



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024 Period start date To 31 March 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Hearing Impairment & Visual Impairment Support UK

Charity registration number: 1166368

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Raising awareness of the public in relation to the challenges faced by dual sensory impaired (deafblind) people including by highlighting the needs of people living with acquired dual sensory impairments and associated acquired communication disorders; and Advancing the education and skills of those caring for people with, or facing, dual sensory impairment, in order to improve the conditions of life of such people.
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	Hi-Vis UK continues to raise awareness of dual sensory loss through resources on our website www.hi-vis.org and through the delivery of training and talks to local authorities, third sector organisations, NHS organisations and individuals throughout England.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	I can confirm that the trustees have understood the guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
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>Hi-Vis UK continues to establish itself as a leader in providing information, advice, support and training for individuals and organisations concerned with or affected by dual sensory loss.</p> <p>We have developed and continue to update and improve an on-line learning platform to allow free access to anyone in England who is interested in understanding the impacts of dual sensory loss, and how mobility, access to information and communication issues impacts on increasing numbers of older people with the condition.</p> <p>We have also continued to deliver accredited training to a range of people from charitable, public and NHS organisations.</p> <p>We have developed online resources and email bulletins to advise front line professionals how to support people who are deafblind, their families and carers</p> <p>We have developed new resources, including training opportunities for those working as independent advocates, deaf enablement workers and those working with Multi-Sensory Impaired (deafblind children)</p>

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	
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	Our main source of income comes from delivering affordable training to local authorities and NHS Organisations. This has remained quite steady this year due to the increase in older people requiring services from local authorities in line with their entitlement under the Care Act 2014 and Mental Capacity Act 2005
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Not Applicable at this time
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	At this stage of our development we utilise almost all of our income in the delivery of our charitable objectives
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not Applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

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	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Appointed

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	Hearing Impairment & Visual Impairment Support UK
Other name the charity uses	Hi-Vis UK
Registered charity number	1166368
Charity's principal address	The Centre for Independent Living Burbank Street Hartlepool TS24 7NY

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	David Sutton	Chair		
2	Karen Winspear			
3	Janice Lavers			
4	Dr Richelle Duffy			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

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

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

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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)	<i>David A Sutton</i>	
Full name(s)	David Andrew Sutton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	24 th November 2025	



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Hearing Impairment and Visual Impairment Support UK 1166368

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Apr-24

To

31-Mar-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income From Training Activities	103 828	-	-	103 828	116 210
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	103 828	-	-	103 828	116 210
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	103 828	-	-	103 828	116 210
A3 Payments					
Payroll	34 171	-	-	34 171	34 171
Pension Contribution	951	-	-	951	951
Insurance	624	-	-	624	560
Telephone, Internet, Postage	3 612	-	-	3 612	2 996
Cost of Charitable Activities	36 613	-	-	36 613	41 637
Online Resources Development	12 189	-	-	12 189	14 170
Professional Fees	5 126	-	-	5 126	4 136
Travel and Accommodation	9 874	-	-	9 874	11 260
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	103 160	-	-	103 160	109 881
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	4 136
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	103 160	-	-	103 160	114 017
Total payments	103 160	-	-	103 160	114 017
Net of receipts/(payments)	668	-	-	668	2 193
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	668	-	-	668	2 193

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	cash funds	668	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	668	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	David Sutton	David Sutton	28-Nov-25	

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17 December 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hearing Impairment & Visual Impairment Support UK, Centre for Independent Living, Burbank Street, Hartlepool.

Dear David Sutton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hearing Impairment & Visual Impairment Support UK for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 Trust'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 material 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 Trust 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.

Yours sincerely



Ralph Douthwaite