



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2020 Period start date

To 31/03/2021 Period end date

Charity name: Intervene Project

Charity registration number: 1153228

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide access to justice for people in detention and those liable to be detained. This is done through the provision of information and advice, legal representation, advocacy, and research.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The <i>Intervene Project</i> relies on one full-time Manager and around ten volunteer caseworkers to provide our clients with legal advice and representation on a <i>pro bono</i> basis. We currently support around 80 prisoners (March 2021) who attest they have faced abuse or neglect whilst in custody.</p> <p>We typically correspond with clients via letter and telephone conferences. We regularly gather evidence, correspond with potential defendants, draft LBAs, send FOIs and SARs, and write to MPs. We strive to secure our clients compensation and settlements at the pre-action stage where possible. Where necessary, we will issue County Court claims on behalf of our client.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	It can be confirmed that the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. <i>Intervene</i> fully complies with the 'benefit aspect' and the 'public aspect'.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Much of the casework undertaken by the <i>Intervene</i> is undertaken by our Manager and 10 volunteers. The volunteers are typically law students who apply to work with us. Our clients gain the benefit of the <i>pro bono</i> caseworkers' legal knowledge, whereas the volunteers experience the day-to-day management of a variety of civil law cases. The experiences the volunteers gain often aids them in their future careers as solicitors and barristers.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The volume of casework and clients <i>Intervene</i> takes on is exponentially increasing, due to the extent of demand for our services. We strive to assist all clients, whether referred to us from <i>Kesar & Co Solicitors</i> or who approach us directly, provided their case falls within our ambit and they can demonstrate a degree of financial need. We anticipate the need for our service will continue to increase due to the frequency of abuses within the prison system and the impact of covid-19 on prisoners' quality of life.</p> <p><i>Intervene</i> has taken on a large number of new volunteers. The Charity is never short of applications from talented law students who wish to offer their legal knowledge to our clients. Our volunteers typically remain with us for an average of four months, and usually only leave once they have secured a full-time legal position elsewhere. Each of our volunteers contributes one full day per week. The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to cause an element of disruption, however, the return to in-office working has greatly aided our ability to maintain our caseload and correspond regularly with our clients.</p> <p>We have had success in a variety of matters, helping clients receive improved dental care, healthcare and mental healthcare in prison, regain property</p>

		<p>improperly retained by police forces and prison staff, receive compensation payments for lost property and medical negligence, gain appropriate prison employment, secure transfers to alternative prisons, appeal adjudications, be placed on rehabilitation courses, stop obstructions to their communications with family and legal representatives, and issue claims in the County Court that have led to substantial Part 36 offers. In each case we take on, we defend our client's human rights. Pursuing these cases can help drive reform in prison policy such that the circumstances giving rise to abuses or neglect will not be repeated.</p> <p>The charity has focussed most its efforts on the pre-action stages of claims. Thus, we have submitted numerous LBAs, and regularly send detailed correspondence to Governors outlining the various injustices faced by our clients. We have taken many cases to the PPO for investigation. Further, when we deem the merits of a case justify litigation, we issue cases in the county courts. We have instructed medical experts and barristers to provide assistance in some cases.</p> <p><i>Intervene</i> has been able to employ a full-time Manager to manage the charity, its casework and its volunteers. This has enabled an increase in the volume of clients the Charity is able to take on. It has also allowed <i>Intervene</i> to focus some of its energies on research that will benefit our clients. and improvements to the legal aid sectors we work within. The Manager is responsible for assessing all correspondence and casework produced by the volunteers before it is sent out. <i>Intervene</i> also continues to allow volunteers to apply their knowledge to live cases and to gain experience of active case management.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p><i>Intervene Project</i> relies heavily on donations in order to fund its casework.</p> <p>It also relies on the generous support of <i>Kesar & Co Solicitors</i>, who provide office</p>

		<p>space and resources. Many of <i>Intervene's</i> clients donate to the Charity, and occasionally <i>Intervene</i> receives financial support from successful cases stemming from CFAs and DBAs.</p> <p>In order to fundraise, <i>Intervene</i> has expanded its social networking presence, attracting donors and applications from volunteers through an increase in posts.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Charity continues with a steady stream of donations sufficient to support its needs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserves held
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Overheads are covered by Kesar & Co Solicitors as a donation.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Articles of Association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by elected members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Intervene Project
Other name the charity uses	Intervene (working name)
Registered charity number	1153228
Charity's principal address	27 London Road Bromley BR1 1DG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Goran Josipovic	Chair		
2	Rosemary Hill	Secretary		
3	Eric Hill	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mladen Kesar, Director; Liz Hill, Director of Finance

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	RAH	
Full name(s)	ROSEMARY A. HILL	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	
Date	17-12-2021	

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CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES

Eric Raymond Hill
Rosemary Ann Hill
Goran Josipovic

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Liz Hill

BANKERS

The cooperative Bank
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1153228

REGISTERED ADDRESS

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Registered Charity 1153228

Receipts and Payments Account

Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Kesar & Co		573		573
Donations		60		60
Bank interest		6		6
		639		639
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
Printing/publicity		156		156
Sundry expenses		155		155
		311		311
TOTAL				
		311		311
Excess of receipts over payments		328		328
Cash at bank and in hand 1 April 2020		7,329		7,329
Cash at bank and in hand 31 March 2021		7,657		7,657
Represented by:-				
Community Account		£6,141		
Deposit Account		£1,515		
		£7,657		

Kesar & Co has housed the Intervene Project for 7 years. This support has taken the form of supply of all office services, including utilities, postage, etc. It has also included office space and the use of office equipment. The Trustees wish to record their appreciation for the continued support in the provision of office services and expertise which they receive from Kesar & Co.