

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

1123045

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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

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Income			
Donations	1	131,640	96,939
Expenses	1		
Specialist therapy provision		(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)
		(121,956)	(127,680)
Operating surplus/(deficit)		9,684	(30,741)
Interest income		-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		9,684	(30,741)

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

	Notes	At 31 December 2024 £	At 31 December 2023 £
Current assets			
Cash		147,307	138,511
Debtors	1,2	-	-
		147,307	138,511
Current liabilities			
Accruals	1	-	(888)
		-	(888)
Net assets		147,307	137,623
<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)
Total funds		147,307	137,623

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 27th 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

31st 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

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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.