



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day15	Month05	Year2020		Day14	Month05	Year2021

From

To

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	ASK ERWIN
Other names charity is known by	Empowering Rights When In Need
Registered charity number (if any)	1161686
Charity's principal address	GROUND FLOOR 108 EVELINA RD LONDON Postcode SE15 3HL

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	Paula Donohoe	Chair		
2	Suneil Saraf	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by board and senior staff

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;• relationship with any related parties;• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	<p>REVIEWED SAFEGUARDING POLICY</p> <p>Wrote COVID procedures</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- 1) To relieve the need of persons who have health problems, disabilities or sensory impairments in particular but not exclusively by:
 - a) Providing advocacy, advice, assistance, projects, representation and other services
 - b) Helping the people listed above identify and meet their own needs
 - c) Providing support for those who care for the people listed above
- 2) To advance the education of the general public, including specific

professional and other groups and the needs of the people listed above

Ask Erwin aims to support people to understand their health & care rights and have a voice.

Ask Erwin wants to support people to be more informed and involved in decision making around their health and support needs. This can be particularly important to people with a disability, long term health needs or older people.

Ask Erwin will support people to understand and use for their benefit; in particular the Mental Capacity Act and the Care Act.

Ask Erwin will achieve this though providing information and support services. This will be a combination of public workshops, closed support groups and 1:1 support.

Ask Erwin continued its work as a partner in the Lambeth Advanced Care Panning Consortium. As a lead partner we continued in year 2 of the project providing

- 1:1 support to clients to make Health & Welfare Lasting Power of Attorney
- Training sessions to the public and partner organisations on Health & Welfare Lasting Power of Attorney
- Providing information and support on safeguarding to the consortium partners

However, COVID continued to impact on the consortium and Ask Erwin's ability to provide the service for the majority of this reporting year. Even when the country was not in lockdown it was still not possible to visit clients to provide the service or to run workshops. Additionally the cohort group were understandably impacted with wider concerns around covid meaning attending workshops and focusing on making a LPA were not high on peoples agenda. We did provide the service to the few people who were referred in this period and could manage with virtual appointments. We did also provide virtual training sessions to partner staff and some of their clients .

Ask Erwin also provided in this period a telephone and email helpline to support people to understand and access their health and social care rights.

Ask Erwin provides no harm or detriment to the public.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit.

Ask Erwin offers some of its services to the public in general and some of its services specifically to people with protected characteristics.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Trustees claimed no travel expenses in this reporting period.

Ask Erwin received funding payment for the Lambeth Advanced Care Planning Consortium project work

As Ask Erwin now has a grant when covid restrictions lifted in the last quarter of this reporting period we were able to move into an office space on an agreement with £0 rent charge initially only utilities and maintenance costs are required.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Ask Erwin's information and help service provided support to people in relation to their health and social care needs and in particular information around Lasting Power of Attorneys.

Ask Erwin continued working as a partner in the Lambeth Advanced Care Planning Consortium

Ask Erwin reviewed its current policies and its COVID procedures

COVID lockdowns and limitations on being able to visit clients due to their vulnerabilities severely impacted on Ask Erwin's ability to provide support to many people in this reporting year. We continued to provide workshops and training on LPA to partner organisations and to their clients virtually. We were however only able to offer 1:1 support to people who were able to access internet – which meant that a large number of the target group referrals work had to be suspended as this was referrals of people with dementia and other cognitive impairments meaning that providing support virtually was not possible due to consent issues

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Ask Erwin does not currently have a reserves policy. The trustees will review this..

Details of any funds materially in deficit**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	P Donohoe	
Full name(s)	Paula Donohoe	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	28/05/21	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Ask Erwin	1161686

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	15.5.20		14.5.21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant	5,150		-	5,150	-
Loan		-	-	-	-
donation	-	-	-	-	-
fund raising event	-	-	-	-	-
fees for charitable services	-	-	-	-	-
hire of office	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,150	-	-	5,150	12,291
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,150	-	-	5,150	12,291
A3 Payments					
rent & hire of rooms		-	-	-	-
support group meeting expenses	-		-	-	-
utilities	150	-	-	150	-
printing,posting, stationary supplies		-	-	-	-
insurance & fees	300	-	-	300	-
volunteer expenses	-	-	-	-	-
repairs & maintenance	76	-	-	76	-
phone, internet, website	350	-	-	350	-
other	50	-	-	50	-
Sub total	926	-	-	926	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	926	-	-	926	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,224	-	-	4,224	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,291	-	-	12,291	-
Cash funds this year end	16,515	-	-	16,515	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,515		-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>P. Donohoe</i>	Paula Donohoe	8/14/2022	