



Organisation for Sickle Cell Anaemia Relief
And Thalassaemia Support

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2023

Company Number 05311442

Charity Number 1109849

OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
Year Ending March 2023

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(A company limited by guarantee)

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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 relieved 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.'

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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 identify 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.

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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.

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- 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 Unit 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.

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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.

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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

16/11/23

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 .



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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**

	<u>Notes</u>	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		<u>37,821</u>	<u>156,647</u>	<u>194,468</u>	<u>165,119</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3	28,348	162,194	190,542	164,424
Total Expenditure		<u>28,348</u>	<u>162,194</u>	<u>190,542</u>	<u>164,424</u>
Net Income		<u>9,473</u>	<u>(5,547)</u>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>695</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>9,473</u>	<u>(5,547)</u>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>695</u>
Transfer of Funds		(28)	28	-	-
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		73,163	11,660	84,823	84,128
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>82,608</u>	<u>6,141</u>	<u>88,749</u>	<u>84,823</u>

The notes on pages to form part of these financial statements

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** See note 13 for full comparatives for 2022

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Balance Sheet
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	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

Trustee Name Paul Uclay

Company Registered number 05311442

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

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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 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 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

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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

	2023		2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Donations	7,127	-	7,127
Fundraising	619	25	644
Other	798	-	798
Total	8,544	25	8,569

2(b). Income from charitable activities

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

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

(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
	<u>26,844</u>	<u>22,728</u>
TOTAL CHARITY ACTIVITY COSTS	<u>190,542</u>	<u>164,424</u>

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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
	<u>5,271</u>	<u>4,066</u>

5. Employees

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

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

Charitable activities	all part time	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
		<u>12</u>	<u>9</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 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

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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	<u>8,973</u>	<u>9,585</u>	<u>18,558</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	8,079	9,584	17,663
Charge for Year	134		134
At 31 March 2023	<u>8,213</u>	<u>9,584</u>	<u>17,797</u>
Net Book Values			
At 31 March 2023	<u>760</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>761</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>894</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>895</u>

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
	<u>45,168</u>	<u>8,787</u>

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Creditors	<u>1,976</u>	<u>4,376</u>

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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, predominantly 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.

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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)
	<u>82,608</u>	<u>6,141</u>	<u>88,749</u>	<u>84,823</u>

13. SOFA Comparatives

	Notes	Unrestricted & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
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		<u>39,752</u>	<u>125,367</u>	<u>165,119</u>
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	3	31,537	132,887	164,424
Total Expenditure		<u>31,537</u>	<u>132,887</u>	<u>164,424</u>
Net Income		<u>8,215</u>	<u>(7,520)</u>	<u>695</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>8,215</u>	<u>(7,520)</u>	<u>695</u>
Transfer of Funds		(34)	34	-
Reconciliation of Funds:				
Total funds brought forward		64,982	19,146	84,128
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>73,163</u>	<u>11,660</u>	<u>84,823</u>