

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2024
For
Neuro Key
Formerly known as Tees Valley Durham and North Yorkshire Neurological Alliance**

Registered Charity 1119043

**LYONS & CO LTD
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
STOCKTON-ON-TEES**

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For the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31st March 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1119043

Principal Address

Acklam Green Centre
 Stainsby Road
 Middlesbrough
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Trustees

Verona Butler	Resigned 18 January 2024
Eric Charlton	Vice Chair
Christine Harling	
Giles Hudson	Appointed 18 January 2024
Stephanie Kiliņç	Resigned 6 November 2023
Andrew Lewis	
David Mudd	Chairman
Shiela Quinn	Appointed 18 January 2024
Diane Williams	
Gordon Williams	
Nikita Shepherdson	

Head of operations

Joanne Cole

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by its governing document, a deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have a duty to identify and assess the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims of the Charity are;

1. To create and sustain an environment where no one will face a neurological condition alone
2. To create and sustain an environment where people with neurological conditions can engage as equal partners and make their views known
3. To be a leading creditable channel of communication, influence and support between people with neurological conditions, commissioners and service providers
4. To be a collaborative partnership to improve local services for people affected by neurological conditions

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To sustain a comprehensive blend of income sources from fees, donations, grants and sponsorship to deliver information, advocacy, education programme and peer support.

ACHIEVEMENT AND IMPACT

We have sustained our focus on improving the body of knowledge for the whole neuro community to improve outcomes in the face of increasing demand, poor professional understanding, feeble communication between agencies and waiting lists.

Throughout the year, we developed a Specialist Community Navigator job description for neurodiverse people led by a google survey and focus groups for parent carers and neurodiverse adults, covering Apergers, Tourettes's, Dyslexia, ADHD, sensory disorder, ASD and FASD. Our beneficiaries wanted to improve professional understanding by promoting the need for a multi-agency approach, not isolate neurodevelopmental conditions solely to Mental Health services. We have created a collaborative 'bridge' between families and services to reduce the negative life impact on young people. From this, we have moved to improve understanding for consideration of equality of opportunity for young people in schools.

Whilst our operational data proves the need, the drive for sufficient funding was eased by donations from the closure of the Lincolnshire Neurological Alliance and an engineering company working on TeesPort. In May 2023, the HO contributed to a round table discussion for British Land, owners of a range of retail parks in the UK to ensure their premises operated at an appropriate level for neurodiverse people, quite hour now actioned in supermarkets. In December 2023, the HO delivered a presentation for the ICB event for Disability Month on our Iceberg infographic. Forty-eight people attended including a person from NHS Employers Engagement Team. We have been commissioned to deliver presentations to the NENC and Yorks and Humber Teams on neuro-disability and neurodiversity in May and July 2024. Our Iceberg infographic is now a NE-wide recognised resource but work in 2024 will continue to raise the inclusion of FASD in the strategic development of services for neurodiverse people. We enabled 3 medical students to meet some of our beneficiaries to discuss their journeys with a neurological disability, reported on 4 briefings to the Disability Unit plus 4 wider NE networks to raise awareness of weak health literacy in the NHS when beneficiaries need to navigate multiple services. We continue to work to dissipate the blame culture and negative life impact for parents and families.

Our inclusion, credibility and evidence emphasise the challenges and barriers informal carers, partners, families, parent or kinship carers must overcome in their daily lives to support neuro-disabled or neurodiverse people. The neuro community is being left behind from timely diagnosis, bespoke advocacy and pragmatic support when the word neurology is not mentioned in NHS strategic documents.

We are indebted to our fund raisers, donors and supporters to maintain our objectives.

On behalf of the Trustee Board;

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Mr D Mudd - Chair of Trustees

16 January 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
Neuro Key
For the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages four to seven.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

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

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act): and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

We 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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16 January 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and legacies	1	500	11,932	12,432	8,663
Charitable activities	2	18,662	6,625	25,287	19,983
Total incoming resources		<u>19,162</u>	<u>18,557</u>	<u>37,719</u>	<u>28,646</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due					
Resources Expended					
Charitable activities					
Wages		13,951	18,914	32,865	18,840
Administration costs (Volunteer and Work from home allowance)		359	359	718	722
Travelling expenses		157	157	314	383
Office consumables, IT, telephone, DBS		956	515	1,471	957
Publications		593	593	1,186	240
Room hire		2,506	-	2,506	1,992
Website costs		13	13	26	130
Insurance		186	186	372	319
Accountancy		441	441	882	839
Total resources expended		<u>19,162</u>	<u>21,178</u>	<u>40,340</u>	<u>24,422</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus Funds for year		<u>-</u>	<u>(2,621)</u>	<u>(2,621)</u>	<u>4,224</u>
Reserves brought forward		-	4,099	4,099	(125)
Reserves carried forward		<u>-</u>	<u>1,478</u>	<u>1,478</u>	<u>4,099</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £ Unrestricted	2023 £ Unrestricted
Current assets		
Cash and bank	3,160	14,939
	3,160	14,939
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	(882)	(840)
Paye	(800)	-
Receipts in advance	-	(10,000)
	(1,682)	(10,840)
Net assets	1,478	4,099
Funds		
Balance brought forward	4,099	(125)
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(2,621)	4,224
	1,478	4,099

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 16 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr D Mudd
Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2024

2024
£

Donations and legacies

Groundwork (Tesco)	500
Graham Engineering	10,000
Membership	200
Other donations	1,732

12,432

Charitable activities

Lincolnshire Neurological Alliance	3,000
Archer Trust	2,500
Middlesbrough Council	8,960
PFC Trust	125
Sunderland University	400
Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Mental Health Trust	7,000
Teesside University	2,302
Zedra Trust	1,000

25,287
