

# DOWN'S SOUTH LONDON

England & Wales · Charity number 1123045

## Details

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Other names	DOWN'S SOUTH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	<a href="#">06381649</a>
Registered	2008-03-03
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1 TO PROVIDE A LOCAL INFORMATION AND SUPPORT NETWORK FOR PEOPLE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTED BY DOWN'S SYNDROME AND IN PARTICULAR FOR CHILDREN WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME, THEIR FAMILIES AND OTHER CARERS, AND THE PROFESSIONALS WHO COME INTO REGULAR CONTACT WITH THEM; 2 TO PROVIDE OR SECURE THE PROVISION OF SERVICES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY) FOR PEOPLE WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME, TO ENABLE THEM TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND ABILITIES; AND 3 TO UNDERTAKE ANY OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME.

**Activities:** The principal activity of the Charity is to provide specialist speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy services to children with Down's Syndrome, living in South London. The group is open to all children with Down's Syndrome and their parents or carers who live locally. There are no formal membership criteria or fees.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LONDON
- Greenwich
- Lambeth
- Lewisham
- Southwark
- Wandsworth

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£131,640	£121,956	-	-
2023-12-31	£96,939	£127,680	-	-
2022-12-31	£154,436	£91,538	-	-
2021-12-31	£69,633	£87,855	-	-
2020-12-31	£114,043	£73,331	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aelene Elizabeth Thorne		2020-11-05
Andrew Aylwin		
Angela Aimee Gough		2018-06-27
GUN AKYUZ		
George Joseph James Hampson		2024-04-18
Livia Campello Lang		2023-10-04
Natalia Beatriz Piaggio		2017-02-02

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# Accounts

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# DOWN'S SOUTH LONDON

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**Directors / Trustees**

Gün Akyuz  
Andrew Aylwin  
Natalia Piaggio  
Angela Gough  
Aelene Thorne  
Ruth Crawford  
Livia Campello Lang  
George Hampson (appointed 20 May 2024)

**Company Number**

6381649

**Charity Number**

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**Bankers**

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## **Directors’ Report for the Period Ended 31 December 2024**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements of Down’s South London (the “Company”) for the year ended 31 December 2024 (“the period”).

### **Activities**

The principal activity of the Charity is to provide specialist therapy services (speech and language, physiotherapy, occupational therapy) to children with Down’s Syndrome, living in South London. The group is open to all children with Down’s Syndrome and their parents or carers who live locally. There are no formal membership criteria nor fees.

This is supplemented by filling other significant gaps in provision that exist locally and nationally, including:

- a local network for information-sharing and parental support;
- assisting parents to develop strategies that promote their children’s language development, using alternative and augmentative communication aids such as Makaton; and
- social and recreational opportunities for children and their families.

### **Review of business and future developments**

Funds are raised for the activities of the Company by its Directors, other parents of beneficiaries and independent third parties who are inspired by the services the Company provides. It is a key objective of the Company to increase the amount of funds raised year on year, specifically with a view to expanding the range and nature of services provided to members.

Donations in 2024 were £131,640 (2023 £96,939). This is up by £34,701 due to strong fundraising efforts by parents and Trustees in the previous year returning to a more typical level. Expenses relating to the provision of therapy decreased by £8,260 as the charity did not have a full roster of therapists for the whole year. Other costs, including fundraising costs, increased by £2,536. As a result, overall costs were down £5,724.

The Company has healthy reserve levels and remains financially strong.

### **Directors**

The names of the persons who served as Directors of the Company throughout 2024 and to the date of this report are as follows:

Gün Akyuz  
Andrew Aylwin  
Natalia Piaggio  
Angela Gough  
Aelene Thorne  
Ruth Crawford (resigned 6 June 2025)  
Livia Campello Lang  
George Hampson (appointed 20 May 2024)

By order of the Board



Mr A Aylwin  
Director  
27 September 2025

## **Statement of Directors’ Responsibilities in Respect of the Financial Statements**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with the applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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 other irregularities.

**Income Statement  
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	<i>Notes</i>	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	<i>1</i>	131,640	96,939
<b>Expenses</b>			
Specialist therapy provision	<i>1</i>	(92,020)	(100,280)
Therapy resources and other materials		(2,418)	(852)
Hire of therapy rooms		(10,823)	(11,656)
Family Socials		(1,214)	(1,711)
Fundraising costs		(15,447)	(13,181)
Miscellaneous costs		(34)	(0)
		<u>(121,956)</u>	<u>(127,680)</u>
<b>Operating surplus/(deficit)</b>		9,684	(30,741)
<b>Interest income</b>		-	-
		<u>9,684</u>	<u>(30,741)</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<u>9,684</u>	<u>(30,741)</u>

**Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses  
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

There are no recognised gains and losses, other than the surplus of £9,684 (2023: deficit of £30,741) attributable to the members of the Company in the year ended 31 December 2024.

The results of the Company are wholly attributed to continuing operations.

The notes on page 8 form an integral part of the financial statements.

**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2024**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>At 31 December 2024 £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2023 £</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash		147,307	138,511
Debtors	1,2	-	-
		<b>147,307</b>	<b>138,511</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accruals	1	-	(888)
		-	<b>(888)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>147,307</b>	<b>137,623</b>
<i>Represented by:</i>			
Retained surplus at the beginning of the period	2	137,623	168,364
Retained surplus/(deficit) for the period		9,684	(30,741)
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>147,307</b>	<b>137,623</b>

The company is exempt from the requirements relating to preparing audited accounts in accordance with section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies’ regime.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 8 were approved by the board of Directors on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Gün Akyuz  
Chair



Andrew Aylwin  
Vice Chair

The notes on page 8 form an integral part of the financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### a. *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, the primary and functional currency of operations for the Company.

#### b. *Income*

Income is recorded on an accruals basis.

#### c. *Expenses*

Expenses are recorded on an accruals basis.

#### d. *Debtors*

Debtors represent monies owing from charity fundraising events that occurred during the year, for which monies have been pledged or raised but for which the cash has not yet been received.

#### e. *Share Capital*

The Company is limited by guarantee and does not issue shares.

#### f. *Funds*

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furthering the general objectives of the Company. During the period and at 31 December 2024, there were no restricted funds (for use in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors).



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Down's South London

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1123045

Set out on pages

1 to 8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me 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.

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.

Signed:

Date:

30 October 2025

Name:

Andrew Haggard

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body:

FCA

Address:

Unit D, 19 Heathmans Road, London, SW6 4TJ

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

**DOWN'S SOUTH LONDON**

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

**Directors / Trustees**

Gün Akyuz  
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Ruth Crawford  
Livia Campello Lang (appointed 4 October 2023)  
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## **Directors’ Report for the Period Ended 31 December 2023**

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### **Activities**

The principal activity of the Charity is to provide specialist therapy services (speech and language, physiotherapy, occupational therapy) to children with Down’s Syndrome, living in South London. The group is open to all children with Down’s Syndrome and their parents or carers who live locally. There are no formal membership criteria nor fees.

This is supplemented by filling other significant gaps in provision that exist locally and nationally, including:

- a local network for information-sharing and parental support;
- assisting parents to develop strategies that promote their children’s language development, using alternative and augmentative communication aids such as Makaton; and
- social and recreational opportunities for children and their families.

### **Review of business and future developments**

Funds are raised for the activities of the Company by its Directors, other parents of beneficiaries and independent third parties who are inspired by the services the Company provides. It is a key objective of the Company to increase the amount of funds raised year on year, specifically with a view to expanding the range and nature of services provided to members.

Donations in 2023 were £96,939 (2022 £154,436). This is down by £57,497 due to excellent fundraising efforts by parents and Trustees in the previous year returning to a more typical level. Expenses relating to the provision of therapy increased by £24,277 as the Trustees supported a trial which extended provision to children who wouldn’t otherwise be able to access Down’s South London’s services due to more complex needs. This is being kept under review to ensure it is affordable and effective. Other costs, including fundraising costs, increased by £11,865. As a result, overall costs were up £36,142.

Overall, while expenses were higher than the previous year, and donations were lower, the Company has healthy reserve levels and remains financially strong.

### **Directors**

The names of the persons who served as Directors of the Company throughout 2023 and to the date of this report are as follows:

Gün Akyuz  
Andrew Aylwin  
Natalia Piaggio  
Angela Gough  
Aelene Thorne  
Ruth Crawford  
Livia Campello Lang (appointed 4 October 2023)  
George Hampson (appointed 20 May 2024)

By order of the Board



Mr A Aylwin  
Director  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## **Statement of Directors’ Responsibilities in Respect of the Financial Statements**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with the applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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 other irregularities.

**Statement of Financial Activities  
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	1	96,939	154,436
<b>Expenses on Charitable Activities</b>	1		
Specialist therapy provision		(100,280)	(76,003)
Therapy resources and other materials		(852)	(1,188)
Hire of therapy rooms		(11,656)	(3,311)
Family Socials		(1,711)	(438)
Fundraising costs		(13,181)	(10,378)
Miscellaneous costs		(0)	(220)
		(127,680)	(91,538)
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		(30,741)	62,898
<b>Interest income</b>		-	-
<b>Net (expenditure)/ income for the year</b>		(30,741)	62,898

The notes on page 8 form an integral part of the financial statements.

**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2023**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>At 31 December 2023 £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2022 £</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash		136,966	175,325
Debtors	1	-	-
		<b>136,966</b>	<b>175,325</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accruals	1	(888)	(8,506)
		<b>(888)</b>	<b>(8,506)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>136,078</b>	<b>166,819</b>
<i>Represented by:</i>			
Unrestricted funds at the beginning of the period		166,819	103,921
Net (expenditure)/income for the period		(30,741)	62,898
<b>Unrestricted funds carried forward</b>		<b>136,078</b>	<b>166,819</b>

The charitable company is exempt from the requirements relating to preparing audited accounts in accordance with section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for  
(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and  
(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Gün Akyuz  
Chair



Andrew Aylwin  
Vice Chair

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### ***Basis of preparing the financial statements***

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### ***Income***

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### ***Expenditure***

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### ***Debtors***

Debtors represent monies owing from charity fundraising events that occurred during the year, for which monies have been pledged or raised but for which the cash has not yet been received.

#### ***Share Capital***

Down's South London is a company limited by guarantee of the members and has no share capital. The members liability on the winding up of the company is limited to £10 each. The company has seven members.

#### ***Funds***

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furthering the general objectives of the Company.

During the year and at 31 December 2023, there were no restricted funds (for use in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors).



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Down's South London

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1123045

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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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.

Signed:

Date:

30/10/24

Name:

Andrew Magowan

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body:

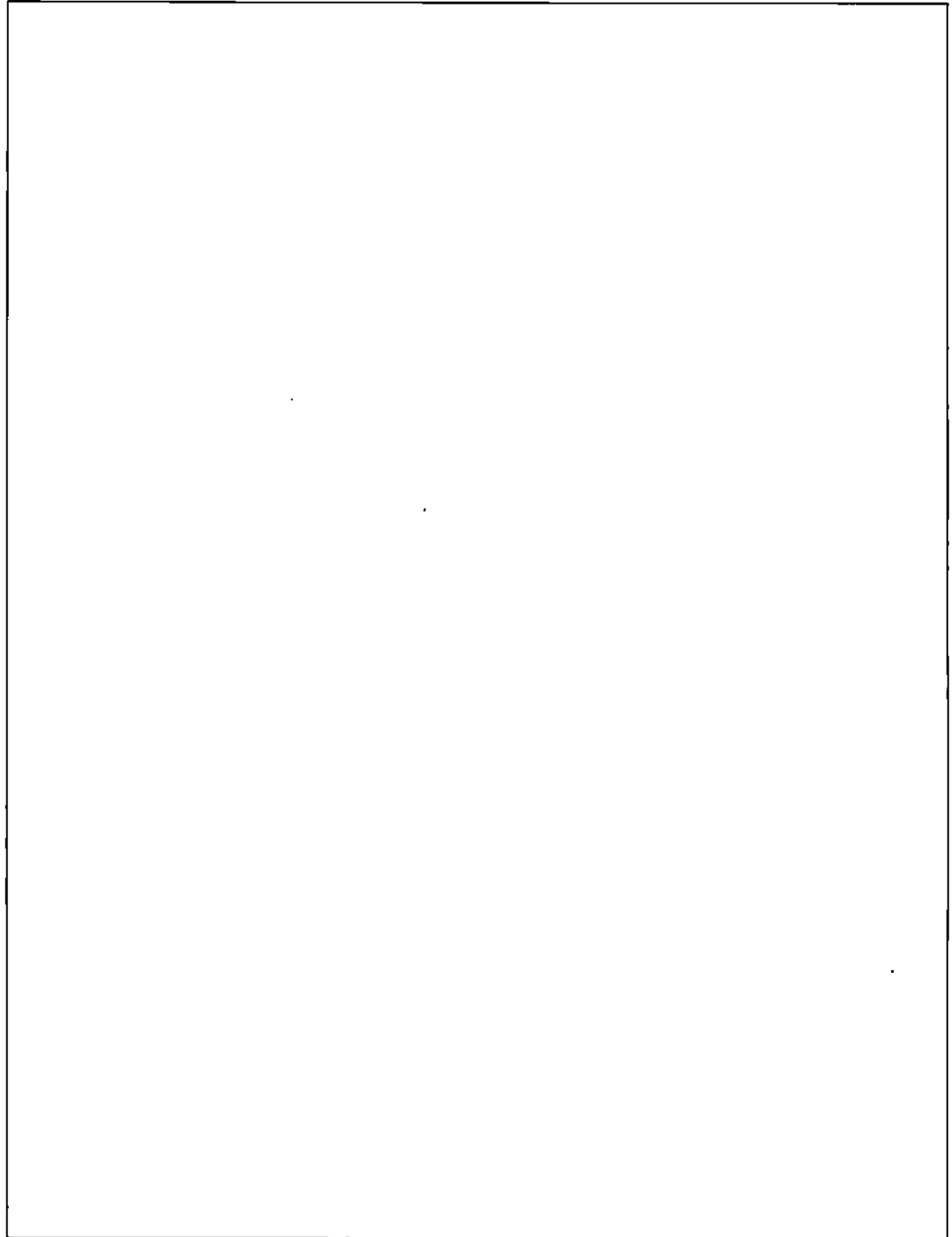
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**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**



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**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees** Charity Name  
Down's South London

**On accounts for the year ended** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 **Charity no (if any)** 1123045

**Set out on pages** 1 to 8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

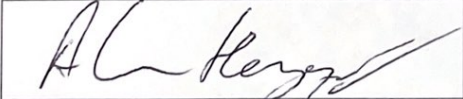
**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement** I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 31/10/2023

**Name:** Andrew Haggard FCA

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:** Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

**Address:** Unit D, 19 Heathmans Road, London SW6 4TJ

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

There are no matters to be disclosed.

# DOWN'S SOUTH LONDON

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

**Directors / Trustees**

Gün Akyuz  
Andrew Aylwin  
Natalia Piaggio  
Angela Gough  
Aelene Thorne  
Ruth Crawford

**Company Number**

6381649

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## Directors’ Report for the Period Ended 31 December 2022

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### Activities

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This is supplemented by filling other significant gaps in provision that exist locally and nationally, including:

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### Review of business and future developments

Funds are raised for the activities of the Company by its Directors, other parents of beneficiaries and independent third parties who are inspired by the services the Company provides. It is a key objective of the Company to increase the amount of funds raised year on year, specifically with a view to expanding the range and nature of services provided to members.

Donations in 2022 were £154,436 (2021 £69,633). This is up by £84,803 due to excellent fundraising efforts by parents and Trustees. Expenses relating to the provision of therapy decreased a little in 2022 but other costs, including fundraising costs, increased. As a result, total costs were up £3,683.

Overall, while expenses were a little **higher** than the previous year, donations were substantially **higher**, and **the Company has healthy reserve levels and remains financially strong**.

### Directors

The names of the persons who served as Directors of the Company throughout 2022 and to the date of this report are as follows:

Gün Akyuz  
Andrew Aylwin  
Natalia Piaggio  
Angela Gough  
Aelene Thorne  
Ruth Crawford

By order of the Board



Mr A Aylwin  
Director  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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**Income Statement**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	<i>Notes</i>	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	1	154,436	69,633
<b>Expenses</b>			
Specialist therapy provision	1	(76,003)	(80,993)
Therapy resources and other materials		(1,188)	(598)
Hire of therapy rooms		(3,311)	(2,395)
Family Socials		(438)	(686)
Fundraising costs		(10,378)	(3,183)
Miscellaneous costs		(220)	(0)
		<u>(91,538)</u>	<u>(87,855)</u>
<b>Operating (deficit)/profit</b>		62,898	(18,222)
<b>Interest income</b>		-	-
		<u>62,898</u>	<u>(18,222)</u>
<b>Profit/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<u>62,898</u>	<u>(18,222)</u>

**Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

There are no recognised gains and losses, other than the gain of £62,898 (2021: loss of £18,222) attributable to the members of the Company in the year ended 31 December 2022.

The results of the Company are wholly attributed to continuing operations.

The notes on page 8 form an integral part of the financial statements.

**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash		175,325	106,446
Debtors	1	-	-
		<b>175,325</b>	<b>106,446</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accruals	1	(8,506)	(2,525)
		<b>(8,506)</b>	<b>(2,525)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>166,819</b>	<b>103,921</b>
<i>Represented by:</i>			
Retained surplus at the beginning of the period	2	103,921	122,143
Retained (deficit)/surplus for the period		62,898	(18,222)
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>166,819</b>	<b>103,921</b>


The company is exempt from the requirements relating to preparing audited accounts in accordance with section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies’ regime.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 8 were approved by the board of Directors on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Gün Akyuz  
Chair



Andrew Aylwin  
Vice Chair

The notes on page 8 form an integral part of the financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### a. *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, the primary and functional currency of operations for the Company.

#### b. *Income*

Income is recorded on an accruals basis.

#### c. *Expenses*

Expenses are recorded on an accruals basis.

#### d. *Debtors*

Debtors represent monies owing from charity fundraising events that occurred during the year, for which monies have been pledged or raised but for which the cash has not yet been received.

#### e. *Share Capital*

The Company is limited by guarantee and does not issue shares.

#### f. *Funds*

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furthering the general objectives of the Company. During the period and at 31 December 2022, there were no restricted funds (for use in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors).

**DOWN'S SOUTH LONDON**

England & Wales - Charity number 1123045

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# Accounts

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Down's South London

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31st December 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1123045

**Set out on pages**

1 to 8

*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me 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.

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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

28.10.2022

**Name:**

Andrew Haggard FCA

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body**

Chartered Accountant

(if any): Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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19 Heathmans Road  
London, SW6 4TJ

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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# DOWN'S SOUTH LONDON

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

**Directors / Trustees**

Gün Akyuz  
Andrew Aylwin  
Natalia Piaggio  
Angela Gough  
Aelene Thorne  
Ruth Crawford

**Company Number**

6381649

**Charity Number**

1123045

**Registered Office**

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**Bankers**

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## **Directors’ Report for the Period Ended 31 December 2021**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements of Down’s South London (the “Company”) for the year ended 31 December 2021 (“the period”).

### **Activities**

The principal activity of the Charity is to provide specialist therapy services (speech and language, physiotherapy, occupational therapy) to children with Down’s Syndrome, living in South London. The group is open to all children with Down’s Syndrome and their parents or carers who live locally. There are no formal membership criteria nor fees.

This is supplemented by filling other significant gaps in provision that exist locally and nationally, including:

- a local network for information-sharing and parental support;
- assisting parents to develop strategies that promote their children’s language development, using alternative and augmentative communication aids such as Makaton; and
- social and recreational opportunities for children and their families.

### **Review of business and future developments**

Funds are raised for the activities of the Company by its Directors, other parents of beneficiaries and independent third parties who are inspired by the services the Company provides. It is a key objective of the Company to increase the amount of funds raised year on year, specifically with a view to expanding the range and nature of services provided to members.

Donations in 2021 were £69,633 (2020 £114,043). This is £44,410 lower than in 2020, which had benefitted from a particularly successful fundraising initiative by DSL parents. In addition, expenses relating to the provision of therapy were unusually low in 2020 as a result of the pandemic and they therefore increased in 2021. As a result, overall costs were up £14,524.

Overall, while donations were substantially lower than was raised the previous year and expenses were higher, the Company continues to raise substantial donations in the current financial year, underpinning continued growth in its healthy cash reserves, and overall financial strength.

### **Directors**

The names of the persons who served as Directors of the Company throughout 2021 and to the date of this report are as follows:

Gün Akyuz  
Andrew Aylwin  
Natalia Piaggio  
Owen King (resigned 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021)  
Angela Gough  
Aelene Thorne  
Ruth Crawford

By order of the Board



Mr A Aylwin  
Director  
28 September 2022

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**Income Statement**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	<i>Notes</i>	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	1	69,633	114,043
<b>Expenses</b>	1		
Specialist therapy provision		(80,993)	(67,808)
Therapy resources and other materials		(598)	(172)
Hire of therapy rooms		(2,395)	(1,920)
Family Socials		(686)	(1,156)
Fundraising costs		(3,183)	(2,275)
Miscellaneous costs		(0)	(0)
		(87,855)	(73,331)
<b>Operating (deficit)/surplus</b>		(18,222)	40,712
<b>Interest income</b>		-	-
		(18,222)	40,712
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the year</b>		(18,222)	40,712

**Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

There are no recognised gains and losses, other than the loss of £18,222 (2020: gain of £40,712) attributable to the members of the Company in the year ended 31 December 2021.

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**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2021**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>At 31 December 2021 £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2020 £</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash		106,446	122,143
Debtors	1	-	-
		<b>106,446</b>	<b>122,143</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accruals	1	(2,525)	-
		<b>(2,525)</b>	-
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>103,921</b>	<b>122,143</b>
<i>Represented by:</i>			
Retained surplus at the beginning of the period		122,143	81,431
Retained (deficit)/surplus for the period		(18,222)	40,712
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>103,921</b>	<b>122,143</b>


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Gün Akyuz  
Chair

  
Andrew Aylwin  
Vice Chair

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**DOWN'S SOUTH LONDON**

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# Accounts

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**Date:**

31.10.2021

**Name:**

Andrew Haggard

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body**

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# DOWN'S SOUTH LONDON

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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Natalia Piaggio  
Owen King  
Angela Gough  
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Ruth Crawford

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Donations in 2020 were £114,043, up by £12,513 on the previous year (2019: £101,530). As well as managing to continue most of its well-established fundraisers, the Charity ran a hugely successful fundraising campaign with the “DSL Walk 300” that saw a number of the young children who receive therapy walk 300 miles in four weeks. The enormous success of the campaign, with high engagement by many families, increased awareness of the charity including from media coverage, as well as financial, saw the Company buck the sector’s trend of decreasing donations due to the Covid pandemic. Expenses were down in most categories compared to the previous year as a result of decreased spending during the pandemic and, as a result, overall costs were down £16,343. With donations up and expenses down, the Company has healthy reserve levels and remains financially strong.

### **Directors**

The names of the persons who served as Directors of the Company throughout 2020 and to the date of this report are as follows:

Gün Akyuz  
Andrew Aylwin  
Andrea Ingrassia (resigned November 2020)  
Melanie Rosenvinge (resigned November 2020)  
Natalia Piaggio  
Owen King (resigned September 2021)  
Angela Gough  
Aelene Thorne (appointed November 2020)  
Ruth Crawford (appointed November 2020)

By order of the Board



Mr A Aylwin  
Director  
29 September 2021

## **Statement of Directors’ Responsibilities in Respect of the Financial Statements**

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**Income Statement**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	<i>Notes</i>	<u>2020</u> £	<u>2019</u> £
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	1	114,043	101,530
<b>Expenses</b>	1		
Specialist therapy provision		(64,913)	(70,788)
Therapy resources and other materials		(172)	(981)
Hire of therapy rooms		(1,920)	(6,144)
Family Socials		(1,156)	(484)
Fundraising costs		(5,170)	(11,279)
Miscellaneous costs		-	-
		<u>(73,331)</u>	<u>(89,675)</u>
<b>Operating (deficit)/profit</b>		40,712	11,855
<b>Interest income</b>		-	-
		<u>40,712</u>	<u>11,855</u>
<b>Profit/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<u>40,712</u>	<u>11,855</u>

**Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

There are no recognised gains and losses, other than the gain of £40,712 (2019: gain of £11,855) attributable to the members of the Company in the year ended 31 December 2020.

The results of the Company are wholly attributed to continuing operations.

The notes on page 8 form an integral part of the financial statements.

**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2020**

	Notes	At 31 December 2020 £	At 31 December 2019 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash		122,143	81,431
Debtors	1	-	-
		<b>122,143</b>	<b>81,431</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accruals	1	-	-
		-	-
		<b>122,143</b>	<b>81,431</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			
		<b>122,143</b>	<b>81,431</b>
<i>Represented by:</i>			
Retained surplus at the beginning of the period		81,431	75,815
Retained (deficit)/surplus for the period		40,712	11,855
		<b>122,143</b>	<b>81,431</b>
<b>Total funds</b>			
		<b>122,143</b>	<b>81,431</b>

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Chair

Andrew Aylwin  
Vice Chair

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

### 1. Accounting Policies

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#### d. *Debtors*

Debtors represent monies owing from charity fundraising events that occurred during the year, for which monies have been pledged or raised but for which the cash has not yet been received.

#### e. *Share Capital*

The Company is limited by guarantee and does not issue shares.

#### f. *Funds*

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furthering the general objectives of the Company. During the period and at 31 December 2020, there were no restricted funds (for use in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors).