



Organisation for Sickle Cell Anaemia Relief
And Thalassaemia Support

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2021

Company Number 05311442

Charity Number 1109849

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
(A company limited by guarantee)
Financial year ended 31 March 2021

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Charity reference and administrative details

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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.

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.

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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.



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 disproportionately 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.

OSCAR Board of Trustees

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 Jeremiah 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'.

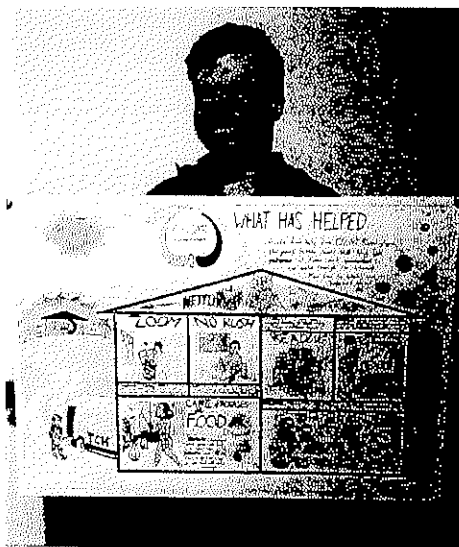
Another 15-year female highlighted, 'It is nice to have a support system that I can trust, and OSCAR Birmingham are that support system for me!'

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.

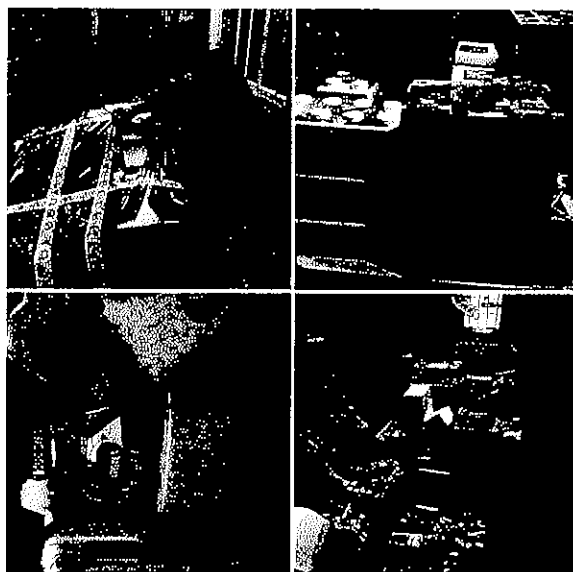
Coronavirus Community Support Fund.

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 Radiol 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 and 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.

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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

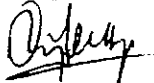
Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities for that period together with the assets and liabilities at the end of the period and which adequately distinguish any material special trust or other 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

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:

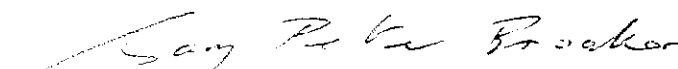
- (1) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (2) To follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act, and
- (3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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 .



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Date :

16th December 2021

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

	<u>Notes</u>	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		<u>42,373</u>	<u>160,325</u>	<u>202,698</u>	<u>121,340</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3	8,348	145,093	153,441	96,248
Total Expenditure		<u>8,348</u>	<u>145,093</u>	<u>153,441</u>	<u>96,248</u>
Net Income		<u>34,025</u>	<u>15,232</u>	<u>49,257</u>	<u>25,092</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>34,025</u>	<u>15,232</u>	<u>49,257</u>	<u>25,092</u>
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		<u>64,982</u>	<u>19,146</u>	<u>84,128</u>	<u>34,871</u>

The notes on pages to form part of these financial statements

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** See note 13 for full comparatives for 2020

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd**Balance Sheet****Year ended 31 March 2021**

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

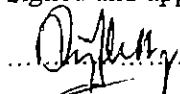
For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 (1) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
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 the 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 their 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

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(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
Fundraising	-	10	10
Grants	500	-	500
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
NHS Sandwell CCG	5,521	-	5,521
Birmingham and Solihull CCG	24,879	-	24,879
Awards for All	-	6,980	6,980
Youth Capacity	-	-	-
Forward Carers	-	23,756	23,756
Children In Need	-	34,897	34,897
Coronavirus Community Support Fund	-	43,602	43,602
Heart Of England	-	13,090	13,090
Other Income	5,878	-	5,878
	36,278	160,325	196,603
			115,425

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Year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
(3a) Direct Costs		
Wages and salaries	50,671	46,964
Sessional Workers	37,637	11,677
Direct Project costs	37,483	23,720
	<u>125,791</u>	<u>82,361</u>
(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
	<u>27,650</u>	<u>13,887</u>
TOTAL CHARITY ACTIVITY COSTS	<u>153,441</u>	<u>96,248</u>

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4. Governance Costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Accounts preparation and independent examination	1,500	1,500
Legal and Professional fees	2,058	1,517
	<u>3,558</u>	<u>3,017</u>

5. Employees

Wages & Salaries	83,107	46,214
Social Security Costs	5,369	631
Pensions	260	119
	<u>88,736</u>	<u>46,964</u>

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

Charitable activities	all part time	8	2
		<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>

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

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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	<u>8,973</u>	<u>9,585</u>	<u>18,558</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	7,696	9,501	17,197
Charge for Year	225	42	267
At 31 March 2021	<u>7,921</u>	<u>9,543</u>	<u>17,464</u>
Net Book Values			
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,052</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>1,094</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>1,277</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>1,361</u>

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
	<u>9,519</u>	<u>22,113</u>

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Creditors	<u>7,257</u>	<u>8,697</u>

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

Repayable by instalments	<u>1,497</u>	<u>2,937</u>
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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	<u>1,450</u>	<u>160,325</u>	<u>145,093</u>	<u>2,464</u>	<u>19,146</u>
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
	<u>33,421</u>	<u>42,373</u>	<u>8,348</u>	<u>(2,464)</u>	<u>64,982</u>
Total Funds	<u>34,871</u>	<u>202,698</u>	<u>153,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,128</u>

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 resilience 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, predominantly children with Sickle Cell, Thalassaemia and Comorbidity. Grant used for staffing, carer related support services and interventions.

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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)
	<u>64,982</u>	<u>19,146</u>	<u>84,128</u>	<u>34,604</u>

13. SOFA Comparatives

Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)
Year ended 31 March 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	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		<u>25,011</u>	<u>96,329</u>	<u>121,340</u>
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	3	-	96,248	96,248
Total Expenditure		<u>-</u>	<u>96,248</u>	<u>96,248</u>
Net Income		<u>25,011</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>25,092</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>25,011</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>25,092</u>
Transfer of funds		3,694	(3,694)	-
Reconciliation of Funds:				
Total funds brought forward		4,716	5,063	9,779
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>33,421</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>34,871</u>