



Organisation for Sickle Cell Anaemia Relief
And Thalassaemia Support

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2025

Company Number 05311442

Charity Number 1109849

**OSCAR Birmingham
Year Ending March 2025**

**OSCAR Birmingham Ltd
(A company limited by guarantee)**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

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

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

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

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

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

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

Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees.

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

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

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

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

POLICIES & OBJECTIVES

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

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

CHARITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

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

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

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

Overview-Sickle Cell

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

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

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

The main symptoms of Sickle Cell disease are:

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

Overview-Thalassaemia

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

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

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

The main health problems associated with Thalassaemia are:

- Anaemia – severe tiredness, weakness, shortness of breath, pounding, fluttering or irregular heartbeats (palpitations) and pale skin caused by the lack of haemoglobin
- Too much iron in the body – this is caused by the regular blood transfusions used to treat anaemia and can cause problems with the heart, liver and hormone levels if untreated. Some people may also have delayed growth, weak and fragile bones (osteoporosis), and reduced fertility.



Summary

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

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

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

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

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

OSCAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES & SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Support for Children and Young People

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

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

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

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

Impact

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

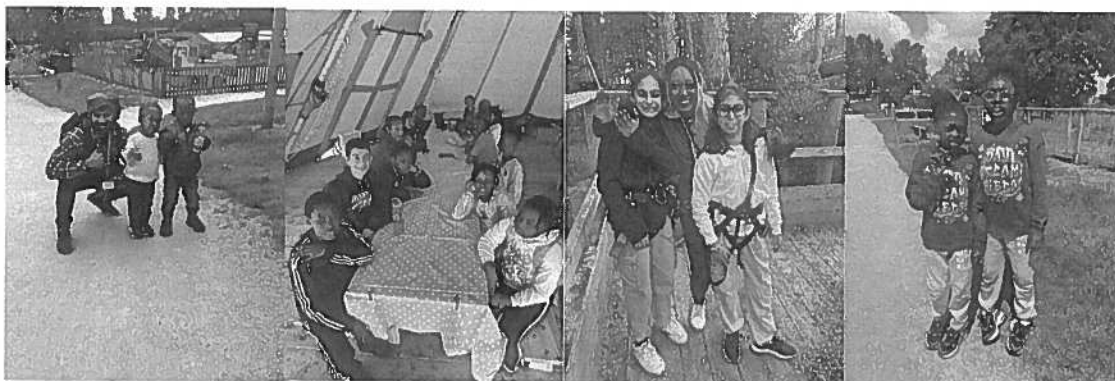
Feedback

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

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

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

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Befriending & Peer Support Service

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

Number of Citizens Engaged and Supported

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

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

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

Specialist Carers Service

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

16 unpaid carers had access to a statutory carers assessment, while 280 carers, including unpaid and parent carers, took part in regular and one-off events.

141 interventions, including one-to-one sessions, were conducted directly with carers on a range of issues relating to their caring role and matters relating to family and lifestyle.

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

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

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

Carer feedback and Impact:

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



Well-Being Support

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

These included:

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

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



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

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PwSCD Research Project

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

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

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

Keeping Well with Sickle Cell

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

Advice, Information, and Guidance

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

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

Training, Awareness and Education

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

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

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Health Promotion

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

These have included:

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

Volunteers

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

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

Partnerships and Collaborative Working

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

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

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

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

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

Partnership Working and Awareness



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Financial review

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

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

Principal funding

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

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

Reserve's policy

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

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

The current level of designated reserves is £90,000

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

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

Risk Management

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

Future

Strategic developments and priorities include:

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

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Directors' Responsibilities

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

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d) Prepare financial statements on the 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in its activities.

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

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

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RA Renfrew', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Director's name: Rachel Renfrew

Date 21/11/2025

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

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 . the accounts do not comply with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination ;or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Gary Peter Brookes

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Relevant Professional Qualifications	FCA BSc
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Date : *21 November 2025*

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Statement of Financial Activities (includes summary of income and expenditure)

Year ended 31 March 2025

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

The notes on pages to form part of these financial statements

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** See note 13 for full comparatives for 2024

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Balance Sheet
Year ended 31 March 2025

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

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

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

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

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

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



Trustee Name: Rachel Renfrew

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

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Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounts Preparation

The charity is a Charitable Company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) second edition published October 2019, the Charities Act 2011 the and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value.

(b) Recognition of incoming resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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c) Expenditure recognition

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

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

Governance costs

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

Support Costs

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

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

(d) Funds

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

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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

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

2(b). Income from charitable activities

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

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

(3b) Support costs (including Governance)

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

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

5. Employees	£	£
Wages & Salaries	124,718	128,364
Social Security Costs	8,021	6,578
Pensions	60	256
	<u>132,799</u>	<u>135,198</u>

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

	3 Full time	11 part time		
Charitable activities			14	13
			<u>14</u>	<u>13</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

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

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

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

8. Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
	-	1,244

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

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

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10 Fund Reconciliation

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

Children In Need

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

BCC Prevention and Communities

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

Forward Carers

Service to support Carers across Birmingham who look after someone, 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.

Fairer Futures Fund (FFF)

To run a 2 year peer mentoring project for 18.30 living with Sickle Cell funded by the Heart of England CF

NHS England

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

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11. Net Assets Analysis Between Funds

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

12. SOFA Comparatives

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

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