

Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees
(Registered charity, number 1156709)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

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**Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Full name Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees

Other names by which the charity is known AVID

Registered charity number 1156709

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Principal address

27-31 Carlton Road, Nottingham, NG3 2DG

Trustees

Carolina Albuerne Rodriguez, Co-chair
Jayne Butler, Co-chair, from 04/02/21
Michael Darko
Thomas Nunn

Elizabeth Flint
Anne Hudson, Treasurer, from 22/01/21
Ciaran Price, Treasurer, until 15/02/21

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2, North West,
41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 15 April 2014.

Trustees are recruited following a recruitment process - job descriptions are advertised externally and applicants are selected by Trustees for interview. Trustees are elected at the AGM. The AVID Trustees may in addition appoint co-opted members but so that no-one may be appointed as a co-opted member if, as a result, more than one third of the members of the AVID Trustees would be co-opted members.

Objectives and activities

The formal objects of AVID are - exclusively the charitable relief of immigrants and refugees who are suffering hardship, distress or are in need, with particular reference, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to those who are imprisoned or detained under immigration legislation in the United Kingdom.

AVID aims to address the isolation and injustice of immigration detention in the UK. We do this by supporting, strengthening and promoting volunteer visiting nationally and working towards positive change for all people in detention.

We have three key objectives:

1. We strengthen and grow our community of solidarity with people affected by detention;
2. We influence reform and detention policy and practise;
3. Raising awareness of the realities of detention nationally.

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We have 14 members who all offer visiting support in immigration detention centres. These are diverse organisations from small voluntary groups to large charities. We work with these organisations to support them to provide befriending support and practical advice. We use our position of representing visiting groups in every detention centre in the UK to provide an overview of the detention estate and practices and use this to influence reform.

Our activities include:

- Members Calls to share best practice;
- Training for volunteers on supporting people in detention;
- Deep Dive sessions to discuss shared challenges and solutions;
- Newsletter to keep our members up to date of relevant topics;
- Raise awareness of the impacts of detention on social media;
- 1:1 support for members to establish and continue visiting in detention;
- Contribute to policy networks including Home Office Stakeholder meetings and Detention Forum;
- Handbook for Visitors.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The harm caused by immigration detention is well-documented by the testimonies of people in detention, government and clinical professional bodies. As well as the human cost, there is the financial cost of a system that is failing by its own standards (70% of people in detention return to the community). Our activities reduce the harm caused by detention by supporting visitors to provide vital befriending advice and combat the isolation in detention. We also support visitors with the information they need so that people who are detained can access services such as healthcare and legal advice they need. We bring public and government awareness to the issues of detention to improve the detention system both in small steps (such as ensuring people in detention have access to phones) and as part of a wider discussion on ending detention because of the harm that it causes. We also benefit communities who provide visiting support and want to advocate for a system that welcomes asylum seekers and people from a migrant background. The platform that we provide gives a way for them to do this and be part of a wider movement.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

The pandemic has seen many changes in the way in which we – and our members – work. Our 14 members and the people they support in detention - many thousands at any one time - were hugely affected by the pandemic, which created great uncertainty inside detention and for those providing support. During lockdown all services inside detention were suspended, including visiting. Our members looked to us to lead and facilitate cross network conversations about how we could continue support for vulnerable people at this time. We developed a series of rapid response interventions including facilitating a weekly members call, bringing members together to share concerns, problem solve and offer mutual support. We identified members' needs and designed, developed, and implemented a range of tools to better support them - online training on remote visiting including telephone befriending; an interactive resource and signposting guide to post detention support; 'train the trainer' resources on wellbeing and self-care; and the co-ordination of several advocacy initiatives. This gave our members access to a tailored and

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responsive programme to the COVID 19 situation that enabled them to adapt and respond to the immediacy of the environment.

This period was intense and challenging, forcing us to bring forward many of our longer-term development plans and make fuller use of online and digital technologies. This in turn engendered a much closer and more collaborative working dynamic between AVID and its members, despite the physical distance of lockdown. This period of turbulence was followed by a period of introspection and reflection. We considered our role, our members' needs, and our working practices within this new environment, and assessed how learnings from this period of change could be taken forward.

Over the past year, our members' calls – which we now host bi-monthly - have become a central part of our work. Hosting these online has enabled members across the UK to come together and update one another on access, visiting and support being provided to detainees. This has been vital as our members return to in person support given the lack of transparency across the detention estate and challenges with gaining access. We continue to work with members to advocate for their return to their pre-pandemic level of service.

A big focus of our work over the last year has been to support the development of Durham's visitors group at the new detention centre for women in Derwentside. Following training, development of best-practise processes and procedures and facilitation of links with other groups in the community, the group is now established and has begun offering a visiting service. The group are now taking referrals and have initial sessions with people in detention. We hold fortnightly meetings with the core organisers and ongoing 1:1 support as the group continues to establish itself.

Financial review

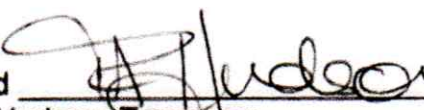
We were able to secure funding through three of our ongoing funders to ensure that we are financially stable over the next year. This was however after a difficult financial period.

We are developing a fundraising strategy that builds on our membership base and strong relationships with Trusts and Foundations to diversify our funds.

The charity's policy on reserves

We are currently working on our reserves policy as part of the review of financial policies and procedures. It is a priority for the trustees in the next year to work towards a sufficient amount of unrestricted reserves of three months and we will be reviewing all financial policies and procedures.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Anne Hudson, Treasurer

Date 15/8/22

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees for the year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

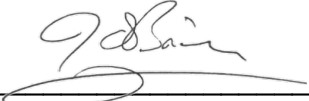
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 22/08/22
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2021

2020				2021	
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds	
£	Note	£	£	£	
Receipts					
139812	Grants & donations	2	55512	28979	84491
1359	Membership		1608	-	1608
-	Refund - rent deposit		600	-	600
4	Bank interest		-	-	-
141175	Total receipts		57720	28979	86699
Payments					
78154	Staff costs	3	36216	92615	128831
10369	Premises & running costs	4	1557	10189	11746
2234	Governance costs	5	882	1702	2584
907	Direct charitable expenditure	6	175	183	358
-	Internal costs		(3000)	3000	-
91664	Total payments		35830	107689	143519
49511	Net receipts/(payments)		21890	(78710)	(56820)
53913	Cash funds at start of this period		13672	89752	103424
-	Transfers between funds		(26)	26	-
103424	Cash funds at end of this period		35536	11068	46604

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2021

2020		Note	2021
£	Cash assets		£
<u>103424</u>	Bank accounts		<u>46604</u>
<u>103424</u>			<u>46604</u>
	Other monetary assets		
<u>2821</u>	Debtors	7	<u>4203</u>
<u>2821</u>			<u>4203</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	2 x laptops, purchased April 2021, cost £1,098		
	General equipment.		
	Liabilities		
<u>(1387)</u>	Creditors	8	<u>(1306)</u>
<u>(1387)</u>			<u>(1306)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 15/8/22
 Anne Hudson, Treasurer

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	9979	9979
Allen Lane Foundation	-	7500	7500
Refugee Action	1995	3000	4995
Craignish Trust	-	3000	3000
Tudor Trust	-	2000	2000
Noel Buxton Trust	-	2000	2000
Oakdale Trust	-	1500	1500
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	30000	-	30000
Donations	8117	-	8117
Hillcote Trust	5000	-	5000
Community of the Glorious Ascension	4000	-	4000
Fairness Foundation	3000	-	3000
Pat Newman Memorial Trust	1000	-	1000
Marsh Christian Trust	650	-	650
Fulmer Charitable Trust	750	-	750
Bergman Lehane Foundation	500	-	500
Anonymous donation	500	-	500
	<u>55512</u>	<u>28979</u>	<u>84491</u>

3. Staff costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Salaries, NI & pension	35721	90401	126122
Staff costs	-	911	911
Staff training	-	1303	1303
Recruitment	495	-	495
	<u>36216</u>	<u>92615</u>	<u>128831</u>

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4. Premises and running costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Bank charges	136	62	198
Development (organisational & strategy)	300	-	300
Office equipment	70	1818	1888
Office running costs	718	4278	4996
Rent & rates	333	4031	4364
	1557	10189	11746

5. Governance costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Accountancy & payroll	163	1702	1865
Trustees expenses & insurance	719	-	719
	882	1702	2584

6. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Group outreach	25	33	58
Policy & advocacy	150	150	300
	175	183	358

7. Debtors

	£
HMRC (NI)	2182
HMRC - Gift aid claims	613
Prepayment: Insurance	504
Prepayment: Office running costs	507
Prepayment: Policy & advocacy	150
Prepayment: Payroll fees	72
Prepayment: Staff costs	175
	4203

8. Creditors

	£
Independent examination fee	864
Wages, NI & Pension	406
Payroll fees	36
	1306

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9. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Core costs & extra support	22716	-	(22714)	(2)	-
Organisational development & strategy support	365	-	(365)	-	-
Directors salary & core costs	36886	-	(36887)	1	-
Coronavirus reponse	29785	-	(29812)	27	-
Training	-	6500	(6500)	-	-
Explore Programme - service adaptation	-	3000	(3000)	-	-
Staff wellbeing	-	2000	(911)	-	1089
Core costs	-	7500	(7500)	-	-
Derwentside Visitors Group	-	9979	-	-	9979
	89752	28979	(107689)	26	11068
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	13672	57720	(35830)	(26)	35536
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The transfers from the General fund to the Directors salary & core costs fund and the Coronavirus response funds are to cover the deficits on these activities.

The transfer from the Core costs & extra support fund to the General fund related to activities which have ceased, and the release of any restrictions on the use of these funds.

The restricted funds have been received from the following funders:

Core costs & extra support – Esmée Fairbairn Foundation
 Organisational development & strategy support - Esmée Fairbairn Foundation
 Directors salary & core costs – The Tudor Trust
 Coronavirus response – National Lottery Community Fund
 Training – Craginsh Trust, Noel Buxton Trust and Oakdale Trust
 Explore Programme – Refugee Action
 Staff wellbeing – The Tudor Trust
 Core costs – Allen Lane Foundation
 Derwentside Visitors Group – National Lottery Community Fund

10. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

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11. Glossary of terms

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.