopathy Network for Patient and Carers affected by a blood disorder.

Joined up collaboration with Coventry Caribbean Association, Acton Energy, University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, Coventry NHS ICB to ensure identification and support to families during winter period and part of cost-of-living support.

We have continued to developed links and collaborative working with NHS Birmingham Community Connexions and worked with Birmingham Community NHS Healthcare regarding engagement, consultation and focus group with patient population.

We continue to support NHS Blood and Transplant to promote positive messages regarding the need for blood donations and donors from ethnically matched communities.

Working with BBC Midlands Today, Asian Network and Radio Desi UK to talk about our BBC Children in Need funded project, raise awareness of Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia.

Ongoing partnership with Black Heritage Walks Networks and Legacy WM relating to joined up activities and collaboration on Windrush 75-year anniversary.

Potential new partnership with NHS England Health Inequalities Quality Improvement Team to undertake research project exploring health seeking behaviours for people with Sickle Cell Disease in Birmingham. We look forward to this emerging partnership arrangements.






Financial review

Total income for the year was £273,887 of which £238,964 was restricted and £34,923 was unrestricted.

Total expenditure for the year was £236,166 of which £206,575 was restricted and £29,591 was unrestricted.

Principal funding

Grants and contracts awarded to the organisation were from Birmingham City Council and NHS Birmingham and Solihull ICB.

Restricted grants received from BBC Children in Need, Forward Carers, UK Government, The National Lottery Community Fund Reaching Communities and Awards for All.

Reserve's policy

The trustees keep the reserves of the charity under review, considering the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves.

The trustees consider that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services and/or event of winding up, a designated reserve of £111,750 equating to 12 months operational, creditors and redundancy costs is appropriate.

The current level of designated reserves is £80,000.

OSCAR Birmingham is also extremely grateful to all supporters, donors and the wider public who have undertaken fundraising events or donated, over the past 12 months to support our work. They include:

Donor/Fundraiser	Total
Abbey Rose Care Home	£305
Charitable Giving	£274
Charities Trust	£236
Eubank	£35
J Walrond	£200
KC Smith	£60
K Rawlings	£35
Local Giving	£395
New Hall Primary School	£315
Tabasam A	£105
Tameka Hewitt	£73

Risk Management

The trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and implement risk management strategies. This involved identifying the types of risks the charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence and identifying means of mitigating the risks.

Future

Strategic developments and priorities include:

- Supporting our communities to address health inequalities so that they can thrive and improve well-being.
- Collaboration with NHS Health Inequalities and Quality Improvement Team
- Provide targeted support for our community to help overcome challenges associated with their health and impact of cost-of-living crisis.
- Seeking to strengthen our governance by recruiting and training new board members.
- Work towards a new and ongoing quality kite mark including Thrive at Work Bronze level and Carer Friendly Employer Kitemark.
- Explore relocation of office and premises.
- Continue to increase the quality and provision of support services and projects for children, young people, and their families, especially helping those new to areas and seek to expand our reach beyond our remit.
- To share good practice with others and to be recognised as experts in our field of work in and around the West Midlands.

Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities for that period together with the assets and liabilities at the end of the period and which adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the company. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

d) Prepare financial statements on the 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in its activities.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

Signed 

Director's name: Paul Udenze

Date 21/11/24

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF OSCAR BIRMINGHAM LTD

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on the following pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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:

(1) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
(2) To follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and
(3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 . the accounts do not comply with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination ;or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Gary Peter Brookes

Name Gary Peter Brookes
Relevant Professional Qualifications FCA FCIE BSc
Address 130 Wombourne Park
Wombourne
Wolverhampton
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Date : 21 November 2024

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)
Year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
			2024		2023
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations and legacies	**2(a)**	4,240	-	4,240	8,544
Investments		1,502	-	1,502	453
Charitable Activities	**2(b)**	29,181	238,964	268,145	185,471
Total Income		34,923	238,964	273,887	194,468
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	**3**	29,591	206,575	236,166	190,542
Total Expenditure		29,591	206,575	236,166	190,542
Net Income		5,332	32,389	37,721	3,926
Net movement in funds		5,332	32,389	37,721	3,926
Transfer of Funds				-	-
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		82,608	6,141	88,749	84,823
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**87,940**	**38,530**	**126,470**	**88,749**

The notes on pages to form part of these financial statements **

** See note 13 for full comparatives for 2023

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
Balance Sheet
Year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	**7**		647		761
			647		761
Current Assets					
Debtors	**8**	1,244		-	
Bank & Cash in hand		139,709		135,132	
		140,953		135,132	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	**9**	(15,130)		(45,168)	
Net Current Assets			125,823		89,964
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			126,470		90,725
Creditors : Amounts falling after more than one year	**10**		-		(1,976)
Net Assets			126,470		88,749
Charity Funds					
Restricted Funds	**11**		38,530		6,141
Unrestricted and Designated Funds			87,940		82,608
Total Funds			126,470		88,749

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (1) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.
The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2024 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company and in accordance with FRS 102

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.

Signed and approved on the behalf of the Board on 21/11/24

Trustee Name Paul Udenze

Company Registered number 05311442

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) second edition published October 2019, the Charities Act 2011 the and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value.

(b) Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time (although expenses relating to there role is included in project costs) in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Any further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

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

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:
Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support Costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs , governance costs , administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads and central functions have been allocated on an activity costs basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities

(d) Funds

Restricted Funds	Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.
Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.
Designated funds	Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes . The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements
(e) Tax	Exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Any Gift Aid and other tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the donations to which they relate.
(f) Debtors	Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.
Liabilities and Provisions	Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement , and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.
Financial instruments	This entity only has assets and financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

(i) Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the assets capable or operating as intended. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Computer equipment	33% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and Fittings	15% Reducing Balance

(j) Going Concern
The directors consider that the charity remains viable for the year ahead

2(a). Income from grants, donations and legacies

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations	3,582	-	3,582	7,127
Fundraising	500	-	500	644
Other	158	-	158	798
Total	4,240	-	4,240	8,569

2(b). Income from charitable activities

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Birmingham City Council P&C Grant	-	38,000	38,000	38,950
NHS Sandwell	-	-	-	1,380
Birmingham and Solihull ICB	29,181	-	29,181	27,268
The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region	-	74,154	74,154	68,703
DCMS Community C Of L		35,925	35,925	-
Forward Carers	-	49,776	49,776	15,000
Awards for all		9,626	9,626	-
Children In Need	-	31,483	31,483	33,969
Other Income		-	-	176
	29,181	238,964	268,145	185,446

(3a) Direct Costs	**2024** **£**	**2023** **£**
Wages and salaries	135,198	115,304
Sessional Workers	23,093	16,150
Direct Project costs	50,787	32,244
	209,078	163,698

(3b) Support costs (including Governance)

	2024 **£**	**2023** **£**
Property costs	11,518	11,259
Training	2,049	1,804
Office Expenses	4,326	3,562
Insurance	917	890
Telephone & Postage	3,218	3,384
Depreciation	114	134
Advertising and marketing	805	365
Bank Charges	256	175
Governance costs	3,885	5,271
	27,088	26,844
TOTAL CHARITY ACTIVITY COSTS	236,166	190,542

4. Governance Costs	**2024**	**2023**
	£	**£**
Accounts preparation and independent examination	1,900	1,795
Prior year underaccrual for Prof fees	150	200
Trustee exps	-	48
Legal and Professional fees	1,835	3,228
	3,885	5,271

5. Employees

	£	**£**
Wages & Salaries	128,364	109,087
Social Security Costs	6,578	5,437
Pensions	256	780
	135,198	115,304

The average monthly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

Charitable activities	1 Full time 12 part time	13	12
		13	12

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more

6.Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration expenses

During both years reported on no remuneration or benefits in kind only travel expenses reimbursement were made to trustees this year

However on 14 November 2022 Rachel Renfrew was also appointed a trustee . This meant that her finance admin charges are reported as Related Party Transaction of £ 1,957 for the whole reported period

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	8,973	9,585	18,558
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	8,973	9,585	18,558
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	8,213	9,584	17,797
Charge for Year	114	-	114
At 31 March 2024	8,327	9,584	17,911
Net Book Values			
At 31 March 2024	646	1	647
At 31 March 2023	760	1	761

8. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
	1,244	-

9. Creditors : Amounts falling due in less than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	4,632	1,800
Other taxation	4,386	3,206
Grants in Advance	-	34,932
Trade creditors	6,112	5,230
	15,130	45,168

10. Creditors : Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	1,976

11. Fund Reconciliation

	Fund Balances 31 March 2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund Balances 31 March 2024
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region	194	74,154	67,440	-	6,908
BCC	-	38,000	33,292	-	4,708
Children In Need	2,157	31,483	31,890	-	1,750
Awards for all	-	9,626	9,626	-	-
DCMS Community C Of L	-	35,925	35,468	-	457
Forward Carers	3,790	49,776	28,859	-	24,707
Total Restricted	6,141	238,964	206,575	-	38,530
Unrestricted Reserves					
Designated	60,000	-	-	20,000	80,000
Birmingham and Solihull ICB	13,105	29,181	28,371	(10,000)	3,915
General funds	9,503	5,742	1,070	(10,000)	4,175
	82,608	34,923	29,441	-	88,090
Total Funds	88,749	273,887	236,016	-	126,620

Children In Need

Grant for mentoring and activities for children and young people affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia

BCC Prevention and Communities

Grant funding to run befriending and peer support service for citizens affected by Sickle Cell as part of BCC communities and prevention strategy

Forward Carers

Service to support Carers across Birmingham who look after someone, predominently children with Sickle Cell, Thalassaemia and Comorbidity. Grant used for staffing, carer related support services and interventions.

The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region

Reaching Communities Community Fund will continue and expand our offer of specialised support to people suffering from Sickle Cell Anaemia and Thalassaemia.

DCMS CCLF

One off grant to expand and adapt our service delivery during the winter period only to support families in new localities of Coventry and Sandwell.

12. Net Assets Analysis Between Funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed assets	647	-	647	761
Current assets	102,423	38,530	140,953	135,132
Creditors due within one year	(15,130)	-	(15,130)	(45,168)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	-	-	(1,976)
	87,940	38,530	126,470	88,749

13. SOFA Comparatives

	Notes	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
			2023	
		£	£	£
Income from				
Donations and legacies	2(a)	8,544	-	8,544
Investments		453	-	453
Charitable Activities	2(b)	28,824	156,647	185,471
Total Income		37,821	156,647	194,468
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	3	28,348	162,194	190,542
Total Expenditure		28,348	162,194	190,542
Net Income		9,473	(5,547)	3,926
Net movement in funds		9,473	(5,547)	3,926
Transfer of Funds		(28)	28	-
Reconciliation of Funds:				
Total funds brought forward		73,163	11,660	84,823
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**82,608**	**6,141**	**88,749**

OSCAR BIRMINGHAM LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1109849

Accounts



Organisation for Sickle Cell Anaemia Relief
And Thalassaemia Support

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
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Charity reference and administrative details

Trustees	Lurieteen Miller Rachel Renfrew (From 14th November 2022) Paul Udenze Ajay Dattani
Charity Number	1109849
Company Number	5311442
Registered Address	22 Regent Place Jewellery Quarter Birmingham B1 3NJ
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Oscar Birmingham Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

OSCAR Birmingham Limited was incorporated on 13 December 2004 and registered as a charity on 3 June 2005. The charity remained dormant until 1 April 2008 when the assets, liabilities, and activities of OSCAR (Birmingham) (charity number 702847) were transferred. OSCAR Birmingham Limited operates under its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 December 2004 and as amended by resolution dated 2 April 2007. Latest changes were adopted as amended by special resolution(s) dated 9 January 2023 as amended on 1 March 2023.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

All trustees must be members of the charitable organisation. The trustees of the charity are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law. All board members are circulated with invitations to potential trustees.

A detailed list of candidates, who have expressed an interest in becoming a trustee, is presented to a full board meeting for consideration and decision. When considering co-opting trustees, the board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. Trustees appointed during the year must stand for re-appointment at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Directors who served during the year are shown on the reference and administration section on page 1. All members of the board gave their time voluntarily and any expenses reclaimed from the charity are reflected in the financial statements.

The constitution of the charity requires a minimum of three and maximum of ten trustees. The Charity Commission are aware of this.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees.

All new trustees undergo induction training and are provided with an induction pack to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law. The induction covers the constitution, the committee and decision-making process, the business plan and the recent financial performance of the charity.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charitable organisation is governed by its Board of Trustees, who is responsible for formulating its Strategies and policies including the approval of budgets and the exercising of financial controls.

The Board of Trustees meets on a regular basis. The trustees delegate the day to day running of the charitable organisation to Head of Service and operational staff.

POLICIES & OBJECTIVES

The objects of the charity as set out in the constitution are: -

- To promote the relief of persons suffering from Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia disorders.
- To educate the public to increase their knowledge and understanding of such disorders.
- To promote research into the nature, prevalence, treatment and prevention of Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia disorders and to disseminate and publish the useful results of such research.

CHARITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

OSCAR Birmingham is a voluntary organisation based in Birmingham. It was established to provide advice, support and counselling to individuals, families and carers affected by the Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Blood disorder.

Both are potentially life-threatening disorders which disproportionately affect black and ethnic minority (BAME) communities. Our mission is to educate, support and provide relevant information through signposting, advocacy, and assistance. Through our work with partners, we will raise awareness of these conditions.

Demand for OSCAR services continue, due to the demographics of the Birmingham population who are at risk of inheriting Sickle cell or Thalassaemia Blood Disorders. We have seen an increase of service users with both Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia especially from African, Asian and European Countries migrating to the area.

Overview-Sickle Cell

Sickle cell disease is the name for a group of inherited health conditions that affect the red blood cells. The most serious type is called sickle cell anaemia. Sickle cell disease is particularly common in people with an African or Caribbean family background.

People with sickle cell disease produce unusually shaped red blood cells that can cause problems and can block blood vessels. Sickle cell disease is caused by a gene that affects how red blood cells develop. If both parents have the gene, there's a 1 in 4 chance of each child they have being born with sickle cell disease.

The child's parents often will not have sickle cell disease themselves and they're only carriers of the sickle cell trait. Sickle cell disease is a serious and lifelong health condition, although treatment can help manage some of the symptoms.

The main symptoms of Sickle Cell disease are:

- Painful episodes called sickle cell crises, which can be very severe and last up to a week.
- An increased risk of serious infections.
- Anaemia (where red blood cells cannot carry enough oxygen around the body), which can cause tiredness and shortness of breath. Some people also experience other problems, such as delayed growth, strokes and lung problems.

Overview-Thalassaemia

People with thalassaemia produce either no or too little haemoglobin, which is used by red blood cells to carry oxygen around the body. This can make them very anaemic (tired, short of breath and pale).

It mainly affects people of Mediterranean, south Asian, southeast Asian and Middle Eastern origin. There are different types of thalassaemia, which can be divided into alpha and beta thalassaemia. Beta thalassaemia major is the most severe type.

Other types include beta thalassaemia intermedia, alpha thalassaemia major and haemoglobin H disease. It's also possible to be a "carrier" of thalassaemia, also known as having the thalassaemia trait.

The main health problems associated with Thalassaemia are:

- Anaemia – severe tiredness, weakness, shortness of breath, pounding, fluttering or irregular heartbeats (palpitations) and pale skin caused by the lack of haemoglobin

- Too much iron in the body – this is caused by the regular blood transfusions used to treat anaemia and can cause problems with the heart, liver and hormone levels if untreated. Some people may also have delayed growth, weak and fragile bones (osteoporosis), and reduced fertility.

Summary

Our 2023 report provides opportunity to showcase our work, how we have supported the local Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia community and wider strategic partnerships.

We are somewhat relived that as an organisation we managed to navigate through challenges of Covid 19 pandemic that has affected us all over the past 2 and half years while supporting our community to recover and learn to live with the virus.

The past 12 months, we have faced a new challenge. The pressures from cost-of-living crisis impacts us all in different ways. We remain committed to supporting our community to thrive, prosper and address health inequalities, given the challenges they continuously face.

We are proud as an independent local charity to highlight key achievements in our report and immense pride of our involvement in televised BBC Children in Need Rickshaw Relay Rides Again 2022.

Thank you to all our beneficiaries who participated in our activities, services, and support- To all our funders and key stakeholders, we are grateful for the ongoing support.

A sincere heartfelt thank you to our staff and volunteers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in making a difference to the community.

OSCAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES & SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Support for Children and Young People

Thanks to BBC Children in Need, we engaged and supported 121 children and young people who benefited from project activities and services.

91 children were identified as disadvantaged, living with Sickle Cell and/or Thalassaemia while, experiencing health and social challenges.

100% of children were able to take part in all year-round free activities and days out, taking place during school holidays.

Days out for children included: Ash End Farm, outdoor challenges, Arts and Clay making, Dudley Zoo and Monkey Forest. Young people experienced new opportunities attending badminton and volleyball at Birmingham commonwealth games during summer.

Both our children's mentors underwent process to be selected for Children in Need Rickshaw Relay Rides Challenge. Sanna Ahmad was successfully selected and appeared on BBC Breakfast Show, Live appeal show, Midlands Today in addition to actual ride alongside TV presenter Matt Baker on 24th Oct 2022 from Birmingham to Northampton. Over £1.2 million pounds was raised for Children in Need.



(BBC Children in Need Launch of Rickshaw Rides Again 2022)

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Our mentors were able to support 32 children and young people on one-to-one basis providing guidance and emotional support based on assessment, views of children and needs. 22 of these children received up to 3 months of mentoring support with 322 contact hours.

Interventions included supporting 11 children with their wellbeing, exploring worries and dreams. 15 children took part in the importance of nutrition, hydration and looking at triggers for stress.

8 young people and their families with sickle cell needed support with school admissions, transition to secondary school, education on health and safety to teaching staff. 9 young people supported going through transition to adult services in partnership with NHS team to learn about holistic care, treatment and their rights.

9 children who were experiencing regular pain crisis received mentoring support for 5 months. During this period short term goals agreed on nutrition, relationship, and relaxation. 8 out of 9 children did not experience a hospital admission during this period.

Impact

- 95% of children and young people gave a self-rating of 8-10 in spending less time alone and meeting new people outside of hospital.
- 100 % of children stated they always felt safe.
- 100 % of young people rated 9 or more for feeling happier and more positive about the future.
- 89% agreed that they had access to meaningful activities.



Feedback

Anthony Nolan Specialist Nurse said, 'You guys do wonderful stuff. I'm glad that my patient group can get the support from you'.

15-year-old A from Erdington said, 'It's great to know I can talk to someone who really understands what I have been going through.'

While one 17-year M from Sparkbrook stated 'I was struggling with college and pain crises. They didn't believe me. Thank you so much for contacting my college, who now have a better understanding of my condition.

Unpaid carer J from Selly Oak highlighted ' I don't know what we would do without you. I am so grateful and seen that she is smiling more now'.

AH still attends hospital for his regular blood transfusion but is starting to manage his chronic pain episodes better. He enjoys meeting people who have similar lived experiences as him. Feedback from Head of Year said, 'He has settled in well considering the challenges he has faced and missed so much education.'

AH said, 'I worry less, and you have helped me so much. I look up to my mentor and he really encourages me. I really learnt a lot about my health and the activities are just awesome'.

Befriending & Peer Support Service

Supported by Birmingham City Council, we continued to provide befriending and peer support to help vulnerable citizens living with Sickle Cell and/or Thalassaemia.

Number of Citizens Supported during 2022/23

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
51	82	42	39

9 peer support sessions were provided. These included monthly face to face and via zoom, especially during the winter and colder months. A total of 26 citizens received befriending interventions with over 650 hours of contact.

Citizens were encouraged and supported to attend cultural festivals included Simmer Down Commonwealth Games Festival parks at Handsworth Park and Jamaica Independence at Aston Hall.

We organised drop-in peer support session with a focus on Health and Wellbeing. This included a visit from Jordan Page stakeholder engagement officer from Prevention and Communities Team. In March we held a consultation and planning meeting with 2 volunteers and 7 citizens attending to explore activities and events for Windrush Day. We encouraged all to contribute to ideas and activities.

We held a focus group session regarding the future of this project. This involved citizens who have been involved as volunteers and beneficiaries to come together to look at needs, changes to project and future activities. 53-year-old CP from Edgbaston stated,' I've not been feeling to well. Today has been amazing and so much fun'.

Social outings and cultural activities were organised resulting in over 100 citizens participating which helped to reduce isolation and increase social participation:

- Visit to Birmingham Rep to watch Rush Theatre and Coming to England
- Coffee and chat
- Drop in Sessions
- Vanley Burke Exhibition
- Days out to cinema
- Black History Celebration Event
- King of Reggae Musical
- Barmouth Beach



(Peer Support Sessions)

Carers Activities and Support

Our service supported 78 carers, predominantly unpaid and parent carers who either diagnosed with, or look after a family member with Sickle Cell, Thalassaemia including comorbidity.

Supported by Forward Carers and working in partnership with Birmingham Carers Hub we delivered a range of carer related activities, events and support including:

- Information and advice for carers about the importance of hospital passports
- Well-being and Pamper days
- Sickle Cell education and tips on parenting
- Making Carers Visible and Valued promotional activity during Carer's week
- Day out for carers at Aston Hall for baton bearer day for commonwealth games
- Bell boating
- Family based activities and wellbeing days
- Christmas Meal for carers and families

We worked in partnership with Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council in relation to Deep Dive evaluation for Carers Service across Birmingham. 9 carers took part in interviews sharing their experiences and the impact our carer support project has made in their lives.

We look forward to our continued relationship with Forward Carers to ensure our community have access to carer related support, advice and information.



During the summer of 2022, we arranged a day out to Barmouth Beach for citizens and their families including carers who really wanted to spend much needed family time at a beach to have fun, free from stressors and relaxation.

Carer feedback and Impact:

- 100 % of Carers felt supported by OSCAR.
- 95 % of Carers stated they always felt valued.
- 89 % of Carers stated they were much happier and able to connect.

New parent carer W, from Lozells had emigrated to Birmingham from Nigeria. She was referred to our service from Children's hospital in July after her new-born baby was diagnosed with Sickle Cell. She also had no family or friends in the area.

Our service engaged with the family to identity support needs and discuss her worries about being a carer to 2 young children including baby with long term chronic condition. W was encouraged to join our WhatsApp group for carer's, attended various carer activities including indoor soft play with her children, advice given on housing, financial struggles, and emotional support.

Carer W said, 'I have only been in Birmingham for 6 months and you all have shown me so much love and help. I do appreciate the baby care package. It is nice to know that I'm not the only going through struggles looking after a baby with sickle cell. The other mums have really given me hope and confidence'.

Well-Being Support

Supported by The National Lottery Community Fund, we continued to support our community to help thrive and prosper. The past 12 months our well-being project has supported individuals, carers and families with challenges associated with cost of living, social isolation and their health.

During 2022/23 we supported 229 individuals and their household through specialist interventions and support to encourage healthy behaviours, alleviate financial hardship and take up opportunities to strengthen resilience.

These included:

- Agreed personalised stress buster plans for 32 beneficiaries experiencing low levels of anxiety and depression.
- Conversations and promoting positive mental well-being.
- Signposting and referral to Healthy Minds Birmingham.
- Outdoor wellbeing events and activities with Birmingham Canal and River Trust.
- Mindfulness Sessions, Holistic Therapy and Stress Management Workshops.
- Direct financial assistance through hardship support and/or local household support fund initiative.
- Access to emergency essentials, baby items or food parcels and community pantries.

Impact:

61-year-old SM from Northfield contacted our service 3 months ago after being signposted by the hospital. SM was experiencing high levels of anxiety, spending a lot of time at home worrying and barriers with her employment and ill health. After conducting an assessment, SM was supported by Health and Well Being Officer who identified a plan of action that included attending wellbeing meetings with her employer and providing advocacy, emotional support in addition to advice and information.

SM was also encouraged to meet new people living with Sickle Cell and did attend relaxation sessions, while also engaging her to have conversations with our mindfulness therapist regarding her chronic pain and managing triggers for stress. SM is still involved with our project activities. She said.' You do so much for me, and it is wonderful. I have met some lovely people. I am not as anxious as before and really enjoy coming to all the events you put on.'

Advice, Information, and Guidance

89 people aged 18 years and over were supported with on one-to-one basis on a range of issues and needs regarding welfare benefits such as Disability Living Allowance and Personal Independence Payments, housing conditions, temporary accommodation, information on carers assessment, signpost, and referral for screening.

Advice, information and guidance on issues and concerns arising from Coronavirus pandemic have included: misinformation, guidelines on social distancing, restrictions. lockdowns and vaccinations.

Training, Awareness and Education

Over the past 12 months we provided a range of awareness, educational and training to a range of audiences. A total of 1080 people benefited from the following:

- Educational PowerPoint Presentation for 400 professionals across Birmingham and Solihull ICB during Black History Month 2022
- Awareness to 200 retail professionals as part of Tesco Charity Ball.
- Information and awareness to Outdoor Education Instructors regarding moderate exercise/activities for children and young people living with Sickle Cell.

- Sickle Cell and Supporting Pupils in classroom for teaching staff and assistants at Town Junior School.
- Impact of Sickle Cell, Signs and Symptoms to group of professionals (Social Workers, Social Care, NHS and Voluntary Sector) and wider public.
- BBC Midlands today regarding cost-of-living crisis and keeping warm with Sickle Cell which was aired on 1st Jan had been viewed 350,00 times online.

Health Promotion

Working in partnership with Birmingham and Solihull ICS, we undertook 17 different health promotion campaigns during this period. A majority of these were online and use of social media.

These included:

- Screening for Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia.
- Mental Health Awareness.
- Sickle Cell and blood donation.
- Awareness of Sickle Cell as an invisible & disabling illness during Disability Rights day.
- Importance of nourishing children's mental health.
- National blood donation campaigns support by NHSBT and how to go about registering to become blood donor.
- Sharing NHS Campaign to boost awareness of signs and symptoms of Sickle Cell.
- Heat and Cold Alerts

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in supporting and publicising the work of the charity supporting individuals affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Blood disorder within the local communities.

A total number of 9 volunteers were actively involved with the work of OSCAR Birmingham during this period.

Partnerships and Collaborative Work

We have continued to work in close co-operation and collaboration with Birmingham NHS Community Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Team, Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Haemoglobinopathy Unit and Sandwell West Birmingham NHS. The focus has been based on referrals, shared interest in patient support and advocacy.

We continue to work closely with Adult Health and Social Care, Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council (BVSC) and wide range of providers to deliver positive change as part of Prevention and Communities Strategy.

Our organisation undertook Household Support Fund phase (HSF) referral training. Working with Early Help Teams across the different localities and BVSC, enabling and identifying many of our families to successfully access a one-off grant.

Our carers project continues to be embedded within Birmingham Carers Strategy to support carers through our existing partnership arrangements with Birmingham Carers Hub with project staff undertaking training to become Carers Champions.

We continue to support the development of a West Midlands Haemoglobinopathy Network for Patient and Carers affected by a blood disorder.

We continue to support People for Public Services Forum through their citizen involvement team including information from Birmingham Be Heard and Get Involved Team.

Our continued partnership working between Sandwell West Birmingham NHS, Birmingham Children's Hospital and SCaT has enabled us to support young people going through transition to adult healthcare.

This year saw new patient support groups and charities emerge in Leicester and Bristol. We have been able to support their development through guidance, encouragement and sharing good practice in patient engagement, support, and delivery.

We developed new links with NHS Birmingham Community Connexions and worked with Birmingham Community Healthcare and NHS Strategy Unity regarding engagement, consultation and focus group with patients, carers, and citizens to help shape engagement strategy and identify local priorities.

Supporting The National Lottery Community Fund and renewal strategy roadshow to help shape how they will invest in communities in the future.

We continue to network with NHS Blood and Transplant to promote positive messages regarding the need for blood donations and donors from ethnically matched communities.

Supporting local Canal and River Trust initiatives and events. Ensuring our community have access to opportunities to promote their well-being and joined-up activities.

Working with BBC Children in Need, Midlands Today, BBC Breakfast and Celebrity Matt Baker as part of Appeal Show and Rickshaw Relay Rides again appeal.

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
Year Ending March 2023

Financial review

Total income for the year was £194,468 of which £156, 647 was restricted and £37,821 was unrestricted.

Total expenditure for the year was £190,542 of which £162,194 was restricted and £28,348 was unrestricted.

Principal funding

Grants and contracts awarded to the organisation were from Birmingham City Council and Birmingham Integrated Care Board.

Restricted grant received from Children in Need, Forward Carers and The National Lottery Community Fund Reaching Communities Grant.

Reserve's policy

The trustees keep the reserves of the charity under review, considering the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves.

The trustees consider that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services and/or event of winding up, a designated reserve of £95,067 equating to 8 months operational, creditors and redundancy costs is appropriate.

The current level of designated reserves is £60,000.

OSCAR Birmingham is also extremely grateful to all supporters, donors and the wider public who have undertaken fundraising events or donated, over the past 12 months to support our work. They include:

Donor/Fundraiser	Total
Borno Foundation	£904
Capsticks Solicitors	£500
Dee Dee Jay	£558
Local Giving Platform	£938
Lloyds Bank Foundation	£150
Luv One All Promotions	£200
Moseley Day Centre Birmingham	£407
Morrisons Sheldon	£177
Miss Warrington	£152
Mr Williamson	£130
Mrs Colivet	£177
Pay Pal	£105
St Catherine of Siena Primary School	£350
The Muntz Trust	£500

Risk Management

The trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and implement risk management strategies. This involved identifying the types of risks the charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence and identifying means of mitigating the risks.

Future

Strategic developments and priorities include:

- Supporting our communities to address health inequalities so that they can thrive and improve well-being.
- Provide targeted support for our community to help overcome challenges associated with their health and impact of cost-of-living crisis.
- Seeking to strengthen our governance by recruiting and training new board members.
- Work towards a new and ongoing quality kite mark including Thrive at Work Bronze level and Carer Friendly Employer Kitemark.
- Explore relocation of office and premises.
- Continue to increase the quality and provision of support services and projects for children, young people, and their families, especially helping those new to areas and seek to expand our reach beyond our remit.
- To share good practice with others and to be recognised as experts in our field of work in and around the West Midlands.

Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities for that period together with the assets and liabilities at the end of the period and which adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the company. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

d) Prepare financial statements on the 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in its activities.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

Signed 

Director's name: Paul Udenze

Date 16/11/23

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF OSCAR BIRMINGHAM LTD

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on the following pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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:

(1) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

(2) To follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and

(3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 . the accounts do not comply with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination ;or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Gary Peter Brookes

Name	Gary Peter Brookes
Relevant Professional Qualifications	FCA FCIE BSc
Address	130 Wombourne Park
	Wombourne
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Date : 28th November 2023

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)
Year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
			2023		2022
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	8,544	-	8,544	7,055
Investments		453	-	453	25
Charitable Activities	2(b)	28,824	156,647	185,471	158,039
Total Income		37,821	156,647	194,468	165,119
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3	28,348	162,194	190,542	164,424
Total Expenditure		28,348	162,194	190,542	164,424
Net Income		9,473	(5,547)	3,926	695
Net movement in funds		9,473	(5,547)	3,926	695
Transfer of Funds		(28)	28	-	-
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		73,163	11,660	84,823	84,128
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**82,608**	**6,141**	**88,749**	**84,823**

The notes on pages to form part of these financial statements **

** See note 13 for full comparatives for 2022

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		761		895
			761		895
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	-		-	
Bank & Cash in hand		135,132		97,091	
		135,132		97,091	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	9	(45,168)		(8,787)	
Net Current Assets			89,964		88,304
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			90,725		89,199
Creditors : Amounts falling after more than one year	10		(1,976)		(4,376)
Net Assets			88,749		84,823
Charity Funds					
Restricted Funds	11		6,141		11,660
Unrestricted and Designated Funds			82,608		73,163
Total Funds			88,749		84,823

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (1) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company and in accordance with FRS 102

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.

Signed and approved on the behalf of the Board on 16/11/..... 2023

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Trustee Name ..... Paul Ucley

Company Registered number 05311442

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011 the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is he functional currency of the charity.

(b) Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time (although expenses relating to there role is included in project costs) in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Any further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

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

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support Costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs , governance costs , administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads and central functions have been allocated on an activity costs basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities

(d) Funds

Restricted Funds	Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.
Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.
Designated funds	Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes . The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements
(e) Tax	Exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Any Gift Aid and other tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the donations to which they relate.
(f) Debtors	Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.
Liabilities and Provisions	Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement , and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.
Financial instruments	This entity only has assets and financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

(i) Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the assets capable or operating as intended. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Computer equipment	33% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and Fittings	15% Reducing Balance

(j) Going Concern
The directors consider that the charity remains viable for the year ahead

2(a). Income from grants, donations and legacies

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	7,127	-	7,127	4,492
Fundraising	619	25	644	1,378
Other	798	-	798	1,185
Total	8,544	25	8,569	7,055

2(b). Income from charitable activities

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Birmingham City Council Third Sector Grant	-	-	-	-
Birmingham City Council P&C Grant	-	38,950	38,950	38,000
NHS Sandwell	1,380	-	1,380	5,521
Birmingham and Solihull ICB	27,268	-	27,268	22,534
The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region	-	68,703	68,703	33,771
Forward Carers	-	15,000	15,000	20,413
Children In Need	-	33,969	33,969	33,183
Other Income	176	-	176	4,617
	28,824	156,622	185,446	158,039

(3a) Direct Costs	**2023** **£**	**2022** **£**
Wages and salaries	115,304	93,558
Sessional Workers	16,150	16,398
Direct Project costs	32,244	31,740
	163,698	141,696

(3b) Support costs (including Governance)

	2022 **£**	**2022** **£**
Property costs	11,259	9,983
Training	1,804	1,527
Office Expenses	3,562	3,120
Insurance	890	831
Telephone & Postage	3,384	2,810
Depreciation	134	199
Advertising and marketing	365	-
Bank Charges	175	192
Governance costs	5,271	4,066
	26,844	22,728
TOTAL CHARITY ACTIVITY COSTS	190,542	164,424

4. Governance Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accounts preparation and independent examination	1,795	1,750
Prior year under accrual for Prof fees	200	-
Trustee exps	48	160
Legal and Professional fees	3,228	2,156
	5,271	4,066

5. Employees

	£	£
Wages & Salaries	125,237	85,887
Social Security Costs	5,437	7,225
Pensions	780	447
	131,454	93,559

The average monthly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

Charitable activities	all part time	12	9
		12	9

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more

6.Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration expenses

During both years reported on no remuneration or benefits in kind only travel expenses reimbursement were made to trustees this year

However on 14 November 2022 Rachel Renfrew was also appointed a trustee . This meant that her finance admin charges are reported as Related Party Transaction of £2,668 for the whole reported period

7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	8,973	9,585	18,558
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	8,973	9,585	18,558
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	8,079	9,584	17,663
Charge for Year	134		134
At 31 March 2023	8,213	9,584	17,797
Net Book Values			
At 31 March 2023	760	1	761
At 31 March 2022	894	1	895

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
	-	-

9. Creditors : Amounts falling due in less than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	1,800	1,600
Other taxation	3,206	3,213
Grants in Advance	34,932	-
Trade creditors	5,230	3,974
	45,168	8,787

10. Creditors : Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Creditors	1,976	4,376

11. Fund Reconciliation

	Fund Balances 31 March 2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund Balances 31 March 2023
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region	7,407	68,728	75,941	-	194
BCC	-	38,950	38,978	28	-
Children In Need	389	33,969	32,201	-	2,157
Forward Carers	3,864	15,000	15,074	-	3,790
Total Restricted	11,660	156,647	162,194	28	6,141
Unrestricted Reserves					
Designated	40,000	-	-	20,000	60,000
Birmingham and Solihull ICB	11,050	28,733	26,678	-	13,105
General funds	22,113	9,088	1,670	(20,028)	9,503
	73,163	37,821	28,348	(28)	82,608
Total Funds	84,823	194,468	190,542	-	88,749

Children In Need

Grant for mentoring and activities for children and young people affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia

BCC Prevention and Communities

Grant funding to run befriending and peer support service for citizens affected by Sickle Cell as part of BCC communities and prevention strategy

Forward Carers

Service to support Carers across Birmingham who look after someone, predominently children with Sickle Cell, Thalassaemia and Comorbidity. Grant used for staffing, carer related support services and interventions.

The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region

Reaching Communities Community Fund will continue and expand our offer of specialised support to people suffering from Sickle Cell Anaemia and Thalassaemia.

12. Net Assets Analysis Between Funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed assets	761	-	761	895
Current assets	128,991	6,141	135,132	97,091
Creditors due within one year	(45,168)	-	(45,168)	(8,787)
Creditors due in more than one year	(1,976)	-	(1,976)	(4,376)
	82,608	6,141	88,749	84,823

13. SOFA Comparatives

	Notes	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
			2022	
		£	£	£
Income from				
Donations and legacies	2(a)	7,055	-	7,055
Investments		25	-	25
Charitable Activities	2(b)	32,672	125,367	158,039
Total Income		39,752	125,367	165,119
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	3	31,537	132,887	164,424
Total Expenditure		31,537	132,887	164,424
Net Income		8,215	(7,520)	695
Net movement in funds		8,215	(7,520)	695
Transfer of Funds		(34)	34	-
Reconciliation of Funds:				
Total funds brought forward		64,982	19,146	84,128
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**73,163**	**11,660**	**84,823**

OSCAR BIRMINGHAM LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1109849

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2022

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OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
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Charity reference and administrative details

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Oscar Birmingham Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

OSCAR Birmingham Limited was incorporated on 13 December 2004 and registered as a charity on 3 June 2005. The charity remained dormant until 1 April 2008 when the assets, liabilities, and activities of OSCAR (Birmingham) (charity number 702847) were transferred. OSCAR Birmingham Limited operates under its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 December 2004 and as amended by resolution dated 2 April 2007.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

All trustees must be members of the charitable organisation. The trustees of the charity are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law. All board members are circulated with invitations to potential trustees.

A detailed list of candidates, who have expressed an interest in becoming a trustee, is presented to a full board meeting for consideration and decision. When considering co-opting trustees, the board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. Trustees appointed during the year must stand for re-appointment at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Directors who served during the year are shown on the reference and administration section on page 1.

All members of the board gave their time voluntarily and any expenses reclaimed from the charity are reflected in the financial statements.

The constitution of the charity requires a minimum of seven and maximum of ten trustees. Action is being taken to address this. The Charity Commission are aware of this.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All new trustees undergo induction training and are provided with an induction pack to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law. The induction covers the constitution, the committee and decision-making process, the business plan and the recent financial performance of the charity.

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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charitable organisation is governed by its Board of Trustees, who is responsible for formulating its Strategies and policies including the approval of budgets and the exercising of financial controls.

The Board of Trustees meets on a regular basis. The trustees delegate the day to day running of the charitable organisation to Strategic Development Manager and operational staff.

POLICIES & OBJECTIVES

The objects of the charity as set out in the constitution are: -

- To promote the relief of persons suffering from Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia disorders.
- To educate the public to increase their knowledge and understanding of such disorders.
- To promote research into the nature, prevalence, treatment and prevention of Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia disorders and to disseminate and publish the useful results of such research.

CHARITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

OSCAR Birmingham is a voluntary organisation based in Birmingham. It was established to provide advice, support and counselling to individuals, families and carers affected by the Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Blood disorder.

Both are potentially life-threatening disorders which disproportionately affect black and ethnic minority (BAME) communities. Our mission is to educate, support and provide relevant information through signposting, advocacy, and assistance. Through our work with partners, we will raise awareness of these conditions.

Demand for OSCAR services continue, due to the demographics of the Birmingham population who are at risk of inheriting Sickle cell or Thalassaemia Blood Disorders. We have seen an increase of service users with both Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia especially from African, Asian and European Countries migrating to the area.

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Overview-Sickle Cell

Sickle cell disease is the name for a group of inherited health conditions that affect the red blood cells. The most serious type is called sickle cell anaemia**.** Sickle cell disease is particularly common in people with an African or Caribbean family background.

People with sickle cell disease produce unusually shaped red blood cells that can cause problems and can block blood vessels. Sickle cell disease is caused by a gene that affects how red blood cells develop. If both parents have the gene, there's a 1 in 4 chance of each child they have being born with sickle cell disease.

The child's parents often will not have sickle cell disease themselves and they're only carriers of the sickle cell trait. Sickle cell disease is a serious and lifelong health condition, although treatment can help manage some of the symptoms.

The main symptoms of Sickle Cell disease are:

- Painful episodes called sickle cell crises, which can be very severe and last up to a week
- An increased risk of serious infections
- Anaemia (where red blood cells cannot carry enough oxygen around the body), which can cause tiredness and shortness of breath. Some people also experience other problems, such as delayed growth, strokes and lung problems.

Overview-Thalassaemia

People with thalassaemia produce either no or too little haemoglobin, which is used by red blood cells to carry oxygen around the body. This can make them very anaemic (tired, short of breath and pale).

It mainly affects people of Mediterranean, south Asian, southeast Asian and Middle Eastern origin. There are different types of thalassaemia, which can be divided into alpha and beta thalassaemia. Beta thalassaemia major is the most severe type.

Other types include beta thalassaemia intermedia, alpha thalassaemia major and haemoglobin H disease. It's also possible to be a "carrier" of thalassaemia, also known as having the thalassaemia trait.

The main health problems associated with Thalassaemia are:

- Anaemia – severe tiredness, weakness, shortness of breath, pounding, fluttering or irregular heartbeats (palpitations) and pale skin caused by the lack of haemoglobin

- Too much iron in the body – this is caused by the regular blood transfusions used to treat anaemia and can cause problems with the heart, liver and hormone levels if untreated. Some people may also have delayed growth, weak and fragile bones (osteoporosis), and reduced fertility.

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Summary

This report provides opportunity to showcase our work, how we have supported the local Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia community, wider strategic partnership and networks.

The past twelve months we have been able to develop and build on our strengths to increase our service provision and reach across Birmingham and Solihull, supporting recovery for vulnerable citizens, carers and their families who have been disproportionately impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

We are proud as an independent local charity to highlight key achievements in our report, given the challenges we face in this current economic and financial environment.

Thank you to all our beneficiaries who participated in our activities, services, and support.

A sincere heartfelt thank you to our staff and volunteers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in making a difference to the community.

OSCAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES & SENIOR MANAGEMENT

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Support for Children and Young People

Thanks to BBC Children in Need, we supported 129 children and young people who benefited from project activities and services over the past 12 months.

85 children were identified as disadvantaged, living with Sickle Cell and/or Thalassaemia while, experiencing health and social challenges.

80 children were able to take part in all year-round free activities and days out, taking place during school holidays.

Days out including Cinema, Karting, Laser Tag, beach trip to Barmouth, Trampoline, Soft Play, Hatton World, Midland Arts Theatre, Cadbury World, Wildlife Conservation Park, and Ash End farm.



(Day out to Trampolining with Children during school holidays)

We undertook mentoring support to 29 young people, providing 133 interventions and over 600 hours of one-to-one mentoring contact.

Mentors supported young people on a range of issues on emotional resilience, promote positive mental health, develop their knowledge and coping skills. This included interventions in relation to educational barriers, disability and their rights, good eating habits, diet, hydration, and sleep, exploring worries and dreams.

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(Youth Voice Team and Mentors)

Project staff organised a variety of fun and wellbeing workshops for 64 children that included getting to understand Sickle Cell, arts, cook and eat session and healthy eating workshop.

Impact

- 90% of children and young people gave a self-rating of 8-10 in spending less time alone and meeting new people outside of hospital.
- 100% of children stated they always felt Covid safe when coming out of restrictions and lockdown.
- 90% of young people rated 9 or more for feeling happier and more positive about the future.
- 98% agreed that they had access to meaningful activities based on a self-rating from 7-10.
- 100% of children also gave a score of 9-10 for feeling very supported by project staff.

Feedback from Participants.

11-year-old AB said,' I had so much fun watching the animals, when can we go again', while 15-year-old FO stated, 'I feel so much healthier now than before. Loved the trampolining'.

12-year-old B said 'My mentor Aribah has really helped me not to worry about the virus. She made me look forward to returning to normal life'.

While one 17-year-old said 'I was struggling with going in and out of hospital with crisis and my education. Thanks for making me understand about my rights and support plan'.

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Befriending & Peer Support Service

Supported by Birmingham City Council Adult Health and Social Care, we continued to provide services, with a safe return to project activities, to help vulnerable citizens who experienced poor health outcomes.

Number of Citizens Supported during 2021/22

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
65	104	52	49

12 peer support sessions were provided. These included monthly face to face and via zoom, especially during the winter and colder months. A total of 193 befriending interventions were provided over the past 12 months.

We ensured citizens views, needs and feedback continued to be captured through Birmingham Be Heard and Citizens Involvement Panel meetings.

Social outings and cultural activities were organised resulting in 104 citizens participating which helped to reduce isolation and increase social participation:

- Visit to Birmingham Rep to watch RUSH-Joyous Jamaican Journey
- Travel Modes and Accessibility focus group
- Time to talk zoom meetings
- Glee comedy club
- Coffee and chat
- History of Sickle Cell during Black History Month
- Arts-expressing self-portrait and sketching
- Visit to Martineau Gardens
- Days out to cinema
- Black History Celebration Event

Feedback from Citizens who have participated have included:

BW aged 50 said, 'I am so glad I attended. Meeting others who have Sickle Cell and sharing our experiences has been so important.'

WN aged 61 years-old stated, 'I am so glad I got involved with OSCAR. The mindfulness sessions have really helped with my mood and anxiety'.

DJ aged 43 also stated,' I felt safe coming out with you all. Not having to worry about pandemic has really lifted my spirits.'

SM aged 62 said 'I didn't really know how I would feel about coming out but happy I did. So nice to meet with others older than me and hearing their experiences'.

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Carers Activities and Support

Over the past 12 months this service has supported 73 carers, predominantly family/parent carers who either diagnosed with, or look after child with Sickle Cell, Thalassaemia, and comorbidity. Supported by Forward Carers and working in partnership with Birmingham Carers Hub we delivered a range of carer related activities, events and support including:

- Family Resilience Programme
- Cultural picnic in the park at Cannon Hill
- Making Carers Visible and Valued promotional activity during Carer's week
- First Aid and Mental Health training
- Sponsored 5K Canal Walk
- Family based activities and wellbeing days
- Christmas Meal for carers and families

90% of carers had more than 2 meaningful contacts each quarter, while 75% received more than 4 meaningful interventions/contacts.

During the summer of 2021, we arranged a day out to Barmouth Beach for citizens and their families including carers who really wanted to spend much needed family time at a beach to have fun, free from stressors and relaxation. 90 people including many senior citizens and carers attended this day trip.



(Day out for Citizens and Families to Barmouth -July 2021)

Carer feedback and Impact:

KH stated, 'I am so glad I made the right decision to come today. I was a little apprehensive, but you guys made it feel safe for me. The weather was just right, and it stayed dry. We are both tired but worth it'.

- 100 % of Carers felt supported by OSCAR
- 95% of Carers stated they always felt valued
- 85% of Carers stated they were much happier and able to connect.

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Well-Being Service

Supported by The National Lottery Community Fund, we have recruited staff to 2 new posts of Health and Wellbeing Advisor and Project Wellbeing Officer. The service aims are to provide ongoing specialist support to reduce the multiple negative impacts the condition has on individuals and the community. This has been further modified to consider factors that have been exacerbated by Covid 19, such as financial hardship and social isolation.

Support, activity, and advice include encouraging healthy behaviours, better social relationships, and take up of opportunities whilst strengthening resilience.

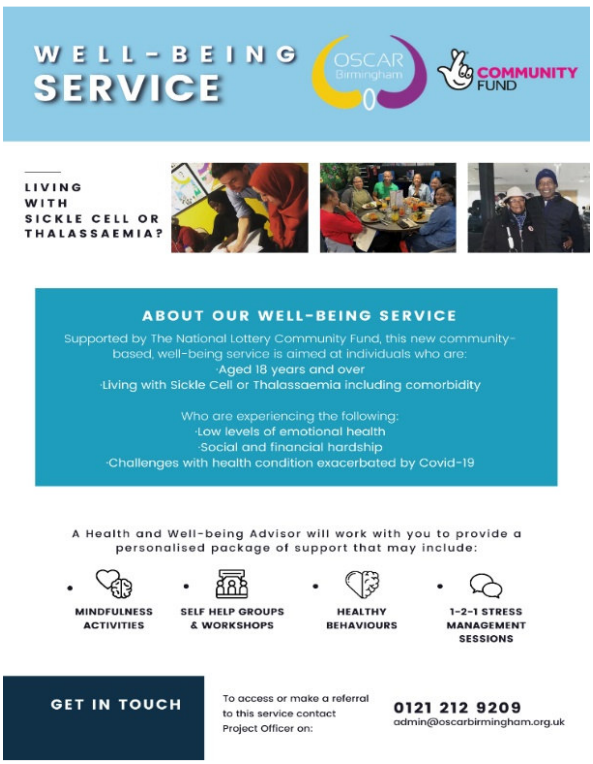
During the first 6 months we supported 87 individuals through specialist interventions and support. These included:

- Agreed personalised stress buster plans for 14 beneficiaries experiencing low levels of anxiety and depression.
- Conversations and promoting positive mental well-being with 12 beneficiaries.
- Signposting and referral to Healthy Minds Birmingham for 4 individuals.
- Financial hardship and assistance for baby essentials for 21 beneficiaries.
- 9 Holistic Therapy and Stress Management sessions for 36 beneficiaries.

We look forward to the difference project and well-being activities will make on the lives of individuals and our community.

Feedback:

TH said, 'Thank you for everything that you do. I have been feeling stressed and chronic pain has been giving problems. The stress session was much needed.'
DG from Hockley said 'Massive support network for me and my family, especially help with food parcels'.



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Advice, Information, and Guidance

165 people aged 18 years and over were supported with on one-to-one basis on a range of issues and needs regarding welfare benefits such as Disability Living Allowance and Personal Independence Payments, housing conditions, temporary accommodation, information on carers assessment, signpost, and referral for screening.

Advice, information and guidance on issues and concerns arising from Coronavirus pandemic have included: misinformation, guidelines on social distancing, restrictions. lockdowns and vaccinations.

Training, Awareness and Education

Over the past 12 months we provided a range of awareness, educational and training to a range of audiences. A total of 559 people benefited from the following:

- A talk about lived and personal experiences of growing up with Sickle Cell to Birmingham Black Lawyers.
- Sickle Cell History during Black History Month to wider public and professionals.
- Awareness to 13 Health and Social Care professionals during World Sickle Cell Day 2021.
- Sickle Cell, vaccine update and Covid road map with professionals, carers and patients.
- Awareness session on OSCAR and our work to 18 Haemoglobinopathy nurses across the West Midlands.
- 31 professionals from West Midlands Combined Authority attended Sickle cell awareness session on symptoms, blood donation, social and economic challenges.

Health Promotion

Working in partnership with Birmingham and Solihull CCG, we undertook 26 different health promotion campaigns during this period. A majority of these were online and use of social media.

These included:

- Social Distancing, shielding guidelines, keeping safe with Sickle Cell during winter,
- Every Mind Matters, NHSBT donation for blood plasma.
- Sickle Cell and blood donation.
- Covid vaccination and misinformation.
- Vaccine hesitancy
- Awareness of Sickle Cell as an invisible & disabling illness during Disability Rights day.
- Importance of nourishing children's mental health.
- National blood donation campaigns support by NHSBT and how to go about registering to become blood donor.

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Awards and Accreditation

During November 2021, our organisation achieved a Foundation Level Award accreditation for Thrive at Work through West Midlands Combined Authority.



(Thrive at Work Foundation Award 2021)

We were nominated for a Asian Business of Chambers Awards 2021. This was part of a partnership approach with Forward Carers and other providers including Birmingham Carers Hub. We were shortlisted as Charity of the Year and Covid Resilience Award.

Our organisation and employee was awarded Carer Friendly Award for Customer Care in December 2021. We were nominated in the same category with Birmingham Mind and University Birmingham Hospitals. We are proud to have achieved recognition to supporting carers.

We look forward to developing our Carer Champions for 2022/23.





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Partnerships and Collaborative Work

We have continued to work in close co-operation and collaboration with Birmingham NHS Community Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Team, Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Haemoglobinopathy Unit and Sandwell West Birmingham NHS. The focus has been based on referrals, shared interest in patient support and advocacy.

Over the past year we have supported Birmingham City Council and NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG regarding COVID-19 messages and misinformation on vaccination.

We continue to work closely with Adult Health and Social Care and Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council (BVSC) to deliver positive change as part of Prevention and Communities Strategy and Provider Forum Network.

Our organisation undertook Household Support Fund (HSF) referral training. Working with Early Help Teams across the different localities and BVSC, enabling and identifying many of our families to successfully access a one-off grant.

Our carers project continues to be embedded within Birmingham Carers Strategy to support carers through our existing partnership arrangements with Forward Carers and Birmingham Carers Hub.

In partnership with Forward Carers, we attended awards evening organised by Asian Business Chambers Awards. Birmingham Carers Hub and all the partnerships including OSCAR Birmingham were shortlisted for Charity of the Year and Covid Resilience Award.

We developed close relationship with Acton Energy regarding tackling fuel poverty as part of West Midlands Warmer Homes initiative.

Our service also worked with West Midlands Combined Authority regarding Thrive at Work accreditation. This was followed up with our organisation working with WMCA, supported by Mayor of West Midlands Office as part of impact of employee well-being in workplace, raising awareness and the benefits of signing up to this.

We worked in partnership to support Living Well and Edgbaston Community Centre with redistribution of our food provision in partnership with Fareshare to support local families and citizens across Edgbaston, Lea Bank, Ladywood, and Highgate.

We have supported the creation and development of a West Midlands Haemoglobinopathy Network for Patient and Carers affected by a blood disorder. This steering group will aim to meet 4 times per year.

We continue to support People for Public Services Forum through their citizen involvement team including information and links from Birmingham Be Heard and Get Involved Team.

Our organisation supported BVSC, Barrow Cadbury Trust and The Real Living Wage Foundation in sharing good practice and experiences on behalf on Third Sector. This was part of wider strategy to supporting Birmingham to work towards being recognized as Living Wage Accredited City.

We explored working with BCU School of Social Sciences in relation to research study on Covid-19 vaccination messages and the experiences of different communities.

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We co-ordinated and led on a community wellness partnership event in August 2021. Organisations taking part included Birmingham Carer's Hub, The Active Well Being Society, NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare, Healthwatch Birmingham, The Food Justice Network, Birmingham Settlement and Ladywood Neighbourhood Network Scheme (NNS).



(Community Fun Day Event -August 2021)

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in supporting and publicising the work of the charity supporting individuals affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Blood disorder within the local communities.

A total number of 4 volunteers actively involved with the work of OSCAR Birmingham.

The impact of Covid has had an impact and prevented many people wanting to undertake direct face to face volunteering opportunities. As we come out of pandemic into recovery, we hope to stimulate and promote the importance of becoming a volunteer.

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Financial review

Total income for the year was £165119 of which £125637 was restricted and £39752 was unrestricted.

Total expenditure for the year was £164424 of which £132887 was restricted and £31537 was unrestricted.

Principal funding

Grants and contracts awarded to the organisation were from Birmingham City Council, Sandwell, and West Birmingham & Birmingham Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group.

Restricted grant received from Children in Need, Forward Carers and The National Lottery Community Fund Reaching Communities Grant.

Reserve's policy

The trustees keep the reserves of the charity under review, considering the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves.

The trustees consider that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services and/or event of winding up, a designated reserve of £93,200 equating to 10 months operational, creditors and redundancy costs is appropriate.

The current level of designated reserves is £40,000.

OSCAR Birmingham is also extremely grateful to all supporters, grant makers, friends and the wider public who have made donations and have undertaken fundraising events locally over the past 12 months to support our work. They include:

Donor/Fundraiser	Total
Birmingham Black Lawyers Charity Ball	£1300
Birmingham Black Lawyers Mount Snowdon	£681
Birmingham West Oldbury Me	£100
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	£175
Mrs D Bennett (Liverpool Victoria)	£200
Garry Williamson	£100
Mr H Rahman (2021 Christmas Campaign)	£660
Shanice and Blessings	£201
Miss S Naaz (Sponsored 5K Walk for BBC CIN)	£504
The Muntz Trust	£500
Miss D Kelly/ Handsworth DWP JCP	£71

Risk Management

The trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and implement risk management strategies. This involved identifying the types of risks the charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence and identifying means of mitigating the risks.

Future

Strategic developments and priorities include:

- Supporting our communities to thrive and improve well-being during recovery from Covid pandemic, increased cost of living and financial hardship.
- Seeking to strengthen our governance by recruiting and training new board members.
- Work towards a new and ongoing quality kite mark including Thrive at Work Bronze level and NCVO Trusted Charity Kitemark.
- Continue to increase the quality and provision of support services and projects for children, young people, and their families, especially helping those from migrant communities.
- To share good practice, learning with others and to be recognised as experts in our field of work in and around the West Midlands.

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Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities for that period together with the assets and liabilities at the end of the period and which adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the company. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

d) Prepare financial statements on the 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in its activities.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

Signed 

Director's name: Paul Udenze

Date 14.11.22

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF OSCAR BIRMINGHAM LTD

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on the following pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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:

(1) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

(2) To follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and

(3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 . the accounts do not comply with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination ;or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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Relevant Professional Qualifications	FCA FCIE BSc
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	Wombourne
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	WV5 0LY

Date : 17/11/2022

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Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)
Year ended 31 March 2022

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The notes on pages to form part of these financial statements **

** See note 13 for full comparatives for 2021

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Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		895		1,094
			895		1,094
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	-		-	
Bank & Cash in hand		97,091		99,810	
		97,091		99,810	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,787)		(9,519)	
Net Current Assets			88,304		90,291
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			89,199		91,385
Creditors : Amounts falling after more than one year	10		(4,376)		(7,257)
Net Assets			84,823		84,128
Charity Funds					
Restricted Funds	11		11,660		19,146
Unrestricted and Designated Funds			73,163		64,982
Total Funds			84,823		84,128

For the year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (1) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2022 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company and in accordance with FRS 102

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.

Signed and approved on the behalf of the Board on 14.11.22 2022

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Trustee Name Paul Udenze

Company Registered number 05311442

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Accounts
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1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011 the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is he functional currency of the charity.

(b) Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time (although expenses relating to there role is included in project costs) in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Any further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

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

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support Costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs , governance costs , administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads and central functions have been allocated on an activity costs basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities

(d) Funds

Restricted Funds	Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.
Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.
Designated funds	Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes . The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements
(e) Tax	Exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Any Gift Aid and other tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the donations to which they relate.
(f) Debtors	Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.
Liabilities and Provisions	Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement , and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.
Financial instruments	This entity only has assets and financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

(i) Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the assets capable or operating as intended. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Computer equipment	33% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and Fittings	15% Reducing Balance

(j) Going Concern

The directors consider that the charity remains viable for the year ahead

2(a). Income from grants, donations and legacies

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	4,492	-	4,492	5,552
Fundraising	382	996	1,378	10
Other	1,185	-	1,185	500
Total	6,059	996	7,055	6,062

2(b). Income from charitable activities

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Birmingham City Council Third Sector Grant	-	-	-	-
Birmingham City Council P&C Grant	-	38,000	38,000	38,000
NHS Sandwell CCG	5,521	-	5,521	5,521
Birmingham and Solihull CCG	22,534	-	22,534	24,879
Awards for All	-	-	-	6,980
The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region	-	33,771	33,771	-
Forward Carers	-	20,413	20,413	23,756
Children In Need	-	33,183	33,183	34,897
Coronavirus Community Support Fund	-	-	-	43,602
Heart Of England	-	-	-	13,090
Other Income	4,617	-	4,617	5,878
	32,672	125,367	158,039	196,603

(3a) Direct Costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	93,558	50,671
Sessional Workers	16,398	37,637
Direct Project costs	31,740	37,483
	141,696	125,791

(3b) Support costs (including Governance)

	2022 £	2021 £
Advertising	-	415
Property costs	9,983	11,042
Training	1,527	2,588
Office Expenses	3,120	5,323
Insurance	831	1,320
Telephone & Postage	2,810	2,999
Depreciation	199	267
Bank Charges	192	138
Governance costs	4,066	3,558
	22,728	27,650
TOTAL CHARITY ACTIVITY COSTS	164,424	153,441

4. Governance Costs	**2022**	**2021**
	£	**£**
Accounts preparation and independent examination	1,750	1,500
Trustee exps	160	-
Legal and Professional fees	2,156	2,058
	4,066	3,558

5. Employees

	£	£
Wages & Salaries	85,887	83,107
Social Security Costs	7,225	5,369
Pensions	447	260
	93,559	88,736

The average monthly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

Charitable activities	all part time	9	8
		9	2

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more

6.Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration expenses

During both years reported on no remuneration or benefits in kind only travel expenses reimbursement were made to trustees this year

7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	8,973	9,585	18,558
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	8,973	9,585	18,558
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	7,921	9,543	17,464
Charge for Year	158	41	199
At 31 March 2022	8,079	9,584	17,663
Net Book Values			
At 31 March 2022	894	1	895
At 31 March 2021	1,052	42	1,094

8. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
	-	-

9. Creditors : Amounts falling due in less than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	1,600	1,918
Other taxation	3,213	2,835
Trade creditors	3,974	4,766
	8,787	9,519

10. Creditors : Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Creditors	4,376	7,257

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within five years as below:

Repayable by instalments	-	1,497

11. Fund Reconciliation

	Fund Balances 31 March 2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund Balances 31 March 2022
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region	-	33,771	26,364		7,407
BCC Prevention and Communities	-	38,000	38,034	34	-
Children In Need	-	33,183	32,794		389
Forward Carers	19,146	20,413	35,695		3,864
Total Restricted	19,146	125,367	132,887	34	11,660
Unrestricted Reserves					
Designated	40,000	-	-		40,000
Sandwell CCG	18,919	22,534	30,403		11,050
General funds	6,063	17,218	1,134	(34)	22,113
	64,982	39,752	31,537	(34)	73,163
Total Funds	84,128	165,119	164,424	-	84,823

Children In Need

Grant for mentoring and activities for children and young people affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia

BCC Prevention and Communities

Grant funding to run befriending and peer support service for citizens affected by Sickle Cell as part of BCC communities and prevention strategy

Forward Carers

Service to support Carers across Birmingham who look after someone, predominently children with Sickle Cell, Thalassaemia and Comorbidity. Grant used for staffing, carer related support services and interventions.

The National Lottery Community Fund, RC Midlands Region

Reaching Communities Community Fund will continue and expand our offer of specialised support to people suffering from Sickle Cell Anaemia and Thalassaemia.

12. Net Assets Analysis Between Funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed assets	895	-	895	1,094
Current assets	85,431	11,660	97,091	99,810
Creditors due within one year	(8,787)	-	(8,787)	(9,519)
Creditors due in more than one year	(4,376)	-	(4,376)	(7,257)
	73,163	11,660	84,823	84,128

13. SOFA Comparatives

Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)
Year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
			2021	
		£	£	£
Income from				
Donations and legacies	2(a)	6,062	-	6,062
Investments		33	-	33
Charitable Activities	2(b)	36,278	160,325	196,603
Total Income		42,373	160,325	202,698
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	3	8,348	145,093	153,441
Total Expenditure		8,348	145,093	153,441
Net Income		34,025	15,232	49,257
Net movement in funds		34,025	15,232	49,257
Transfer of Funds		(2,464)	2,464	-
Reconciliation of Funds:				
Total funds brought forward		33,421	1,450	34,871
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**64,982**	**19,146**	**84,128**

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Organisation for Sickle Cell Anaemia Relief
And Thalassaemia Support

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2021

Company Number 05311442

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OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
(A company limited by guarantee)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of OSCAR Birmingham Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

OSCAR Birmingham Limited was incorporated on 13 December 2004 and registered as a charity on 3 June 2005. The charity remained dormant until 1 April 2008 when the assets, liabilities, and activities of OSCAR (Birmingham) (charity number 702847) were transferred. OSCAR Birmingham Limited operates under its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 December 2004 and as amended by resolution dated 2 April 2007.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

All trustees must be members of the charitable organisation. The trustees of the charity are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law. All board members are circulated with invitations to potential trustees.

A detailed list of candidates, who have expressed an interest in becoming a trustee, is presented to a full board meeting for consideration and decision. When considering co-opting trustees, the board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. Trustees appointed during the year must stand for re-appointment at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Directors who served during the year are shown on the reference and administration section on page 1.

All members of the board gave their time voluntarily and any expenses reclaimed from the charity are reflected in the financial statements.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

All new trustees undergo induction training and are provided with an induction pack to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law. The induction covers the constitution, the committee and decision-making process, the business plan, and the recent financial performance of the charity.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charitable organisation is governed by its Board of Trustees, who is responsible for formulating its Strategies and policies including the approval of budgets and the exercising of financial controls.

The Board of Trustees meets on a regular basis. The trustees delegate the day to day running of the charitable organisation to Strategic Development Manager and operational staff.

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POLICIES & OBJECTIVES

The objects of the charity as set out in the constitution are: -

- To promote the relief of persons suffering from Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia disorders;
- To educate the public to increase their knowledge and understanding of such disorders;
- To promote research into the nature, prevalence, treatment and prevention of Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia disorders and to disseminate and publish the useful results of such research.

CHARITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

OSCAR Birmingham is a voluntary organisation based in Birmingham. It was established to provide advice, support and counselling to individuals, families and carers affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Blood disorder.

Both are potentially life-threatening disorders which disproportionately affect black and ethnic minority (BAME) communities. Our mission is to educate, support and provide relevant information through signposting, advocacy, and assistance. Through our work with partners, we will raise awareness of these conditions.

Demand for OSCAR services continue, due to the demographics of the Birmingham population who are at risk of inheriting Sickle cell or Thalassaemia Blood Disorders. We have seen an increase of service users with both Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia especially from African, Asian and European Countries migrating to the area.

Overview-Sickle Cell

Sickle cell disease is the name for a group of inherited health conditions that affect the red blood cells. The most serious type is called sickle cell anaemia. Sickle cell disease is particularly common in people with an African or Caribbean family background.

People with sickle cell disease produce unusually shaped red blood cells that can cause problems and can block blood vessels. Sickle cell disease is caused by a gene that affects how red blood cells develop.

If both parents have the gene, there's a 1 in 4 chance of each child they have being born with sickle cell disease.

The child's parents often will not have sickle cell disease themselves and they're only carriers of the sickle cell trait. Sickle cell disease is a serious and lifelong health condition, although treatment can help manage some of the symptoms.

The main symptoms of sickle cell disease are:

- Painful episodes called sickle cell crises, which can be very severe and last up to a week
- An increased risk of serious infections
- Anaemia (where red blood cells cannot carry enough oxygen around the body), which can cause tiredness and shortness of breath. Some people also experience other problems, such as delayed growth, strokes and lung problems.

Overview-Thalassaemia
People with thalassaemia produce either no or too little haemoglobin, which is used by red blood cells to carry oxygen around the body. This can make them very anaemic (tired, short of breath and pale).

It mainly affects people of Mediterranean, south Asian, southeast Asian and Middle Eastern origin. There are different types of thalassaemia, which can be divided into alpha and beta thalassaemia. Beta thalassaemia major is the most severe type.

Other types include beta thalassaemia intermedia, alpha thalassaemia major and haemoglobin H disease. It's also possible to be a "carrier" of thalassaemia, also known as having the thalassaemia trait

The main health problems associated with thalassaemia are:

- Anaemia – severe tiredness, weakness, shortness of breath, pounding, fluttering or irregular heartbeats (palpitations) and pale skin caused by the lack of haemoglobin

- Too much iron in the body – this is caused by the regular blood transfusions used to treat anaemia and can cause problems with the heart, liver, and hormone levels if untreated. Some people may also have delayed growth, weak and fragile bones (osteoporosis), and reduced fertility.

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Message to our Supporters.

2020/21 was a challenging year for us all.

The Coronavirus pandemic had impacted on the life's of so many. Our communities and those living with Sickle Cell, Thalassaemia and other comorbidities were disproportionally hit hardest by the unknown virus.

Since the start of the pandemic, 100% of our users, including children, carers and patients had been identified as 'clinically extremely vulnerable' and risk of severe illness and death and advised to 'shield'.

We ceased direct face to face delivery for most of 2020/21 and had to adapt projects and services to support to meet the needs of the community during shielding, lockdown and when easing of restrictions.

The staff, volunteers and other community groups have work tirelessly and collaboratively to respond to those in need, protect public, carers & families, patients, and young people.

We are proud to have taken a proactive approach and working in partnership with many amazing organisations, groups, and services across Birmingham.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all who have supported OSCAR, including our staff and volunteers who have worked effortless to safeguard individuals and families during the pandemic.

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Support for Children and Young People

Our BBC Children in Need funded project had to adapt services and activities to meet the needs of children and young people during the Coronavirus pandemic. We have supported children and their families with emergency food provision, toys, and baby essentials as part of our response to Covid-19.

We undertook telephone and virtual mentoring support to 32 young people resulting in 654 hours of contact provided to those identified as needing to shield for all the lockdowns due being identified as clinically vulnerable. We supported and provided information, guidance, and advice on shielding, promoting positive mental health, NHS-Every Mind Matters, staying safe and misinformation around covid. Many young people felt confident and happier after adapting to change with support from project staff with 88 % of young people giving a self-rating between 8-10.

We also arranged for 3 meetings with our Youth Voice Team members via zoom and several virtual workshops with mentees and wider young people.

We organised Covid secure activities in small bubbles and households for children and young people to participate, when shielding and lockdown was eased, including eating out, fun activities such as karting, Dudley Zoo, team challenge at Ackers adventure, heritage workshop, arts for wellbeing, jungle escape, confidence building, visit to Van Gough Hippodrome and online focus groups. We were able to provide Christmas care packages, confectionary and toys for children and young people during the winter lockdown.

We were invited to take part in filming for CIN appeal week Nov 2020.Our mentor Jenica was interviewed on Radio 1 Extra by Jerimiah Asiamah, while young people choose their music own music as part of Jeremy Vine Show Radio 2 take over slot.

Impact

- *104 children and young people were supported with 90% of those living with Sickle Cell or Thalassaemia.*
- *89 young people have experienced progress, engaged, and participated in a variety of face to face and online activities during the pandemic.*
- *54 children and young people have experienced significant progress and rated themselves as spending less time alone and adapting to change in their situation brought about by the pandemic.*
- *Nearly 80% of young people stated they were able to spend less time alone and met new people on activities when restrictions were lifted.*
- *100% of children also gave a score of 9-10 for always feeling covid safe with project staff, online and/or face to face.*

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Feedback from Beneficiaries.
One 14-year-old female stated' I was really anxious about leaving the house after shielding but you guys made me feel comfortable, safe and ready to leave my house.'

13-year-old highlighted 'My mentor has been excellent and always there with knowledge about the virus. I feel better about the future.'

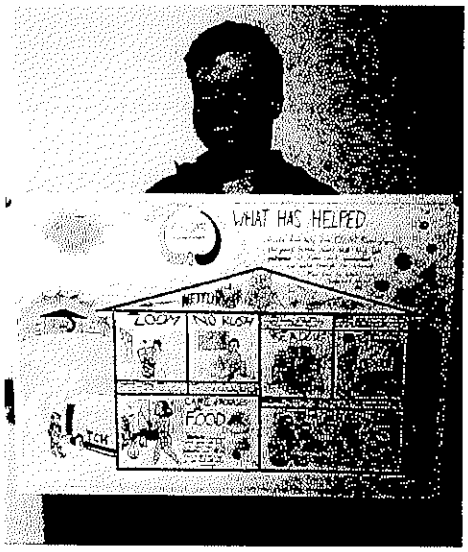
While another 15-year-old young person stated, 'The support has really boosted my confidence made me comfortable enough to be myself during these tough times'.

Another 15-year female highlighted, 'It is nice to have a support system that I can trust, and OSCAR Birmingham are that support system for me!'

One 16-year-old stated.' It is really helped with putting my mind in a good mood especially with the situation I am in and having someone I could talk to openly.

Booster Grant
The CIN booster grant had enabled us to support 22 children and their families in capturing their experiences and difficulties during the pandemic and devise a storyboard project. This project took place over a 3-month period starting in June, when children were currently shielding during the first lockdown. This has enabled our sessional workers to work with a local artist and identified children and young people who have been impacted severely by the pandemic.

We were able to purchase IT equipment and ran several zoom sessions to meet with carers and the young people to share some of their difficulties, challenges, and stressors at the early stages of pandemic for those identified feeling more lonelier, unable to see friends or go to school, anxiety and questions about shielding. We then followed this up with how life was for them while they had to shield and isolate, with final storyboard focusing of feeling free and spending time outdoors once shielding was lifted in August.



(Pen Jones captured experiences and ways to manage well-being during lockdown)

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Our organisation was able to connect digitally with children and young people on regular basis during the shielding period to help reduce the risk of entrenched isolation, further worries and loneliness. It was important to have contact to provide re-assurance, information and guidance to children and their families based on up-to-date information and guidance about keeping safe and preventative measure in catching or spreading the virus.

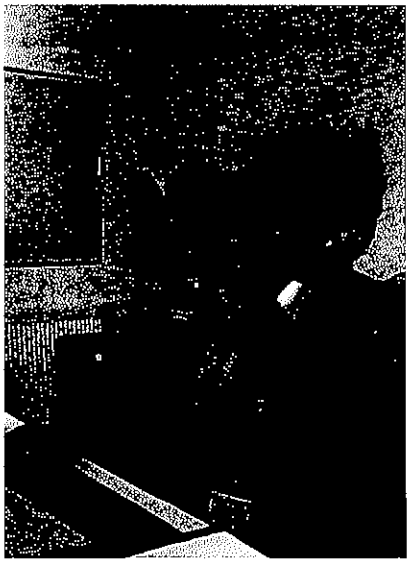
Befriending and Peer Support Service
We continued to provide this service in partnership in line with Birmingham Adult Social Care Prevention and Communities Strategy. Many of the citizens who we supported, have been disproportionately impacted by Covid-19 and experienced challenges with their health, reduced social contact, wellbeing, and financial situation. We saw an increase in queries, referrals and supporting citizens between the ages of 19-64 years old on a range of issues, needs, concerns and assistance.

Our service, provided a range of information, guidance and information on shielding status, hygiene and infection, social distancing, keeping safe from scammers and in some cases advice on furlough and SSP. We provided telephone support to provide emotional support to help citizens strengthen their resilience and help to reduce risks any potential mental health difficulties from developing/occurring and undertook additional shopping for citizens in the early stages of pandemic to help with nutritional requirements as food parcels from BCC did not meet their dietary needs.

Our Peer Support Worker has been able to share information on keeping warm during the colder period and share information on good nutrition and self-care during the colder period.

Several citizens were signposted to online exercise organised by The Active Well Being Society on Facebook. Our service has had conversations with citizens and carers regarding information, concerns and hesitancy to vaccination programme and information and signposting about where to get tested if asymptomatic.

Text messaging service and group chats have included information and links on Vaccination and Sickle Cell.



(Peer Support Worker providing telephone befriending support)

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Number of Citizens supported

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
65	51	45	69

Heart of England Community Foundation Coronavirus Resilience Fund.
During the early stages of the pandemic, we ceased all face-to-face delivery. With help from the Coronavirus Resilience funding we adapted, deployed resources and staffing to respond to the emergency pandemic between April and July 2020.

We were able to work with different organisations as part of #Brumtogether food distribution network and set up an emergency food hub at OSCAR. We distributed over 500 food parcels and care packages during this period to many families who have been shielding, in addition to welfare checks.

Over 100 telephone calls were made to vulnerable citizens and family carers during the pandemic. Our sessional workers conducted 24 outreach visits to several homes on a weekly basis.



(Storyboard of #Brumtogether partnership working)

B.E.E.S Project
Supported by Heart of England Community Foundation and Tampon Tax, we carried out peer support activities and sessions with a specific goal to Build, Elevate, Empower and Support vulnerable young women who have had to undertake shielding during most of 2020.

Most of the peer sessions took place online with several social activities and support sessions taking place during the easing of restrictions and in bubbles. A total of 59 young women took part in this project over 12-month period with 19 participants completing a well-being questionnaire.

Specialist Sickle Cell Carers Service
This new 12-month service commenced August 2020, supported by Forward Carers and is part of Birmingham Carers Hub delivery partnership arrangements to supporting carers from BAME communities especially those looking after someone with Sickle Cell, Thalassaemia, and co-morbidities.

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During this period, our service supported 41 carers in quarter 2, 46 in quarter 3 and 39 in quarter 4. Carers related interventions and support have included mindfulness and family resilience short course, days out when shielding was lifted and easing of restrictions including Dudley Zoo, strawberry picking, visit to comedy club, arts therapy, first aid qualifications, online focus groups have included vaccination uptake,

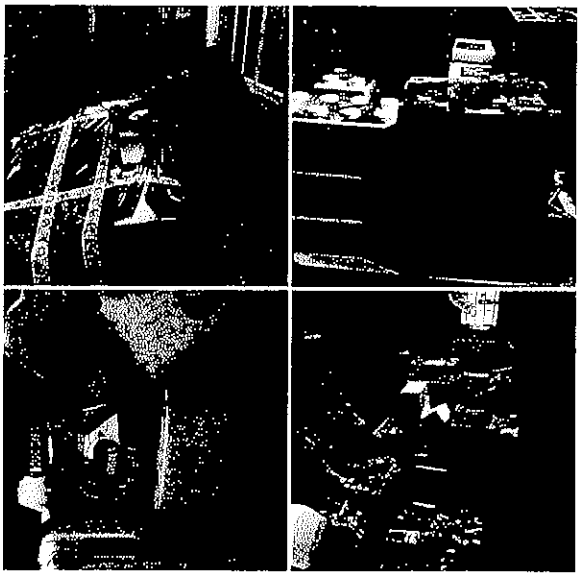
Support, information and signpost for carers assessment, carers card, shielding advice and government information on vaccination.

Coronavirus Community Support Fund.
Thanks to HM Government and TNLCF we were able to increase our service and opening days to 4 days to support our community through the challenges they faced during this pandemic who had been disproportionately impacted.

We were able to take on additional space at our centre to ensure social distancing and covid secure environment. We were able to provide additional 52 hours weekly for staff resulting in our organisation reaching out to 2522 people including the wider community and their families.

During December-January 2021 we were able to work collaboratively with The Active Well-being Society to provide much needed ingredients resulting in 48 sessions taking place, 2,200 meals provided to 1000 visitors through Balsall Heath and All Saints Community Cafes, with 55% of those families from BAME background, living with a health condition, experiencing poverty, and benefiting from this intervention.

We were able to support many families, experiencing hardship through BVSC and Early Help Locality Partnerships in relation to emergency financial support for families.



(Preparation of care packages, baby essentials and children's toys)

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Outcomes
1268 individuals and their families had access to either food parcel, ingredients, baby essentials and care package during the lifetime of this grant. Over 80% of the community we supported had experienced shielding for 10 months, with 60% having to self-isolate for the remainder of 2020/21. 50 people completed a short survey, well-being self-assessment questionnaire and we followed this up with semi-structured interviews.

CCSF Impact

- 70% highlighted that although they were grateful for support from OSCAR, but still had anxieties about the future.
- 75% stated that help with food and baby essentials had gone a long way.
- 95% stated they appreciated the guidance and support from OSCAR during the pandemic especially during each of the lockdowns.
- 100% felt that their views have been considered about better access to health-related services.
- 90% of families supported were that helped improved their situation and respond better to change.

Advice, Information, and Guidance
Advice and information, and support service work of the charity provided advice on issues and concerns arising from Coronavirus pandemic included: SSP, furlough, shielding, misinformation, guidelines on social distancing, restrictions. Lockdowns and vaccinations.

- **279** individuals were supported with telephone advice, information, guidance, and emotional support in relation to Covid.
- **95** of these required financial advice on paying bills.
- **210** required support and clarification on shielding, lockdown rules, testing, vaccination.
- **43**`supported with matters regarding furlough and SSP.
- **173** people supported with information and guidance on self-care during pandemic, winter periods and accessing health and care services safely.

Training, Awareness and Education
We held a joint presentation with Unity Radio and Birmingham Solihull Mental health Foundation trust regarding the impact of Sickle Cell and Covid.

We delivered a short presentation to staff, users and volunteers at Birmingham Resettlement Service based in Ladywood.

Covid related webinars in partnership with Public Health Birmingham, Clinical Commissioning Groups, BVSC and Healthwatch. Online awareness of impact of Covid on the Sickle Cell Community

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Health Promotion
We undertook 36 different health promotion campaigns during this period. A majority of these were online and use of social media with 90% Covid related.

These included:

- Social Distancing, shielding guidelines, keeping safe with Sickle Cell during winter,
- Every Mind Matters, NHSBT donation for blood plasma, the Impact of COVID-19 on BAME Communities.
- Sickle Cell and blood donation.
- Covid vaccination and misinformation.
- Awareness of Sickle Cell as an invisible & disabling illness during Disability Rights day.
- Importance of nourishing children's mental health.

Awards and Accreditation
We underwent a self-assessment and gain accreditation with Real Living Wage Foundation in 2020/21. We are proud to commit to the real wage and have been recognised as accredited employer from May 2021.

We are also currently going through the assessment process of Employee Health and Well-being Framework with Thrive at Work through West Midlands Combined Authority.

Partnerships and Collaborative Work
We have continued to work in close co-operation with Birmingham NHS Community Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Team, Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Haemoglobinopathy Unit, SCaT City Hospital which resulted in 75% increase in referrals to support vulnerable carers, citizens, patients, and their families throughout the pandemic.

We worked closely with Birmingham and Solihull CCG in relation to semi structured interviews and evaluation report of citizens experiences and access to healthcare during the pandemic.

Our service connected with Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG, Healthwatch Birmingham and BVSC to organise an engagement focus group via zoom to listen to the experiences of service user group who have been impacted by the pandemic.

We attended several APPG Sickle Cell Meetings as part of enquiry into Sickle Cell Care and Covid. We worked in partnership with OSCAR Sandwell, University Hospitals of Leicestershire NHS Trust and De Montfort University from June 2020 on creating a new research project and survey called Sickle Cell, Covid and Shielding.

Our staff team worked in partnership with so many amazing organisations and other community groups to provide essential food and items, credit to these amazing and dedicated partners from The Active Well Being Society, Fareshare Midlands, TRJFP, In Kind Direct, Brum Baby Aid and wider Food Justice Network who came together as part of #Brumtogether

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We are involved in a new partnership and delivery provider arrangement with Forward Carers and Birmingham Carers Hub to support carers looking after family member with the condition.

We continue to have strong working relationships with BVSC, Third Sector providers and Birmingham City Council Adult Social Care directorate, as part of Prevention and Communities Strategy and Neighbourhood Network Schemes.

Our organisation was involved with BBC Children in Need appeal week. This involved Radio1 Extra interview with our Lead Mentor Jenica Leah and our young people on Radio 2 Jimmy Vine show takeover music slot.

Case Studies

Case Study One -60-year MR lives resides in Winson Green. He currently lives with severe form of Sickle Cell, type 2 diabetes and has been advised to shield and stay indoors for the best part of 2020. MR was one of many citizens who was very hesitant and sceptical about the vaccination.

Our project was able to ensure that MR had access to up to date and accurate information by sharing links and social media messages.

Our worker also had a conversation regarding reasons for not having vaccination which included side effects and cultural reasons. MR was encouraged to attend a 60-minute Covid, and Sickle Cell webinar and Covid Vaccination webinar. 24 hours after attending these sessions, MR booked his appointment to have the vaccine. Upon reflection MR stated that, 'Thank you for letting me know about these webinars, it kind of helped me make my mind up after listening to everyone and their experiences'.

Case Study Two- 32-year-old Miss GM is a carer to 2 young children, no recourse to public funds, English not first language and has had a difficult time after splitting from her partner due to emotional abuse during Covid. She has an 18-month baby diagnosed with Beta Thalassaemia Major. Miss GM had moved to 2nd floor room at local refuge with support from Children Services. Specialist Nurse from Children's Hospital referred family to our service. Our project worker conducted a visit to identify support needs. It became clear that family was in need an that mother required support to help improve her situation.

Our service undertook variety of interventions that included weekly telephone calls and fortnightly welfare visits with support and assistance from our project worker. We were able to source emergency items such as food, baby essentials and pushchair provided over the last 3 months while social worker was able to help Miss GM apply successfully for Child Tax credit while we applied for emergency hardship fund resulting in carer receiving £150.

Our service also helped family move to ground floor accommodation at the refuge making it easier for family, while carer was invited to attend a mindfulness session online to meet others. Miss GB did attend this with help of project worker and able to connect with another carer from similar background, culture and lived experience. Miss GM stated.' I do not know what I would have done without your help. I am so happy the hospital told me about you guys. It has been very tough and lonely as I do not have family here'.

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Volunteers
The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in supporting and publicising the work of the charity supporting individuals affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Blood disorder within the local communities.

A total number of 4 volunteers actively involved with the work of OSCAR Birmingham.

The impact of Covid has had an impact and prevented many people wanting to undertake direct face to face volunteering opportunities. As we come out of pandemic into recovery, we hope to stimulate and promote the importance of becoming a volunteer.

Financial review
Total income for the year was £ 202,698 of which £160,325 and £42,373 was unrestricted.

Total expenditure for the year was £153,441 of which £145,093 was restricted and £8,348 was unrestricted.

Principal funding
Grants and contracts awarded to the organisation were from Birmingham City Council, Sandwell, and West Birmingham & Birmingham Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group

Restricted grant received from Children in Need, Forward Carers, HM Government Coronavirus Community Support Fund, Community Tampon Tax Fund and Heart of England Community Foundation Covid Resilience Fund.

OSCAR Birmingham is also extremely grateful to all supporters, grant makers, friends and the wider public who have made donations and have undertaken fundraising events locally to support the work we have undertaken with children, young people, families, and adults over the past 12 months. They include:

Donors/Fundraisers

Donor Details	**Total**
Birmingham Black Lawyers Cake Bake	£227
Jason Henry Sponsored Walk	£718
Pay Pal Donations	£559.53
The Muntz Trust	£500
Kishor Vadia	£460
Mrs Jordan	£30

Reserve's policy
The trustees keep the reserves of the charity under review, considering the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves.

The trustees consider that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently, strengthen its recovery post covid pandemic, and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services and/or event of winding up, a designated reserve of £93,200 equating to 10 months operational, creditors and redundancy costs is appropriate.

The current level of designated reserves is £40,000.

Risk Management

The trustees have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and implement risk management strategies. This involved identifying the types of risks the charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence and identifying means of mitigating the risks.

Future

Strategic developments and priorities include:

- Supporting our communities to thrive and improve well-being during recovery from the pandemic.
- Seeking to strengthen our governance by recruiting and training new board members.
- Work towards a quality kite mark including Thrive at Work and Investors in People.
- Continue to increase the quality and provision of support services and projects for children, young people, and their families, especially those from migrant communities.
- To share good practice, learning with others and to be recognised as experts in our field of work in and around the West Midlands.

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Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities for that period together with the assets and liabilities at the end of the period and which adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the company. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

d) Prepare financial statements on the 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in its activities.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

Signed

Director's name: Paul Udenze

Date 16 - 12 - 21

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF OSCAR BIRMINGHAM LTD

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on the following pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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:

(1) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

(2) To follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and

(3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 . the accounts do not comply with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination ;or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Gary Peter Brookes

Name	Gary Peter Brookes
Relevant Professional Qualifications	FCA FCIE BSc
Address	130 Wombourne Park
	Wombourne
	Wolverhampton
	WV5 0LY

Date : 14 December 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)
Year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
			2021		2020
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	6,062	-	6,062	5,833
Investments		33	-	33	82
Charitable Activities	2(b)	36,278	160,325	196,603	115,425
Total Income		42,373	160,325	202,698	121,340
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3	8,348	145,093	153,441	96,248
Total Expenditure		8,348	145,093	153,441	96,248
Net Income		34,025	15,232	49,257	25,092
Net movement in funds		34,025	15,232	49,257	25,092
Transfer of Funds		(2,464)	2,464	-	-
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		33,421	1,450	34,871	9,779
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**64,982**	**19,146**	**84,128**	**34,871**

The notes on pages to form part of these financial statements **

** See note 13 for full comparatives for 2020

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Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7		1,094		1,361
			1,094		1,361
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	-		-	
Bank & Cash in hand		99,810		64,320	
		99,810		64,320	
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	9	(9,519)		(22,113)	
Net Current Assets			90,291		42,207
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			91,385		43,568
Creditors : Amounts falling after more than one year	10		(7,257)		(8,697)
Net Assets			84,128		34,871
Charity Funds					
Restricted Funds	11		19,146		1,450
Unrestricted and Designated Funds			64,982		33,421
Total Funds			84,128		34,871

For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (1) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and s387 of the Companies Act 2006 and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2021 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396 and which comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company and in accordance with FRS 102

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.

Signed and approved on the behalf of the Board on 16-12- 2021

Trustee Name PAUL UDENZE

Company Registered number 05311442

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities Act 2011 the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is he functional currency of the charity.

(b) Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.
For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time (although expenses relating to there role is included in project costs) in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Any further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report
Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.
Interest on funds on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company , this is normally upon notification of the interest by the bank.

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support Costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs , governance costs , administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads and central functions have been allocated on an activity costs basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities

(d) Funds

Restricted Funds	Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.
Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and have not been designated for other purposes.
Designated funds	Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes . The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements
(e) Tax	Exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Any Gift Aid and other tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the donations to which they relate.
(f) Debtors	Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.
Liabilities and Provisions	Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement , and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.
Financial instruments	This entity only has assets and financial liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value

(i) Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs includes costs directly attributable to making the assets capable or operating as intended. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Computer equipment	33% Reducing Balance
Fixtures and Fittings	15% Reducing Balance

(j) Going Concern
The directors consider that the charity remains viable for the year ahead

2(a). Income from grants, donations and legacies

	2021			2020
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	5,552	-	5,552	347
Fundraising	-	10	10	-
Grants	500	-	500	1,000
Total	6,052	10	6,062	1,347

2(b). Income from charitable activities

	2021			2020
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Birmingham City Council Third Sector Grant	-	-	-	2,332
Birmingham City Council P&C Grant	-	38,000	38,000	19,000
NHS Sandwell CCG	5,521	-	5,521	5,445
Birmingham and Solihull CCG	24,879	-	24,879	22,469
Awards for All	-	6,980	6,980	2,560
Youth Capacity	-	-	-	31,847
Forward Carers	-	23,756	23,756	-
Children In Need	-	34,897	34,897	30,932
Coronavirus Community Support Fund	-	43,602	43,602	-
Heart Of England	-	13,090	13,090	-
Other Income	5,878	-	5,878	840
	36,278	160,325	196,603	115,425

(3a) Direct Costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	50,671	46,964
Sessional Workers	37,637	11,677
Direct Project costs	37,483	23,720
	125,791	82,361

(3b) Support costs (including Governance)

	2021 £	2020 £
Advertising	415	364
Property costs	11,042	6,479
Training	2,588	594
Office Expenses	5,323	1,961
Insurance	1,320	797
Telephone & Postage	2,999	277
Depreciation	267	267
Bank Charges	138	131
Governance costs	3,558	3,017
	27,650	13,887
TOTAL CHARITY ACTIVITY COSTS	153,441	96,248

4. Governance Costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Accounts preparation and independent examination	1,500	1,500
Legal and Professional fees	2,058	1,517
	3,558	3,017

5. Employees

Wages & Salaries	83,107	46,214
Social Security Costs	5,369	631
Pensions	260	119
	88,736	46,964

The average monthly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

Charitable activities	all part time	8	2
		8	2

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more

6.Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration expenses

During both years reported on no remuneration , benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses were made to trustees

7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	8,973	9,585	18,558
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	8,973	9,585	18,558
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	7,696	9,501	17,197
Charge for Year	225	42	267
At 31 March 2021	7,921	9,543	17,464
Net Book Values			
At 31 March 2021	1,052	42	1,094
At 31 March 2020	1,277	84	1,361

8. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
	-	-

9. Creditors : Amounts falling due in less than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants in Advance (via Awards and HOE Bees Proj)	-	15,570
Accruals	1,918	2,426
Other taxation	2,835	493
Trade creditors	4,766	3,624
	9,519	22,113

10. Creditors : Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Creditors	7,257	8,697

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within five years as below:

Repayable by instalments	1,497	2,937

11. Fund Reconciliation

	Fund Balances 31 March 2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund Balances 31 March 2021
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
H of E Community Tampon Tax Fund	-	8,590	11,226	2,636	-
BCC Third Sector Grant	1,450	-	102	(1,348)	-
BCC Prevention and Communities	-	38,000	38,586	586	-
Children In Need	-	34,897	35,059	162	-
Forward Carers	-	23,756	4,610	-	19,146
H of E Coronavirus Resilience Fund	-	4,500	4,500	-	-
Coronavirus Community Support Fund (CCSF)	-	43,602	44,030	428	-
Awards for all	-	6,980	6,980	-	-
Total Restricted	1,450	160,325	145,093	2,464	19,146
Unrestricted Reserves					
Designated	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
Sandwell CCG	-	30,400	11,481	-	18,919
General funds	33,421	11,973	(3,133)	(42,464)	6,063
	33,421	42,373	8,348	(2,464)	64,982
Total Funds	34,871	202,698	153,441	-	84,128

Children In Need
Grant for mentoring and activities for children and young people affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia

Awards for All
Grant funding to run pilot for Re-empowerHer project for women who are carers

Hof E Tampon Tax
One off grant to run a Build, Elevate, Empower and Support (BEES) project for young women aged 16-25 years old experiencing isolation and living with Sickle Cell

BCC Prevention and Communities
Grant funding to run befriending and peer support service for citizens affected by Sickle Cell as part of BCC communities and prevention strategy

Hof E Coronavirus reslience Fund
Grant used to set up food distribution and welfare checks to support citizens and communities during our emergency response and adapt activities during the early stages of pandemic.

CCSF
Grant was used for continuation of food provision, increase organisational opening hours, staffing and supporting communities experiencing hardship during the pandemic.

Forward Carers
Service to support Carers across Birmingham who look after someone, predominently children with Sickle Cell, Thalassaemia and Comorbidity. Grant used for staffing, carer related support services and interventions.

12. Net Assets Analysis Between Funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed assets	1,094	-	1,094	1,094
Current assets	80,664	19,146	99,810	64,320
Creditors due within one year	(9,519)	-	(9,519)	(22,113)
Creditors due in more than one year	(7,257)	-	(7,257)	(8,697)
	64,982	19,146	84,128	34,604

13. SOFA Comparatives

Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)
Year ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds 2020	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Income from				
Donations and legacies	2(a)	5,833	-	5,833
Investments		82	-	82
Charitable Activities	2(b)	19,096	96,329	115,425
Total Income		25,011	96,329	121,340
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	3	-	96,248	96,248
Total Expenditure		-	96,248	96,248
Net Income		25,011	81	25,092
Net movement in funds		25,011	81	25,092
Transfer of funds		3,694	(3,694)	-
Reconciliation of Funds:				
Total funds brought forward		4,716	5,063	9,779
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**33,421**	**1,450**	**34,871**