

Charity Number
1170582

DIMOBI CHILDREN DISABILITY TRUST

TRUSTEES REPORT

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ACCOUNTS

30 September 2025

Dimobi Children Disability Trust
Financial statement
Year ended 30th September 2025

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Dimobi Children Disability Trust

Charity information and professional advisers

Registered charity name	Dimobi Children Disability Trust
Charity number	1170582
Registered office	The Resonance Centre The Old Schoolhouse 599 Ashton New Road Clayton Manchester M11 4RU
Trustees	Regis Muketwa (<i>Chair of Trustees</i>) Carmen Aguilera Cortes Frank Manvura Miriam Munetsi Olalekan Emmanuel Ayuba
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Dimobi Children Disability Trust

Trustees' Report

The Trustees, present their annual report with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Chairperson's welcome and summary

It has been another challenging and extraordinary year for the charity. Ensuring we have sufficient capacity to meet the emerging needs of our community, onboarding new Trustees, staff and volunteers, establishing a new office base, and safeguarding everyone involved, including the public, have remained our priorities.

The number of families we support has continued to grow, along with the number of disabled children and young people experiencing crisis or risk situations. We have maintained regular monthly engagement with an increasing number of families.

We are proud of our strong volunteer base. Our volunteers are invaluable to our community and enable the charity to respond to disability and diversity needs effectively. Their diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds also allow us to support families with translation and culturally responsive services.

Volunteer costs and expenses remain an ongoing financial commitment, as do office overheads and the requirements of remote and hybrid working. Our unrestricted reserves have been significantly impacted by rising service demand, changes in operational delivery, and increased running costs.

I am exceptionally proud of the valuable work achieved in such a short time to support some of the most vulnerable disabled children, young people, and their families in North Manchester. On behalf of the charity, I would like to publicly and sincerely thank our workers, volunteers, and funders for standing alongside us in striving towards a society in which disabled children can contribute, are valued, and have their rights respected.

To our disabled children, young people, and their families: we stand with you in the fight to reduce inequalities, challenge stigma, and combat discrimination.

Thank you.

Regis Muketwa

Chairperson

Reference and administrative details of the Charity and its Trustees

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation foundation and was formed on 06 December 2016 as Dimobi Children Disability Trust.

The Trustees that served during the period under review are:

Regis Muketwa (Chair of Trustees)

Carmen Aguilera Cortes

Miriam Munetsi

Frank Mamvura

Olalekan Emmanuel Ayuba

We are proud to have lived experience of disability and majority representation of Black, Asian Minority Ethnicities within our Trustee Board. We are reflective of the communities that we serve.

Structure, Governance and Management

Trustee induction and training

All Trustees are required to complete a skills audit to ascertain strengths and weaknesses. All Trustees complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosure.

Organisation

The Board of Trustees carries responsibility for the efficient and effective management of the charity. The Board generally meet up to 10 occasions per year. Collective decision making and minutes of Trustee meetings are recorded, and signed off, for transparent, governance purpose.

The Trustees also have an engagement structure to ensure inclusive practice and local community involvement:

- Parent Forum
- Co-Production Group

Minutes of actions from all such community meetings are circulated to the Board of Trustees.

The Charity regularly obtains helpful advice from the Charity Commission and the Trustees are aware of their responsibilities as Trustees of a charitable organisation. The Charity has an independent legal advisor.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees maintains a risk register and related risk procedures, which are regularly reviewed and updated. This includes risks relating to domestic abuse support workstreams,

and poverty food bank provision. Through this risk management process, significant risks have been identified and control measures have been implemented to mitigate them.

Equal Opportunities policy

We are an equal opportunities employer. All vacancies are open to applicants who meet the necessary occupational requirements, and all applications are considered fairly.

We follow fair recruitment practices and positive action measures to help ensure equality of opportunity for disabled people, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. We are a diverse and inclusive organisation and advocate for the social model of disability.

Living wage

We follow the living wage salary threshold. We value our workers and are committed to ethical fairness.

Objectives and Activities

Statement of Public Benefit

What the charity does:

- Education/training
- The Advancement of Health or Saving of Lives
- Disability
- The Prevention or Relief of Poverty

Who the charity helps:

- Children/Young People
- People With Disabilities
- Other Charities or Voluntary Bodies
- The General Public/mankind

How the charity helps:

- Provides Services
- Provides Advocacy/advice/information

The charitable objects of the charity as defined in our Articles of Association are:

The objects of the CIO are:

- A) To promote the relief of children and young people with autism spectrum disorder and their families and carers, in particular, but not exclusively by the provision of support, education and practical advice
- B) To advance the education of the general public in all areas relating to autism.

Our Charity is grassroots formed; majority local residents with lived experience based on gaps in services, and lack of support for disabled children and young people, and multicultural families.

Dimobi Vision

To achieve a society in which children with disabilities can contribute, are valued, and have their rights respected.

We support multicultural children and young people with disabilities, autism and neurodiversity-related health conditions, and learning disabilities, aged up to 25 years, together with their families. We support children and young people with neurodiversity-related conditions including autism spectrum conditions, Asperger's, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, and mental health needs.

We are based in Newton Heath, Manchester, and provide services across North Manchester, including Newton Heath and Miles Platting. North Manchester contains some of the highest areas of deprivation in the city.

Services provided

In delivering our charitable objects we provide the following services:

Advice and information

One-to-one support

Group support

Advocacy

Wellbeing activities for children, young people, and families

Peer buddy support

Volunteer opportunities

Local activities, trips, and community events

Parent forum meetings

Signposting

Disability and culturally relevant awareness sessions for parents, carers, and

Professionals

Domestic violence

Due to high referral levels, we expanded our core activities to include poverty relief, including food and essentials support for families of disabled children. This work continued due to a rise in referrals to the police for domestic abuse support involving women with disabled children, we began a multicultural domestic abuse service for women with a disabled child. After receiving referrals from men with disabled children, we extended this support to any parent or

carer with a disabled child. During the reporting period from 30 September 2024 to 30 September 2025, we supported more family households with disabled children.

In response to community need, we have planned over the next two years to further develop services including:

- Half-term activities
- Respite
- Vocational services
- Youth criminal justice support

In response to our community need we have planned over the next two years to develop our services further and provide:

- Half-term activities
- Respite
- Vocational services
- Youth criminal justice support.

Our progress in the reporting period

The number of beneficiaries we supported during this reporting period increased, with more households of disabled children and young people receiving support. A majority of our members are from Black ethnic minority communities, reflecting the local population we serve. We are proud to be a multicultural organisation

Referrals

We accept both self-referrals and agency referrals from across North Manchester. We continue to receive a high number of self-referrals, demonstrating strong engagement with the communities we serve..

Our priorities for this reporting period

Responding to crises arising and maintaining business continuity, and safeguarding everyone involved remained key priorities for Trustees. We diversified our services to include domestic abuse support for women with disabled children and food bank support for families with disabled children. We also supported those experiencing digital poverty, isolation, shielding, crisis, and risk.

We are deeply grateful to members of our local community who volunteered their time to support vulnerable families. We also extend our thanks to the organisations that supported our work, including All Saints Church, YES, the Police and Crime Team at Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Women's Aid, MACC, Manchester Police, Equal Education Chances, Family Unit Trust, Northwards Housing, Talbot House, Manchester City Council, Youth Zone, CAHN, BOLDST3P, and many others.

Parent Forum and Member involvement

We have our Parent Forum meetings face to face and online. Our last meeting in this reporting period was attended by 28 members.

We are proud to be a needs-led charity. A Trustee is always present at Parent Forum meetings to support accountability and transparent shared decision-making. We have also created an easy-read Terms of Reference for our Co-Production Group.

Our charity has been significantly affected by increased referral demand, limited capacity, and the growing complexity of need. We have supported more families in crisis, including disabled children and parents with health conditions who were considered vulnerable and shielding, as well as those affected by bereavement and long-term recovery. We continue to gather member information and evidence of need to support funding applications.

We have consent procedures in place that comply with data protection requirements.

Safeguarding measures included:

- Completing risk assessments for staff, volunteers, beneficiaries, and the public
- Updating our business continuity plans and related policies
- Renting office space at The Resonance Centre
- Developing alternative ways of supporting people virtually and remotely, including flexible, hybrid, and home working arrangements, supported by appropriate policies.

Volunteer capital

We have continued to operate successfully through the second lockdown with the invaluable support of local volunteers. More people became regular volunteers during this reporting period. DBS checks and references are completed for all volunteers, and we maintain a full set of volunteer policies and procedures.

Quality monitoring and outcomes framework

In line with the Equality Act 2010, we collect demographic and equality monitoring information. We continue to identify meaningful ways to record and monitor the outcomes of our services and projects and to improve our work continuously.

We also involve children and young people in shaping our services by asking for their views on what they like, dislike, want more of, or wish to comment on.

Summer Holiday Activity Fund new project

We successfully bid for a Manchester City Council school holiday opportunity and delivered the "Happy Me" summer play scheme project for disabled children.

The project aimed to engage 40 disabled children and young people aged 5 to 16, who were in receipt of free school meals and living in the North Manchester wards of Newton Heath, Miles Platting, Clayton, and Openshaw.

Ninety-five per cent of children indicated, using a smiley-face measure, that they had fun. Children asked for more activities in future and shared drawings showing what they most enjoyed, including football, food, and going to the park.

Financial Review summary

Our accounts have been independently examined.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor, or the terms of an appeal in response to which they were given. We have had restricted funds in the reporting period. We manage our restricted funds with robust project management and outcomes reporting.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds may be used at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the charity's objectives. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for specific purposes or projects.

We used unrestricted funds to sustain operations during the first and second COVID-19 lockdowns and, unfortunately, our reserves reduced to cover only two months of operating costs, rather than our minimum six-month reserve target set out in our governing documents.

COVID-19 presented a major challenge for Trustees in maintaining operations while meeting rising overhead costs. It has also remained difficult to raise unrestricted funds, particularly as community fundraising activities were limited, despite such activities previously forming part of our income strategy alongside individual donations in a highly competitive fundraising environment.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees reviewed the existing reserves policy in 2023, and it remains unchanged. We aim to hold a general reserve equivalent to six months of operating costs.

In setting this level, the Trustees considered risks around income streams, the cost of office space at Riverpark Trading Estate, maintenance costs, and additional expenditure related to remote technology requirements.

Plans for Future Periods

Our main objectives for the coming year

We maintain a fundraising strategy governed by the Trustees, based on evidenced member needs and reviewed annually each April.

Each year, we set objectives linked to our mission and vision. We also prepare a workforce plan showing the ideal support and capacity needed for members in the coming year, together with current staffing roles. In addition, we develop a shortlist of projects based on member needs and social inclusion priorities. We then identify funding streams aligned to the outcomes and resources required, whether for staff, equipment, volunteers, or specific projects.

Our funding strategy also includes a focus on future contract work and tender opportunities, although this was disrupted during 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Objectives

Objective 1: Grow our neurodiversity service offer across North Manchester.

We will explore opportunities to expand and develop these services, including social prescribing. Outcomes will be co-produced with our Parent Forum and Co-Production Group, involving both our community and external organisations, and supported by our fundraising strategy.

Objective 2: Develop a multicultural neurodiversity workforce to meet the holistic needs of disabled children.

We will achieve this by securing funding for staffing, recruitment, and training, while fostering an inclusive and supportive working environment where skills, talent, and passion can thrive.

Objective 3: Achieve financial sustainability.

We will do this by maintaining financial accountability, regularly monitoring the performance of all services, and using this information to inform future development opportunities. We will also continue to monitor key financial risks and maintain mitigation plans while refreshing and following our fundraising strategy.

Objective 4: Raise neurodiversity awareness and promote strengths-based practice.

We will achieve this by developing our external training offer and strengthening partnerships with local organisations and service providers.

Objective 5: Address Black, Asian and minority ethnic inequalities and promote inclusivity.

We will do this by supporting members to be visible, ensuring their experiences are heard, sharing project outcomes, and developing our external training offer.

Funders and donations in the reporting period

We are grateful to the following funders for their invaluable support to disabled children, young people, and their families:

- Garfield Foundation
- Migrant Help
- Manchester City Council
- Sport England
- Electric Saf
- Arnold Clark

Funded items

- Emergency food and essentials.
- Electronic devices for disabled children and young people.
- Books for disabled children and young people.
- Sessional staff capacity for disabled children, young people and family support.
- Sessional staff capacity for domestic abuse support.
- Volunteer expenses.

- Laptop, mobile phone, data expenses and software.
- Office set up and overheads.
- General overheads.

Regis Muketwa

Chair of Trustees

Dimobi Children Disability Trust

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Dimobi Children Disability Trust, for the year ended 30 September 2025, which are set out on pages 14 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 such explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income & expenditure account)
Year ended 30th September 2025

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	750	-	750	-
Charitable activities	3	1,000	116,000	117,000	128,703
Total income		1,750	116,000	117,750	128,703
Expenditure on:					
charitable activities	4	600	138,241	138,841	125,436
Total expenditure		600	138,241	138,841	125,436
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	5	1,150	(22,241)	(21,091)	3,267
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		1,150	(22,241)	(21,091)	3,267
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,298	52,297	53,595	50,328
Total funds carried forward		2,448	30,056	32,504	53,595

The accompanying notes on pages 16 to 20 are an integral part of this balance sheet

Dimobi Children Disability Trust
Balance Sheet
As at 30th September 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		25,356		33,809
Total fixed assets			<u>25,356</u>		<u>33,809</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	7	7,747		20,536	
Debtors	8	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Total current assets		7,747		20,536	
Liabilities					
Creditors - <i>Amount falling due within one year</i>	9	<u>(600)</u>		<u>(750)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>7,147</u>		<u>19,786</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			32,504		53,595
Creditors - <i>Amount falling due after more than one year</i>	10		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Net assets			<u><u>32,504</u></u>		<u><u>53,595</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds	11		2,448		1,298
Restricted funds	11		30,056		52,297
Total charity funds			<u><u>32,504</u></u>		<u><u>53,595</u></u>

Regis Muketwa

Chair of Trustees

Approved by the board of trustees on 20 March 2026

The accompanying notes on pages 16 to 20 are an integral part of this balance sheet

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Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 30 September 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income, is reasonably certain of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. In accordance with the SORP, no value has been attributed to the work performed by volunteers, although their work is considered vital to the activities of the charity.

Donations and gifts

Donations and gifts consist of the total donations from individuals, trusts and corporates, along with income from fundraising events.

Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £100 are capitalized and included at cost, including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost by equal annual instalments over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings	25% reducing balance
Computer and Internet Resources	25% reducing balance

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Costs of generating funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary income and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

2. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations	750	-	750	-
Other income	-	-	-	-
Total	750	-	750	-

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3. Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants				
Forever Manchester	-	-	-	13,800
Access Foundation	-	-	-	43,903
Manchester City Council	-	60,000	60,000	60,000
National Lottery	-	-	-	-
Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Greater Manchester	-	-	-	-
Combined Authority	-	-	-	-
Toy Trust	-	-	-	-
Arnold Clark Community	1,000	-	1,000	-
Fund				
Baily Thomas Charitable	-	-	-	-
Trust				
John Ellerman Foundation	-	-	-	-
One Manchester	-	-	-	-
Ashworth Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-
MCAactive	-	-	-	-
Amazon uk	-	-	-	-
Scottish Power	-	-	-	-
Foundation	-	-	-	-
Action Together	-	-	-	-
Cla Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-
Migrant Help	-	10,000	10,000	-
Sports England	-	11,000	11,000	11,000
Garfield Weston	-	30,000	30,000	-
Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Electrical Safety	-			
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>116,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>128,703</u>
Charitable trading				
Charity sales	-	-	-	-
Support services	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total income from	<u>1,000</u>	<u>116,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>128,703</u>
charitable activities				

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4. Expenditure on charitable activities	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff cost	-	-
Project costs	52,555	57,058
Depreciation	8,452	11,270
Professional fees	-	-
Governance costs	600	750
Support costs	<u>77,234</u>	<u>56,358</u>
	<u>138,841</u>	<u>125,436</u>
Restricted expenditure	138,241	124,686
Unrestricted expenditure	<u>600</u>	<u>750</u>
	<u>138,841</u>	<u>125,436</u>
 5. Net income/(expenditure) for the year	 2025	 2024
	£	£
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation	<u>8,452</u>	<u>11,270</u>

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6.	Fixed assets: tangible assets	Land & Buildings £	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer equipment £	Vehicle £	Total £
	Cost					
	At 1 October 2024	-	32,842	13,888	30,000	76,730
	Additions	-	-	-	-	-
	At 30 September 2025	-	32,842	13,887.75	30,000	76,730
	Depreciation					
	At 1 October 2024	-	20,787	9,009	13,125	42,921
	Charge for the year	-	3,014	1,220	4,219	8,452
	At 30 September 2025	-	23,801	10,229	17,344	51,374
	Net book value					
	At 30 September 2025	-	9,041	3,659	12,656	25,356
	At 30 September 2024	-	12,055	4,879	16,875	33,809

7.	Cash at bank and in hand	2025 £	2024 £
	Cash at bank	7,747	20,536
	Cash in hand	-	-
		7,747	20,536

8.	Debtors	2025 £	2024 £
	Trading debtors	-	-
	Grant debtors	-	-
	Prepayments	-	-
		-	-

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9. Creditors - <i>Amount falling due within one year</i>	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	600	750
Other creditors	-	-
	<u>600</u>	<u>750</u>

10. Creditors - <i>Amount falling due after more than one year</i>	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11. Fund movements	Balance at 1 October 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 30 September 2025
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Restricted project fund	52,297	116,000	(138,241)	30,056
	<u>52,297</u>	<u>116,000</u>	<u>(138,241)</u>	<u>30,056</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,298	1,750	(600)	2,448
	<u>1,298</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>(600)</u>	<u>2,448</u>
The funds of the charity	<u>53,595</u>	<u>117,750</u>	<u>(138,841)</u>	<u>32,504</u>