



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	Day 04	Month 04	Year 2024	To	Day 05	Month 04	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **Persian Advice Bureau**

Other names charity is known by **PAB**

Registered charity number (if any) **1163147**

Charity's principal address **54 Hendon Lane**

London

Postcode

N3 1TT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Foujon Naini	Founder	Whole Year	PAB Trustees
2	Farank RezaZadeh	Trustee	Whole Year	PAB Trustees
3	Atusa Tehrani	Trustee	Whole Year	PAB Trustees
4	Aryan Chobin	Trustee	Whole Year	PAB Trustees
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

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
Immigration Solicitor	Warren Grant	54 Hendon Lane, London, N3 1TT
Immigration Solicitor	Ifat Mirza	54 Hendon Lane, London, N3 1TT
IAAS Caseworker	Anisa Ali	54 Hendon Lane, London, N3 1TT
Outreach Worker Outreach Worker Outreach Worker Outreach Worker Outreach Worker	Zahra Moghaddasi Maysam Ebadi Anna Hussain Nazanin Arami Dr M. Boroumand	

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

--

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 the trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- 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.

Main Activities

During the year ended 4 April 2025, PAB delivered its objectives through a combination of direct service delivery, community-based work, and partnership activity.

Alongside its core legal and advice services, PAB actively engaged with the local community to ensure support was accessible, culturally appropriate, and responsive to emerging needs. This included outreach work within asylum accommodation, community centres, and other safe spaces, enabling individuals who face language, cultural, or social barriers to access timely assistance.

PAB continued to train and support bilingual outreach workers, equipping them with knowledge of asylum, human rights protection, and welfare systems, and enabling effective communication between clients and statutory agencies. The organisation also worked closely with local authorities, accommodation providers, and community organisations to coordinate support, resolve complex cases, and advocate for improved standards and safeguarding.

Through its community engagement and cultural activities, PAB promoted understanding, inclusion, and the celebration of Persian culture and heritage, strengthening community ties and supporting the well-being of those it serves.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

During 2024–2025, PAB continued to be commissioned by the London Borough of Barnet Council to deliver the Barnet Asylum Project, providing specialist legal advice, advocacy, and outreach support to asylum seekers accommodated in two of the five Home Office–commissioned hotels in Barnet.

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)

February - Half Term Activities: During half term, the kids enjoyed a variety of fun and educational activities, including visits to a museum, trips to the cinema, table tennis sessions, arts and crafts days and outings.

19 February – GLA Asylum Welcome Toolkit Launch Event
PAB attended the launch of the GLA Asylum Welcome Toolkit. PAB's Founder, Foujon Naini, was invited to speak at the event, sharing insights from PAB's frontline work supporting asylum seekers and refugees. The event brought together representatives from local authorities, voluntary sector organisations, and community groups, and focused on strengthening welcome, inclusion, and good practice in supporting people seeking asylum across London.
PAB's participation highlighted its role in contributing to policy-informed discussions and shaping practical resources aimed at improving the experiences of asylum seekers within local communities.

8 March – International Women's Day
PAB hosted an International Women's Day event at one of the Home Office–commissioned hotels, bringing together asylum-seeking women and guests from two hotel sites. The event provided a safe and inclusive space for women to come together, share experiences, and access information and support. Guest speakers included representatives from Barnet Council and members of the PAB legal team, who delivered talks focusing on women's rights, safeguarding, and available support pathways. The event aimed to promote empowerment, awareness, and community connection among women living in asylum accommodation.

Creative workshop
For asylum-seeking children from the two hotels, held every Saturday, giving those living in contingency hotels a chance to express their creativity. This was generously funded by Young Barnet Foundation.

19 March - Nowruz (Norouz) Celebration
PAB marked the celebration of Nowruz by supporting Farsi-speaking asylum seekers residing in hotel accommodation. To acknowledge the cultural and emotional significance of the occasion, individuals were provided with a small combined Haft-Seen display to place in their hotel rooms, along with a box of traditional Persian Nowruz pastries. This initiative aimed to promote dignity, cultural connection, and well-being for individuals living in temporary accommodation, many of whom are separated from their families and communities during significant cultural celebrations.

26 March - An inspirational vegan Iftar meal at the Finchley Progressive Synagogue, shared with the asylum seekers and refugees of Barnet, Barnet Council members and the faith community.

25 March – Mother's Day

PAB marked Mother's Day with asylum-seeking families residing in two hotels in Barnet. In advance of Mothering Sunday, children received small gift packs containing toiletries, makeup, and a card, enabling them to prepare a meaningful gift for their mothers. This activity supported family wellbeing and dignity, and helped children participate in a culturally familiar celebration despite the challenges of living in temporary accommodation.

2 April – Easter Celebration & Activities

PAB organised Easter Day activities for over 100 children living in asylum accommodation across the hotels. As part of the celebrations, all participating children received an Easter egg, kindly donated by the Young Barnet Foundation. The activities aimed to support children's wellbeing, provide a sense of normality, and enable families to mark an important cultural occasion while living in temporary accommodation.

10 April – Eid Celebration

PAB marked Eid by distributing over 500 festive treat packs to asylum-seeking guests and children from all nationalities residing in both hotels. The packs included traditional items such as tea, sugar crystals, pastries, and dates. This initiative aimed to recognise the cultural and religious significance of Eid, promote dignity and inclusion, and support the well-being of individuals and families living in temporary accommodation.

30 April – Eid al-Fitr Community Meal

PAB, in collaboration with the Groundswell Project, distributed 100 halal traditional Persian meals to asylum seekers residing in Home Office-commissioned accommodation in Barnet, in celebration of Eid al-Fitr. This activity supported cultural connection, dignity, and well-being, and provided asylum seekers with an opportunity to mark an important religious occasion while living in temporary accommodation.

7 May – Women's Wellbeing & Pampering Event

PAB delivered a women's wellbeing event at one of the hotels, offering a safe and supportive space focused on self-care and relaxation for women seeking asylum. The activity aimed to promote well-being, dignity, and emotional support for women living in temporary accommodation, many of whom have experienced trauma and prolonged uncertainty.

12 June – "Cook Your Authentic Meal" Project

PAB launched the Cook Your Authentic Meal project for asylum-seeking guests, delivered in collaboration with Claremont School. The project provided participants with opportunities to prepare and share traditional meals, promoting cultural expression, well-being, and community connection. The initiative also supported dignity and inclusion by enabling individuals to engage in familiar cooking practices that are often unavailable within hotel accommodation settings.

18 June – Coffee & Chat English Conversation Sessions

PAB launched Coffee & Chat English conversation sessions at one of the hotels. The sessions were held twice a week and provided asylum-seeking guests with informal opportunities to practise spoken English in a supportive and welcoming environment. The initiative aimed to reduce isolation, build confidence, and support communication skills, helping participants engage more effectively with services and the wider community.

25 June – Refugee Week Celebration: PAB hosted a Refugee Week celebration at Christ Church North Finchley. The event was attended by local councillors, members of the legal profession, and the PAB legal team, alongside asylum-seeking guests and community members. As part of the celebration, asylum-seeking children formed a choir and delivered a moving musical performance, which was warmly received by attendees. Food was shared, and a specially commissioned cake was provided to mark the occasion. In recognition of their efforts and confidence, the choir members were also presented with vouchers to acknowledge their excellent performance. The event aimed to celebrate the contributions and talents of people seeking asylum, promote community cohesion, and provide a positive and inclusive space during Refugee Week.

15 July – Children's Wellbeing Activity

PAB provided children staying in the hotels with Costa gift vouchers, allowing them to enjoy a small treat and a positive experience outside their daily routine. This activity aimed to promote children's wellbeing, inclusion, and a sense of normality while living in temporary accommodation.

21 July – Barnet Borough of Sanctuary Launch Event

PAB was invited to speak at the Barnet Borough of Sanctuary Launch Event, celebrating Barnet's recognition as a Borough of Sanctuary and acknowledging the borough's commitment to welcoming and supporting people seeking sanctuary.

The event brought together local asylum seekers and refugees, council members, and representatives from leading charities, including Enver Solomon, CEO of the Refugee Council. PAB was represented by its Founder, Foujon Naini, who was invited to attend and speak as a guest speaker, highlighting PAB's work with the Farsi-speaking community and its longstanding support for asylum seekers and refugees in Barnet.

As part of the launch, PAB issued the following quote in the Borough of Sanctuary press release:

"We are delighted to celebrate Barnet's recognition as a Borough of Sanctuary on behalf of the Farsi-speaking community in Barnet. This significant achievement reflects our collective commitment to fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and compassionate environment for all residents." PAB's participation in the launch demonstrated its active role in borough-wide advocacy, partnership working, and efforts to promote inclusion, dignity, and community cohesion.

29 July- PAB Children Summer project

Commenced with children residing in the contingency hotels participating in creative indoor and outdoor activities, such as chalk drawing, arts and crafts, and other hands-on sessions.

15 August- September Community Fundraising

£50 school uniform vouchers were given to the asylum-seeking children of the two hotels. A total of £1250. £35 and £50 winter vouchers, along with Videophone SIM cards, continue to be distributed to all asylum seekers arriving at the two Home Office hotels in Barnet.

28 September – Youth Activity Sessions

PAB launched youth activity sessions for young people living in asylum accommodation. The sessions provided structured, safe, and engaging activities aimed at supporting wellbeing, confidence, and positive social interaction. The initiative sought to reduce isolation, promote resilience,

and create age-appropriate spaces for young people within temporary accommodation settings.

4 October – eVisa Registration Support

PAB commenced support for eVisa registration, assisting individuals in the community in transitioning smoothly from Biometric Residence Permits (BRPs) to the Home Office eVisa system. PAB provided guidance and practical assistance to ensure clients could complete the digital process accurately, reducing the risk of errors, delays, or loss of immigration status due to digital exclusion.

29 October and 1 November – Health Awareness and Vaccination Clinics
PAB, in collaboration with Public Health, facilitated health awareness and vaccination clinics at one of the hotels. The clinics provided asylum-seeking residents with access to accurate health information and on-site vaccination services in a safe and supportive environment. This initiative helped to reduce barriers to healthcare access, address health inequalities, and promote public health among individuals living in temporary accommodation.

31 October – Halloween Celebration

PAB organised a Halloween celebration party and movie night for asylum-seeking children living in the hotels. The event provided a fun, safe, and age-appropriate activity, allowing children to enjoy a familiar seasonal celebration.

The activity aimed to promote well-being, reduce isolation, and create positive shared experiences for children living in temporary accommodation.

17 December, Christmas Party

PAB staff organised a Christmas party for asylum-seeking children living in the hotels. Over 130 children received Christmas gifts and chocolates, kindly donated by the Young Barnet Foundation. The event aimed to promote children's wellbeing, inclusion, and a sense of joy during the festive period while living in temporary accommodation.

24 January 2025 – Community Cooking Project

On 24 January 2025, PAB launched its first community cooking project, bringing together asylum seekers and refugees to prepare meals, share stories, and build a sense of community. The project provided a welcoming and inclusive space that supported well-being, social connection, and cultural exchange.

The initiative was funded by Barnet Public Health and contributed to reducing isolation while promoting positive mental health and community cohesion.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Throughout the year, PAB delivered high-volume, high-impact, and client-centred services, achieving the following:

- Supported **over 600 asylum seekers** living in Barnet hotels and dispersal accommodation through legal advice, casework, and intensive outreach support.
- Trained volunteers and bilingual outreach workers, strengthening service delivery and improving access for non-English-speaking clients.
- Secured additional funding to expand legal advice and legal aid capacity, enabling the organisation to respond to growing demand.
- Strengthened strategic partnerships with key stakeholders, including Migrant Help, the Home Office, Barnet Council, and local charities and faith-based organisations.
- Referred asylum seekers to local organisations such as BOOST Barnet, Home-Start Barnet, and other community services, supporting volunteering, skills development, and social inclusion.
- Invited to speak at **City Hall**, sharing frontline expertise and insight into the experiences of asylum seekers accommodated in Barnet.
- Secured funding from Migrant Help to deliver **ESOL conversation classes** for asylum seekers unable to attend college during the first six months of their asylum claim, reducing isolation and supporting early integration.
- Advocated on behalf of clients by submitting **over 28 formal complaints** to the Home Office, Migrant Help, Barnet Council, and accommodation contractors, addressing safeguarding concerns, living conditions, and access to essential services.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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.

Barnet Council
Young Barnet Foundation
The Finchley Synagogue
Donations

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)		
Full name(s)	Foujon Naini	<i>Persian Advice Bureau</i>
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Founder/ Trustee	<i>54 Hendon Lane London, N3 1TT 020 8446 1716</i>
Date	03/02/2026	

PERSIAN ADVICE BUREAU

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended April 4, 2025



Persian Advice Bureau

مرکز فرهنگی هنری ایرانیان لندن

Persian Advice Bureau

Index

<u>Content</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
Index	1
Charity Information	2
Trustees Report	3 to 14
Trustees' Responsibilities In Relation To Financial Statements	15
Independent Examiner's Report	16
Statement of Financial Activities	17
Balance Sheet	18
Notes to the Accounts	19 to 22

Persian Advice Bureau (PAB) Charity Information

Organisation Name	Persian Advice Bureau (PAB)
Organisation Address	54 Hendon Lane, London, N3 1TT
Charity Number	1163147
Bankers	National Westminster Bank Enfield Customer Service Centre PO Box 145 Lee House, Baird Road Middlesex EN11FN
Independent Examiner	DEHSHID & CO ACCOUNTANTS Address Suite 4, Second Floor 84 Uxbridge Road Ealing, London W13 8RA

Trustees

Position	Name	Appointed	Resigned
Founder/Chair	Foujon Naini	14/08/2015	
Treasurer/Secretary	Farank Rezazadeh	14/08/2015	
Secretary	Atusa Tehrani	14/08/2015	
Secretary	Aryan Chobin	31/03/2025	
	Nader Fam		30/03/2024

Advisers

Warren Grant - Solicitor
 Foujon Naini - Founder /Senior Adviser
 Zahra Mogadassi - Senior Outreach Worker
 Maysam Ebadi - Outreach Worker
 Anna Hussain - Outreach Worker
 Anisa Ali – IAAS Senior Caseworker
 Ifat Mirza-IAAS Senior Caseworker, Supervisor Solicitor
 Nazanin Arami – Social Activities Coordinator
 Professor M. Boroumand - Medical Nutritionist

Persian Advice Bureau Trustees Report for the Year ended April 4, 2025

The Trustees of the Persian Advice Bureau (PAB) are pleased to present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended April 4, 2025. The report outlines the charity's activities, financial performance, and impact on the communities we serve.

Objectives and Activities

Main Activities

During the year ended 4 April 2025, PAB delivered its objectives through a combination of direct service delivery, community-based work, and partnership activity.

Alongside its core legal and advice services, PAB actively engaged with the local community to ensure support was accessible, culturally appropriate, and responsive to emerging needs. This included outreach work within asylum accommodation, community centres, and other safe spaces, enabling individuals who face language, cultural, or social barriers to access timely assistance.

PAB continued to train and support bilingual outreach workers, equipping them with knowledge of asylum, human rights protection, and welfare systems, and enabling effective communication between clients and statutory agencies. The organisation also worked closely with local authorities, accommodation providers, and community organisations to coordinate support, resolve complex cases, and advocate for improved standards and safeguarding.

Through its community engagement and cultural activities, PAB promoted understanding, inclusion, and the celebration of Persian culture and heritage, strengthening community ties and supporting the well-being of those it serves.

February - Half Term Activities: During half term, the kids enjoyed a variety of fun and educational activities, including visits to a museum, trips to the cinema, table tennis sessions, arts and crafts days and outings.



19 February – GLA Asylum Welcome Toolkit Launch Event

PAB attended the launch of the GLA Asylum Welcome Toolkit. PAB's Founder, Foujon Naini, was invited to speak at the event, sharing insights from PAB's frontline work supporting asylum seekers and refugees.

The event brought together representatives from local authorities, voluntary sector organisations, and community groups, and focused on strengthening welcome, inclusion, and good practice in supporting people seeking asylum across London.

PAB's participation highlighted its role in contributing to policy-informed discussions and shaping practical resources aimed at improving the experiences of asylum seekers within local communities.



8 March – International Women's Day

PAB hosted an International Women's Day event at one of the Home Office–commissioned hotels, bringing together asylum-seeking women and guests from two hotel sites. The event provided a safe and inclusive space for women to come together, share experiences, and access information and support. Guest speakers included representatives from Barnet Council and members of the PAB legal team, who delivered talks focusing on women's rights, safeguarding, and available support pathways. The event aimed to promote empowerment, awareness, and community connection among women living in asylum accommodation.



Creative workshop

For asylum-seeking children from the two hotels, held every Saturday, giving those living in contingency hotels a chance to express their creativity. This was generously funded by Young Barnet Foundation.



19 March - Norouz Celebration

PAB marked the celebration of Nowruz by supporting Farsi-speaking asylum seekers residing in hotel accommodation. To acknowledge the cultural and emotional significance of the occasion, individuals were provided with a small *combined Haft-Seen* display to place in their hotel rooms, along with a box of traditional Persian Nowruz pastries. This initiative aimed to promote dignity, cultural connection, and well-being for individuals living in temporary accommodation, many of whom are separated from their families and communities during significant cultural celebrations.



26 March - An inspirational vegan Iftar meal at the Finchley Progressive Synagogue, shared with the asylum seekers and refugees of Barnet, Barnet Council members and the faith community.



25 March – Mother's Day

PAB marked Mother's Day with asylum-seeking families residing in two hotels in Barnet. In advance of Mothering Sunday, children received small gift packs containing toiletries, makeup, and a card, enabling them to prepare a meaningful gift for their mothers. This activity supported family wellbeing and dignity, and helped children participate in a culturally familiar celebration despite the challenges of living in temporary accommodation.



2 April – Easter Celebration & Activities

PAB organised Easter Day activities for over 100 children living in asylum accommodation across the hotels. As part of the celebrations, all participating children received an Easter egg, kindly donated by the Young Barnet Foundation. The activities aimed to support children's wellbeing, provide a sense of normality, and enable families to mark an important cultural occasion while living in temporary accommodation.



10 April – Eid Celebration

PAB marked Eid by distributing over 500 festive treat packs to asylum-seeking guests and children from all nationalities residing in both hotels. The packs included traditional items such as tea, sugar crystals, pastries, and dates. This initiative aimed to recognise the cultural and religious significance of Eid, promote dignity and inclusion, and support the well-being of individuals and families living in temporary accommodation.



30 April – Eid al-Fitr Community Meal

PAB, in collaboration with the Groundswell Project, distributed 100 halal traditional Persian meals to asylum seekers residing in Home Office–commissioned accommodation in Barnet, in celebration of Eid al-Fitr. This activity supported cultural connection, dignity, and well-being, and provided asylum seekers with an opportunity to mark an important religious occasion while living in temporary accommodation.

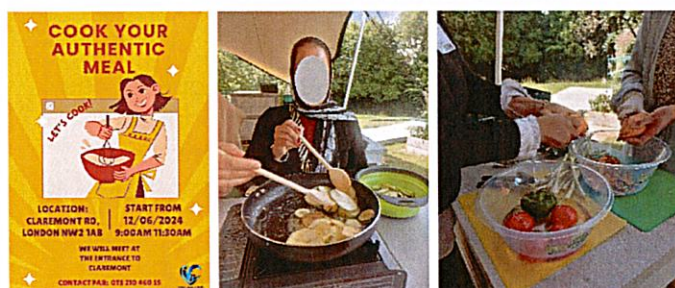
7 May – Women’s Wellbeing & Pampering Event

PAB delivered a women’s wellbeing event at one of the hotels, offering a safe and supportive space focused on self-care and relaxation for women seeking asylum. The activity aimed to promote well-being, dignity, and emotional support for women living in temporary accommodation, many of whom have experienced trauma and prolonged uncertainty.



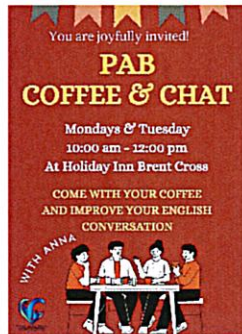
12 June – “Cook Your Authentic Meal” Project

PAB launched the *Cook Your Authentic Meal* project for asylum-seeking guests, delivered in collaboration with Claremont School. The project provided participants with opportunities to prepare and share traditional meals, promoting cultural expression, well-being, and community connection. The initiative also supported dignity and inclusion by enabling individuals to engage in familiar cooking practices that are often unavailable within hotel accommodation settings.



18 June – Coffee & Chat English Conversation Sessions

PAB launched *Coffee & Chat* English conversation sessions at one of the hotels. The sessions were held twice a week and provided asylum-seeking guests with informal opportunities to practise spoken English in a supportive and welcoming environment. The initiative aimed to reduce isolation, build confidence, and support communication skills, helping participants engage more effectively with services and the wider community.

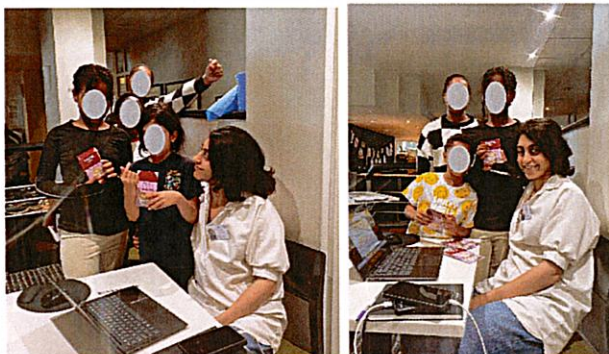


25 June – Refugee Week Celebration: PAB hosted a Refugee Week celebration at Christ Church North Finchley. The event was attended by local councillors, members of the legal profession, and the PAB legal team, alongside asylum-seeking guests and community members. As part of the celebration, asylum-seeking children formed a choir and delivered a moving musical performance, which was warmly received by attendees. Food was shared, and a specially commissioned cake was provided to mark the occasion. In recognition of their efforts and confidence, the choir members were also presented with vouchers to acknowledge their excellent performance. The event aimed to celebrate the contributions and talents of people seeking asylum, promote community cohesion, and provide a positive and inclusive space during Refugee Week.



15 July – Children’s Wellbeing Activity

PAB provided children staying in the hotels with Costa gift vouchers, allowing them to enjoy a small treat and a positive experience outside their daily routine. This activity aimed to promote children’s wellbeing, inclusion, and a sense of normality while living in temporary accommodation.



21 July – Barnet Borough of Sanctuary Launch Event

PAB was invited to speak at the Barnet Borough of Sanctuary Launch Event, celebrating Barnet’s recognition as a Borough of Sanctuary and acknowledging the borough’s commitment to welcoming and supporting people seeking sanctuary.

The event brought together local asylum seekers and refugees, council members, and representatives from leading charities, including Enver Solomon, CEO of the Refugee Council. PAB was represented by its Founder, Foujon Naini, who was invited to attend and speak as a guest speaker, highlighting PAB’s work with the Farsi-speaking community and its longstanding support for asylum seekers and refugees in Barnet.

As part of the launch, PAB issued the following quote in the Borough of Sanctuary press release:

“We are delighted to celebrate Barnet’s recognition as a Borough of Sanctuary on behalf of the Farsi-speaking community in Barnet. This significant achievement reflects our collective commitment to fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and compassionate environment for all residents.”

PAB’s participation in the launch demonstrated its active role in borough-wide advocacy, partnership working, and efforts to promote inclusion, dignity, and community cohesion.



29 July- PAB Children Summer project

Commenced with children residing in the contingency hotels participating in creative indoor and outdoor activities, such as chalk drawing, arts and crafts, and other hands-on sessions.



15 August- September Community Fundraising

£50 school uniform vouchers were given to the asylum-seeking children of the two hotels. A total of £1250. £35 and £50 winter vouchers, along with Videophone SIM cards, continue to be distributed to all asylum seekers arriving at the two Home Office hotels in Barnet.



28 September – Youth Activity Sessions

PAB launched youth activity sessions for young people living in asylum accommodation. The sessions provided structured, safe, and engaging activities aimed at supporting wellbeing, confidence, and positive social interaction. The initiative sought to reduce isolation, promote resilience, and create age-appropriate spaces for young people within temporary accommodation settings.



4 October – eVisa Registration Support

PAB commenced support for eVisa registration, assisting individuals in the community in transitioning smoothly from Biometric Residence Permits (BRPs) to the Home Office eVisa system. PAB provided guidance and practical assistance to ensure clients could complete the digital process accurately, reducing the risk of errors, delays, or loss of immigration status due to digital exclusion.



29 October and 1 November – Health Awareness and Vaccination Clinics

PAB, in collaboration with Public Health, facilitated health awareness and vaccination clinics at one of the hotels. The clinics provided asylum-seeking residents with access to accurate health information and on-site vaccination services in a safe and supportive environment. This initiative helped to reduce barriers to healthcare access, address health inequalities, and promote public health among individuals living in temporary accommodation.



31 October – Halloween Celebration

PAB organised a Halloween celebration party and movie night for asylum-seeking children living in the hotels. The event provided a fun, safe, and age-appropriate activity, allowing children to enjoy a familiar seasonal celebration.

The activity aimed to promote well-being, reduce isolation, and create positive shared experiences for children living in temporary accommodation.



17 December, Christmas Party

PAB staff organised a Christmas party for asylum-seeking children living in the hotels. Over 130 children received Christmas gifts and chocolates, kindly donated by the Young Barnet Foundation. The event aimed to promote children's wellbeing, inclusion, and a sense of joy during the festive period while living in temporary accommodation.



24 January 2025 – Community Cooking Project

On 24 January 2025, PAB launched its first community cooking project, bringing together asylum seekers and refugees to prepare meals, share stories, and build a sense of community. The project provided a welcoming and inclusive space that supported well-being, social connection, and cultural exchange.

The initiative was funded by Barnet Public Health and contributed to reducing isolation while promoting positive mental health and community cohesion.



Achievements and Performances during 2024 – 2025

The Barnet Asylum Project

During 2024–2025, PAB continued to be commissioned by the London Borough of Barnet Council to deliver the Barnet Asylum Project, providing specialist legal advice, advocacy, and outreach support to asylum seekers accommodated in two of the five Home Office–commissioned hotels in Barnet.

Throughout the year, PAB delivered high-volume, high-impact, and client-centred services, achieving the following:

- Supported **over 600 asylum seekers** living in Barnet hotels and dispersal accommodation through legal advice, casework, and intensive outreach support.
- Trained volunteers and bilingual outreach workers, strengthening service delivery and improving access for non-English-speaking clients.
- Secured additional funding to expand legal advice and legal aid capacity, enabling the organisation to respond to growing demand.
- Strengthened strategic partnerships with key stakeholders, including Migrant Help, the Home Office, Barnet Council, and local charities and faith-based organisations.
- Referred asylum seekers to local organisations such as BOOST Barnet, Home-Start Barnet, and other community services, supporting volunteering, skills development, and social inclusion.
- Invited to speak at **City Hall**, sharing frontline expertise and insight into the experiences of asylum seekers accommodated in Barnet.
- Secured funding from Migrant Help to deliver **ESOL conversation classes** for asylum seekers unable to attend college during the first six months of their asylum claim, reducing isolation and supporting early integration.
- Advocated on behalf of clients by submitting **over 28 formal complaints** to the Home Office, Migrant Help, Barnet Council, and accommodation contractors, addressing safeguarding concerns, living conditions, and access to essential services.

Governance and Structure

The Persian Advice Bureau (PAB) is governed by a Board of Trustees responsible for ensuring strong governance, strategic oversight, regulatory compliance, and effective financial management. The Trustees provide leadership and direction, ensuring that the charity operates in line with its charitable objectives and delivers public benefit.

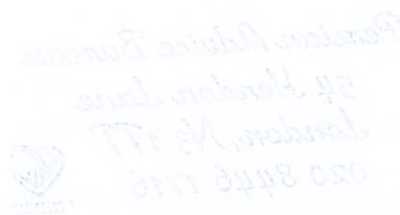
PAB operates with a small but highly committed staff team, supported by trained volunteers and outreach workers. Together, they deliver high-quality, client-centred services to asylum seekers, refugees, and vulnerable migrants across the London Borough of Barnet and, where appropriate, nationally.

The organisation's governance structure enables responsive decision-making, accountability, and effective risk management, ensuring that services remain adaptable to the changing needs of the communities PAB serves.

Conclusion

The Trustees extend their sincere thanks to all donors, partners, staff, and volunteers for their continued dedication and support throughout the year. Their collective commitment has been instrumental in enabling PAB to deliver high-quality services and meaningful support to some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Looking ahead, PAB remains firmly committed to advocating for and empowering marginalised communities, promoting dignity and inclusion, and ensuring access to justice and essential services for asylum seekers, refugees, and all those in need. The Trustees are confident that, through strong partnerships and community-led approaches, PAB will continue to respond effectively to emerging challenges and deliver lasting positive impact.



Trustees' Responsibilities In Relation To Financial Statements

The Trustees of the Persian Advice Bureau 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).

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles set out in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (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.
- Prepare the financial statements on a 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, at any time, disclose the charity's financial position with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees confirm that they have approved this report.

Full Name: Foujon Naini

Position: Trustee

Signature:


Persian Advice Bureau
54 Hendon Lane
London, N3 1TT
020 8446 1716

Date: 03/02/2025



**Persian Advice Bureau
Independent Examiner's Report
For the Year ended 4th April 2025**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

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

Signature:

Name: M.R DEHSHID

Date: 03/02/2025

Professional Qualification:

AAT The professional body for accounting technicians under licence number 6250

Address Suite 4, Second Floor 84 Uxbridge Road Ealing London W13 8RA

Dehshid & Co

Accountants

Suite 4, Second Floor

84 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, London W13 8RA

Mob: 078 2813 0705 Tel: 020 3581 5252

Email: info@dehshidandco.com

Web: www.DehshidAndCo.com

**Persian Advice Bureau
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 4th April 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations	2	3,636		3,636	181
Charitable Activities	3	-	224,665	224,665	289,262
Other income					
Total Income		3,636	224,665	228,301	289,443
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	4		246,613	246,613	189,923
Total Expenditure			246,613	246,613	189,923
Net Income and (Expenditure) before transfers		3,636	-21,948	-18,312	99,520
Transfers		-		-	-
Net Income and (Expenditure)		3,636	-21,948	-18,312	99,520
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward		11,525	260,097	271,622	172,102
Total Funds Carried Forward		15,161	238,149	253,310	271,622

**Persian Advice Bureau
Balance Sheet
For the Year ended 4th April 2025**

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5	5,952	7,936
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	9,053	7,585
Cash at Hand and Bank		241,712	262,347
		<u>250,765</u>	<u>269,932</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	481	1200
		<u></u>	<u></u>
Net Current Assets		250,284	268,732
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>256,236</u>	<u>276,668</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than in year	8	2926	5046
		<u></u>	<u></u>
Net Assets		253,310	271,622
Funds			
Restricted Funds	9	238,149	260,097
Unrestricted Funds	10	15,161	11,525
		<u>253,310</u>	<u>271,622</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Full Name: Foujon Naini

Position: Trustee

Signature:

Date: 03/02/2025

Persian Advice Bureau
54 Hendon Lane
London, N3 1TT
020 8446 1716



Persian Advice Bureau
Notes to the financial statements
For the Year ended 4th April 2025

Basis of accounting

The 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 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Persian Advice Bureau 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).

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required. After due consideration, it was concluded that no restatement of the comparatives was required.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In arriving at this conclusion, the trustees have taken into account any material uncertainties that may affect the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Recognition of 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.

Funds Structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the funder.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources. Donations represent voluntary amounts received during the year.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the statement of financial activities.

Persian Advice Bureau
Notes to the financial statements
For the Year ended 4th April 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash Flow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of FRS 102 (Section 1A) which exempts small charities from preparing Cash Flow Statements

Trade Debtors

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

Trade Creditors

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.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Motor Vehicles - 25% Straight line basis

2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Donated Services	3,636	3,636	181

3. Incoming resources from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Young Barnet Foundation			0	3,600
Community Bar			0	278
Barnet and Southgate			0	3,400
Summer Fun project			0	1012
London Borough of Barnet		214,206	214,206	249,009
Barnet Homes Ltd		10000	10,000	0
The Finchley Pro		459	459	1,373
ARNOLD CLARK AUTOM			0	
SEMBLE NETWORK LTD			0	
TRUST FOR LONDON			0	34,500
	3,636	224,665	228,301	293,172

Persian Advice Bureau
Notes to the financial statements
For the Year ended 4th April 2025

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Support Services		246,613	246,613	189,923
	0	246,613	246,613	189,923

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Motor Vehicles
Cost	£
At 5th April 2024	16,998
Disposal	
Additions	
At 4th April 2025	16,998

Depreciation

At 5th April 2024	9,062
Charge for the Year	1,984
At 4th April 2025	11,046

Net Book Value

At 4th April 2025	5,952
At 4th April 2024	7,936

6. Debtors

	2024	2024
	£	£
Other Debtors	9,053	7,585

7. Creditors: Amounts due in less than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1,200	1200

8. Creditors: Amounts due in more than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Loan	2923	5046

Persian Advice Bureau
Notes to the financial statements
For the Year ended 4th April 2025

8. Restricted Funds

	Balance at 5th April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 4th April 2025 £
London Legal Support					
Young Barnet Foundation	3,600				3,600
Barnet Homes Ltd		10,000	10,000		0
Summer Fun project					0
London Borough of Barnet	256,497	214,206	236,154		234,549
Inclusion Barnet					0
The Finchley Pro		459	459		0
	260,097	224,665	246,613	-	238,149

10. Unrestricted Income Funds

	Balance at 5th April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 4th April 2025 £
General Funds	11,525	3,636	-		15,161

11. The Trustees do receive remuneration in respect of their role as Trustees.

**Persian Advice Bureau
Independent Examiner's Report
For the Year ended 4th April 2025**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

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

Signature:

Name: M.R DEHSHID

Date: 03/02/2025

Professional Qualification:

AAT The professional body for accounting technicians under licence number 6250

Address Suite 4, Second Floor 84 Uxbridge Road Ealing London W13 8RA

Dehshid & Co

Accountants

Suite 4, Second Floor

84 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, London W13 8RA

Mob: 078 2813 0705 Tel: 020 3581 5252

Email: info@dehshidandco.com

Web: www.DehshidAndCo.com

**Persian Advice Bureau
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 4th April 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations	2	3,636		3,636	181
Charitable Activities	3	-	224,665	224,665	289,262
Other income					
Total Income		3,636	224,665	228,301	289,443
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	4		246,613	246,613	189,923
Total Expenditure			246,613	246,613	189,923
Net Income and (Expenditure) before transfers		3,636	-21,948	-18,312	99,520
Transfers		-		-	-
Net Income and (Expenditure)		3,636	-21,948	-18,312	99,520
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward		11,525	260,097	271,622	172,102
Total Funds Carried Forward		15,161	238,149	253,310	271,622

**Persian Advice Bureau
Balance Sheet
For the Year ended 4th April 2025**

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5	5,952	7,936
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	9,053	7,585
Cash at Hand and Bank		241,712	262,347
		<u>250,765</u>	<u>269,932</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	481	1200
Net Current Assets		<u>250,284</u>	<u>268,732</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>256,236</u>	<u>276,668</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than in year	8	2926	5046
Net Assets		<u>253,310</u>	<u>271,622</u>
Funds			
Restricted Funds	9	238,149	260,097
Unrestricted Funds	10	15,161	11,525
		<u>253,310</u>	<u>271,622</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Full Name: Foujon Naini

Position: Trustee

Signature:

Date: 03/02/2025

Persian Advice Bureau
54 Hendon Lane
London, N3 1TT
020 8446 1716



Persian Advice Bureau
Notes to the financial statements
For the Year ended 4th April 2025

Basis of accounting

The 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 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Persian Advice Bureau 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).

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required. After due consideration, it was concluded that no restatement of the comparatives was required.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In arriving at this conclusion, the trustees have taken into account any material uncertainties that may affect the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Recognition of 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.

Funds Structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the funder.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources. Donations represent voluntary amounts received during the year.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the statement of financial activities.

Persian Advice Bureau
Notes to the financial statements
For the Year ended 4th April 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash Flow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of FRS 102 (Section 1A) which exempts small charities from preparing Cash Flow Statements

Trade Debtors

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

Trade Creditors

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.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Motor Vehicles - 25% Straight line basis

2. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Donated Services	3,636	3,636	181

3. Incoming resources from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Young Barnet Foundation			0	3,600
Community Bar			0	278
Barnet and Southgate			0	3,400
Summer Fun project			0	1012
London Borough of Barnet		214,206	214,206	249,009
Barnet Homes Ltd		10000	10,000	0
The Finchley Pro		459	459	1,373
ARNOLD CLARK AUTOM			0	
SEMBLE NETWORK LTD			0	
TRUST FOR LONDON			0	34,500
	3,636	224,665	228,301	293,172

Persian Advice Bureau
Notes to the financial statements
For the Year ended 4th April 2025

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Support Services		246,613	246,613	189,923
	0	246,613	246,613	189,923

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Motor Vehicles
Cost	£
At 5th April 2024	16,998
Disposal	
Additions	
At 4th April 2025	16,998
Depreciation	
At 5th April 2024	9,062
Charge for the Year	1,984
At 4th April 2025	11,046
Net Book Value	
At 4th April 2025	5,952
At 4th April 2024	7,936

6. Debtors

	2024	2024
	£	£
Other Debtors	9,053	7,585

7. Creditors: Amounts due in less than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1,200	1200

8. Creditors: Amounts due in more than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Loan	2923	5046

Persian Advice Bureau
Notes to the financial statements
For the Year ended 4th April 2025

8. Restricted Funds

	Balance at 5th April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 4th April 2025 £
London Legal Support					
Young Barnet Foundation	3,600				3,600
Barnet Homes Ltd		10,000	10,000		0
Summer Fun project					0
London Borough of Barnet	256,497	214,206	236,154		234,549
Inclusion Barnet					0
The Finchley Pro		459	459		0
	260,097	224,665	246,613	-	238,149

10. Unrestricted Income Funds

	Balance at 5th April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 4th April 2025 £
General Funds	11,525	3,636	-		15,161

11. The Trustees do receive remuneration in respect of their role as Trustees.