DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1133529

Details

Other names	DISABILITY STOCKPORT LIMITED
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2010-01-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Disability Stockport 23 High Street Stockport SK1 1EG
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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE A DISABILITY PRIMARILY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT.

Activities: SUPPORT, ADVICE AND INFORMATION FOR DISABLED PEOPLE. DAY SERVICES, OUT OF HOURS LEISURE ACTIVITIES, ADVOCACY, COUNSELLING, ACCESS ADVICE, DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING.UMBRELLA FOR LOCAL DISABILITY ORGANISATIONS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT
- Cheshire East
- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Salford City
- Stockport
- Tameside
- Trafford

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,503,243	£1,341,204	£1,306,635	51
2024-03-31	£1,373,729	£1,241,724	£1,144,596	47
2023-03-31	£1,142,439	£1,117,005	£1,012,591	42
2022-03-31	£1,065,839	£905,919	£987,157	42
2021-03-31	£1,000,884	£789,161	£837,237	41

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER WILKINS	Chair	2013-10-08
Anna Charles-Jones		2024-12-17
Anthony Trevor Egan		2022-01-15
Barbara Grenfell		2016-12-20
Carl Schoolden		2017-05-31
Christine Mather		2016-01-19
DARREN DALBY-OLDHAM		2016-01-19
Nick Clarke		2019-07-16
Robert Newcombe		2019-12-17
Stephen Moran Dr		2021-05-18

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Accounts

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO

(A charitable incorporated organisation)

TRUSTEES REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity Number 1133529

Company Number CEO16638

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CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

TRUSTEES	Nick Clarke	
	Darren Dalby-Oldham	
	Anthony Egan (Treasurer)	(Re-appointed 17/12/24)
	Barbara Grenfell (Vice Chair)	(Re-appointed 17/12/24)
	Christine Mather	
	Dr Stephen Moran	
	Robert Newcombe	
	Carl Schoolden	
	Gary Wells	(Retired 17/12/24)
	Peter Wilkins (Chair)	(Re-appointed 17/12/24)
	Anna Charles-Jones	(Appointed 17/12/24)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Jane Bartlett	
CHARITY NUMBER	1133529	
COMPANY NUMBER	CEO16638	
REGISTERED OFFICE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS	23 High Street Stockport SK1 1EG	
AUDITORS	Tree Accountancy Limited Certified Chartered Accountant and Registered Auditor Eastgate 2 Castle Street Manchester M3 4LZ	
LEGAL ADVISERS	Stockport Legal Services, Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE	
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd PO Box 861 Ipswich IP1 9LW	
	The Co-operative bank 1 St Peters Square Stockport SK1 1NX	

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

by Peter Wilkins

Hello everyone.

It doesn't seem two minutes since I wrote my message for the previous Annual Report. I am still enjoying my association with Disability Stockport, and I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for whatever they do for the organisation. I am very impressed with the management and staff, who carry out their work with such dedication and efficiency. I also would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their involvement on the board and their enthusiasm to guide our organisation, making it the success that it is.

Primus continues to thrive and grow, with strong attendance, a packed programme, and loads of creativity.

Although I am totally blind, I am told that the garden looks fantastic thanks to the B&Q grant and the team's efforts.

We're now offering ASDAN qualifications and a range of new learning sessions - a great addition to the support we offer and a proud step forward.

As a Stockport Trusted Partner, we've helped hundreds of people with welfare grants, fuel vouchers, and food support - especially through the Pension Assist Network.

There's been a big increase in new faces coming through the door, helping build our reputation and cement our place as a busy and well-loved community hub.
The building is always buzzing - with new groups, activities and organisations using the space.

It's been great to welcome MIND to the building, and to see our partnerships expanding.

Financially, the organisation is in a strong and steady position, with good reserves, stable income, and growing impact.

Staff and volunteers have gone above and beyond again this year - they're the heartbeat of everything we do.

In closing, I would like to send my thanks and best wishes to everyone involved, be they Board members, the management team, staff, volunteers, helpers and members.

Peter Wilkins
Chairman



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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Directors, who are the trustees of the charity, present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2025.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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 (FRS 102)".

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its constitution dated 1 February 2019, including an amendment passed on 19 August 2020, which became effective on 22 August 2020 upon receipt of Charity Commission consent.

The charity was formerly a company limited by guarantee, registered at Companies House, and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 2 November 2009. It converted to a CIO on 1 February 2019 and retained its registration with the Charity Commission.

Membership is open to any adult, primarily but not exclusively residing in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport, who has a disability or an interest in disability matters and is approved by the trustees. The trustees have the power to establish different classes of membership and, in certain circumstances, to remove a person from membership.

There are currently 61 members of the charity who, in the event of its winding up, have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for its debts or liabilities.

Board of Trustees – composition and appointment

The number of trustees must be no fewer than three and no more than fourteen, of whom no more than ten may be elected at a general meeting (the “elected trustees”). All elected trustees must be members of the charity.

One-third of the elected trustees must retire at each Annual General Meeting, those longest in office retiring first. A retiring trustee who remains eligible may stand for re-election.

The trustees may appoint any adult who is qualified to serve as a trustee to fill a vacancy or as an additional trustee. Co-opted trustees hold office until the next AGM and do not need to be members of the charity.

Trustee recruitment, induction, and training

The organisation has a structured process for recruiting and inducting new trustees, guided by the organisation's current needs and desired skill sets. The induction process includes an initial meeting with the Chair and existing trustees. New trustees are provided with a welcome pack, which includes a brief history of the charity, recent committee and sub-committee minutes, the last three years of annual reports and financial statements, the constitution, and the Charity Commission's guidance publication The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know.

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Organisation

The Trustees collectively administer the charity and meet monthly to oversee strategic direction and governance.

They are supported by several sub-groups that meet bi-monthly: Finance and Risk, Governance and Policy, and Media and Marketing. These groups focus on budgets, contracts, policy review, and evaluation. They may co-opt or consult external specialists as advisers when necessary. Additional sub-groups—Business and Project Development, Nominations and Recruitment, and Training—are convened on an ad hoc basis as required.

Day-to-day operations are delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who has responsibility for managing the charity's activities in line with the strategy and policies set by the Trustees. This includes authority over operational matters such as finance, staffing, and organisational development.

Volunteers – Impact/significance in the charity

Volunteers have played a vital role in the history and continued success of Disability Stockport. Over the past year, volunteers contributed approximately 4,000 hours, representing an estimated financial saving of over £50,000 in equivalent staffing costs.

Beyond their financial value, volunteers bring diverse skills, lived experience, and energy that enhance the quality and reach of our support. In return, they receive training, guidance, and feedback from staff and members, creating rewarding, reciprocal relationships.

Volunteers are central to the operation of our social and support groups. For example, the Connect social group is now fully led by dedicated volunteers and our autism social group relies heavily on volunteer support to host weekly meetings. These sessions help members build friendships, reduce isolation, and access useful information. This year, Disability Stockport also stepped in to prevent the closure of Group 48—a long-standing peer group—by offering coordination and organisational support to ensure its continuation.

Disability Stockport also hosts placements for student social workers. During the year, nine students completed placements, gaining valuable frontline experience across a range of services. Their contributions enriched our work and supported their professional qualifications.

Risk management

The Trustees have undertaken a comprehensive review of the principal risks facing Disability Stockport and have implemented robust systems and procedures to manage these effectively.

A Risk Register, most recently reviewed in 2025, categorises each risk based on impact (low, medium, high) and probability (low, medium, high). The Trustees have identified key financial and operational risks, notably the reduction in core grant funding and the conclusion of the current day service commissioning framework. These present significant challenges to the charity's financial sustainability while it continues to meet the complex and increasing needs of its beneficiaries.

For each significant risk, mitigating actions have been defined along with clear timelines and designated leads—either a Trustee or a member of staff—responsible for implementation. The Risk Register is reviewed at least annually to ensure appropriate and timely responses to emerging threats.

All Trustees are covered by trustee indemnity insurance.

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the charity is to relieve the needs of persons who have a disability, primarily—but not exclusively—within the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport.

To achieve this, Disability Stockport aims to:

- Provide information and advice on disability-related matters
- Raise awareness of the issues and concerns facing disabled people
- Advocate on behalf of disabled individuals and their families
- Monitor and evaluate services provided to disabled people
- Deliver a wide range of support services tailored to meet the needs of disabled people
- Promote and develop partnerships that enhance support for disabled individuals

These objectives are delivered through a comprehensive range of services and activities based at our fully accessible, centrally located premises in Stockport.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in carrying out the charity's activities.

Our town centre location and fully accessible building make it easy for people to visit us and feel welcomed. This enables all members of the public to access our drop-in services, which include information, advice, and informal advocacy. Visitors can also make use of our facilities, including meeting rooms, interview spaces, and a training room.

Disability Stockport is a major provider of training and placements for volunteers, many of whom utilise the training room for meetings and workshops, further supporting personal development and community involvement.

A number of services are delivered directly from our centre, including several organisations and community groups co-located at 23 High Street. These include: Stockport Mind, Stockport Council Front Door and Aids & Adaptations, Epilepsy Group, Autism Social Group, LGBTQ+ Group, Krafty Knitters, Stroke Information, Stockport Family Church, Stockport Pride, Talk Listen Change, The Proud Trust, Stockport Homes (housing advice drop-in).

This wide range of partners fosters an inclusive and collaborative environment, ensuring we can offer joined-up support to the community.

"Being based at Disability Stockport has been a hugely positive step for Stockport Mind. Sharing a building has strengthened collaboration between our teams and improved outcomes for those we support. It's a warm, welcoming, and accessible space, where both our organisations can work together to help more people across Stockport lead mentally healthier lives."
— Donna Moore, Stockport Mind

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

CEO's Report on behalf of Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

It has been another year of outstanding commitment, progress, and positive impact at Disability Stockport. In the face of continued societal and economic challenges, our team, supporters, and partners have remained resilient and driven in our mission to support disabled people to live more independently, confidently, and with dignity.

Our Primus Day Service continues to grow from strength to strength. Now operating at pre-pandemic levels, attendance continues to rise, and the expansion of activity provision reflects our commitment to providing a varied and enriching experience for our members. We are also developing vocational pathways, having achieved ASDAN Centre status to deliver Level 4 qualifications, allowing us to offer even more meaningful opportunities for skill-building and progression.

We were proud to be part of Phase 6 of the UK Government's Household Support Fund, reaching over 600 individuals and households with vital cost-of-living assistance. Our role as a trusted local delivery partner for Stockport means we are well-placed to respond quickly and personally to those in crisis. We are pleased to have been invited to continue into Phase 7, recognising our effective model of support and strong relationships across the borough.

Thanks to continued funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, we have maintained and strengthened our autism and crisis services. Demand continues to grow, and the ability to offer these supports in a responsive, person-centred way has never been more important. Our crisis support service—now operating at full capacity—has seen an increase in complex cases, and our team has risen to the challenge with dedication and compassion.

Our Independent Living Services remain central to our vision, and this year we have delivered outreach, tenancy support, and social prescribing to hundreds of people. The Mills supported living scheme continues to operate at full occupancy, and our outreach team provides tailored, high-quality support across the borough. Our strong working relationship with Stockport MBC continues to underpin our delivery and advocacy work, including our role in social care charging reviews.

We were also pleased to be invited to participate in Stockport's Living Well transformation programme, part of a wider GM mental health strategy. As a key VCSE partner, Disability Stockport will help shape integrated, trauma-informed support through collaborative hubs—ensuring that disabled people's voices are heard in the future of community mental health.

This year has also seen the launch of new partnerships and programmes, including further adult education pathways in collaboration with GMCA and the WEA, enabling more people to access confidence-building training and lifelong learning.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank our members, staff, volunteers, funders, and partners. Your loyalty and support allow us not just to survive but to thrive. We look ahead to 2025/26 with ambition, energy, and a firm commitment to meet the increasing needs of our community with purpose and passion.

Jane Bartlett, CEO, Disability Stockport

Primus

For over 40 years, Primus has supported adults with physical, sensory, and learning disabilities, promoting independence, wellbeing, and meaningful daily engagement.

Attendance has now returned to pre-COVID levels, and we continue to offer a wide variety of tailored activities based on members' individual goals—whether it's becoming more independent, staying active, or improving wellbeing. Activities include yoga, Zumba, sewing, Omni Music sessions, tropical dance, life skills, cooking, arts and crafts, and quiet relaxation spaces. We also run an allotment in Hazel Grove, weekly gym sessions at The Seashell Trust, and regular walks into the town centre.

Thanks to funding from Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), we introduced ASDAN qualifications this year, giving members the opportunity to work toward recognised personal development goals. These qualifications support confidence, independence, and practical skill-building, and will continue into the next year.

We are also grateful to B&Q for funding the creation of a sensory garden, which will enhance wellbeing and support our horticulture ASDAN pathway. Work is expected to be completed by June 2025.

Primus runs six days a week (Monday to Friday, 9:30 am–3:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am–3:00 pm), with participants able to book the sessions they wish to attend.

Stockport Centre for Independent Living (SCIL)

Disability Stockport delivers a wide range of wrap-around services to help people with disabilities maintain their independence, improve life chances, and reduce social isolation. The Stockport Centre for Independent Living (SCIL) remains at the heart of our delivery model, led by our experienced manager Sara Crookdake MBE.

Our team currently supports over 600 people per month, delivering services that include supported living, autism support, peer-led programmes, outreach, equality and inclusion work, money and crisis management, and life planning. The demand for services continues to grow, and we are constantly evolving to meet that need through innovation and partnership.

We are extremely grateful to the National Lottery for supporting our development as we explore further sustainable ways to meet rising demand.

As a trusted Stockport partner, we helped deliver hundreds of UK Government Household Support Fund awards to local households with disabilities or long-term conditions. Many beneficiaries required help not only with food and energy bills, but also with money management, budgeting, and benefits advice. We also played an active role in the Pension Assist network, supporting older people to access pension credit and entitlements and more recently in the delivering of the People's Assist Network which aims to increase people's financial resilience. Our anti-poverty work, in partnership with the SMBC and other partners has been highlighted by reaching the final of the national Local Government Awards.

We remain proud members—and co-chair—of the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel, where we work to ensure disabled voices are heard at every level and have recently taken part in research, funded by the government to explore how societal changes will shape the lives of disabled people over the next 20 years. Initiatives that aim to bring about positive change in the immediate and longer term.

Looking ahead, our priorities include improving service sustainability, enhancing employee training, tackling inequalities and continuing to deliver high-quality services to people in crisis. The complexity of need is increasing: we are seeing more individuals dealing with trauma, homelessness, mental illness, abuse, and financial distress. We are committed to remaining flexible, creative, and compassionate in response.

Outreach Services

Our Outreach Services continue to deliver highly personalised one-to-one support, helping individuals build confidence, improve their well-being, and access their community in ways that are meaningful to them.

The Outreach team currently supports over 60 people per month, providing consistency and familiarity for those living with significant and ongoing challenges. We have worked at full capacity this year to meet increasing demand, particularly in areas such as mental health, housing instability, and social isolation.

Our Autism Support Workers play a crucial role, delivering early intervention and preventative support to Autistic adults across Stockport and Greater Manchester. Their work helps reduce crisis escalation, enhances communication and life skills, and ensures participants are connected to the right services at the right time.

Veteran service

Thanks to the Armed Forces Covenant Trust and The Veterans' Foundation, our Live at Ease programme supported 126 veterans this year, with 41 receiving ongoing case-managed support. We provide tailored help for neurodivergent ex-forces personnel, including those with Autism, ADHD, or brain injury, helping to improve wellbeing, reduce isolation, and regain independence. Support includes:

- One-to-one casework across housing, health, and welfare
- Sensory-friendly, peer-led activity groups
- Outreach clinics for at-risk or isolated veterans
- Advice on benefits, housing, and health access
- Employability support via our STEP model
- Wellbeing and recovery workshops

Grounded in lived experience and collaboration, Live at Ease continues to make a vital difference to veterans across the Northwest.

Acknowledgements

We extend heartfelt thanks to our donors, funders, and volunteers, whose generosity and commitment make our work possible. Your contributions—whether financial, practical, or personal—have helped us deliver real and lasting impact across our services.

We also acknowledge the continued trust and support of organisations including the National Lottery, GMCA, B&Q, The Veterans' Foundation, The Armed Forces Covenant and many more. We look forward to working together in the year ahead as we continue to support disabled people and their families across Stockport and beyond.

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Total income for the year increased by 9% (£129,514) compared to the previous year £1,373,729, reaching £1,503,243.

Of this, 35% (£528,000) came from project, fundraising, and grant funding—broadly in line with the previous year's 35.7% (£491,000).

Primus saw strong growth as attendance returned to pre-COVID levels. The service now accounts for almost 43% (£643,465) of total income in 2024/25, up from £560,638 in 2023/24. Fee income from local authorities and individuals continues to increase steadily.

Independent Living Services (including Outreach, The Mills & The Veteran service) generated over £820,000 up from £782,900 in 2023/24. Service rates were uplifted by the local authority, and The Mills supported living provision continues to operate as budgeted, with all six flats tenanted. Grant funding of £189,700 was secured to distribute cost-of-living support—offsetting some of the high delivery costs.

Total expenditure rose to £1,341,204 (from £1,241,724 in 2023/24). Salary costs increased by 2.5%, largely due to a 5% pay uplift aligned with Stockport Council pay scales. However, new project income—from The National Lottery, Household Support Fund, and The Veteran Foundation—helped offset these increased costs.

The charity's total funds increased to £1,306,635, the majority of which is held in fixed assets (principally our High Street building). Free reserves have also grown.

Disability Stockport delivered a £162,039 surplus, despite budgeting for a loss. This was largely due to unanticipated mid-year grants and project funding, including:

- SMBC income for cost-of-living support
- Veteran Service grants
- GMCA funding for our training project

Primus also contributed significantly to the surplus following increased attendance and a rate uplift from the local authority.

Of the total surplus, £32,070 is held as restricted funds to cover committed expenditure falling into the 2025/26 financial year.

Principal funding sources

Key grants and funding supporting our Independent Living and outreach services included:

The National Lottery Community Fund – £92,300; Pure Innovations – £29,300; Age UK – £10,600; Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund – £41,800; Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) – £62,600; Social Group Support (various sources) – £17,100; GMCA via The Workers Education Association – £54,000; UK Government / DWP Household Support Fund – £189,700.

Independent Living Service income also came from managed accounts, consultancy, student placements, supported living, and outreach services—funded privately or via the local authority.

Primus is funded through a mix of local authority support and direct fees paid by members and their families. This model also applies to income generated by Outreach and The Mills.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that maintaining free reserves is essential to safeguard service continuity and provide a buffer against unexpected costs or income shortfalls.

Following a review of the charity's risk exposure, the Trustees have set a target to hold free reserves (unrestricted funds within net current assets) equivalent to six months of unrestricted expenditure, to ensure sufficient working capital for day-to-day operations.

As of 31st March 2025, the charity holds £321,000 in free reserves (up from £121,400 in 2024), against annual unrestricted expenditure of £834,132. This represents just under four months of coverage.

In addition to these free reserves, Disability Stockport owns its main premises, a building on the High Street in Stockport, valued at £932,004 on the balance sheet. This strengthens the charity's overall financial position and provides long-term security.

Although free reserves remain below the six-month target, Disability Stockport has implemented a financial risk register, outlining mitigation strategies should future funding bids be unsuccessful. This ensures the charity can continue operating as a going concern and maintain core service delivery in the year ahead.

Pay of Senior Staff

The CEO's salary is reviewed and set by the Finance Sub-Group and approved by the Board of Trustees. This process takes into account comparative salaries for similar roles, organisational turnover, and the level of responsibility.
For 2024/25, the CEO's salary was £47,932, with no travel expenses claimed during the year.

Future plans

In 2025/26, Disability Stockport will continue to deliver its full range of services and remain responsive to changing government policy, funding availability, and emerging needs.

Primus will focus on growing attendance and expanding opportunities, particularly in skills and training. As a newly registered ASDAN Centre, the service will offer Level 4 qualifications to enhance progression. With the current day service framework ending in June 2024, Disability Stockport has submitted a reapplication with a stronger offer including vocational and educational sessions.

The SCIL team is more committed than ever to addressing the increasing needs of disabled people across Greater Manchester, striving for social change and promoting independent living. In partnership with others, SCIL will continue to deliver tailored support that transforms lives.

Disability Stockport has also been invited to participate in Phase 7 of the Household Support Fund, which provides crisis support to vulnerable households facing rising living costs. Building on good practice and partnerships, SCIL will ensure resources are targeted effectively through personalised delivery routes.

In addition, the charity has been invited to participate in the VCSE partnership alliance for the Stockport Living Well (LW) model, part of Greater Manchester's transformation of community mental health. LW promotes recovery, co-production, prevention, and trauma-informed care through integrated community-based hubs. This collaboration will enhance mental health support across the borough through joined-up service delivery and shared funding.

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Recognising that long-term funding remains a core challenge for many disabled persons organisations, SCIL is actively pursuing a diversified funding strategy to strengthen sustainability. This will support service development, long-term planning, and a resilient response to growing community needs.

We remain committed to listening and responding to the community we serve, taking meaningful action toward inclusive and positive change.

Going concern

The Trustees are confident that the charity remains a going concern. Free reserves increased in the year, and prudent financial management, along with robust risk mitigation plans, provide a stable foundation for continued operations.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Tree Accountancy Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Wilkins - Chairman P. Wilkins

Date: 20-01-2026.

Charity Number 1133529
Company Number CE016638

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in line with applicable UK law and accounting standards (UK GAAP).

Under the Charities Act 2011 and associated regulations, Trustees must prepare financial statements for each financial year that provide a true and fair view of the charity's financial position and the income and expenditure for the period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the charity's governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to disclose of information to auditors
So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware. and each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make them aware of any audit information and to establish that the charitable companies' auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Wilkins - Chairman P. Wilkins

Date: 20-01-2026

Charity Number 1133529
Company Number CEO16638

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Disability Stockport CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the charity with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in

the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control, as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing, the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https:/www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and noncompliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

The nature of the industry and sector in which the company operates; the control environment and business performance including key drivers for directors' remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets.

• The outcome of enquiries of local management and parent company management, including whether management was aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, and whether management had knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud
• Supporting documentation relating to the Company's policies and procedures for:
• Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations
• Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud
• The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
• The outcome of discussions amongst the engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.
• The legal and regulatory framework in which the Company operates, particularly those laws and regulations which have a direct effect on the financial statements, such as the Companies Act 2006, pensions and tax legislation, or which had a fundamental effect on the operations of the Company, including General Data Protection requirements, and Anti-bribery and Corruption.

Audit response to risks identified

Our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

• Reviewing the financial statements disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with the provisions of those relevant laws and regulations which have a direct effect on the financial statements.
• Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.
• Evaluation and testing of the operating effectiveness of management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities.
• Enquiring of management about any actual and potential litigation and claims.
• Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships which may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud. We have also considered the risk of fraud through management override of controls by:
• Testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments. We have tested a sample of manual journals which may pose a heightened risk of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
• Challenging assumptions made by management in their significant accounting estimates, and assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and
• Evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above, and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations are from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of them. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Ian Hynes FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Tree Accountancy Limited

Tree Accountancy Ltd

28/01/26

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DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
INCOME							
Donations and legacies	2	69,087	198,463	267,550	44,456	173,800	218,256
Charitable activities	3	968,629	260,370	1,228,999	867,954	280,845	1,148,799
Investments - bank interest		612	-	612	510	-	510
Other		6,082	-	6,082	6,164	-	6,164
TOTAL INCOME		1,044,410	458,833	1,503,243	919,084	454,645	1,373,729
EXPENDITURE							
Costs of raising funds	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	5	834,132	507,072	1,341,204	854,049	387,675	1,241,724
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		834,132	507,072	1,341,204	854,049	387,675	1,241,724
NET INCOME	8	210,278	(48,239)	162,039	65,035	66,970	132,005
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS				-			-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		210,278	(48,239)	162,039	65,035	66,970	132,005
TOTAL FUNDS: BROUGHT FORWARD		1,064,287	80,309	1,144,596	999,252	13,339	1,012,591
CARRIED FORWARD	13	1,274,565	32,070	1,306,635	1,064,287	80,309	1,144,596

CONTINUING OPERATIONS
None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above financial year.

The notes on pages 20 to 28 form part of these accounts.

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9		960,711		942,875
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	141,890		98,207	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		471,048		319,997	
		612,938		418,204	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	11	263,241		216,483	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			349,697		201,721
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,310,408		1,144,596
CREDITORS amounts falling due after more than one year			3,773		-
TOTAL NET ASSETS			1,306,635		1,144,596
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	12		1,274,565		1,064,287
Restricted	12		32,070		80,309
TOTAL FUNDS			1,306,635		1,144,596

The notes on pages 20 to 28 form part of these accounts.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20-01-2026

P. Wilkins

Peter Wilkins - Chairman

Date: 20-01-2026

Charity Number 1133529
Company Number CE016638

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided/(utilised) by operating activities	A	179,461	161,479
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Bank interest		(612)	(510)
Purchase of property and equipment		(31,571)	(1,350)
Net cash used in investing activities		(32,183)	(1,860)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayments of Borrowing		3,773	-
		3,773	-
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year		151,051	159,619
Cash at Bank and in Hand at the beginning of the year		319,997	160,378
Cash at Bank and in Hand at the end of the year		471,048	319,997

A	**Net income for the year**	162,039	132,005
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation charges	13,735	11,403
	Bank interest	612	510
	(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(43,683)	24,704
	Increase/(Decrease) in creditors - excluding borrowings	46,758	(7,143)
	Net cash provided/(utilised) by operating activities	179,461	161,479

The notes on pages 20 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Basis of preparation & accounting framework
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective January 1, 2019 (Second Edition – October 2019), as well as FRS 102 itself and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent necessary to comply with the requirements of FRS 102. This departure involves following the more recent SORP issued on 16 July 2014, rather than the previous SORP effective from 1 April 2005, which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going Concern
At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates, and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. These are based on historical experience and other relevant factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There are currently no significant judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty affecting these accounts.

Incoming resources
Total incoming resources, as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities, represent the net amounts receivable from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it becomes receivable, except in the following circumstances, where income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period;
- A sales invoice has been raised before the related work is carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work is performed;
- Not all the terms and conditions of a grant have been met, including the incurring of relevant expenditure, and the conditions state that unspent funds must be refunded.

Income includes both revenue and capital grants. Grants related to the purchase of fixed assets are recognised as restricted income when receivable, provided all conditions have been met. Where continuing restrictions apply to the use or disposal of the asset, the related grant is held in a restricted fund, and depreciation is charged against that fund over the asset's useful economic life. If restrictions are fulfilled or lifted before the asset is fully depreciated, any remaining balance is transferred to unrestricted funds.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund accounting
General funds are available at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes. These designations can be amended or removed at any time by the trustees.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors or funders, or by the terms of the related grant, and can only be used for the purposes specified.

Unrestricted funds include donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the charity's objectives that are not subject to further specific conditions, and are available as general funds.

Expenditure
All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated as follows:

- Costs of raising funds – These include the costs of securing grants, donations, and other voluntary income.
- Charitable activities – These represent the costs incurred in delivering the charity's services and achieving its objectives.

Expenditure is allocated to the relevant activity categories in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) on a basis intended to reflect the actual usage of resources. Direct costs are attributed to specific activities, while support costs are apportioned on an appropriate basis (see notes 4–5). Expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT, which is reported as part of the cost to which it relates.

Allocation of support costs
Support costs are those functions which assist the delivery of charitable activities or the generation of income, but which are not directly attributable to specific activities. These include premises costs, administration, staff costs, and professional services. The basis of apportionment is disclosed in notes 5–6.

Pension contributions
The charity operates a workplace (defined contribution) pension scheme for its employees and meets its legal obligations by paying the minimum required contributions. Contributions are charged to the SoFA as they become payable.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of minor additions (those below £500) is not capitalised.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis to allocate the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Equipment	25% per annum
Freehold Building	1% per annum
Freehold Land	Not depreciated

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due, and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be measured or reliably estimated. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement value.

Operating leases
Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term, even if the payments are not made on such a basis.

Finance leases
Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised at the lower of the fair value of the asset or the present value of the minimum lease payments and are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or the expected useful life of the asset. The lease obligation is recorded as a liability and reduced through lease payments. Finance charges are allocated over the lease term using the sum-of-digits or actuarial method, reflecting a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Financial instruments
The charity only has financial instruments that are classified as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured at their settlement value. The charity does not hold any complex financial instruments.

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2 Donations and legacies						
Revenue Grants	64,258	198,463	**262,721**	37,457	173,800	**211,257**
Donations	4,829	-	**4,829**	6,999	-	**6,999**
	69,087	198,463	**267,550**	44,456	173,800	**218,256**
3 Income from Charitable activities						
Primus Club	643,465	-	**643,465**	560,638	-	**560,638**
Independent Living Service	6,761	201,370	**208,131**	295,436	280,845	**576,281**
Outreach	203,958	-	**203,958**	-	-	**-**
The Mills	94,589	-	**94,589**	-	-	**-**
Veteran Service	-	59,001	**59,001**	-	-	**-**
Rental Income	19,856	-	**19,856**	11,880	-	**11,880**
	968,629	260,370	**1,228,999**	867,954	280,845	**1,148,799**
3A Other Income						
Solar Panels - FIT	3,295	-	**3,295**	3,588	-	**3,588**
Insurance payout	1,987	-	**1,987**	1,276	-	**1,276**
ILS - GM Coalition Income	800	-	**800**	1,300	-	**1,300**
	6,082	-	**6,082**	6,164	-	**6,164**
4 Costs of raising funds						
Agency/other expenses	-	-	**-**	-	-	**-**
	-	-	**-**	-	-	**-**
5 Expenditure on Charitable activities						
Primus Club	371,152	5,000	**376,152**	336,865	-	**336,865**
Independent Living Service	154,020	443,072	**597,092**	207,904	387,675	**595,579**
Outreach	213,024	-	**213,024**	214,298	-	**214,298**
The Mills	87,260	-	**87,260**	94,982	-	**94,982**
Veteran Service	8,676	59,000	**67,676**	-	-	**-**
	834,132	507,072	**1,341,204**	854,049	387,675	**1,241,724**

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Total 2025	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General						
Primus Club	292,113	84,039	**376,152**	257,290	79,575	**336,865**
Independent Living Service	463,989	133,103	**597,092**	446,158	149,420	**595,578**
Outreach	165,373	47,651	**213,024**	165,914	48,385	**214,299**
The Mills	67,738	19,522	**87,260**	73,467	21,515	**94,982**
Veteran Service	52,562	15,114	**67,676**	-	-	**-**
	1,041,775	299,429	**1,341,204**	942,829	298,895	**1,241,724**

6 Analysis of Support Costs	Primus Club	Indep Living	Outreach	The Mills	Veteran	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Senior Manage/Finance	64,785	58,510	45,314	19,035	10,819	198,462
Cleaning	246	952	30	6	55	1,288
DBS Checks	136	527	17	3	30	713
Depreciation	2,335	9,047	283	59	521	12,245
Governance	2,448	9,484	297	62	546	12,837
Insurance	1,861	7,210	226	47	415	9,759
IT Support	1,411	5,465	171	36	315	7,397
Finance Loan interest	69	266	8	2	15	360
Maintenance/repairs	1,552	6,014	188	39	346	8,140
Payroll/pension admin	1,332	5,159	162	34	297	6,984
Tel/photo/stat/franking	3,205	12,415	389	81	715	16,805
Utilities	1,985	7,692	241	50	443	10,411
Other	2,675	10,363	325	68	597	14,028
Total	84,039	133,103	47,651	19,522	15,114	299,429

7 Staff Costs	2025	2024
The payroll costs of the charity were as follows:-	£	£
Wages & salaries	833,984	791,922
Social security costs	38,383	59,322
Pension costs	15,289	14,841
	887,656	866,085

No employee earned more than £60,000 pa

The average number of employees of the charity was as follows:-

	Number	Number
Charitable activities	43	39
Support	8	8
	51	47

Key management personnel
The key management of the charity comprise the trustees and senior staff (as set out on page 1)
No trustees received remuneration for their services as trustees.

Remuneration of key management personnel	£	£
	47,932	47,382

8 Net Income	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Auditors remuneration: -		
Audit fees	5,400	5,100
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	13,735	11,403
Operating lease rentals	1,956	2,625

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
As at 1 April 2024	1,058,362	146,574	1,204,936
Additions	-	31,571	31,571
Disposals	-	(15,092)	(15,092)
As at 31 March 2025	1,058,362	163,053	1,221,415
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2024	118,175	143,886	262,061
Charge for the year	8,184	5,551	13,735
Eliminated on disposal	-	(15,092)	(15,092)
As at 31 March 2025	126,359	134,345	260,704
Net Book Value			
As at 31 March 2024	**940,187**	**2,688**	***942,875***
As at 31 March 2025	**932,003**	**28,708**	**960,711**

10 Debtors	**2025** £	***2024*** £
Trade debtors	121,198	86,304
Prepayments	2,505	*11,452*
Other	18,187	*451*
	141,890	***98,207***

Other debtors includes two employee loans and one salary advance, comprising individual loan balances of £15,223 and £2,586, and salary advance balance of £378. These loans are being repaid through agreed deductions from salary.

11 Creditors falling due within one year	**2025** £	***2024*** £
Stockport MBC re Salaries	225,586	*201,227*
Other Creditors	111	*(1,212)*
Trade Creditors	24,544	*3,154*
Accruals and Deferred Income	7,920	6,400
Funds in trust	5,080	*6,915*
	263,241	*216,483*

Stockport MBC re Salaries - Employees are paid through Stockport MBC's payroll department. Part of the sum payable to the Charity is retained to meet this cost, the balance is payable after the end of the payroll year.

12 Statement of Funds

	Balance 01/04/24 £	Income £	Costs £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/25 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	1,064,287	1,044,410	834,132		**1,274,565**
	1,064,287	1,044,410	834,132	-	**1,274,565**
Restricted Funds:					
Independent Living Service	80,309	458,833	507,072	-	**32,070**
	80,309	458,833	507,072	-	**32,070**
Total Funds	**1,144,596**	**1,503,243**	**1,341,204**	-	**1,306,635**

	Balance 01/04/23 £	Income £	Costs £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/24 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	999,252	919,084	854,049	-	**1,064,287**
	999,252	919,084	854,049	-	**1,064,287**
Restricted Funds:					
Independent Living Service	13,339	454,645	387,675	-	**80,309**
	13,339	454,645	387,675	-	**80,309**
Total Funds	**1,012,591**	**1,373,729**	**1,241,724**	-	**1,144,596**

Restricted funds balances as at 31/3/25: **£ 32,070**

Independent Living Service	£14,782	Ring fenced for cost of living payments.
	£6,163	Lottery grant overlapped the year 24/25-25/26.
	£4,326	Ring fenced for an autism training project.
	£2,842	Ring fenced for Forever Manchester Tablet Club.
	£644	Ring fenced for Veteran Autism Social Group.
	£900	Ring fenced for PT young people energy support.
	£2,413	Ring fenced for Access to Work.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fund balances as at 31/03/25:			
Tangible fixed assets	960,711	-	960,711
Net current assets	317,627	32,070	349,697
Long term liabilities	3,773	-	3,773
	1,274,565	32,070	1,306,635
Fund balances as at 31/03/24:			
Tangible fixed assets	942,875	-	942,875
Net current assets	121,412	80,309	201,721
Long term liabilities	-	-	-
	1,064,287	80,309	1,144,596

14 Lease Commitments

a Operating leases

Total commitments under non-cancellable leases	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	1,896	664
Within 2 to 5 years	6,646	-
After 5 years	378	-
	8,920	664

b Finance lease

There were no Finance lease commitments at the year end (2024: none).

15 Constitution

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and does not have a share capital.

16 Taxation

The Charity is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK Corporation Tax under sections 466 to 477 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010.

17 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments at the year end (2024: none).

18 Related Party Transactions

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Related Party	Nature of transaction / Amount
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	Grant of £214,300
	Expense of £10,000
Children of Trustees	Income of £27,900
Employees	Loan of £23,000

Their participation in the services provided by the Charity is on the same terms and conditions as all other users.

19 Managed Bank Accounts

The Charity holds money on behalf of clients deposited in managed bank accounts with CAF Bank Ltd. At 31 March 2025 balances held on their behalf totalled £22,204, (2024: £70,407).

Funds are held in an Individual Service fund CAF Bank account. Money paid in by SMBC is used to pay invoices for services received from Disability Stockport. The balance of the Individual Service Fund Account as at 31 March 2025 is £120,730 (2024: £102,675).

These accounts are not included in the balance sheet of the Charity.

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

TRUSTEES	Nick Clarke	
	Darren Dalby-Oldham	(Re-appointed 19/12/23)
	Anthony Egan	(Treasurer)
	Barbara Grenfell	(Vice Chair)
	Christine Mather	
	Dr Stephen Moran	
	Robert Newcombe	(Re-appointed 19/12/23)
	Carl Schoolden	(Re-appointed 19/12/23)
	Gary Wells	
	Peter Wilkins	(Chair)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Jane Bartlett	
CHARITY NUMBER	1133529	
COMPANY NUMBER	CEO16638	
REGISTERED OFFICE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS	23 High Street Stockport SK1 1EG	
AUDITORS	Tree Accountancy Limited Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors Eastgate 2 Castle Street Manchester M3 4LZ	
LEGAL ADVISERS	Stockport Legal Services, Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE	
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd PO Box 861 Ipswich IP1 9LW	
	The Co-operative bank 1 St Peters Square Stockport SK1 1NX	

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

By Peter Wilkins

Hello everyone.

Once again, the time has come for me to write my message for the Annual Report. It doesn't seem like a year since I wrote the previous one.

It has been a very good and eventful year for Disability Stockport.

We were granted 3-year Lottery funding to continue to provide crisis and autism support.

Our Primus Day service has returned to pre-covid numbers and continues to attract new members. I continue to receive good reports on how much members enjoy Primus.

Following our involvement with Pilot Light over the last couple of years when we had regular meetings with them, we have had continued support from Garfield Weston (in the form of grant funding for our independent living services).

We have provided cost of living support to many through the household support fund and are pleased that we have been a trusted partner in the scheme to ensure vulnerable households benefit from the support fund.

I am continuing to enjoy my time as Chairman and thank the Board of Trustees for their support and for the work they do for the organisation throughout the year, whether it be their attendance at Board meetings, or their involvement in the various aspects of Disability Stockport.

I would also like to thank management and staff for their dedication to our organisation, and for the continued high standard of work which they do.

My thanks also go to our members who help make Disability Stockport the fine organisation that it is. I am proud and honoured to be your Chairman.

Best wishes



Peter Wilkins
Chairman

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Directors, who are the trustees of the charity, present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its constitution dated February 1 2019 incorporating amendment passed 19 August 2020 effective from 22 August 2020 when Charity Commission consent was received. The Charity was previously a company limited by guarantee, registered at Companies House and was governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated November 2 2009. It converted to a CIO on February 1 2019, and retained its registration with the Charity Commission.

Membership of the charity is open to any adult resident primarily, but not exclusively, in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport who has a disability or an interest in disability matters and is approved by the Trustees. The Trustees have the powers to establish different classes of membership and in certain circumstances to remove a person from membership.

There are currently 63 members of the charity who, if the charity is wound up, have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Board of Trustees – composition and appointment

The number of Trustees must not be less than three or more than fourteen of whom not more than ten may be elected at a general meeting (the "elected Trustees"). All elected Trustees must be members of the charity.

One third of the elected Trustees must retire at each AGM, those longest in office retiring first. A retiring Trustee who remains qualified may stand again.

The Trustees may appoint any adult who is qualified to be a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee, but co-opted Trustees only hold office until the next AGM. A co-opted trustee does not necessarily need to be a member of the charity.

Trustee recruitment, induction, and training

The organisation has a defined process for recruiting and inducting members to the Board of Trustees and is led by the needs and skill requirements of the organisation. The induction process for any new Trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and some of the trustees. The welcome pack includes a brief history of the Charity, copies of Committee and Sub Committee minutes the last three years of Annual Reports and Financial Statements, the Constitution and the Charity Commission's guidance – 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

Organisation

The Trustees as a body administer the Charity and they meet monthly.

The Trustees are assisted by the work of the following sub-groups: Finance, Governance and Policy, and Media & Marketing. These sub-groups meet bi-monthly, to discuss budgets, contracts and review and evaluate policies. The sub-groups have the power to co-opt or consult specialists as advisers. The following sub-groups are convened as and when required: Business and Project Development, Nominations and Recruitment, Training.

The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer, to whom the Trustees delegate authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Trustees.

Volunteers – Impact/significance in the charity

Volunteers have always played a crucial role in the history of DS. Over the past year, they have contributed approximately 7,000 hours, equating to a financial saving of over £80,000 in equivalent wages. Their dedication and vital contributions ensure the smooth operation of our services and allow us to focus on delivering quality support.
Volunteers contribute not only financially but also by enhancing the quality of support with their diverse skills and experience. In return, they receive training, support, and feedback from members, fostering positive and rewarding relationships. Their involvement is essential for the operation of our social and support groups. For example, the 'Connect' social group and the autism social group depend on volunteers to host weekly meetings, enabling members to socialise, make new friends, and participate in informative sessions. Recently, a local Tai Chi group leader spoke to the autism social group about the benefits of Tai Chi and how to get involved. These groups aim to connect attendees with the community and provide social opportunities.

A notable initiative by one of our volunteers involved collaborating with The Light Cinema in Stockport to organize regular autism-friendly film screenings. The social groups vote on films, and volunteers support the screenings and arrange transport. This initiative has been highly successful, leading the cinema to offer weekly autism-friendly film screenings thanks to the volunteer's efforts. Additionally, DS offers placements for student social workers. This year, six students completed their placements, gaining a wide range of service experience that contributed towards their qualification. During their placements, DS benefits significantly from the projects they undertake.

Risk management

The Charity Trustees have carefully considered the major risks that Disability Stockport faces. They have reviewed these risks and established systems and procedures to manage them effectively.

A Risk Register, last reviewed in 2024, is maintained to identify the principal risks that could affect the Charity. These risks are categorised by their impact (low, medium, high) and their probability (low, medium, high). The Trustees recognise that the reduction in core grant support and the impending end of the current day service commissioning framework pose significant risks to the Charity's financial stability while it continues to meet the needs of its beneficiaries.

For each significant risk, the Trustees have outlined specific actions and a timeline to mitigate these risks. A Trustee or staff member has been assigned to oversee the implementation of these actions. All risks will be reviewed at least annually to ensure ongoing vigilance and responsiveness.

Trustees are covered by trustee indemnity insurance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the Charity is to relieve the needs of persons who have a disability, primarily but not exclusively in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport.

To meet its objective, the Charity aims to:

- Provide information and advice on disability
- Raise awareness of issues and concerns of disabled people
- Advocate on behalf of disabled people and their families
- Monitor and evaluate services to disabled people
- Provide a range of services that help to meet the needs of disabled people
- Promote and provide opportunities for partnership working to assist disabled people

This is done through the provision of a range of services provided from its central premises in Stockport.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. We have a central location and fully accessible building that is both easy to reach and welcoming. This means that all our public services such as information, informal advocacy, and advice can encourage people to drop in and use our facilities, such as meeting rooms, interview rooms and training room.

DS is a major provider of training and placements for volunteers who have also used the training room for meetings and workshops.

Services currently available at our Independent Living Centre include several partner agencies co-located at 23 High Street. These are: EaICO (Ethnic and Community Support), Wellbeing Groups, Epilepsy Group, Autism Group, LGBT+ group, Krafty Knitters, Omni Music, Solidarity benefits form support, Stroke Information, Stockport Family Church, Stockport Pride, Talk Listen Change, The Proud Trust. Stockport Homes provide a drop-in service to provide housing advice.

EJ Trivett, OmniMusic CEO: "OmniMusic, a Stockport-based music and technology charity, is dedicated to breaking down barriers to music-making for disabled individuals and their supporters. We believe everyone has the right to participate in cultural expression and creativity. Our partnership programmes focus on person-centred approaches to help disabled individuals explore and showcase their musical talents. By using Assistive Music Technology (AMT) alongside traditional instruments, we ensure everyone can engage fully in creating music. We also offer training and resources to staff and caregivers, ensuring music remains a part of individuals' lives beyond our sessions.

Our collaboration with Disability Stockport CIO highlights our commitment to inclusivity and community engagement. Using their facilities, we provide reduced-rate sessions to Disability Stockport members and create a supportive environment for all participants to express themselves through music. We value Disability Stockport CIO's support and look forward to continuing our efforts to promote accessibility and empowerment in music education.

This partnership has also helped OmniMusic secure media coverage, new collaborations and leverage funding. This allows us to bring national music and technology organisations to Stockport, where they can develop their work and invest their talents in our local disabled community. These new alliances offer more diverse and innovative music-making experiences, enriching the lives of those we collectively serve."

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

CEO's Report on behalf of Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

It has been a year of remarkable growth, resilience, and unwavering dedication at Disability Stockport. As we reflect on the past twelve months, we celebrate our achievements and acknowledge the vital contributions of our supporters, funders, members, volunteers, and staff.

We are thrilled to announce that Disability Stockport was granted a three-year National Lottery funding package. This significant support enables us to continue providing our crucial crisis and autism services, ensuring positive outcomes for the individuals who rely on these programs. The Primus Day service has also seen substantial growth, now reaching pre-COVID attendance levels, a testament to its value and our team's hard work.

Our ongoing relationship with the Garfield Weston Foundation has been instrumental in advancing our Independent Living services through continued grant funding. The demand for crisis support has surged, and our team has been busier than ever. The National Lottery funding has been crucial in maintaining these vital services during these challenging times.

In response to the cost-of-living crisis, we have leveraged the UK Government Household Support Fund to provide essential assistance to over 600 individuals. As a trusted partner in distributing these funds, we have been able to alleviate some of the financial pressures faced by our vulnerable community members.

We are proud to report the expansion of our veteran support services, made possible by funding from the Armed Forces Covenant Trust. This year, we established a veteran autism support group in Stockport and Cheshire, alongside an active social group. These initiatives have significantly enhanced the support available to veterans in our area.

Our collaboration with Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council has continued to flourish, particularly through our joint social care charging project. This initiative ensures that individuals receiving social care charges get the support they need and can afford, aligning with our mission to provide comprehensive and accessible care.
Additionally, we received funding from the GMCA WEA to enhance our adult learning opportunities. This investment in our training model and pathways will allow us to offer improved support and outcomes to our members and the broader community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributes to Disability Stockport. Your loyalty, dedication, and enthusiasm are the pillars that uphold our mission. Together, we will continue to thrive, stay relevant, and provide the highest quality services to those who need them most.

We are especially proud of Sara Crookdake, our Stockport Centre for Independent Living Manager, who was awarded an MBE for her outstanding services to disabled people. This honour is a reflection of her exceptional commitment and the impact she has made in our community. Sara's achievement underscores the dedication and excellence that define Disability Stockport.

Jane Bartlett, CEO, Disability Stockport

Primus

For over 40 years, Primus has been dedicated to providing daytime support for adults with physical, sensory, and learning disabilities. We are proud of our commitment to respecting and valuing the knowledge and experiences of disabled individuals, encouraging and enabling them to lead full, active, and meaningful lives as independently as possible.

Primus has continued to grow, achieving attendance levels comparable to those before the COVID-19 pandemic. We offer a variety of activities, including yoga, life skills training, and quiet spaces for relaxation.

Our members set personal goals such as becoming more independent, staying active, and maintaining good health. Activities are tailored to individual needs and interests, including walks to the town centre, tending to our allotment, cooking, and arts and crafts. The day centre operates six days a week: Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Participants can book the sessions they wish to attend.

Stockport Centre for Independent Living (SCIL)

DS offers a diverse range of support and services. The core aims of the Stockport Centre for Independent Living (SCIL) are to enable disabled people to maintain their independence, improve their life chances, and reduce social isolation.

Led by our inspirational SCIL manager, Sara Crookdake, who this year was awarded an MBE for services to disabled people, we celebrated this achievement with a trip to London for our members and supporters. This award is a testament to the dedication and contribution that DS makes to our community.

The SCIL team continues to support over 600 people each month through a range of services. Our offerings include Supported Living, Autism support, equality, peer support, outreach, money management, and crisis support. The demand for our services continues to rise as we respond to local needs and embrace new opportunities.

Over the past year, we have consistently developed our services and implemented sustainability initiatives. We express our gratitude to the National Lottery for continuing to support our vital work while we explore sustainable options to fund the increasing demand for our services.

As a trusted partner in Stockport, DS distributed hundreds of personalised UK Government household support fund awards, ensuring this support reached vulnerable households with disabilities or long-term health conditions. This initiative highlighted the need for ongoing support for vulnerable households, not only through assistance with energy, food, and other essential expenses but also with money management, budgeting, and debt and benefits advice to ensure they can access the services and equipment needed for a healthy life.

Stockport Council has extended our partnership agreement to continue offering a Social Care charging project, ensuring individuals receiving social care packages can access the support they need. We also continue to partner with the Stockport Support Hub and Pure Innovations to provide peer and home support to those in need in Stockport.

We remain a full member and co-chair of the Greater Manchester Disabled Person's Panel, which plays a crucial role in ensuring disabled people are involved and respected in all aspects of life.

We continue to invest in our employees and operate as a team to deliver high-quality wrap-around services to every individual we support. DS has a dedicated workforce committed to achieving the charity's objectives to a high standard. Working in collaboration with others, embracing new opportunities, and ensuring high-quality support remains our priority will ensure the continuation and evolution of SCIL.

Over the next year, we aim to further adapt, respond, and deliver a variety of improved and innovative services that achieve positive outcomes for the people we support.
DS continues to support an increasing number of people in crisis or significant distress. This includes individuals of all ages, genders, and backgrounds, with causes of crisis varying widely. Some are unable to leave their house due to panic attacks, are homeless, experiencing abuse, suffering from psychotic illness, undergoing relationship breakdowns, starving, or in financial crisis. Our main High Street building continues to offer a diverse range of community wellbeing groups.

Outreach Services

Our personalised service provides individuals with quality one-on-one interactions, increased chances to access a community of their choice, and opportunities to build new relationships. It has been noted that our outreach services have led to increased confidence and self-esteem among participants.

The complex outreach service has maintained momentum, supporting over 60 people per month. Our dedicated team works at full capacity to meet the rapid increase in demand for care and support. Dedicated Autism Support Workers continue to provide a preventative approach to the Autistic community of Stockport and the wider Greater Manchester area. Extending our services has been crucial in strengthening our ability to meet the escalating need in the area and address issues at the earliest possible stage.

Acknowledgements

DS is grateful to our donors and dedicated volunteers, whose contributions and time add immense value to our organisation and groups. We also thank everyone who has sponsored events on our behalf.

We appreciate the continued support of the Garfield Weston Foundation and the 12-month 'Pilotlight' mentoring programme, which resulted from winning charity of the year in 2022. With the support of Pilotlight mentors, we completed the programme, resulting in a full review of our charity, mission, and strategy. This led to a rebrand, featuring a new colourful logo that better represents our values and a strategic business plan to streamline our focus and align with our vision.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Total income for the charity this year has seen an increase (20%) from the previous year by £231k to £1,373,729.

Of the income 35.7% (£491k) has been in the form of project and grant funding, compared to 25.9% previous year. Although Disability Stockport aims to achieve self-sustainability by 2030 and reduce reliance on grant funding, a significant portion (£406k) has been allocated to new projects, pilots, and initiatives that foster positive community impact.

Primus income has seen an increase in income from the previous year, as numbers continue to steadily grow, and the service has resumed pre-covid attendance levels. Primus Day Service accounts for almost 41% of the total 23/24 income.

Independent Living Services, outreach service income has increased by almost 23% compared to the previous year, partly due to a 10% increase in fees from the local authority. The Mills supported Living service continues to operate as budgeted with all 6 flats tenanted. The total income for all Independent Living Services 23/24 is £782.9k, compared to £551.4k in 22/23. Over £160k has been received in grants to distribute cost of living support to individuals and offsets some of the high expenditure for the service.

Total expenditure rose to £1.24m, up from £1.12m the previous year. Salaries and wages increased by 14%, partly due to a 3.5% pay uplift aligned with Stockport Council's pay scales. This increase in salary expenditure is partially offset by additional income from new projects, such as those funded by The National Lottery, Garfield Weston, the Social Care Charging SMBC project, Household Support Funding, and The Veteran Foundation, which help cover the additional salary costs and expenditures.

The charity's total funds have increased in the past 12 months to £1.1m – this is held mostly in assets (High Street building) fully owned by Disability Stockport. Free reserves have increased.

DS has recorded income over budgeted expectations and achieved a surplus of £132k (budgeted on a loss). The surplus is attributed to grant and project funding secured after budget setting including The National Lottery grant, Garfield Weston charity of the year award, renewal of project income and grants to support DS Veteran service. £80.3k of the surplus is held in restricted funds towards grants that overlap the year into 2024-2025 to cover future expenditure.

Principal funding sources

The Independent Living Service was supported by grants and funding from Big Lottery Fund (£55.3k), Pure Innovations (£28.2k), Age UK (£10.1k), Garfield Weston (£30k) Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund (£38.3k), SMBC (£40.9k), Social Group funding from various funders (£41.8k) and The Workers Education Association (£36k)

Cost of Living support has been distributed from funding provided by the UK Government via the DWP £173.8k.

Independent Living Service income has been generated through the managed accounts service, consultancy, and student placements along with supported living and outreach services funded privately or by Stockport Council.

Primus is funded by fees paid either by the council on behalf of service users or directly by the users themselves. The same applies to fees generated by other services (Outreach & The Mills).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider expendable free reserves are essential to supplement any shortfall between expenditure and income to maintain the level of service to clients and provide for any unplanned revenue or capital expenditure.

Having considered the Charity's exposure to risk, a policy has been determined to target free reserves (unrestricted funds invested in net current assets, which is the Charity's working capital required to fund day-to-day operations) at a level equivalent to six months' unrestricted expenditure.

The free reserves of the Charity as at 31st March 2024 total £121.4k (2023 £46.3k), compared with unrestricted expenditure of £854k, which is equivalent to less than 2 month's expenditure.

Whilst the current level of reserves is low and the 2024-2025 forecast predicts a year end deficit, DS has a financial risk register in place should post year end requests for funding be unsuccessful. The risk register details mitigation action to ensure that the charity will continue as a going concern and deliver services as planned.

Pay of Senior Staff

The CEO's pay is determined by the Finance Sub-Group for approval by the Board of Trustees. Comparative studies of levels for similar roles and factors of turnover and responsibilities are all considered. The CEO pay for 2023/24 amounted to £47,382 and no travel expenses have been claimed.

Future plans

In 2024/25, the charity will continue to offer and maintain the same range of services, remaining well-positioned to adapt to any changes in government policy or funding while continuing to support those in greatest need.

Primus aims to increase attendance and enhance the range of opportunities available, with a particular emphasis on skills and training. We have initiated the process of becoming an ASDAN Centre to provide level 4 qualifications and advance opportunities for progression. As the current day service framework concludes in June 2024, DS plans to reapply with an enhanced offer of vocational and educational sessions.

More determined and busier than ever, the SCIL team strives to meet the increasing needs of disabled people across Greater Manchester, working towards social change and transforming individual lives. In collaboration with partners, we are committed to delivering personalised support that enables independent living.

Disability Stockport has been invited to participate in the rollout of phase 5 of the Household Support Fund. This will provide crisis support to vulnerable households, helping them cope with significantly rising living costs. By implementing lessons learned from previous phases and combining resources with other partners, we aim to meet the needs of the local community more effectively. Recognised as a model of good practice across Greater Manchester, SCIL will facilitate the scheme through various personalized routes.

Like many disabled people's organisations, funding remains one of the most fundamental challenges for SCIL. In response to this uncertainty, we will continue to strengthen our position through a diversification of funding, leading to greater sustainability. This will enable long-term

planning, further investment in service development, and a robust response to the rising needs of the community.

We will continue to listen to the concerns and issues raised by the community we serve and respond with actions for positive change.

Going concern

In the opinion of the Trustees, there is no material uncertainty regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees note that the free reserves have increased in the year.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Tree Accountancy Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put to a General Meeting.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Peter Wilkins - Chairman

Date: 21/01/2025

Charity Number 1133529
Company Number CEO16638

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Disability Stockport CIO (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other

information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees and directors

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material

misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non- compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

The nature of the industry and sector in which the company operates; the control environment and business performance including key drivers for directors' remuneration, bonus levels and performance targets.

- The outcome of enquiries of local management and parent company management, including whether management was aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, and whether management had knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud
- Supporting documentation relating to the Company's policies and procedures for:
- Identifying, evaluating, and complying with laws and regulations
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud
- The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- The outcome of discussions amongst the engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.
- The legal and regulatory framework in which the Company operates, particularly those laws and regulations which have a direct effect on the financial statements, such as the Companies Act 2006, pensions and tax legislation, or which had a fundamental effect on the operations of the Company, including General Data Protection requirements, and Anti-bribery and Corruption.

Audit response to risks identified

Our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statements disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with the provisions of those relevant laws and regulations which have a direct effect on the financial statements.
- Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.
- Evaluation and testing of the operating effectiveness of management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities.
- Enquiring of management about any actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships which may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud. We have also considered the risk of fraud through management override of controls by:
- Testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments. We have tested a sample of manual journals which may pose a heightened risk of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- Challenging assumptions made by management in their significant accounting estimates, and assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and
- Evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above, and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations are from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of them. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https:// www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: 27/01/25

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME						
Donations and legacies	2	44,456	173,800	-	218,256	230,431
Charitable activities	3	867,954	280,845	-	1,148,799	906,326
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments - bank interest		510	-	-	510	1,433
Other		6,164	-	-	6,164	4,249
TOTAL INCOME		919,084	454,645	-	**1,373,729**	1,142,439
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of raising funds	4	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	5	854,049	387,675	-	1,241,724	1,117,005
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		854,049	387,675	-	**1,241,724**	1,117,005
NET INCOME	8	65,035	66,970	-	132,005	25,434
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS					-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		65,035	66,970	-	132,005	25,434
TOTAL FUNDS: BROUGHT FORWARD		999,252	13,339	-	**1,012,591**	*987,157*
CARRIED FORWARD	13	1,064,287	80,309	-	**1,144,596**	1,012,591

CONTINUING OPERATIONS
None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above financial year.

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these accounts.

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9		**942,875**		*952,929*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	**98,207**		*122,911*	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		**319,997**		*160,378*	
		418,204		*283,289*	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	11	**216,483**		*223,627*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**201,721**		*59,662*
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**1,144,596**		*1,012,591*
CREDITORS amounts falling due after more than one year			-		-
TOTAL NET ASSETS			**1,144,596**		*1,012,591*
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	12		**1,064,287**		*999,252*
Designated	12		**-**		-
Restricted	12		**80,309**		*13,339*
TOTAL FUNDS			**1,144,596**		*1,012,591*

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these accounts.

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of trustees on :-

P. Wilkins

Peter Wilkins - Chairman

Date: 21.01.2025

Charity Number 1133529
Company Number CEO16638

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided/(utilised) by operating activities	**A**	161,479	*(24,733)*
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Bank interest		(510)	*(1,433)*
Purchase of property and equipment		(1,350)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		**(1,860)**	*(1,433)*
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayments of Borrowing		-	*(438,966)*
		-	*(438,966)*
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year		159,619	*(465,132)*
Cash at Bank and in Hand at the beginning of the year		160,378	*625,510*
Cash at Bank and in Hand at the end of the year		**319,997**	*160,378*

A	**Net income for the year**	132,005	*25,434*
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation charges	11,403	*13,232*
	Bank interest	510	*1,433*
	(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	24,704	*(49,484)*
	Increase/(Decrease) in creditors - excluding borrowings	(7,143)	*(15,348)*
	Net cash provided/(utilised) by operating activities	**161,479**	*(24,733)*

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Basis of preparation & accounting framework
The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention; in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Going Concern
At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There are no judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty.

Incoming resources
Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items. Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable, if all the conditions for their receipt have been met. When there are continuing restrictions over use or disposal of the asset acquired, then the grants are transferred to a separate restricted fund when the asset is acquired, and depreciation is charged against this fund over the useful economic life of the assets. If the restrictions are met or lifted before the assets are fully depreciated the balance on the related restricted fund is transferred to unrestricted funds.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund accounting
General funds are available at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are created by the Directors to meet anticipated future expenditure and the designations may be changed at any time.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the grant.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objectives of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds

Expenditure
All costs are accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated:

Costs of raising funds	The costs of securing grants and voluntary income.
Charitable expenditure	The costs of delivering the charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs directly relating to a particular activity are allocated directly and other costs (support costs) are allocated on an appropriate basis to reflect the usage of resources. Details are given in note 4-5. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Allocation of support costs
Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. They include property costs, back-office functions, staff costs and professional fees. The basis of allocations is set out in note 5-6.

Pension contributions
The charity operates workplace pension scheme (a defined contribution pension scheme) for its employees and pays the minimum contributions in order to meet its legal obligations. Contributions are charged to the SoFA as they become payable.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided to write down the cost of each asset over its expected useful life to a residual value as follows:

Equipment	at the rate of 25% per annum, using the straight-line method
Freehold Building	at the rate of 1% per annum, using the straight-line method
Freehold Land	Nil

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due, and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

Operating leases
Operating leases and payments made under them are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on
a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Finance leases
Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the sum of the digits method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Financial instruments
The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

	2024 Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Designated £	Total £	*2023 Total £*
2 Donations and legacies					
Revenue Grants	37,457	173,800	-	**211,257**	154,495
Capital Grants	-	-	-	**-**	-
Bequests & Legacies	-	-	-	**-**	*73,594*
Donations and Donated facilities	6,999	-	-	**6,999**	2,342
	44,456	173,800	-	**218,256**	***230,431***
3 Income from Charitable activities					
General	-	-	-	**-**	-
Primus Club	560,638	-	-	**560,638**	*490,303*
Independent Living Service	295,436	280,845	-	**576,281**	*403,477*
Rental Income	11,880	-	-	**11,880**	*12,546*
	867,954	280,845	-	**1,148,799**	***906,326***
3A Other Income					
Solar Panels - FIT	3,588	-	-	3,588	*3,449*
Insurance payout	1,276	-	-	1,276	-
ILS - GM Coalition Income	1,300	-	-	1,300	*800*
	6,164	-	-	**6,164**	***4,249***
4 Costs of raising funds					
Agency/other expenses	-	-	-	-	*250*
	-	-	-	-	***250***
5 Expenditure on Charitable activities					
Primus Club	336,865	-	-	**336,865**	*358,640*
Independent Living Service	207,904	387,675	-	**595,579**	*463,936*
Outreach	214,298	-	-	**214,298**	*166,758*
The Mills	94,982	-	-	**94,982**	*127,421*
	854,049	387,675	-	**1,241,724**	***1,116,755***

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2024 £	*Direct Costs £*	*Support Costs £*	*Total 2023 £*
General						
Primus Club	257,290	79,575	**336,865**	*259,120*	*99,520*	***358,640***
Independent Living Service	446,158	149,420	**595,578**	*324,334*	*139,602*	***463,936***
Outreach	165,914	48,385	**214,299**	*125,335*	*41,423*	***166,758***
The Mills	73,467	21,515	**94,982**	*94,444*	*32,977*	***127,421***
	942,829	298,895	**1,241,724**	*803,233*	*313,522*	***1,116,755***

6 Analysis of Support Costs	Primus Club	Indep Living	Outreach	The Mills	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Senior Manage/Finance	57,658	70,361	44,773	19,592	**192,384**
Depreciation	2,218	8,002	366	195	**10,781**
Maintenance& Repairs	2,791	10,070	460	245	**13,566**
Tel/Photo/Stat/Franking	2,841	10,250	468	249	**13,808**
Governance	2,644	9,539	436	233	**12,852**
Cleaning	159	574	26	14	**773**
Utilities	1,723	6,216	284	151	**8,374**
IT Support	1,379	4,975	227	122	**6,703**
Insurance	1,899	6,850	313	167	**9,229**
Other	6,260	22,583	1,032	550	**30,425**
Total	79,572	149,420	48,385	21,518	**298,895**

7 Staff Costs	2024	2023
The payroll costs of the charity were as follows:-	£	£
Wages & salaries	791,922	*695,243*
Social security costs	59,322	*52,614*
Pension costs	14,841	*12,414*
	866,085	***760,271***

No employee earned more than £60,000 pa

The average number of employees of the charity was as follows:-

	Number	Number
Charitable activities	39	34
Support	8	8
	47	**42**

Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees and senior staff (as set out on page 1)
No trustees received remuneration for their services as trustees.

Remuneration of key management personnel	£	£
	47,382	*44,304*

8 Net Income		
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors remuneration: -		
Audit fees	5,700	6,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,403	13,233
Operating lease rentals	2,625	2,546
Directors' remuneration & expenses	-	-
Trustees claiming expenses	nil	nil

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
As at 1 April 2023	1,058,362	145,224	1,203,586
Additions	-	1,350	1,350
Disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	1,058,362	146,574	1,204,936
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2023	109,991	140,666	250,657
Charge for the year	8,184	3,220	11,404
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	118,175	143,886	262,061
Net Book Value			
As at 31 March 2023	**948,371**	**4,558**	***952,929***
As at 1 April 2024	**940,187**	**2,688**	**942,875**

	2024	*2023*
10 Debtors	£	*£*
Trade debtors	86,304	*113,312*
Prepayments and Other	11,903	*9,599*
	98,207	***122,911***

11 Creditors falling due within one year		
Stockport MBC re Salaries	199,703	*201,227*
Other Creditors	311	*314*
Trade Creditors	3,154	*6,918*
Accruals and Deferred Income	6,400	*11,727*
Funds in trust	6,915	*3,441*
Loan Repayments	-	-
Finance Lease repayments	-	-
	216,483	*223,627*

Stockport MBC re Salaries - Employees are paid through Stockport MBC's payroll department. Part of the sum payable to the Charity is retained to meet this cost, the balance is payable after the end of the payroll year.

12 Statement of Funds

	Balance 01/04/23 £	Income £	Costs £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/24 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	*999,252*	919,084	854,049		**1,064,287**
	999,252	919,084	854,049	-	**1,064,287**
Designated funds:					
	-	-	-		-
	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds:					
Independent Living Service	13,339	454,645	387,675	-	**80,309**
Wellbeing Service	-	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	*13,339*	454,645	387,675	-	**80,309**
Total Funds	***1,012,591***	***1,373,729***	***1,241,724***	-	***1,144,596***

	Balance 01/04/22 £	Income £	Costs £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/23 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	*901,539*	864,795	767,082	-	**999,252**
	901,539	864,795	767,082	-	**999,252**
Designated funds:					
Independent Living Service	-	-	-		-
Wellbeing Service	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds:					
Independent Living Service	72,500	277,644	336,805	-	**13,339**
Wellbeing Service	13,118	-	13,118	-	-
Total restricted funds	*85,618*	277,644	349,923	-	**13,339**
Total Funds	***987,157***	**1,142,439**	**1,117,005**	-	**1,012,591**

Restricted funds balances as at 31/3/24: **£ 80,309**

Independent Living Service	£14,240	Ring fenced for cost of living payments.
	£9,225	Lottery grant overlapped the year 22/23-23/24.
	£458	Ring fenced for a poetry club.
	£10,377	Stockport Council joint project overlapped years.
	£10,000	Ring fenced for an autism training project.
	£2,531	Ring fenced for Forever Manchester Tablet Club.
	£1,179	Ring fenced for Veteran Autism Social Group.
	£6,260	Ring fenced for Veterans Cheshire Autism Social Group.
	£5,555	Ring fenced for Veterans Active programme.
	£20,484	Ring fenced for training project.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £
Fund balances as at 31/03/24:				
Tangible fixed assets	942,875	-	-	**942,875**
Net current assets	121,412	80,309	-	**201,721**
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	1,064,287	80,309	-	**1,144,596**
Fund balances as at 31/03/23:				
Tangible fixed assets	*952,929*	-	-	*952,929*
Net current assets	*46,323*	*13,339*	-	*59,662*
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	999,252	*13,339*	-	*1,012,591*

14 Lease Commitments

a Operating leases

Total commitments under non-cancellable leases	2024 £	*2023 £*
Within one year	664	2,222
Within 2 to 5 years	-	2,886
After 5 years	-	-
	664	5,108

b Finance lease

There were no Finance lease commitments at the year end (2023: none).

15 Constitution

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and does not have a share capital.

16 Taxation

The Charity is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK Corporation Tax under sections 466 to 477 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010.

17 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments at the year end (2023: none).

18 Related Party Transactions.

Some of the trustees participate in the services provided by the Charity on the same terms and conditions as all other users.

There are no other related party transactions.

19 Managed Bank Accounts

The Charity holds money on behalf of clients deposited in managed bank accounts with CAF Bank Ltd. At 31 March 2024 balances held on their behalf totalled £70,407, (2023: £90,771).

Funds are held in an Individual Service fund CAF Bank account. Money paid in by SMBC is used to pay invoices for services received from Disability Stockport. The balance of the Individual Service Fund Account as at 31 March 2024 is £102,675 (2023: £114,939).

These accounts are not included in the balance sheet of the Charity.

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO

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Accounts

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO

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ANNUAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Charity Number 1133529

Company Number CEO16638

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DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

TRUSTEES	Nick Clarke	(Re-appointed 20/12/22)
	Darren Dalby-Oldham	
	Anthony Egan	(Treasurer)
	Barbara Grenfell	(Vice Chair) (Re-appointed 20/12/22)
	Christine Mather	
	Dr Stephen Moran	(Re-appointed 20/12/22)
	Robert Newcombe	
	Carl Schoolden	
	Gary Wells	
	Peter Wilkins	(Chair)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Jane Bartlett	
CHARITY NUMBER	1133529	
COMPANY NUMBER	CEO16638	

REGISTERED OFFICE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS	23 High Street Stockport SK1 1EG
AUDITORS	Azets Audit Services Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Alpha House 4 Greek Street Stockport SK3 8AB
LEGAL ADVISERS	Stockport Legal Services, Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd PO Box 861 Ipswich IP1 9LW

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

by Peter Wilkins

It doesn't seem two minutes since I wrote the Foreword for last year's report.

Disability Stockport is doing well, and this is mainly due to the work of our excellent management team. I am sure the Board of Trustees will agree with me on this point.

This year we have had financial and governance support from the Garfield Weston Foundation and the PilotLight team. We have had about ten meetings with PilotLight, and all the meetings have been positive. Their team of advisors have listened to what we say, and they appreciate what a good organisation Disability Stockport is. They have been easy to work with and have not been patronising.

In addition to the meetings, Board members have had singleton interviews with members of Pilot Light, and I had two individual meetings as Chairman.

I hope you will enjoy reading these pages and will feel comfortable about the way Disability Stockport is run.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the organisation for the work you do and the support you give.

Best wishes



Peter Wilkins
Chairman

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Directors, who are the trustees of the charity, present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its constitution dated February 1 2019 incorporating amendment passed 19 August 2020 effective from 22 August 2020 when Charity Commission consent was received. The Charity was previously a company limited by guarantee, registered at Companies House and was governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated November 2 2009. It converted to a CIO on February 1 2019, and retained its registration with the Charity Commission.

Membership of the charity is open to any adult resident primarily, but not exclusively, in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport who has a disability or an interest in disability matters and is approved by the Trustees. The Trustees have the powers to establish different classes of membership and in certain circumstances to remove a person from membership.

There are currently 63 members of the charity who, if the charity is wound up, have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Board of Trustees – composition and appointment

The number of Trustees must not be less than three or more than fourteen of whom not more than ten may be elected at a general meeting (the "elected Trustees"). All elected Trustees must be members of the charity.

One third of the elected Trustees must retire at each AGM, those longest in office retiring first. A retiring Trustee who remains qualified may stand again.

The Trustees may appoint any adult who is qualified to be a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee, but co-opted Trustees only hold office until the next AGM. A co-opted trustee does not necessarily need to be a member of the charity.

Trustee recruitment, induction, and training

The organisation has a defined process for recruiting and inducting members to the Board of Trustees and is led by the needs and skill requirements of the organisation. The induction process for any new Trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and some of the trustees. The welcome pack includes a brief history of the Charity, copies of Committee and Sub Committee minutes the last three years of Annual Reports and Financial Statements, the Constitution and the Charity Commission's guidance – 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

Organisation

The Trustees as a body administer the Charity and they meet monthly.

The Trustees are assisted by the work of the following sub-groups: Finance, Governance and Policy, and Media & Marketing. These sub-groups meet bi-monthly, to discuss budgets, contracts and review and evaluate policies. The sub-groups have the power to co-opt or consult specialists as advisers. The following sub-groups are convened as and when required: Business and Project Development, Nominations and Recruitment, Training.

The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer, to whom the Trustees delegate authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Trustees.

Volunteers – Impact/significance in the charity

Volunteers have always been important throughout the history of DS. In the past 12 months they have generated over 7,000 hours at a saving more than £70k per annum in equivalent wages. The dedication of the loyal volunteers' vital contributions help to ensure smooth running of services and focus on delivering quality support.

It is not just in terms of finance they contribute but also in added quality of support and a diverse range of skills and experience. Volunteers in return receive training and support as well as feedback from members with whom they develop positive and rewarding relationships. Many volunteers are matched with members around a particular need for support and help to build confidence and independence. All volunteers are checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and offered personal development and participation in the organisation. This also has the benefit of helping to develop a skilled workforce resource for the local area and some of the volunteers go on to choose a career in Health and Social Care because of their positive experience.

DS offer placements for student social workers. This year four individuals have completed placements, gaining a wide range of service experience and contributing towards their qualification sign off. Whilst on placement, DS benefit from the projects they undertake.

Risk management

The Charity Trustees have considered the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

A Risk Register is maintained (Last reviewed in 2023), to identify the principal risks which could affect the Charity and to categorise them per impact (low, medium, high) and probability (low, medium, high).
The Trustees consider that following the reduction in core grant support and the reduction in support rates set by the council, that the charity is exposed to significant risks in maintaining its financial stability whilst continuing to meet the needs of its beneficiaries.

For each significant risk, the Trustees have agreed actions and a timescale to mitigate the risks identified and a Trustee or member of staff has been assigned to oversee the actions. All risks will continue to be reviewed at least annually.

Trustees are covered by trustee indemnity insurance.

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the Charity is to relieve the needs of persons who have a disability, primarily but not exclusively in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport.

To meet its objective, the Charity aims to:

- Provide information and advice on disability
- Raise awareness of issues and concerns of disabled people
- Advocate on behalf of disabled people and their families
- Monitor and evaluate services to disabled people
- Provide a range of services that help to meet the needs of disabled people
- Promote and provide opportunities for partnership working to assist disabled people

This is done through the provision of a range of services provided from its central premises in Stockport.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. We have a central location and fully accessible building that is both easy to reach and welcoming. This means that all our public services such as information, informal advocacy, and advice can encourage people to drop in and use our facilities, such as meeting rooms, interview rooms and training room.

DS is a major provider of training and placements for volunteers who have also used the training room for meetings and workshops.

Services currently available at our Independent Living Centre include several partner agencies co-located at 23 High Street. These are:
EalCO (Ethnic and Community Support), Wellbeing Groups, Beacon Counselling, Epilepsy Group, Autism Group, The Krafty Knitters, Solidarity, Stroke Information. Stockport Homes provide a drop-in service to provide housing advice.

John Pearson, a volunteer with Solidarity Stockport said: "Our group was established in 2015, after training by a 30 years' experience Welfare Rights Officer, to offer support to persons undergoing DWP assessments for Personal Independence Payment and Employment and Support Allowance / Universal Credit Work Capability Assessments. We became one of the member groups at the 'Sir Joseph Whitworth Centre', (informally known as the Wellbeing Centre), which was located in NHS leased premises on Chestergate. When we joined up, we immediately became aware that the joint funding from the Clinical Commissioning Group and SMBC was to be ended, with a closure date set at 31st December 2015. The groups campaigned to save the service and, although we got nowhere with the CCG, the Council gave a temporary reprieve which involved the groups having to relocate. We were very kindly offered alternative facilities at Disability Stockport and Solidarity Stockport made a seamless move to the High Street premises in January 2016.

The Council awarded a three-year contract to Disability Stockport to provide a Wellbeing Centre and our group's services then took off. With a team of six volunteers, we provided a 'no appointment required' drop-in service every Monday, helping many hundreds of people over the next four years, filling in PIP and WCA assessment questionnaire forms. These forms and the associated assessment procedures are daunting to very many of the disabled and/or sick persons who have to undergo them and are often a source of great anxiety, both in the process and, all too often, in the outcome. It has been of enormous advantage to Solidarity, to be able to work with Disability Stockport's excellent team of Support Workers and Administrative staff. That team has helped many of our clients, with other challenges that they have all too often been facing.

As austerity disappointingly continued, the Wellbeing Centre funding was not renewed by the Council after the 3-year contract ended in July 2019. But we did not lose any of the excellent facilities that continued to be provided for us by Disability Stockport, for which we are enormously grateful. Then came covid. We could no longer operate a drop-in service. After an initial suspension, during which we could only offer limited telephone services to existing Solidarity clients, in September 2021, we resumed a face-to-face appointments-based service on one day a week. Disability Stockport provided excellent covid-safe facilities - our spacious, well-ventilated former waiting room became our reception, administration, and interview room. Along with many voluntary organisations, covid dislocation dispersed our team of volunteers but, as we continue, with hopes of rebuilding our service, we are privileged to be able to rely on continuing support from our friends at Disability Stockport".

A community 'Mood lounge' has been created from funding Primus received and is available to take bookings as a sensory space.

We also host several forums and workshops including the Stockport Disability Forum.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

CEO's Report on behalf of Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

It has been an absolute pleasure and both an exciting and eventful first 12 months as CEO which has seen new projects and developments within the organisation, new staff joining the team and new partnerships formed within the local community, creating a sense of shared values and commitment to the people desperately in need of help and who we are all supporting.

Disability Stockport were delighted to win the Garfield Weston Charity of the Year Award. The prize for winning the award was a mentorship programme with Pilotlight 360, a programme built around a relationship between a team of business experts and key decision makers in the charity, an incredible opportunity to work together on project aims including Governance, Strategic Planning, Marketing and Corporate Fundraising to ensure the that our plans and priorities continue to secure the continued success of Disability Stockport.

We will continue to support everyone that comes through the door with a presenting need, however big or small. Disability Stockport's open-door policy and the commitment of all the employees when it comes to caring for vulnerable people will always be a priority and at the core of our values that no person is left behind in our community.

I would like to mention the loyalty and unwavering dedication of all the staff and volunteers here at DS and thank each and every member of the team for their support and enthusiasm as we commit ourselves to vital projects within the community that not only support vulnerable people in the short term, but also lead to a more person-centred approach with individuals long term, be that through the Crisis Team, the Autism Team, the Outreach Team, Peer Support, Primus, Connect and Money Management.

Jane Bartlett, CEO, Disability Stockport

Primus

In 2022 we were successfully awarded a place on Stockport Day service framework – A preferred provider list of day services that meet the quality standards expected by the council.
Primus has continued to grow and has almost met pre-covid attendance levels.
Primus hosts various activities to choose from each day, plus quiet spaces for people to have time out. Each member is assigned a Key Worker who will usually work on the days the members attend. Members have goals such as learning skills to become more independent, being more active and keeping healthy. The activities are then tailored around individual needs such as going out for a walk into the town centre, tending to our allotment, cooking and arts and crafts. The day centre is open six days a week (Monday to Friday 9:30am until 3:30pm and Saturday from 9am until 3pm). Participants book onto individual sessions they wish to attend.

Thanks to Stockport Local for funding, there is also a new Mood Lounge for members and this space is also available for rent.

Stockport Centre for Independent Living (SCIL)

DS offers a diverse range of support and services. The core aims of the Stockport Centre for Independent Living Scheme (SCIL) is to enable disabled people to maintain their independence, have improved life chances and be less socially isolated.

The SCIL team continue to support over 500 people each month via a range of services e.g., autism support, equality, peer support, outreach, money management and crisis support. The numbers continue to rise as we respond to local need and embrace new opportunities. Over the past two years we have been consistently developing our services and implementing sustainability ideas. We now recognise the forces and challenges that impede our progress and employ workable strategies to deal with them and reduce the risk to the continuity of our work. We encourage others to provide and support our activities, recognise, and celebrate improvements and have an incredibly supportive team who share the values of integrity, kindness, and courage.

Driven by need, the SCIL team have helped to assemble a community action group (Direct Payment Action Group) which led to the retraction of the illegal direct payment policy in Stockport - a policy which denied recipients the right to use the money allocated for their support for leisure activities. Supported by Irwin Mitchell Solicitors the subsequent consultation exercise carried out by SMBC to reform the new policy attracted 340 representations. The outcome has led to a policy which promotes flexibility and control, strives to improve mental health and wellbeing and ease the financial pressure associated with the cost-of-living crisis, allowing people to use their direct payment to pay for leisure activities.

The SCIL has taken on new projects to benefit our community- including Social Care charging project; Working to help our community through the cost-of-living crisis; Home from hospital discharge support; The Community Hub and Home Help. Each project is driven by demand, and we welcome the opportunity to form new partnerships and meet the needs of the community we serve. We remain a full member and co-chair on the Greater Manchester Disabled Person's Panel. The panel are instrumental in ensuring disabled people are involved and respected in all aspects of life. Together we undertook the largest survey across GM which focused on the cost-of-living crisis. Its relevance and impact cannot be underestimated, identifying that 'disabled people are living under three-fold assault on rights and quality of life'. Challenging the layers of disadvantage that significantly impact on the lives of disabled people continue to be an integral aspect of our work.

We continue to invest in our employees and operate as a team to ensure we deliver a quality wrap-around service to every individual we meet. DS have a dedicated workforce who go above and beyond to deliver the charity's objectives to such a high standard.
Working in collaboration with others, embracing new opportunities and ensuring that high quality support remains our priority will ensure the continuation and evolution of the SCIL. Over the next year we aim to further adapt, respond, and deliver a variety of improved and innovative services that achieve positive outcomes with the people we support.

DS continues to support an increasing number of people who are in crisis or who present in significant distress. This includes people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds and we have recognised that the cause of a crisis is different for everyone. Some people are unable to leave their house because of panic attacks, are homeless, experiencing abuse, are experiencing a psychotic illness, are in the midst of a relationship breakdown, starving or in financial crisis.

DS main High Street building continues to offer a diverse range of community wellbeing groups.

Outreach Services

In 2022 we were successfully awarded a place on Stockport Mental Health Service framework – A preferred provider list of community/outreach services that meet the quality standards expected by the council.
The personalised service continues to provide people with the opportunity to have quality one to one interactions, increased chances to access a community of the person's choosing, build new relationships and it has been noticed that the outreach services have led to an increase in people's confidence and self-esteem. 100% of people we support reported an increased feeling of independence in our end of year survey.

Due to the complexity of the people we support, we have arranged a bespoke training program to meet the needs of key staff members in order to strengthen skills. Training has been co-produced and co-delivered by a variety of different partners and disabled people.

The complex outreach service has continued to thrive, supporting well over 500 people over the past 12 months. The dedicated teamwork at full capacity to meet the rapid increase in demand for care and support. Dedicated Autism Support Workers continue to provide a preventative approach to the Autistic community of Stockport and the wider Greater Manchester area. The extension of our services has been crucial in being able to strengthen our ability to effectively meet the escalating need in the area and to take steps to 'address issues at the earliest possible stage.'

Acknowledgements

DS continues to be grateful to our donors and dedicated volunteers, who contribute sums great and small and add value to our organisation and groups. We also wish to thank everyone who has sponsored an event on our behalf and all those who contributed their valuable time to our organisation.

A generous legacy donation enabled DS to pay off the mortgage and avoid paying increasing interest rates. A wellbeing garden area is in planning to be named the Gillian Heather Garden as a tribute to the donation.

DS are grateful for the continued support of the Garfield Weston Foundation and proud to have been awarded the charity of the year in 2022. Part of the award included a 12-month support & mentoring package from Pilotlight. The intense support has enabled quality focus on strategic and business planning to ensure positive future goals are achievable.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Total income for the charity this year has seen an increase (7%) from the previous year by £76.6k to £1,142,439.

Of the income 25.9% has been in the form of project, grant funding and a £73.5k legacy donation, compared to 32.8% previous year.

Primus income has seen an increase in income from the previous year, as numbers continue to steadily grow and resume pre-covid attendance levels. Primus Day Service accounts for almost 49% of the total 22/23 income.

Independent Living Services has seen growth in the outreach service by 4.8% compared to the previous year. The Mills drop in income by 6.8% can be attributed to the closure of the second supported living service. The total for Independent Living Services 22/23 is £583.5k, compared to £502k in 21/22. Less grant funding has been received this year towards the core running costs of the service as Lottery funding dropped to 25% in the final year of the award. Over £120k has been received in grants to distribute cost of living support to individuals and offsets the high expenditure for the service.

Total expenditure £1.1m has increased from previous year spending £906k. Salaries and wages have increased by 10% from the previous year. This can be offset by the additional income from the new projects (Social Care charging SMBC project, Age UK Homecare discharge project, Household support Funding, Climate Action Now fund and The Veteran Foundation) to cover additional salary costs and expenditure.

The charity's total funds have increased in the past 12 months to reach over £1m – this is held mostly in assets (High Street building) now fully owned by Disability Stockport after paying off the mortgage this year. Free reserves are low - (£46.3k)

DS has recorded income over budgeted expectations and a surplus of £25.4k. Had it not been for the generous legacy donation received, the charity would have reported a 22/23 deficit.

Bad debts totalling £800 have been written off. The debts were over three years old and unlikely to be recovered, although an effort will be made to recover what we can. Aged debtors (Considered old) at the year-end are £2.5k. There are no significant debts to report, and the team continue to manage late payments.

Principal funding sources

The Independent Living Service was supported by grants and funding from Big Lottery Fund (£49.4), Pure Innovations (£26,680), Age UK (£9,605 + £5.9k – separate projects), SMBC (£20.1k), The Veteran Foundation (£30k).

Cost of Living support has been distributed from funding provided by the DWP (£100k) and Climate Action Now fund (£20k).

Independent Living Service income has been generated through the managed accounts service, consultancy, and student placements along with supported living and outreach services funded privately or by Stockport Council.

Primus is funded by fees paid either by the council on behalf of service users or directly by the users themselves. The same applies to fees generated by other services (Outreach & The Mills).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider expendable free reserves are essential to supplement any shortfall between expenditure and income to maintain the level of service to clients and provide for any unplanned revenue or capital expenditure.

Having considered the Charity's exposure to risk, a policy has been determined to target free reserves (unrestricted funds invested in net current assets, which is the Charity's working capital required to fund day-to-day operations) at a level equivalent to six months' unrestricted expenditure.

The free reserves of the Charity as at 31st March 2023 total £46.3k (2022 £374.3k), compared with unrestricted expenditure of £759.9k, which is equivalent to less than 1 month's expenditure.

Whilst the current level of reserves are low and the 2023-2024 forecast predicts a year end deficit, DS has a financial risk register in place should a grant funding request for core funding be unsuccessful. The risk register details mitigation action to ensure that the charity will continue as a going concern and deliver services as planned.

Pay of Senior Staff

The CEO's pay is determined by the Finance Sub-Group for approval by the Board of Trustees. Comparative studies of levels for similar roles and factors of turnover and responsibilities are all considered. The CEO pay for 2022/23 amounted to £44,304 and no travel expenses have been claimed.

Future plans

The charity continues to offer and maintain the same range of services in 2023/24 and is well placed to respond to any changes in government policy and/or funding whilst continuing to support those in most need.

Primus aims to continue to increase the number of attendees and further enhance the range of opportunities available in Primus with a particular emphasis on improving health and wellbeing.

More determined and busier than ever before, the SCIL team strives to meet the increasing needs of disabled people across Greater Manchester, to bring about social change and together transform the lives of individuals. Working in collaboration with partners we will do our utmost to continue to deliver personalised support that enables independent living.

Nominated as a trusted partner to disseminate the Household Support Fund phase 3, Disability Stockport have been invited to participate in the roll out of phase 4. This will provide crisis support to vulnerable households in most need of support to help with significantly rising living costs. Implementing lessons learnt from the delivery of phase 3, we hope to combine resources with other partners to meet the needs of the local community more effectively. Highlighted as a model of good practice across Greater Manchester the SCIL will help of issue the scheme through a variety of personalised routes.

Crisis and accommodation-based services have seen a surge in demand. Over the past year it is evident that the SCIL has become the front-line provider of critical services. Like most disabled people's organisations, funding has unsurprisingly emerged as one of the most fundamental challenges for the SCIL. In response to this uncertainty, we will continue to strengthen our position with a diversification of funding leading to greater sustainability. We hope that this will provide us

with the ability to carry out long term planning, further invest in service development and respond to the rising needs of the community.

Going concern

In the opinion of the Trustees, there is no material uncertainty regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees note that the free reserves have decreased in the year as the mortgage has been paid off in full, meaning reserves are tied up in assets.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

P. Wilkins

Peter Wilkins - Chairman

Date: 19/09/2023

Charity Number 1133529
Company Number CEO16638

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

OPINION

We have audited the accounts Disability Stockport CIO for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages15 to 26. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.
In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 20011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the charity with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine

whether this gives rise to material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees and directors

As explained more fully in the statement of responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control, as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing, the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https:/www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify

and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jonathan Ward (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services
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Azets Audit Services is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Date: 19/09/2023.
Charity Number 1133529
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DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME						
Donations and legacies	2	94,431	136,000	-	230,431	115,456
Charitable activities	3	764,682	141,644	-	906,326	923,256
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments - bank interest		1,433	-	-	1,433	73
Other	3A	4,249	-	-	4,249	27,054
TOTAL INCOME		864,795	277,644	-	**1,142,439**	*1,065,839*
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of raising funds	4	250	-	-	250	-
Charitable activities	5	766,832	349,923	-	1,116,755	905,919
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		767,082	349,923	-	**1,117,005**	*905,919*
NET INCOME	8	97,713	(72,279)	-	25,434	159,920
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		97,713	(72,279)	-	25,434	159,920
TOTAL FUNDS: BROUGHT FORWARD		901,539	85,618	-	**987,157**	*827,237*
CARRIED FORWARD	13	999,252	13,339	-	**1,012,591**	*987,157*

CONTINUING OPERATIONS
None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above financial year.

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these accounts.

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9		**952,929**		*966,161*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	**122,911**		*73,427*	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		**160,378**		*625,510*	
		283,289		*698,937*	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	11	**223,627**		*238,975*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**59,662**		*459,962*
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**1,012,591**		*1,426,123*
CREDITORS amounts falling due after more than one year	12		**-**		*438,966*
TOTAL NET ASSETS			**1,012,591**		*987,157*
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	13		**999,252**		*901,539*
Designated	13		**-**		-
Restricted	13		**13,339**		*85,618*
TOTAL FUNDS			**1,012,591**		*987,157*

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these accounts.

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of trustees on :-

P. Wilkins

Peter Wilkins - Chairman

Date: 19/09/2023

Charity Number 1133529
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided/(utilised) by operating activities	**A**	**(24,733)**	*28,661*
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Bank interest		**(1,433)**	*73*
Purchase of property and equipment		**-**	*(1,643)*
Net cash used in investing activities		**(1,433)**	*(1,570)*
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayments of Borrowing		**(438,966)**	*(38,389)*
		(438,966)	*(38,389)*
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year		**(465,132)**	*(11,298)*
Cash at Bank and in Hand at the beginning of the year		**625,510**	*636,808*
Cash at Bank and in Hand at the end of the year		**160,378**	*625,510*

A	**Net income for the year**	**25,434**	*159,920*
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation charges	**13,232**	*22,329*
	Disposal of Assets	**-**	*500*
	Bank interest	**1,433**	*(73)*
	(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	**(49,484)**	*61,410*
	Increase/(Decrease) in creditors - excluding borrowings	**(15,348)**	*(215,425)*
	Net cash provided/(utilised) by operating activities	**(24,733)**	*28,661*

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Basis of preparation & accounting framework
The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention; in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Going Concern
At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There are no judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty.

Incoming resources
Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items. Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable, if all the conditions for their receipt have been met. When there are continuing restrictions over use or disposal of the asset acquired, then the grants are transferred to a separate restricted fund when the asset is acquired, and depreciation is charged against this fund over the useful economic life of the assets. If the restrictions are met or lifted before the assets are fully depreciated the balance on the related restricted fund is transferred to unrestricted funds.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund accounting
General funds are available at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are created by the Directors to meet anticipated future expenditure and the designations may be changed at any time.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the grant.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objectives of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds

Expenditure
All costs are accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated:

Costs of raising funds	The costs of securing grants and voluntary income.
Charitable expenditure	The costs of delivering the charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs directly relating to a particular activity are allocated directly and other costs (support costs) are allocated on an appropriate basis to reflect the usage of resources. Details are given in note 4-5. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Allocation of support costs
Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. They include property costs, back-office functions, staff costs and professional fees. The basis of allocations is set out in note 5-6.

Pension contributions
The charity operates workplace pension scheme (a defined contribution pension scheme) for its employees and pays the minimum contributions in order to meet its legal obligations. Contributions are charged to the SoFA as they become payable.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided to write down the cost of each asset over its expected useful life to a residual value as follows:

Equipment	at the rate of 25% per annum, using the straight-line method
Freehold Building	at the rate of 1% per annum, using the straight-line method
Freehold Land	Nil

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due, and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

Operating leases
Operating leases and payments made under them are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on
a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Finance leases
Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the sum of the digits method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Financial instruments
The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Donations and legacies					
Revenue Grants	18,495	136,000	-	**154,495**	**109,006**
Capital Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Bequests & Legacies	73,594	-	-	**73,594**	-
Donations and Donated facilities	2,342	-	-	**2,342**	**6,450**
	94,431	136,000	-	**230,431**	***115,456***
3 Income from Charitable activities					
General	-	-	-	-	-
Primus Club	490,303	-	-	**490,303**	*403,905*
Independent Living Service	261,833	141,644	-	**403,477**	*478,826*
Wellbeing Service	-	-	-	-	*16,340*
The Space	-	-	-	-	-
Rental Income	12,546	-	-	**12,546**	*24,185*
	764,682	141,644	-	**906,326**	***923,256***
3A Other Income					
Solar Panels - FIT	3,449	-	-	3,449	*3,150*
Insurance payout	-	-	-	-	*23,104*
ILS - GM Coalition Income	800	-	-	800	*800*
	4,249	-	-	**4,249**	***27,054***
4 Costs of raising funds					
Agency/other expenses	250	-	-	250	-
	250	-	-	**250**	-
5 Expenditure on Charitable activities					
Primus Club	358,640	-	-	**358,640**	***372,043***
Independent Living Service	114,013	349,923	-	**463,936**	***477,825***
Wellbeing Service	-	-	-	-	***32,210***
The Space	-	-	-	-	***23,841***
Outreach	166,758	-	-	**166,758**	-
The Mills	127,421	-	-	**127,421**	-
	766,832	349,923	-	**1,116,755**	***905,919***

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Total 2023	*Direct Costs*	*Support Costs*	*Total 2022*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General						
Primus Club	259,120	99,520	**358,640**	*362,043*	*10,000*	***372,043***
Independent Living Service	324,334	139,602	**463,936**	*331,271*	*146,554*	***477,825***
Wellbeing Service	-	-	-	*28,988*	*3,222*	***32,210***
The Space	-	-	-	*24,001*	*(160)*	***23,841***
Outreach	125,335	41,423	**166,758**	-	-	-
The Mills	94,444	32,977	**127,421**	-	-	-
	803,233	313,522	**1,116,755**	*746,303*	*159,616*	***905,919***

6 Analysis of Support Costs	Primus Club £	Indep Living £	Outreach £	The Mills £	Total £
Senior Manage/Finance	60,244	58,513	36,684	25,661	**181,102**
Loan/Finance Interest	6,416	13,246	774	1,195	**21,631**
Depreciation	3,740	7,722	451	697	**12,610**
Maintenance& Repairs	3,912	8,077	472	729	**13,190**
Tel/Photo/Stat/Franking	4,193	8,657	506	781	**14,137**
Governance	3,752	7,747	453	699	**12,651**
Cleaning	462	953	56	86	**1,557**
Utilities	2,716	5,608	328	506	**9,158**
IT Support	2,048	4,227	247	381	**6,903**
Insurance	2,685	5,544	324	500	**9,053**
Other	9,352	19,308	1,128	1,742	**31,530**
Total	99,520	139,602	41,423	32,977	**313,522**

7 Staff Costs The payroll costs of the charity were as follows:-	2023 £	2022 £
Wages & salaries	695,243	*635,287*
Social security costs	52,614	*45,311*
Pension costs	12,414	*10,836*
	760,271	***691,434***

No employee earned more than £60,000 pa

The average number of employees of the charity was as follows:-

	Number	Number
Charitable activities	34	32
Support	8	10
	42	**42**

Key management personnel
The key management of the charity comprise the trustees and senior staff (as set out on page 1)
No trustees received remuneration for their services as trustees.

Remuneration of key management personnel	£	£
	44,304	*45,767*

8 Net Income This is stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors remuneration: -		
Audit fees	6,000	6,000
Under/over accrual in the prior year	-	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	13,233	22,329
Operating lease rentals	2,546	2,951
Directors' remuneration & expenses	-	-
Trustees claiming expenses	**nil**	**nil**

9 Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
Cost	**£**	**£**	**£**
As at 1 April 2022	1,058,362	145,224	1,203,586
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2023	1,058,362	145,224	1,203,586
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2022	101,807	135,618	237,425
Charge for the year	8,184	5,048	13,232
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2023	109,991	140,666	250,657
Net Book Value			
As at 31 March 2022	**956,555**	**9,606**	***966,161***
As at 1 April 2023	**948,371**	**4,558**	**952,929**

10 Debtors	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	113,312	70,486
Prepayments and Other	9,599	*2,941*
	122,911	***73,427***

11 Creditors falling due within one year		
Stockport MBC re Salaries	201,227	*179,812*
Other Creditors	314	*296*
Trade Creditors	6,918	*(375)*
Accruals and Deferred Income	11,727	16,628
Funds in trust	3,441	*5,811*
Loan Repayments	-	*34,954*
Finance Lease repayments	-	*1,849*
	223,627	*238,975*

Stockport MBC re Salaries - Employees are paid through Stockport MBC's payroll department. Part of the sum payable to the Charity is retained to meet this cost, the balance is payable after the end of the payroll year.

12 Creditors falling due after one year		
Loan creditors due 2 - 5 years	-	*154,602*
Loan creditors due after 5 years	-	*284,364*
Finance Lease due 2 - 5 years	-	-
	-	***438,966***

The CAF Bank Ltd loan secured on the charity's freehold property was repaid in February 2023.

13 Statement of Funds

	Balance 01/04/22 £	Income £	Costs £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/23 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	*901,539*	864,795	767,082		**999,252**
	901,539	864,795	767,082	-	**999,252**
Designated funds:					
	-	-	-		-
	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds:					
Independent Living Service	72,500	277,644	336,805	-	**13,339**
Wellbeing Service	13,118	-	13,118	-	-
Total restricted funds	*85,618*	277,644	349,923	-	**13,339**
Total Funds	***987,157***	***1,142,439***	***1,117,005***	-	***1,012,591***

	Balance 01/04/21 £	Income £	Costs £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/22 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	*816,520*	820,605	(746,303)	10,717	**901,539**
	816,520	820,605	(746,303)	-	**901,539**
Designated funds:					
Independent Living Service	-	-	-		-
Wellbeing Service	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds:					
Independent Living Service	-	219,054	(146,554)	-	**72,500**
Wellbeing Service	-	16,340	(3,222)	-	**13,118**
Space	-	(160)	160	-	-
General	10,717	-		(10,717)	-
Primus	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Total restricted funds	*10,717*	245,234	(159,616)	-	**85,618**
Total Funds	*827,237*	1,065,839	(905,919)	-	**987,157**

Restricted funds balances as at 31/3/23: £ -

Independent Living Service £1,101 Veteran Foundation funding ring fenced for May 23 Veteran Manager salary (Grant overlapped 22/23-23/24)
£280 unspent from £500 awarded to a Community Soup project.
£5,000 ring fenced from SESF Lottery funding to pay for an impact report.
£6,958 Household Support Fund balance at year end to be spent from 22/23 award.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances as at 31/03/23:				
Tangible fixed assets	952,929	-	-	**952,929**
Net current assets	46,323	13,339	-	**59,662**
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	999,252	13,339	-	**1,012,591**
Fund balances as at 31/03/22:				
Tangible fixed assets	*966,161*	-	-	*966,161*
Net current assets	*374,344*	*85,618*	-	*459,962*
Long term liabilities	*438,966*	-	-	*438,966*
	901,539	*85,618*	-	*987,157*

15 Lease Commitments

a Operating leases

Total commitments under non-cancellable leases	2023 £	*2022 £*
Within one year	2,222	2,222
Within 2 to 5 years	2,886	5,108
After 5 years	-	-
	5,108	7,330

b Finance lease

Total commitments:		
Within one year	-	2,408
Within 2 to 5 years	-	-
	-	2,408
Less interest charges	-	(559)
Net payable as per creditors notes	-	1,849

16 Constitution

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and does not have a share capital.

17 Taxation

The Charity is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK Corporation Tax under sections 466 to 477 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010.

18 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments at the year end (2022: none).

19 Related Party Transactions.

Some of the trustees participate in the services provided by the Charity on the same terms and conditions as all other users.

There are no other related party transactions.

20 Managed Bank Accounts

The Charity holds money on behalf of clients deposited in managed bank accounts with CAF Bank Ltd. At 31 March 2023 balances held on their behalf totalled £90,771, (2022: £68,585).

Funds are held in an Individual Service fund CAF Bank account. Money paid in by SMBC is used to pay invoices for services received from Disability Stockport. The balance of the Individual Service Fund Account as at 31 March 2023 is £114,939 (2022: £78,372).

These accounts are not included in the balance sheet of the Charity.

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

TRUSTEES	April Alton	(Died November 2021)
	Khumi Burton	(Retired 21/12/21)
	Nick Clarke	
	Darren Dalby-Oldham	
	Anthony Egan	(Appointed 21/12/21) (Treasurer)
	Barbara Grenfell	(Vice Chair)
	Christine Mather	
	Dr Stephen Moran	
	Robert Newcombe	
	Adrian Rawlinson	(Retired 21/12/21)
	Carl Schoolden	(Re-appointed 21/12/21)
	Gary Wells	(Re-appointed 21/12/21)
	Peter Wilkins	(Chair)
	Ashley Wood	(Died June 2021)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Kieran McMahon CEO up to December 2021. (Retired) - Remained as mentor up to 1st April 2022. Jane Bartlett from January 2022
CHARITY NUMBER	1133529
COMPANY NUMBER	CEO16638
REGISTERED OFFICE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS	23 High Street Stockport SK1 1EG
AUDITORS	Azets Audit Services Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Alpha House 4 Greek Street Stockport SK3 8AB
LEGAL ADVISERS	Stockport Legal Services, Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE
BANKERS	Royal Bank of Scotland, Drummond House 1 Redheughs Avenue Edinburgh EH12 9JN
	CAF Bank Ltd PO Box 861 Ipswich IP1 9LW

DISABILITY STOCKPORT
31 MARCH 2022
FOREWORD BY PETER WILKINS

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

by Peter Wilkins

Once again, I have great pleasure in writing a short message for the end-of-financial year report at Disability Stockport.

Disability Stockport has continued to work carefully in respect of Covid with its restrictions and dangers, but it is good to have face-to-face meetings again, including the re-opening of Primus.

At the turn of the year, Kieran McMahon relinquished his post as Chief Executive Officer, although he continues to visit Disability Stockport occasionally and is still involved in some of our activities. Jane Bartlett became Chief Executive Officer in January and is doing a fine job. I'm sure we all wish her continued success and enjoyment of her new post. I thank Kieran for all he did for our organisation and disabled people in general and wish him a happy and successful future.

In these pages you will see that we have had a good financial year, including funding and governance support from the Garfield Weston Association.

I continue to be amazed at the wide range of work carried out by Disability Stockport, and enjoy the friendliness and efficiency shown by staff and volunteers and wish them and the members of Disability Stockport continued health and happiness.

All the best,



Peter Wilkins,
Chairman

Disability Stockport CIO
Charity Number 1133529
Company Number CEO16638

The Directors, who are the trustees of the charity, present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2022.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its constitution dated February 1 2019 incorporating amendment passed 19 August 2020 effective from 22 August 2020 when Charity Commission consent was received. The Charity was previously a company limited by guarantee, registered at Companies House and was governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated November 2 2009. It converted to a CIO on February 1 2019, and retained its registration with the Charity Commission.

Membership of the charity is open to any adult resident primarily, but not exclusively, in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport who has a disability or an interest in disability matters and is approved by the Trustees. The Trustees have the powers to establish different classes of membership and in certain circumstances to remove a person from membership.

There are currently 69 members of the charity who, if the charity is wound up, have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Board of Trustees – composition and appointment

The number of Trustees must not be less than three or more than fourteen of whom not more than ten may be elected at a general meeting (the "elected Trustees"). All elected Trustees must be members of the charity.

One third of the elected Trustees must retire at each AGM, those longest in office retiring first. A retiring Trustee who remains qualified may stand again.

The Trustees may appoint any adult who is qualified to be a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee, but co-opted Trustees only hold office until the next AGM. A co-opted trustee does not necessarily need to be a member of the charity.

Trustee recruitment, induction, and training

The organisation has a defined process for recruiting and inducting members to the Board of Trustees and is led by the needs and skill requirements of the organisation. The induction process for any new Trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and some of the trustees. The welcome pack includes a brief history of the Charity, copies of Committee and Sub Committee minutes the last three years of Annual Reports and Financial Statements, the Constitution and the Charity Commission's guidance – 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

Organisation

The Trustees as a body administer the Charity and they meet monthly.

The Trustees are assisted by the work of the following sub-groups: Finance, Governance and Policy, and Media & Marketing. These sub-groups meet monthly, to discuss budgets, contracts and review and evaluate policies. The sub-groups have the power to co-opt or consult specialists as advisers. The following sub-groups are convened as and when required: Business and Project Development, Nominations and Recruitment, Training.

The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer, to whom the Trustees delegate authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Trustees.

Volunteers – Impact/significance in the charity

Volunteers have always been important throughout the history of Disability Stockport. At any one time there used to be up to 100 hundred people on our books supporting our work. The Connect service alone would directly support over 150 activities for disabled people each year. They would generate over 2,000 hours at a saving in excess of £15k per annum in equivalent wages. During the past two years, the impact of covid has reduced volunteer hours to nil as restrictions have prevented activities but there are signs immerging that things will start to improve soon.

It is not just in terms of finance they contribute but also in added quality of support and a diverse range of skills and experience. Volunteers in return receive training and support as well as feedback from members with whom they develop positive and rewarding relationships. Many volunteers are matched with members around a particular need for support and help to build confidence and independence. All volunteers are checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and offered personal development and participation in the organisation. This also has the benefit of helping to develop a skilled workforce resource for the local area and some of the volunteers go on to choose a career in Health and Social Care because of their positive experience.

Disability Stockport offer placements for student social workers. This year two individuals have completed placements, gaining a wide range of service experience and contributing towards their qualification sign off. Whilst on placement, Disability Stockport benefit from the projects they undertake and both students have been employed on zero-hour contracts to continue working at Disability Stockport after their placement has ended.

Risk management

The Charity Trustees have considered the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

A Risk Register is maintained (Last reviewed in 2022), to identify the principal risks which could affect the Charity and to categorise them per impact (low, medium, high) and probability (low, medium, high).
The Trustees consider that following the reduction in core grant support and the reduction in support rates set by the council, that the charity is exposed to significant risks in maintaining its financial stability whilst continuing to meet the needs of its beneficiaries.

For each significant risk, the Trustees have agreed actions and a timescale to mitigate the risks identified and a Trustee or member of staff has been assigned to oversee the actions. All risks will continue to be reviewed at least annually.

Trustees are covered by trustee indemnity insurance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the Charity is to relieve the needs of persons who have a disability, primarily but not exclusively in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport.

To meet its objective, the Charity aims to:

- Provide information and advice on disability
- Raise awareness of issues and concerns of disabled people
- Advocate on behalf of disabled people and their families
- Monitor and evaluate services to disabled people
- Provide a range of services that help to meet the needs of disabled people
- Promote and provide opportunities for partnership working to assist disabled people

This does so through the provision of a range of services provided from its central premises in Stockport.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. We have a central location and fully accessible building that is both easy to reach and welcoming. This means that all our public services such as information, advocacy, and advice can encourage people to drop in and use our facilities, such as meeting rooms, interview rooms and training room.

Disability Stockport is a major provider of training and placements for volunteers who have also used the training room for meetings and workshops.

Services currently available at our Independent Living Centre include several partner agencies co-located at 23 High Street. These are:
EaICO (Ethnic and Community Support), Wellbeing Groups, Beacon Counselling, Epilepsy Group, Autism Group, The Krafty Knitters, Solidarity, Stroke Information, Start of the week. Stockport Homes provide a drop-in service to provide housing advice.

James Harper, Chief Executive, Beacon counselling said: "Beacon's partnership with Disability Stockport has been in place for over a decade, and we are particularly proud of our working relationship. The service Beacon offers from Disability Stockport supports people with disabilities aged 18+ living anywhere in Stockport. A small team of dedicated volunteers delivers counselling for a wide range of challenges, from depression and anxiety through to bereavement and loss, and even more severe and complex issues such as abuse.
Being based at Disability Stockport is so valuable as it enables easy access for many people. The last year and more has seen exceptional challenges for people with a disability as the impact of the pandemic was more severe than for most if not all other groups. Beacon was able to deliver counselling remotely, but it was a welcome return to working from Disability Stockport in 2021."

The most important thing we are interested in is the impact the service has, and last year people accessing support benefited from improved mental health and well-being, and increased resilience. Good mental health and resilience are vital to us all, and with the current cost-of-living increases set to rise further, we are committed to our partnership with Disability Stockport to respond to the wider support that is increasingly needed.

A community 'Mood lounge' has been created from funding Primus received and is available to take bookings as a sensory space.

We also host several forums and workshops including the Stockport Disability Forum.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

CEO's Report on behalf of Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

As we come to the end of the year 2021/22 we can look back and reflect on the challenges that we have faced as a Charity, moving out of lockdowns and the restrictions imposed on the organisation; challenges that we have undoubtably overcome with a determination to survive and get back 'to normal'; challenges that we continue to work towards overcoming and new challenges we will face in the future under the pressure of the current financial climate nationwide.

Vital to the heart of Disability Stockport was the re-opening of Primus, our day care service, and with continued support and guidance from the Local Authority and Health Protection Team were able to open the doors up to 15 existing members – less than half of the pre-covid 35+ members that attended daily but a positive move forward, nonetheless. This move also enabled staff to return to work and open some of the activity projects offered. As we reach March 2022, current attendance figures are still lower than average at 25-30 members attending each day, but this is slowly increasing with new referrals and interest from people in joining Primus and we are confident that this will continue to rise.

Response services including 'Reaching Out' (supporting people in the community that were still unable to attend the centre) and 'The Mills' (supported living and crisis support) have proven a huge success and were both piloted under difficult circumstances at the height of the pandemic, but which is now an essential part of the services that we provide with scope to expand in the future with a similar project.

Support and Funding from SMBC, along with grants awarded from Garfield Weston and SESF contributed to an unexpected surplus at the end of the financial year. This will allow us to move forward into 2022/23 on a positive footing.

Continued building of relationships and partnerships with other providers both locally and across Greater Manchester with a vision of shared knowledge and skills to better support people in the community is clearly beneficial to all and will be a focus over the year ahead.

Having replaced Kieran McMahon as CEO in January 2022, it is both an honour and a privilege that I now take the reins where Kieran left off. With similar visions and values, my wish is to continue the incredible work that Disability Stockport and the amazing team do, every day, and to build on what is already a solid foundation for the future. I am encouraged by the dedication of all who work here and grateful for the support of all who are connected to Disability Stockport.

So, if there are challenges, we will face them together with commitment and excitement for what lies ahead.

Jane Bartlett, CEO, Disability Stockport

Primus

Re-opened in May 2021, the service continued following local authority Covid guidance to reduce attendance to 15 members per day, adhere to guidelines and operate safely. Attendance has made a phased return to pre covid numbers over the twelve-month period to reach 80% of the target 40 members per day by year end. A new plan has been made to relaunch Primus to attract new members. In 2022 we were successfully awarded a place on Stockport Day service framework – A preferred provider list of day services that meet the quality standards expected by the council.
This year Primus completed works to create a mood lounge – a sensory multipurpose room that has proved very popular with our members. The mood lounge has hosted yoga and Zumba classes and is also used for relaxation and sensory stimulus.

Stockport Centre for Independent Living (SCIL)

The core aims of the SCIL are to enable disabled people to maintain their independence, have improved life chances and be less socially isolated. Now in the sixth year of service, we have secured our position as a key part of the preventative service landscape within the borough and been successful in delivering coordinated, holistic responses, worked with people to achieve positive outcomes and provided innovative solutions with community members that enable people to come together in meaningful ways.

Over the past two years we have been consistently developing our services and implementing sustainability ideas. We now recognise the forces and challenges that impede our progress and employ workable strategies to deal with them and reduce the risk to the continuity of our work. We encourage others to provide and support our activities, recognise and celebrate improvements and have an incredibly supportive team who share the values of integrity, kindness and courage.

Our team has been busy providing autism awareness training to a variety of professionals across Greater Manchester. This includes teams from the DWP, security guards at Stockport Job Centre, Youth Coaches, local providers, the ASC Leaving Care Team and employment specialists (Ingeus). The training aims to ensure that each participant has a base level awareness of how Autism can impact an individual's interpretation and experience of the world. Our Autism Ambassador has added a new dimension to the training which helps the participants to gain an insight into sensory experiences of an autistic person in a range of environments. This is achieved using a virtual reality headset. The training has been well received and we received some amazing feedback

Working in collaboration with others, embracing new opportunities and ensuring that high quality support remains our priority will ensure the continuation and evolution of the SCIL. Over the next year we aim to further adapt, respond, and deliver a variety of improved and innovative services that achieve positive outcomes with the people we support.

Seven years ago, Disability Stockport became part of the Wellbeing and Independence Network (WIN). Together with a network of other local organisations using our partnered strengths and wide links with the voluntary sector we have provided individual solutions to the people of Stockport. We focus our support around people who have additional barriers and needs to empower and enable them to live their best life. Through short term practical and creative interventions, we can provide valuable long-term solutions to the everyday home focused issues.
In March 2022 we were successful in maintaining 16 hours support through the WIN Home Support initiative. This contract will secure the continuation of a post devoted to supporting disabled people until March 2027, with the option for an extension to 2029.

Over the last year we continue to support an increasing number of people who are in crisis or who present in significant distress. This includes people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds and we

have recognised that the cause of a crisis is different for everyone. Some people are unable to leave their house because of panic attacks, are homeless, experiencing abuse, are experiencing a psychotic illness, are in the midst of a relationship breakdown, starving or in financial crisis.
In an attempt to maintain and extend our crisis provision we have managed to secure additional funding from the Social Enterprise Support Fund and Garfield Weston. The aim is to continue to support to people in crisis who are at risk of harm, including homelessness, hunger, and personal safety.

Outreach Services

The personalised service continues to provide people with the opportunity to have quality one to one interactions, increased chances to access a community of the person's choosing, build new relationships and it has been noticed that the outreach services have led to an increase in people's confidence and self-esteem.

Due to the complexity of the people we support, we have arranged a bespoke training program to meet the needs of key staff members in order to strengthen skills. Training has been co-produced and co-delivered by a variety of different partners and disabled people.

Despite the enormous challenges that we faced during Covid, the complex outreach service has continued to thrive, with the dedicated team working at full capacity to meet the rapid increase in demand for care and support. The support provided to autistic adults continues to be the main area of growth. 69% of our current outreach support is delivered to autistic people and feedback continues to suggest that this can be partially attributed to the personalised support that is tailored to meet every individual's needs, the responsive, skilled staff team and the extraordinary ability and loyalty of the people we support.

Our dedicated Autism Support Workers continue to provide a preventative approach to the Autistic community of Stockport and the wider Greater Manchester area. The extension of our services has been crucial in being able to strengthen our ability to effectively meet the escalating need in the area and to take steps to 'address issues at the earliest possible stage.

Wellbeing

Our Equality officer Aba Graham has been instrumental in facilitating and partaking in a variety of events that bring people together under the unifying topics of equality and inclusion. They have provided opportunities for learning, sharing and raising awareness.
An international women's day event, black history in Stockport exhibition, holiday activities run by the group Eaico and a cultural foodbank feeding 80 families per week held at the Space centre.

The difficult decision has been made to close the centre in early 2022 as it has become financially unviable to pay the rent and overheads on the property (This has not been helped by the impact on covid halting our plans to create an accessible community hub. The plan is to continue to offer Disability Stockport main High Street building to continue to offer a diverse range of community wellbeing groups.

Acknowledgements

Disability Stockport continues to be grateful to our donors, who contribute sums great and small to our organisation and groups. We also wish to thank everyone who has sponsored an event on our behalf and all those who contributed their valuable time to our organisation.

The Co-Op local community fund enabled the ongoing employment of a receptionist, playing an integral role in improving existing services, systems and processes and an extended reach to the community.
Stockport Local fund provided the main funding to create Primus Mood Lounge – A safe, relaxation multipurpose space that benefits our members and the wider community.
Support from Garfield Weston has enabled the crisis team within the centre for independent living to continue to support people in a crisis and reach successful outcomes.
Continued support from the National Lottery has been invaluable to continue to offer, grow and extend independent living services.

The creation of Primus Mood Lounge is thanks to the following: Tonetech Ltd, Loft 25, Zen and Pen Yoga, Cubicle Ninjas, Allure Bath fashions, Sommio, Therapy Blanket UK, Bramley Carpets Stockport, Yoga Manchester UK for their kind donations.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Total income for the charity this year has seen an increase (7.6%) from the previous year by £75k to £1,065,839.

Of the income 32.8% has been in the form of top up funding, grant & government support schemes, compared to 78% previous year.

Supported by SMBC top up funding, Primus income has seen an increase from the previous year. Utilising the Government kickstart apprenticeship scheme, and receiving additional workforce development funding from SMBC, Primus Day Service accounts for over 48% of the total 21/22 income.

Growth in income has been reported in each Independent Living Service department. (Including outreach and the Mills supported living). The total for Independent Living Services 21/22 is £502k, compared to £335k in 20/21 evidencing the growing demand for the services as less grant funding has been received this year towards the core running costs.

This final full year running for the wellbeing and Space service have produced a small surplus, credited to SMBC local restriction grants received.

The charity's total funds have increased in the past 12 months to reach £901.5k as at 31 March 2022. An amount of £85,618 restricted income has not been included in this figure.

Disability Stockport has recorded income over budgeted expectations and a surplus of £74.3k with the aid of top up funding, grant & government support schemes.

Bad debts totalling £5k has been written off. The debts were over three years old and unlikely to be recovered, although an effort will be made to recover what we can. Aged debtors (Considered old) at the year-end are £7.5k. There are no significant debts to report, and the team continue to manage late payments.

Salaries and wages have increased by over 20% from the previous year. This can be offset by the increased income from the new services (The Mills) and will partly be funded by some of the grant income and the recruitment of crisis workers to continue forward with plans to increase service provision outside of Primus.

Principal funding sources

Disability Stockport utilised the government job retention scheme (Furlough) and claimed £23.1k for the year.

Stockport Local Restriction Grant funding was received towards 23 High Street and Space properties amounting to £25k.

An insurance claim pay-out for loss of earnings due to Covid closures paid out £23.1k.

The Independent Living Scheme was supported by grants and funding from Big Lottery Fund (£75.6k), Pure Innovations (£26,680), Age UK (£9,605), Garfield Weston (£30k), Seashell Trust (£15k), and The Lottery Resonance Fund (£60k).

Independent Living Service income has been generated through the managed accounts service, consultancy and student placements along with supported living and outreach services funded by Stockport Council or privately.

The Space received rental income from Omni & Ebony Groups (£10k), Stockport Rep, Pure and other group bookings.

Primus is funded by fees paid either by the council on behalf of service users or directly by the users themselves. The same applies to fees generated by other services (Outreach & The Mills). Primus received top up funding from Stockport MBC £45.6k for the year 20-21 to compensate for the non-attendance of members due to covid restrictions.
£42.3k received from Stockport MBC workforce development & rapid testing fund (To support during Covid)

Primus utilised the Government Kickstart scheme to receive £6.6k to offset apprenticeship salary payments.

Primus received a £10k award to create a Mood Lounge from the Stockport Local Fund.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider expendable free reserves are essential to supplement any shortfall between expenditure and income to maintain the level of service to clients and provide for any unplanned revenue or capital expenditure.

Having considered the Charity's exposure to risk, a policy has been determined to target free reserves (unrestricted funds invested in net current assets, which is the Charity's working capital required to fund day-to-day operations) at a level equivalent to six months' unrestricted expenditure.

The free reserves of the Charity as at 31st March 2022 total £374.3k (2021 £306.5k), compared with unrestricted expenditure of £746.3k, which is equivalent to 6 months' expenditure.

The current level of reserves combined with favourable short-term results and forecasts indicate the charity will continue as a going concern and deliver services as planned.

Pay of Senior Staff

The CEO's pay is determined by the Finance Sub-Group for approval by the Board of Trustees. Comparative studies of levels for similar roles and factors of turnover and responsibilities are all considered. The CEO pay for 2021/22 amounted to £45,767 (Including employers' pension) and no travel expenses have been claimed. This figure is greater than the previous year due to a two-month handover period for the new CEO.

Future plans

Short term plan is to relaunch Primus Day service to increase member attendance and to update the environment and sessional offer.

The charity continues to offer and maintain the same range of services in 2022/23 and is well placed to respond to any changes in government policy and/or funding whilst continuing to support those in most need.

Crisis and accommodation-based services have seen a surge in demand. The Mills began operating in December 2020 and all flats have since been occupied. Plans to adopt a further housing-based scheme to add to the suite of services offered by the SCIL have been continuously delayed and are now expected to come into fruition in 2022/23. Consideration will also be given to

a request to provide respite/ emergency accommodation to people in a crisis as demand for this type of service has been constant.

Notice has been given on the Space up to 30th June 2022.

Partnership working will be explored and to extend the offer of wellbeing groups located at Disability Stockport.

We will re-visit options for adding another floor to the current premises in 2022.

Going concern

In the opinion of the Trustees, there is no material uncertainty regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees note that the free reserves have increased in the year.

Identified prior year error

An adjustment has been made to the comparative figure. The auditors identified £10k of deferred income that had been miscoded. Amendments have been made to rectify the error.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

P. Wilkins

Peter Wilkins - Chairman

Date: 15/11/22

Charity Number 1133529
Company Number CEO16638

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Disability Stockport CIO (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees and directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees and directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based

on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and

- the directors' report included within the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustees' report.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

- the Trustees and directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees and directors

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees and directors, who are also the directors of the Charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees and directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees and directors are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees and directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Azets Audit Services.

Jonathan Ward (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

22/11/2022.
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2022 £	*Restated* Total 2021 £
INCOME						
Donations and legacies	2	104,616	10,840	-	115,456	176,689
Charitable activities	3	688,862	234,394	-	923,256	808,429
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments - bank interest		73	-	-	73	149
Other	3A	27,054	-	-	27,054	5,618
TOTAL INCOME		820,605	245,234	-	**1,065,839**	*990,885*
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of raising funds	4	-	-	-	-	15,388
Charitable activities	5	746,303	159,616	-	905,919	773,774
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		746,303	159,616	-	**905,919**	*789,162*
NET INCOME	8	74,302	85,618	-	159,920	201,723
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		10,717	(10,717)		-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		85,019	74,901	-	159,920	201,723
TOTAL FUNDS: BROUGHT FORWARD		816,520	10,717	-	**827,237**	*625,514*
CARRIED FORWARD	13	901,539	85,618	-	**987,157**	*827,237*

CONTINUING OPERATIONS
None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above financial year.

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	*Restated 2021 £*	*Restated 2021 £*
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9		**966,161**		*987,347*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	**73,427**		*134,837*	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		**625,510**		*636,808*	
		698,937		*771,645*	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	11	**238,975**		*454,400*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**459,962**		*317,245*
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**1,426,123**		*1,304,592*
CREDITORS amounts falling due after more than one year	12		**438,966**		*477,355*
TOTAL NET ASSETS			**987,157**		*827,237*
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	13		**901,539**		*816,520*
Designated	13		**-**		-
Restricted	13		**85,618**		*10,717*
TOTAL FUNDS			**987,157**		*827,237*

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these accounts.

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of trustees

And signed on their behalf by:-

P Wilkins

Peter Wilkins - Chairman

Date: 15/11/22

Charity Number 1133529
Company Number CEO16638

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2022 £	*Restated 2021 £*
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided/(utilised) by operating activities	**A**	**28,661**	*458,711*
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Bank interest		**73**	*149*
Purchase of property and equipment		**(1,643)**	*(9,892)*
Net cash used in investing activities		**(1,570)**	*(9,743)*
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayments of Borrowing		**(38,389)**	*(41,028)*
		(38,389)	*(41,028)*
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year		**(11,298)**	*407,940*
Cash at Bank and in Hand at the beginning of the year		**636,808**	*228,868*
Cash at Bank and in Hand at the end of the year		**625,510**	*636,808*

A	**Net income for the year**	**159,920**	*201,723*
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation charges	**22,329**	*20,966*
	Disposal of Assets	**500**	
	Bank interest	**(73)**	*(149)*
	(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	**61,410**	*(25,389)*
	Increase/(Decrease) in creditors - excluding borrowings	**(215,425)**	*261,560*
	Net cash provided/(utilised) by operating activities	**28,661**	*458,711*

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Basis of preparation & accounting framework
The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention; in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Going Concern
At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Incoming resources
Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items. Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable, if all the conditions for their receipt have been met. When there are continuing restrictions over use or disposal of the asset acquired, then the grants are transferred to a separate restricted fund when the asset is acquired, and depreciation is charged against this fund over the useful economic life of the assets. If the restrictions are met or lifted before the assets are fully depreciated the balance on the related restricted fund is transferred to unrestricted funds.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund accounting

General funds are available at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are created by the Directors to meet anticipated future expenditure and the designations may be changed at any time.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the grant.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objectives of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds

Expenditure

All costs are accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated:

Costs of raising funds	The costs of securing grants and voluntary income.
Charitable expenditure	The costs of delivering the charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs directly relating to a particular activity are allocated directly and other costs (support costs) are allocated on an appropriate basis to reflect the usage of resources. Details are given in note 4-5. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. They include property costs, back office functions, staff costs and professional fees. The basis of allocations is set out in note 5-6.

Pension contributions

The charity operates workplace pension scheme (a defined contribution pension scheme) for its employees and pays the minimum contributions in order to meet its legal obligations. Contributions are charged to the SoFA as they become payable.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided to write down the cost of each asset over its expected useful life to a residual value as follows:

Equipment	at the rate of 25% per annum, using the straight-line method
Freehold Building	at the rate of 1% per annum, using the straight-line method
Freehold Land	Nil

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

Operating leases
Operating leases and payments made under them are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Finance leases
Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the sum of the digits method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Financial instruments
The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Designated £	2022 Total £	*Restated 2021 Total £*
2 Donations and legacies					
Revenue Grants	98,166	10,840	-	**109,006**	*170,261*
Capital Grants	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Donations and	6,450	-	-	**6,450**	*6,428*
Donated facilities	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
	104,616	10,840	-	**115,456**	***176,689***
3 Income from Charitable activities					
General	-	-	-	**-**	28,167
Primus Club	403,905	-	-	**403,905**	*361,467*
Independent Living Service	260,772	218,054	-	**478,826**	*384,031*
Wellbeing Service	-	16,340	-	**16,340**	*15,000*
The Space	-	-	-	**-**	*-*
Rental Income	24,185	-	-	**24,185**	*19,764*
	688,862	234,394	-	**923,256**	***808,429***
3A Other Income					
Solar Panels - FIT	3,150	-	-	**3,150**	*3,188*
Insurance payout	23,104	-	-	**23,104**	*-*
ILS - GM Coalition Income	800	-	-	**800**	*2,100*
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	**-**	*330*
	27,054	-	-	**27,054**	***5,618***
4 Costs of raising funds					
Agency/other expenses	-	-	-	**-**	*15,388*
	-	-	-	**-**	***15,388***

5 Expenditure on Charitable activities					*Restated*
Primus Club	362,043	10,000	-	**372,043**	***369,410***
Independent Living Service	331,271	146,554	-	**477,825**	***351,102***
Wellbeing Service	28,988	3,222	-	**32,210**	***13,419***
The Space	24,001	(160)	-	**23,841**	***39,843***
	746,303	159,616	-	**905,919**	***773,774***

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2022 £	*Direct Costs £*	*Support Costs £*	*Total 2021 £*
General						
Primus Club	256,870	115,173	**372,043**	*253,358*	*116,052*	***369,410***
Independent Living Service	353,994	123,831	**477,825**	*247,095*	*104,007*	***351,102***
Wellbeing Service	18,930	13,280	**32,210**	*10,087*	*3,332*	***13,419***
The Space	14,599	9,242	**23,841**	*19,744*	*20,099*	***39,843***
	644,393	261,526	**905,919**	*530,284*	*243,490*	***773,774***

6 Analysis of Support Costs	Primus Club	Indep Living	Well-being	The Space	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Senior Manage/Finance	53,920	83,468	2,715	2,357	**142,460**
Loan/Finance Interest	9,805	6,461	1,691	1,102	**19,059**
Depreciation	10,520	6,933	1,815	1,183	**20,451**
Maintenance& Repairs	3,498	2,305	603	393	**6,799**
Tel/Photo/Stat/Franking	7,456	4,913	1,286	838	**14,493**
Governance	7,373	4,858	1,272	829	**14,332**
Cleaning	902	594	156	101	**1,753**
Utilities	1,855	1,222	320	208	**3,605**
IT Support	4,187	2,759	722	471	**8,139**
Other	15,657	10,318	2,700	1,760	**30,435**
Total	115,173	123,831	13,280	9,242	**261,526**

7 Staff Costs

The payroll costs of the charity were as follows:-

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages & salaries	635,287	*524,455*
Social security costs	45,311	*35,357*
Pension costs	10,836	*9,049*
	691,434	***568,861***

No employee earned more than £60,000 pa

The average number of employees of the charity was as follows:-

	Number	Number
Charitable activities	32	31
Support	10	10
	42	**41**

Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees and senior staff (as set out on page 1)
No trustees received remuneration for their services as trustees.

Remuneration of key management personnel (Inclusive of oncosts)	£	*Restated* £
	45,767	*45,706*

8 Net Income

This is stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors remuneration: -		
Audit fees	6,000	4,854
Under/over accrual in the prior year	-	654
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	22,329	26,447
Operating lease rentals	2,951	2,317
Directors' remuneration & expenses	-	-
Trustees claiming expenses	nil	nil

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
As at 1 April 2021	1,058,362	159,290	1,217,652
Additions	-	1,643	1,643
Disposals	-	(15,709)	(15,709)
As at 31 March 2022	1,058,362	145,224	1,203,586
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2021	93,623	136,681	230,304
Charge for the year	8,184	14,146	22,330
Eliminated on disposal	-	(15,209)	(15,209)
As at 31 March 2022	101,807	135,618	237,425
Net Book Value			
As at 31 March 2021	**964,739**	**22,609**	***987,348***
As at 1 April 2022	**956,555**	**9,606**	**966,161**

10 Debtors

	2022	*2021*
	£	*£*
Trade debtors	70,486	124,243
Prepayments and Other	2,941	*10,594*
	73,427	***134,837***

11 Creditors falling due within one year

		Restated
Stockport MBC re Salaries	179,812	*349,079*
Other Creditors	296	-
Trade Creditors	(375)	*10,992*
Accruals and Deferred Income	16,628	51,691
Funds in trust	5,811	*2,254*
Loan Repayments	34,954	*32,989*
Finance Lease repayments	1,849	*7,395*
	238,975	***454,400***

Stockport MBC re Salaries - Employees are paid through Stockport MBC's payroll department. Part of the sum payable to the Charity is retained to meet this cost, the balance is payable after the end of the payroll year.

12 Creditors falling due after one year

Loan creditors due 2 - 5 years	154,602	*125,376*
Loan creditors due after 5 years	284,364	*350,130*
Finance Lease due 2 - 5 years	-	*1,849*
	438,966	***477,355***

The loan is from CAF Bank ltd and is secured on the charity's freehold property, and is repayable over 15 years from April 2018. Interest is variable at 3.25% above base rate.

13 Statement of Funds	*Restated* Balance 01/04/21 £	Income £	Costs £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/22 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	*816,520*	820,605	(746,303)	10,717	**901,539**
	816,520	820,605	(746,303)	10,717	**901,539**
Designated funds:					
Independent Living Service	-	-	-	-	-
Wellbeing Service	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds:					
Independent Living Service	-	219,054	(146,554)	-	**72,500**
Wellbeing Service	-	16,340	(3,222)	-	**13,118**
Space	-	(160)	160	-	-
General	10717	-	-	(10,717)	-
Primus	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Total restricted funds	*10,717*	245,234	(159,616)	(10,717)	**85,618**
Total Funds	*827,237*	1,065,839	(905,919)	-	**987,157**

	Balance 01/04/20 £	Income £	Costs £	Transfers £	*Restated* Balance 31/03/21 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	*599,050*	682,140	(464,670)	-	**816,520**
	599,050	682,140	(464,670)	-	**816,520**
Restricted Funds:					
Independent Living Service	*6,432*	275,577	(282,009)	-	-
Wellbeing Service	*20,032*	15,000	(35,032)	-	-
SMBC Infection control	-	-	-	-	-
General	-	28,167	(17,450)	-	**10,717**
Primus	-	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	*26,464*	318,744	(334,491)	-	**10,717**
Total Funds	*625,514*	1,000,884	(799,161)	-	**827,237**

Restricted funds balances as at 31/3/22:

Independent Living Service	£17,500 Garfield Weston & £55,000 SESF Lottery grant funding restricted for the SCIL team 12 month salaries between years.
Wellbeing Service	£13,118 Forever Manchester grant ring restricted to running the Tablet Club
Total Restricted Balance	**£85,618**

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £
Fund balances as at 31/03/22:				
Tangible fixed assets	966,161	-	-	**966,161**
Net current assets	374,344	85,618	-	**459,962**
Long term liabilities	438,966	-	-	**438,966**
	901,539	85,618	-	**987,157**
Fund balances as at 31/03/21:		*Restated*		*Restated*
Tangible fixed assets	*987,347*	-	-	*987,347*
Net current assets	*306,528*	*10,717*	-	*317,245*
Long term liabilities	*477,355*	-	-	*477,355*
	816,520	*10,717*	-	*827,237*

15 Lease Commitments

a Operating leases

Total commitments under non-cancellable leases	2022 £	*2021 £*
Within one year	2,222	2,222
Within 2 to 5 years	5,108	7,331
After 5 years	-	-
	7,330	9,553

b Finance lease

Total commitments:		
Within one year	2,408	9,631
Within 2 to 5 years	-	2,408
	2,408	12,039
Less interest charges	(559)	(2,795)
Net payable as per creditors notes	1,849	9,244

16 Constitution

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and does not have a share capital.

17 Taxation

The Charity is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK Corporation Tax under sections 466 to 477 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010.

18 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments at the year end (2021: none).

19 Related Party Transactions.

Some of the trustees participate in the services provided by the Charity on the same terms and conditions as all other users.

There are no other related party transactions.

20 Managed Bank Accounts

The Charity holds money on behalf of clients deposited in managed bank accounts with CAF Bank Ltd. At 31 March 2022 balances held on their behalf totalled £68,585, (2021: £75,229).

Funds are held in an Individual Service fund CAF Bank account. Money paid in by SMBC is used to pay invoices for services received from Disability Stockport. The balance of the Individual Service Fund Account as at 31 March 2022 is £78,372

These accounts are not included in the balance sheet of the Charity.

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CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

TRUSTEES	April Alton	
	Khumi Burton	)
	Nick Clarke	
	Darren Dalby-Oldham	
	Barbara Grenfell	
	Christine Mather	
	Stephen Moran	Appointed 18th May 2021
	Carl Schoolden	
	Gary Wells	
	Peter Wilkins	(Chair)
	Ashley Wood	(Vice Chair)
	Robert Newcombe	
	John Adrian Rawlinson	Appointed 18th May 2021

CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Kieran McMahon

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DISABILITY STOCKPORT
31 MARCH 2021
FOREWORD BY PETER WILKINS

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

by Peter Wilkins

Hello everyone.

I think it's been a good year generally, especially when compared to last year when we were locked down due to the pandemic.

Disability Stockport has carried on as much as possible, with just the occasional interruption.

This year the spirit of Disability Stockport has continued, giving people the best possible service in its usual friendly and efficient manner.

This Christmas will see the retirement of our CEO, Kieran McMahon, who has been with us since 2003. We all know how friendly, considerate and efficient he has been, seeing Disability Stockport through major changes, including the acquisition of our own building. I'm sure I speak for everyone, the Board, staff and members, in thanking Kieran for his work and commitment, and wishing him a very happy retirement.

In my personal life, following the death of my wife Linda last October, I arranged for a Medical Detection Dog to be named after her, and I have recently received news that the dog Linda is now eight weeks old, and has just gone to her socialising family. She is a chocolate Labrador. I have received a photograph of her by e-mail, and although I cannot see it myself, I have been able to forward it on to family and friends, and they are all besotted with her.

I am pleased that social restrictions are now being lifted, and in the very near future I will be able to attend concerts again.

I wish everyone well, and hope that the impressive work of Disability Stockport will continue. I would like to thank everyone involved for making our organisation something to be proud of.

Peter

The Directors, who are the trustees of the charity, present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2021.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and is governed by its constitution dated February 1 2019 and is registered with the Charity Commission. The Charity was previously a company limited by guarantee, registered at Companies House and was governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated November 2 2009. It converted to a CIO on February 1 2019, and retained its registration with the Charity Commission.

Membership of the charity is open to any adult resident in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport and surrounding districts who has a disability or an interest in disability matters and is approved by the Trustees. The Trustees have the powers to establish different classes of membership and in certain circumstances to remove a person from membership.

There are currently 72 members of the charity each of whom agrees to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 in the event of the charity being wound up.

Board of Trustees – composition and appointment

The number of Trustees must not be less than three or more than fourteen of whom not more than ten may be elected at a general meeting (the "elected Trustees"). All elected Trustees must be members of the charity.

One third of the elected Trustees must retire at each AGM, those longest in office retiring first. A retiring Trustee who remains qualified may stand again.

The Trustees may appoint any adult who is qualified to be a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or as an additional Trustee, but co-opted Trustees only hold office until the next AGM. A co-opted trustee does not necessarily need to be a member of the charity.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

The organisation has a defined process for recruiting and inducting members to the Board of Trustees and is led by the needs and skill requirements of the organisation. The induction process for any new Trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and some of the trustees. The welcome pack includes a brief history of the Charity, copies of Committee and Sub Committee minutes the last three years of Annual Reports and Financial Statements, the Constitution and the Charity Commission's guidance – 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'.

Organisation

The Trustees as a body administer the Charity and meet at least six times per year, normally every month.

The Trustees are assisted by the work of the following sub-groups: Finance, Governance and Policy, and Media & Marketing. These sub-groups meet monthly, to discuss budgets, contracts and review and evaluate policies. The sub-groups have the power to co-opt or consult specialists as advisers. The following sub-groups are convened as and when required: Business and Project Development, Nominations and Recruitment, Training.

The day-to-day operations of the Charity are the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer, to whom the Trustees delegate authority for operational matters including finance, employment and development, within the overall strategy agreed by the Trustees.

Volunteers – Impact/significance in the charity

Volunteers have always been important throughout the history of Disability Stockport. At any one time there used to be up to 100 hundred people on our books supporting our work. The Connect service alone would directly support over 150 activities for disabled people each year. They would generate over 2,000 hours at a saving in excess of £15k per annum in equivalent wages. The past 12 months, the impact of covid has reduced volunteer hours to nil as restrictions have prevented activities and non-core staff.

It is not just in terms of finance they contribute but also in added quality of support and a diverse range of skills and experience. Volunteers in return receive training and support as well as feedback from members with whom they develop positive and rewarding relationships. Many volunteers are matched with members around a particular need for support and help to build confidence and independence. All volunteers are DBS checked as appropriate and offered participation in the organisation and personal development. This also has the benefit of helping to develop a skilled workforce resource for the local area and some of them will choose a career in Social care because of their positive experience.

Risk management

The Charity Trustees have considered the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

A Risk Register is maintained (Last reviewed in 2021), to identify the principal risks which could affect the Charity and to categorise them per impact (low, medium, high) and probability (low, medium, high).

The Trustees consider that following the reduction in core grant support that the charity is exposed to significant risks in maintaining its financial stability whilst continuing to meet the needs of its beneficiaries.

For each significant risk, the Trustees have agreed actions and a timescale to mitigate the risks identified and a Trustee or member of staff has been assigned to oversee the actions. All risks will continue to be reviewed at least annually.

Trustees are covered by trustee indemnity insurance.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are:

"To relieve the needs of persons who have a physical disability or a visual or hearing impairment who are resident in the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport or the surrounding area (the "area of benefit").

To meet its objectives, the Charity aims to:

- Provide information and advice on disability
- Raise awareness of issues and concerns of disabled people
- Advocate on behalf of disabled people and their families
- Monitor and evaluate services to disabled people
- Provide a range of services that help to meet the needs of disabled people
- Promote and provide opportunities for partnership working to assist disabled people

and does so through the provision of a range of services provided from its central premises in Stockport.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. We have a central location and fully accessible building that is both easy to reach and welcoming. This means that all our public services such as information, advocacy, and advice can encourage people to drop in and use our facilities, such as meeting rooms, interview rooms and training room.

Disability Stockport is a major provider of training and placements for volunteers who have also used the training room for meetings and workshops.

Services currently available at our Independent Living Centre include several partner agencies co-located at 23 High Street. These are:

EaICO (Ethnic and Community Support), Wellbeing Groups; Epilepsy Group, Fibromyalgia Group, Autism Group, The knitting Group, Solidarity, Stroke UK, Start of the week.

Stockport Homes provide a drop-in centre to provide housing advice.

Primus received funding to create a community 'Mood lounge' that will be completed towards the end of the year and will be available to take bookings as a sensory space.

We also host several forums and workshops including the Stockport Disability Forum.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Report on behalf of trustees. Y/E March 2021.

Kieran McMahon. CEO.

Across the globe we have all experienced an extraordinary and very challenging year. Disability Stockport members, volunteers, and staff were no exception in feeling the impact of the pandemic that swept across the world as governments struggled to react. Disabled people had the usual double-whammy of being isolated and too often for many months, ignored. Indeed, it was not until mid-June, over 3 months after the outbreak, when the authorities began to respond effectively. Fortunately, that response in the case of our own Local Authority (LA), turned out to be effective and very supportive with organisation, communications, and protective equipment. Additionally, emergency funds gradually became available to assist our direct response which began in early March.

Although our main income source Primus Club had to close, by the second week of March 2020 we had organised our teams to deliver support in the community supplying vital resources and face to face support. We had sourced an early supply of sanitisers and protective equipment which was later backed up by the LA. We also helped a few smaller organisations such as STUFF with their support work, sharing our equipment and resources. STUFF made a vital contribution to mental health and practical support during this period. They were typical of the amazing response of some of the smaller community groups in the absence on the ground of many of the larger service providers.

We also raised awareness of disabled people having to rely on scarce resources amid some extreme difficulties due to COVID restrictions and the withdrawal of many services. DS featured on BBC NW and radio broadcasts and made a whole series of short videos with a local company for social media outlets.

A small note here to say that the only source of funds we found in the first months were The Lankelly Chase Trust who accepted our bid in April very quickly in a very personal manner, awarding us £3,000 which was a great source of encouragement and recognition at this uncertain time.

Suffice to say, by June we were in pole position to successfully bid for funds and even take on 6 more community workers in July. Key volunteers were also part of the response and thousands of fresh cooked meals, and other vital goods were distributed to members and others who sought our help. A Big Lottery emergency fund in the autumn thankfully secured much of our additional costs and offset losses. Business relief with rates and loss of income also helped to boost what would otherwise been an uncertain financial future.

I have been with Disability Stockport 18 years, and I think this was the proudest time I have experienced with everyone pulling together to achieve extraordinary outcomes. Stockport Council were part of this support and recognised the importance of the work we and a few others were doing during this time. It also meant we made a few new friends and allies.
The challenge now is adjusting to the new environment, which is not yet-or may never be-as it was before. Primus Club is back open at reduced capacity and some of the wellbeing groups are slowly returning. Yet neither are back to where they were. This may well continue into 2022 even without any new setback or unforeseen turn of events.

During the year we managed to increase our outreach services considerably and now must review capacity and resources to match ongoing growth. We were also able to implement a brand-new housing scheme that is now running successfully with plans to increase the provision over the coming year. This is our first partnership with Halo Housing Association and gives us the opportunity to redress a gap for high quality housing with built in specialist support. Again, we now need to review and reflect on how we proceed to develop this partnership to match our resources and deliver an exceptional service.

In the coming year ahead a new business plan will look at developing new income streams to replace lottery funding and the COVID specific funds. The costs of services may come under pressure as social care is likely to remain under severe financial constraints. This could result in more people having to reduce the services they are able to receive and result in prioritising acute needs over prevention and other support. There is little point of DS delivering services based on cost alone, we must continue to be true to our ideals and help raise standards by example. Where we cannot do this, we should continue to support others that do.

I will be retiring as CEO at Christmas 2021. After 18 years at Disability Stockport and 12 years in my previous role, I am pleased to be taking retirement in the knowledge of having done my best to serve our members and the local community. I did not quite reach the end of my 20-year plan, created in 2005, but I hope you will allow, I got close enough.

It has been a most humbling and rewarding experience with very few bad times along the way. I take with me my memories of extraordinary people met and countless friends made. My wish is that this outstanding organisation, with its brilliant, committed workforce, board, volunteers, supporters, and members, continues to grow and prosper. Most of all I wish that the wonderful warmth experienced by all, continues to be at the heart of what DS is recognised for.

Kieran McMahon, CEO, Disability Stockport

Primus

The decision to close the centre from 18th March 2020 was made to keep members and employees safe. The service continued to follow government and local advice and adhere to guidelines and operate safely. To provide continuity and where members had a reliance on services, the outreach service created a ‘reaching out’ service; delivered shopping; food parcels; hot food deliveries; accessed funding and donations to provide and deliver technology to enable the provision of digital services where appropriate and put together covid packs containing activities and provisions to support members through an uncertain time.

75% of Primus income for the year has been from Stockport MBC top up funding as member attendance, once reopened in May 2021, dropped to 15 members per day.

Stockport Centre for Independent Living (SCIL)

The core aims of the SCIL are to enable disabled people to maintain their independence, have improved life chances and be less socially isolated. Our fifth year of service has involved a further consolidation of our position as a key part of the preventative service landscape within the borough. We have been successful in delivering co-ordinated, holistic responses in crisis situations and worked with people to achieve positive outcomes, providing innovative solutions with community members that enable people to come together in meaningful ways, breaking down barriers, creating numerous new volunteering opportunities, establishing the Equality Hub which has played a crucial part in developing an integrated agenda and extending our services to increase our sustainability.

During the last review period the SCIL has grown to provide accommodation-based services to offer short-term, high-quality accommodation to individuals that present in a crisis situation. The housing offer enabled the SCIL to respond to emergency housing demands and utilise the team skills to form a crisis response team with outcomes that have surpassed initial expectations. During the pandemic, the SCIL adapted and evolved new, creative ways to deliver the objective to promote independent living in Stockport and enable disabled people to have the same freedom and rights to exercise choice and control over their lives. Embedding crisis response as a permanent compliment to services, the SCIL provides support to people whose personal safety is at risk due to their current living situation, mental health issues or relationships, enabling them to access safe accommodation and lifestyle.

As the COVID-19 emergency progressed it became evident that many disabled people's lives were being limited and the crisis was starting to have an acute impact on those with care and

support needs. Changes to the Care Act locally and to individuals' usual provision was creating confusion, fear, anxiety and putting increased pressure on families who were finding themselves

having to provide more care and support to their loved ones. The team were regularly receiving calls from informal carers who were experiencing similar, key challenges. They expressed concerns about rising stress levels, deteriorating mental health, increased isolation, a lack of clear, accessible information, financial hardship, delayed access to health interventions (for the person they were caring for), increased risks of violence and abuse due to the stress associated with household changes and uncertainties, challenging behaviours among the people they cared for and a general reduction in services and social support.

In order to effectively meet the changing needs within the community the SCIL created a Family Support service offer to work holistically with families with multiple difficulties. Providing specialist advice, emotional and practical support, building strong relationships, and planning creative and innovative responses are key aspects of the role. The main aims are to help disabled people maintain independent living, prevent carer breakdown, reduce isolation, improve life chances and provide people with the confidence to deal with their changing situations.

Lottery and WIN funding for the year 20-21 has given the SCIL team the opportunity to operate to meet objectives and strive towards the aim of self-sustainability through income generating service adoption in response to a need led approach.

Outreach Services

The personalised service continues to provide people with the opportunity to have quality one to one interactions, increased chances to access a community of the person's choosing, build new relationships and it has been noticed that the outreach services have led to an increase in people's confidence and self-esteem.

On the 18th of March 2020 our CEO announced the closure of Disability Stockport to visitors and members as a result of COVID 19. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on the people we care for, but our first priority has been to ensure that everyone who relies on care, continues to get the care they need. Consequently, our services remained resilient, and we have adapted the delivery of our outreach services to continue to meet the wide range of people's needs. This includes the delivery of support via video calls, walk and talk sessions outdoors and telephone support. We have continued to deliver support in people's homes following the completion of a comprehensive risk assessment and when there is no other option available.

Despite the enormous challenges that we face, the complex outreach service has continued thrive, with the dedicated team working at full capacity to meet the rapid increase in demand for care and

support. As predicted, we have met and, in most areas, exceeded all the project outcomes for 2020/21 and are working hard to increase the scale of the service in the midst of multiple challenges and mounting financial pressures.

One of the largest areas of growth is in the support provided to autistic adults. 66% of our current outreach support is delivered to autistic people and feedback suggests that this can be partially attributed to the personalised support that is tailored to meet every individual's needs, the responsive, skilled staff team and the extraordinary ability and loyalty of the people we support.

Wellbeing

Covid-19 resulted in a disruption to wellbeing groups and activities. Despite the circumstances and restrictions, the team facilitated and attended a variety of events to bring people together

under the unifying topics of equality and inclusion, providing opportunities for learning, sharing, and raising awareness.

Despite the necessary utilisation of the government furlough scheme, the Wellbeing Coordinator worked untiringly as a volunteer to organise and distribute food to 315 families.
Aba said, *'The numbers of people we support is steadily increasing. We have families from all walks of life, polish, Iraq, local Caribbean's and Africans. Some collect the food and for some we distribute. We did not have fixed funding however we have received support from Manchester*

BME network and FairShare. They support us no end. The culturally suitable food is expensive, but research shows that there is a direct correlation between food and well-being. When people come for food, they are taught about budgeting, and we do welfare checks. We use singing therapy with our volunteers to help their mental wellbeing. We have teamed up with Amadhiya sisters and will be starting a sewing class in April'.

Acknowledgements

Disability Stockport continues to be grateful to our donors, who contribute sums great and small to our organisation and groups. We also wish to thank everyone who has sponsored an event on our behalf and all those who contributed their valuable time to our organisation.

The Lankelly trust and Disabled Peoples donations enabled vulnerable individuals continued access to services through the use of digital technology and devices to provide welfare checks, reduce isolation and promote equality and inclusion by ensuring access to services through creative solutions.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Total income for the charity this year has seen an increase from the previous year by £169.3k (Over 20%) to £1,004k, exceeding the income growth from the previous year (8.5% growth in income 19/20 from previous year). 78% of the income has been in the form of top up funding, grant & government support schemes.

A direct result to the Covid-19 pandemic, Primus Day service previous growth pattern has seen a downturn to report a 27% drop in income from the previous year. This includes the receipt of top up funding from Stockport MBC.
Attributed to the creativity and dedication of the Independent Living Services, a 6% growth on previous year income has been achieved through the supply of accommodation services, reaching out, crisis & peer support and evolving services along with an ever-changing environment to meet the needs of members and new people.

The charity's total funds have increased in the past 12 months by £191k to reach £837kk as at 31 March 2021.

Despite the pandemic, and the loss of income, Disability Stockport has recorded income over budgeted expectations and a surplus of £191k with the aid of top up funding, grant & government support schemes.

£9.5k bad debt has been written off. The debts were over three years old and unlikely to be recovered, although an effort will be made to recover what we can. A monitoring system has been put in place to manage the debtors list and this will form part of the KPIs for the finance team.

Salaries and wages have increased by over 10% from the previous year. This can be offset by the increased income from the new services (The Mills) and will partly be funded by some of the grant income and the recruitment of crisis workers to continue forward with plans to increase service provision outside of Primus.

Principal funding sources

Disability Stockport utilised the government job retention scheme (Furlough) and claimed £118,766 for the year.

Stockport Local Restriction Grant funding was received towards 23 High Street and Space properties amounting to £60,465.

The Independent Living Scheme was supported by grants from Big Lottery Fund (£143,966), The lottery Covid response fund (£92,406 – Crisis team & helpline funding), Pure Innovations (£26,680) and Age UK (£9,605).

The Wellbeing Centre was supported by a grant from Stockport MBC (£15,000).

Primus is funded by fees paid either by the council on behalf of service users or directly by the users themselves. The same applies to fees generated by other services (Outreach & The Mills). Primus received top up funding from Stockport MBC £271,591 for the year 20-21 to compensate for the non-attendance of members due to covid restrictions.
£3,600 received from Stockport MBC to fund enhanced cleaning, PPE, and safety screening equipment.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider expendable free reserves are essential to supplement any shortfall between expenditure and income to maintain the level of service to clients and provide for any unplanned revenue or capital expenditure.

Having considered the Charity's exposure to risk, a policy has been determined to target free reserves (unrestricted funds invested in net current assets, which is the Charity's working capital required to fund day-to-day operations) at a level equivalent to six months' unrestricted expenditure.

The free reserves of the Charity as at 31st March 2021 total £306kk (2020 £119k) (2019 £113.4), (compared with unrestricted expenditure of £571.7k, which is equivalent to 6 months' expenditure.

The current level of reserves combined with favourable short-term results and forecasts indicate the charity will continue as a going concern and deliver services as planned.

Pay of Senior Staff

The CEO's pay is determined by the Finance Sub-Group for approval by the Board of Trustees. Comparative studies of levels for similar roles and factors of turnover and responsibilities are all considered. The CEO pay for 2019/20 amounted to £45,706 (Including employers' pension and NI) and no travel expenses have been claimed.

FUTURE PLANS

Short term plan is to recover from the Covid pandemic by an increased phased return to resume services as usual and increase member attendance at Primus (Currently 15 members per day due to restrictions).

The charity continues to offer the same range of services in 2021/22 and is well placed to respond to any changes in government policy and/or funding whilst continuing to support those in most need.

Whilst growth in existing services (Primus) has been paused, crisis and accommodation-based services have seen a surge in demand. The Mills began operating in December 2020 and all flats have since been occupied. Plans to adopt a further housing-based scheme to add to the suite of services offered by the SCIL will come to fruition in October 21. Consideration will also be given to a request to provide respite/ emergency accommodation to people in a crisis as demand for this type of service has been constant.

Bids will be submitted to replace lottery funding for the CIL services before April 2021 as we aim for self-funding by 2023. Any shortfall will need to be supported by new bids. Otherwise, services are expected to be maintained over the next year.

We will re-visit options for adding another floor to the current premises and will also decide on the long-term future of The Space, whether to invest further in a long-term lease beyond July 2021 or choose other options.

Going concern

In the opinion of the Trustees, there is no material uncertainty regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees note that the free reserves have increased in the year.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Wilkins - Chairman

Date:

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Disability Stockport (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st March 2021 which comprise SOFA, balance sheet and statement of cashflows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at [date], and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees annual report[2], other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report[2]. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.
We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement [set out on page …], the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144[3] of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks in respect of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognize non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with the directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the computer manufacturing and supply sector;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statement to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual and alleged fraud;
- Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- Understanding the design of the company's remuneration policies.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 3 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to the actual and potential litigation claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.

No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, there are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

[A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx. This description forms part of our auditor's report.][4]

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

HGA Accountants & Financial Consultants Ltd t/a Chittenden Horley
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
456 Chester Road
Old Trafford
Manchester M16 9HD

Date:

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME					
Donations and legacies	2	7,458	-	7,458	24,884
Charitable activities	3	489,684	318,744	808,428	772,354
Other trading activities		-	-	-	866
Investments - bank interest		148	-	148	538
Other		184,850	-	184,850	12,225
TOTAL INCOME		682,140	318,744	**1,000,884**	*810,868*
EXPENDITURE					
Costs of raising funds	4	15,388	-	15,388	9,304
Charitable activities	5	449,283	324,491	773,774	763,386
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		464,670	324,491	**789,161**	*772,690*
NET INCOME	8	217,470	(5,747)	211,723	38,178
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		217,470	(5,747)	211,723	38,178
TOTAL FUNDS: BROUGHT FORWARD		599,050	26,464	**625,514**	*587,336*
CARRIED FORWARD	13	816,520	20,717	**837,237**	*625,514*

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9		**987,347**		*998,421*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	**134,837**		*109,448*	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		**636,808**		*228,868*	
		771,646		*338,317*	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	11	**444,401**		*192,841*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**327,245**		*145,475*
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**1,314,592**		*1,143,897*
CREDITORS amounts falling due after more than one year	12		**477,355**		*518,383*
TOTAL NET ASSETS			**837,237**		*625,514*
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	13		**816,520**		*599,050*
Designated	13				
Restricted	13		**20,717**		*26,464*
TOTAL FUNDS			**837,237**		*625,514*

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on:

And signed on their behalf by:

Peter Wilkins - Chairman

DISABILITY STOCKPORT CIO
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided/(utilised) by operating activities	**A**	**458,712**	*64,502*
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Bank interest		**148**	*538*
Purchase of property and equipment		**(9,892)**	*(861)*
Net cash used in investing activities		**(9,744)**	*(323)*
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayments of Borrowing		**(41,028)**	*(38,310)*
		(41,028)	*(38,310)*
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year		**407,940**	*25,869*
Cash at Bank and in Hand at the beginning of the year		**228,868**	*202,990*
Cash at Bank and in Hand at the end of the year		**636,808**	*228,859*

A	**Net income for the year**	**211,723**	*38,178*
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation charges	**20,966**	*24,639*
	Bank interest	**(148)**	*(538)*
	(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	**(25,389)**	*(10,762)*
	Increase/(Decrease) in creditors - excluding borrowings	**251,560**	*12,985*
	Net cash provided/(utilised) by operating activities	**458,712**	*64,502*

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Basis of preparation & accounting framework
The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention; in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective January 1, 2019 (second edition – October 2019); FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Going Concern
There are no material uncertainties about going concern.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Incoming resources
Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items. Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable, if all the conditions for their receipt have been met. When there are continuing restrictions over use or disposal of the asset acquired, then the grants are transferred to a separate restricted fund when the asset is acquired, and depreciation is charged against this fund over the useful economic life of the assets. If the restrictions are met or lifted before the assets are fully depreciated the balance on the related restricted fund is transferred to unrestricted funds.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund accounting
General funds are available at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company.

Designated funds are created by the Directors to meet anticipated future expenditure and the designations may be changed at any time.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by funders or by the purpose of the grant.

Expenditure
Costs are defined as follows:

Costs of raising funds	The costs of securing grants and voluntary income.
Charitable expenditure	The costs of delivering the charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs directly relating to a particular activity are allocated directly and other costs (support costs) are allocated on an appropriate basis to reflect the usage of resources. Details are given in note 4.

Allocation of support costs
Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. They include property costs, back-office functions, staff costs and professional fees. The basis of allocations is set out in note 4.

Pension contributions
The charity operates workplace pension scheme (a defined contribution pension scheme) for its employees and pays the minimum contributions in order to meet its legal obligations. Contributions are charged to the SoFA as they become payable.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided to write down the cost of each asset over its expected useful life to a residual value as follows:

Equipment	at the rate of 25% per annum, using the straight-line method
Freehold Building	at the rate of 1% per annum, using the straight-line method
Freehold Land	Nil

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due, and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

Operating leases
Payments under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities in the year to which they relate.

Finance leases
Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the sum of the digits method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Financial instruments
The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

	2021			*2020*		
	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**Total**	***Unrestricted***	***Restricted***	***Total***
	£	**£**	**£**	***£***	***£***	***£***
2 Donations and legacies						
Revenue Grants	1,030	500	**1,530**	-	*15,063*	*15,063*
Capital Grants	-	-	**-**	-	-	-
Donations and Donated facilities	6,428	-	**6,428**	*9,821*	-	*9,821*
	7,458	500	**7,958**	*9,821*	*15,063*	***24,884***
3 Income from Charitable activities						
General	-	28,167	**28,167**			
Primus Club	361,467	-	**361,467**	*493,476*	-	*493,476*
Independent Living Service	108,454	275,577	**384,031**	*101,541*	*116,453*	*217,994*
Wellbeing Service	-	15,000	**15,000**	*5,972*	*30,000*	*35,972*
The Space	-	-	**-**	-	*5,417*	*5,417*
Rental Income	19,764	-	**19,764**	*19,495*	-	*19,495*
	489,684	318,744	**808,428**	*620,484*	*151,870*	***772,354***
4 Costs of raising funds						
Agency fees and other expenses	15,388	-	**15,388**	*9,304*	-	*9,304*
	15,388	**-**	**15,388**	***9,304***	**-**	***9,304***
5 Expenditure on Charitable activities						
General	-	0	**-**			
Primus Club	369,410	0	**369,410**	*449,998*	-	***449,998***
Independent Living Service	69,094	282,009	**351,103**	*53,203*	*124,834*	***178,037***
Wellbeing Service	21,614	35,032	**56,646**	*58,122*	*14,813*	***72,935***
The Space	32,393	7,450	**39,843**	*49,317*	*13,099*	***62,416***
	492,510	324,491	**817,001**	*610,640*	*152,746*	***763,386***

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Costs	**Support Costs**	**Total 2020**	***Direct Costs***	***Support Costs***	***Total 2020***
	£	**£**	**£**	***£***	***£***	***£***
Primus Club	253,358	116,052	**369,410**	*322,037*	*127,961*	***449,998***
Independent Living Service	247,095	104,008	**351,103**	*142,029*	*36,008*	***178,037***
Wellbeing Service	10,087	3,332	**13,418**	*40,964*	*31,971*	***72,935***
The Space	19,744	20,099	**39,843**	*36,655*	*25,761*	***62,416***
	530,283	243,490	**773,774**	*541,685*	*221,701*	***763,386***

6 **Analysis of Support Costs**	Primus Club	Indep Living	Well-being	The Space	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Senior Manage/Finance	57,052	57,553	2,540	2,143	**119,287**
Loan/Finance Interest	9,459	7,448	127	2,879	**19,912**
Depreciation	9,849	7,754	132	2,997	**20,732**
Maintenance& Repairs	2,808	2,211	38	855	**5,911**
Tel/Photo/Stat/Franking	6,153	4,845	83	1,873	**12,953**
Governance	8,848	6,966	119	2,693	**18,626**
Cleaning	2,330	1,834	31	709	**4,904**
Utilities	5,191	4,087	70	1,580	**10,927**
IT Support	1,568	1,235	21	477	**3,301**
Other	20,105	15,830	270	6,119	**42,323**
Total	123,362	109,762	3,430	22,323	**258,877**

7 **Staff Costs**	2020	2020
The payroll costs of the charity were as follows:-	£	£
Wages & salaries	524,455	*475,525*
Social security costs	35,357	*30,175*
Pension costs	9,049	*7,590*
	568,861	***513,290***

No employee earned more than £60,000 pa

The average number of employees of the charity was as follows:-

	Number	Number
Charitable activities	31	33
Support	10	5
	41	**38**

Key management personnel
The key management of the charity comprise the trustees and senior staff (as set out on page 1)
No trustees received remuneration for their services as trustees.

	£	£
Remuneration of key management personnel	45,706	*41,675*

8 **Net Income**		
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors remuneration: -		
Audit fees	4,854	4,200
Under/over accrual in the prior year	654	(210)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	26,447	24,639
Operating lease rentals	2,317	2,403
Directors' remuneration & expenses	-	-
Trustees claiming expenses	**nil**	**nil**

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Equipment	Total
Cost	**£**	**£**	**£**
As at 1 April 2020	1,058,362	149,398	1,207,760
Additions	-	9,892	9,892
As at 31 March 2021	1,058,362	159,290	1,217,652
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2020	85,440	123,899	209,338
Charge for the year	8,184	12,783	20,966
As at 31 March 2021	93,623	136,681	230,305
Net Book Value			
As at 31 March 2020	**972,922**	**25,499**	*998,421*
As at 1 April 2021	**964,738**	**22,609**	**987,347**

	2,021	***2,020***
10 Debtors	**£**	***£***
Trade debtors	124,243	106,480
Prepayments and Other	10,594	*2,813*
	134,837	***109,293***

11 Creditors falling due within one year		
Stockport MBC re Salaries	349,079	*127,664*
Trade Creditors	10,992	*3,483*
Accruals and Deferred Income	41,692	18,677
Funds in trust	2,254	*2,724*
Loan Repayments	32,989	*32,897*
Finance Lease repayments	7,395	*7,395*
	444,401	*192,841*

Stockport MBC re Salaries - Employees are paid through Stockport MBC's payroll department. Part of the sum payable to the Charity is retained to meet this cost, the balance is payable after the end of the payroll year.

12 Creditors falling due after one year		
Loan creditors due 2 - 5 years	125,376	*133,646*
Loan creditors due after 5 years	350,130	*375,493*
Finance Lease due 2 - 5 years	1,849	*9,244*
	477,355	*518,383*

The loan is from CAF Bank ltd and is secured on the charity's freehold property, and is repayable over 15 years from April 2018. Interest is variable at 3.25% above base rate.

13 Statement of Funds

	Balance 01/04/20 £	Income £	Costs £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/21 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	*599,050*	682,140	(464,670)	-	**816,520**
	599,050	682,140	(464,670)	-	**816,520**
					-
Restricted Funds:					
Independent Living Service	*6,432*	275,577	(282,009)	-	**-**
Wellbeing Service	*20,032*	15,000	(35,032)	-	**-**
SMBC Infection control	-	-	-	-	**-**
General	-	28,167	(7,450)	-	**20,717**
Primus	-	-	-	-	**-**
Total restricted funds	*26,464*	318,744	(324,491)	-	**20,717**
					-
Total Funds	*625,514*	1,000,884	(789,161)	-	**837,237**
					-

	Balance 01/04/19 £	Income £	Costs £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/20 £
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund	*577,091*	635,335	(619,944)	6,568	**599,050**
	577,091	635,335	(619,944)	6,568	**599,050**
Restricted Funds:					
Independent Living Service	-	131,266	(124,834)	-	**6,432**
Wellbeing Service	*4,845*	30,000	(14,813)	-	**20,032**
The Space	*5,400*	5,417	(13,099)	2,282	**-**
General	-	8,850	-	(8,850)	**-**
Total restricted funds	*10,245*	175,533	(152,746)	(6,568)	**26,464**
Total Funds	*587,336*	810,868	(772,690)		**625,514**

Restricted funds balances as at 31/3/21:

Independent Living Service	to support service delivery
Wellbeing Service	to support service delivery
General	to support service delivery

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances as at 31/03/21:			
Tangible fixed assets	987,347	-	**987,347**
Net current assets	306,528	20,717	**327,245**
Long term liabilities	477,355	-	**477,355**
	1,771,230	20,717	**1,791,947**
Fund balances as at 31/03/20:			
Tangible fixed assets	*998,421*	-	*998,421*
Net current assets	*119,012*	*26,464*	*145,476*
Long term liabilities	*(518,383)*	-	*(518,383)*
	599,050	*26,464*	*625,514*

15 Lease Commitments

a Operating leases

Total commitments under non-cancellable leases	2021 £	*2020 £*
Within one year	2,222	2,222
Within 2 to 5 years	7,331	7,331
After 5 years	-	-
	9,553	9,553

b Finance lease

Total commitments:		
Within one year	9,630	9,630
Within 2 to 5 years	2,408	12,039
	12,039	21,669
Less interest charges	(2,795)	(5,030)
Net payable as per creditors notes	9,244	16,639

16 Constitution

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and does not have a share capital.

17 Taxation

The Charity is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK Corporation Tax under sections 466 to 477 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010.

18 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments at the year end (2020: none) (2019: none).

19 Related Party Transactions.

Some of the trustees participate in the services provided by the Charity on the same terms and conditions as all other users.

There are no other related party transactions.

20 Managed Bank Accounts

The Charity holds money on behalf of clients deposited in managed bank accounts with CAF Bank Ltd. At 31 March 2021 balances held on their behalf totalled £75,229, (2020: £85,617) (2019: £35,750). These accounts are not included in the balance sheet of the Charity.