

# **Deaflink North East**

(a company limited by guarantee)

**Company Registration no 07982375**

**Charity Registration no 1147237**

## **Financial Statements**

**For the period ended**

**31 March 2022**

Deaflink North East Ltd  
4 Glendale Terrace  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE6 1PB.

## **Legal and Administrative Information**

**Name:** Deaflink North East

**Company No:** 07982375

**Charity No:** 1147237

**Directors/Trustees:** Maureen Bonnie McGarrity (Chair)  
Joyce Pennington  
Rachel Ross  
Laura McQuillan  
Christopher Rowlands (signatory for accounts)  
Heather Thompson  
Louise Borrell (signatory for accounts)  
Geoff Bell  
Rachael Bell (joined 23/09/21)  
Malcolm Bell (joined 23/09/21)  
Robert Thomas Weiner (Resigned 23/09/21)

**Registered Address:** 4 Glendale Terrace  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE6 1PB

**Bankers:** The Co-operative Bank  
PO Box 250  
Delf House  
Southway  
Skelmersdale  
WN8 6WT

**Structure:** Deaflink is a Company limited by guarantee and a registered Charity.

**Independent Examiner:** Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE  
20 Ennerdale Crescent  
Winlaton  
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## **Directors'/Trustees' Report**

### **Objectives and Activities**

The aim of Deaflink is to:

- Improve access to employment, education, health, leisure and social opportunities for all D/deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing people in Newcastle and the North East
- To raise awareness of the needs of these excluded groups to statutory and voluntary/private organisations and agencies
- To act as a consultative group offering training support and advocacy

Deaflink was part of Newcastle Healthy City until that organisation was forced to close in March 2012. From April 2012 Deaflink North East became a new charity and company limited by guarantee with a wider North East remit.

### **Achievements and Performance:**

The work of Deaflink addresses inequalities and barriers facing people who have hearing loss. We encourage people to be aware of their rights and responsibilities. Our primary focus remains ensuring that D/deaf people are empowered by having access to information to enable them to make choices. Deaflink North East continues to build strong relationships with key partners in the city of Newcastle and the North East.

This report cover the financial year 2021-22.

Deaflink staff have continued to provide support and information to the D/deaf communities in the North East through a pandemic and the varying rules and regulations around this. Some of the services we provide have been affected – meetings and groups have had to be controlled in terms of number and of safety. There has been a long term impact of Covid and how it has affected people coming together in groups. Deaflink needs to adjust the ways we measure how 'successful' our events are – it's not about numbers of people attending but the value and quality of what we do.

This was our final year of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and, through this fund, we have been very lucky to work with Goodlabs Consulting Ltd who have provided us with food for thought, information and support.

A significant part of our work is supporting BSL users to access services, most importantly health care. The lockdown helped emphasise the barriers that D/deaf people face accessing services and understanding inaccessible information. We look forward to the launch of a very exciting pilot project – Health Navigators. Working in partnership with the three hospital trusts in the north Tyne area it's so exciting to be given the opportunity to work together to improve access for BSL users. You can read more on our website [BSL Health Navigator | Deaflink](#)

### **Risk Management**

The Directors are examining the major risks, which the company faces in relation to external factors, governance and management, internal operations and business. They are considering the likelihood and the impact of risks and are reviewing what systems should be in place to control and reduce those risks. The systems are being designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material loss or misstatement of loss.

The trustees/directors have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the range of activities as described above.

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**Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the company to try to build up unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the company, to a level that equates to approximately 6 months unrestricted expenditure. This will provide sufficient funds to cover management and administration support costs and any emergencies that may arise from time to time.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

The Directors'/Trustees' are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the company and which enable them to comply with applicable law. The Directors/Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

For the year ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

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

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

**Approved by the members and signed on their behalf:**

Name: Christopher Rowlands

Signature:



Name: Louise Borrell

Signature:



Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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**Independent Examiners Report**

Report to the trustees/members of Deaflink North East Limited on Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 7-12.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000.

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

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE

Date 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Signed



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Kate Tully is a Fellow Member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners and a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

**for the period ended 31 March 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021-22	Total Funds 2020-21
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and Legacies	150	0	0	150	244
Investment Income	59	0	0	59	0
Charitable Activities	5500	0	87,098	92,598	100,352
Other Trading Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Other	634	844	0	1,478	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>87,098</b>	<b>94,285</b>	<b>100,746</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising Funds				0	0
Charitable activities	0	0	90,705	90,705	86,412
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,705</b>	<b>90,705</b>	<b>86,412</b>
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>(3,607)</b>	<b>3,579</b>	<b>14,334</b>
Transfers				0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>(3,607)</b>	<b>3,579</b>	<b>14,334</b>
<i>Funds brought forward from previous year</i>	30,327	34,778	19,643	84,748	70,414
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>36,670</b>	<b>35,622</b>	<b>16,036</b>	<b>88,327</b>	<b>84,748</b>

The notes on pages 9-12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance Sheet**  
as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2021-22 Funds £	2020-21 Funds £
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
<i>Tangible Assets</i>		0	0
<b>Total Fixed Assets:</b>		0	0
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<i>Debtors</i>	6	0	0
<i>Cash at Bank and In Hand</i>		106,151	85,894
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		106,151	85,894
<b>Total Current and Fixed Assets</b>		106,151	85,894
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<i>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</i>	7	(17,823)	(1,146)
<i>Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year</i>		0	0
<b>Total Current and Long Term Liabilities</b>		(17,823)	(1,146)
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>88,327</b>	<b>84,748</b>
<b>The Funds of the Charity:</b>			
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>		36,670	30,327
<i>Designated Funds</i>		35,622	34,778
<i>Restricted Funds</i>		16,036	19,643
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<b>88,327</b>	<b>84,748</b>

**Statement of Exemption:**

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**Approved by the members and signed on their behalf:**

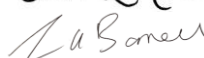
Name: Christopher Rowlands

Signature:



Name: Louise Borrell

Signature:



Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the period ending 31 March 2022**

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## **1 Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Preparation**

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Deaflink North East meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

### **Incoming Resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Capital Grants are released over the economic useful life of the asset to which they relate

### **Resources Expended and Liabilities**

Resources expended have been analysed using a natural classification.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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## 2 Funds

The Charity has 2 funds, an unrestricted general fund, which has a designated fund and a restricted fund used for purchasing items of a specific nature funded by one funder: hence all movements on each fund are disclosed.

### Restricted Funds

Funder	Bal. b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Bal. c/f
Newcastle Fund	0	21,938	(21,938)		0
National Lottery Community Fund - Deaf Rights	11,266	55,160	(55,160)		11,266
Sir James Knott Trust	8,377	10,000	(13,607)		4,770
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,643</b>	<b>87,098</b>	<b>(90,705)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,036</b>

### Designated Funds

Funder	Bal. b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Bal. c/f
Contingency Fund	34,778	844			35,622
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,778</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,622</b>

### Unrestricted Funds

Funder	Bal. b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Bal. c/f
General Fund	30,327	6,343			36,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,327</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36,670</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>84,748</b>	<b>94,285</b>	<b>(90,705)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>88,327</b>

## 3 Investment Income

This is interest earned in a bank account

## 4 Income and Expenditure Analysis 2021-22

### Income and Endowments from:

Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
				0
				0
Donations	150			150
	150	0	0	150
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Newcastle Fund			21,938	21,938
National Lottery Community Fund - Deaf Rights			55,160	55,160
Cumbria NHS				0
Sir James Knott Trust			10,000	10,000
Training	5,500			5,500
	5,500	0	87,098	92,598
<b>Investments</b>				
Bank Interest Earned	59			59
	59	0	0	59
<b>Other</b>				
Miscellaneous Income	634	844		1,478
	634	844	0	1,478
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>87,098</b>	<b>94,285</b>

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<b>Charitable Activities</b>		0
Staff Costs	73,246	73,246
Recruitment Costs	0	0
Sessional Workers	630	630
Stationery/Equipment	2,454	2,454
Rent, Heating and Electricity	5,478	5,478
Website/IT	690	690
Telephone	414	414
Postage	118	118
Printing and Copying	2	2
Legal/Professional Fees	3,747	3,747
Meetings/Events and Forums	164	164
Payroll/Accounts/Bank	385	385
Insurance	676	676
Communications Costs	1,734	1,734
Staff Training	25	25
Staff Travel	438	438
User Travel	126	126
Independent Examination Fee	300	300
Other	78	78
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>90,705</b>	<b>90,705</b>

**Support Costs**  
**Support Cost Type**

	<b>Fundraising Activity £</b>	<b>Charitable Activity £</b>	<b>Governance Activity £</b>	<b>Total Cost £</b>
Staff Costs		73,246		73,246
Recruitment Costs		0		0
Sessional Workers		630		630
Stationery/Equipment		2,454		2,454
Rent, Heating and Electricity		5,478		5,478
Website/IT		690		690
Telephone		414		414
Postage		118		118
Printing and Copying		2		2
Legal/Professional Fees		3,747		3,747
Meetings/Events and Forums		164		164
Payroll/Accounts/Bank		385		385
Insurance		676		676
Communications Costs		1,734		1,734
Staff Training		25		25
Staff Travel		438		438
User Travel		126		126
Independent Examination Fee			300	300
Other		78		78
	<b>0</b>	<b>90,405</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>90,705</b>

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## 5 Salaries/Wages

Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2021-22 Total £	2020-21 Total £
2,724	700	69,822	73,246	65,313
2,724	700	69,822	73,246	65,313

2 full time equivalent employees were employed during this period no remuneration of more than £60,000 was made.

## 6 Debtors

There are no debtors at this time.

## 7 Creditors: due within 1 year

	2021-22 £	2020-21 £
Trade Creditors	300	300
HMRC	1,169	846
Prepayments/Accruals	16,354	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,823</b>	<b>1,146</b>