



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2022		31	03	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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	Dave Roberts	Chair	1998 -2019	Steering Committee
2	Kevin O'Brien		2017-2019	Steering Committee
3	Gary Groves		2017-2019	Steering Committee
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9	Steve Donoghue	Chair	16-04-19 ongoing	Steering Committee
10	Denise Jones		16-04-19 ongoing	Steering Committee
11	Andrew Leece		16-04-19 ongoing	Steering Committee
12	Vanessa Griffiths		16-04-19 ongoing	Steering Committee
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Incorporated Body
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Through the CIO.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	We asked Sefton CVS if they could assist us recruit Trustees. They held their normal Trustee information day and asked people if they would be willing to trustee for Choose Life. Fortunately, people volunteered and were elected on by the former 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.

As has been stated we our Chair was recruited and trained through the Sefton CVS. We then recruited one Trustee through word of mouth and asked a reliable and trusted volunteer to also sit as a Trustee.

Chair of Trustees

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Three Trustees

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Project Manager, who runs the Project on a day-to-day basis, and reports, On a quarterly basis.

One of the Trustees was the son of the Chair., he (Simon Donoghue) has now resigned.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The Charities objectives are to train people in recovery from drugs, alcohol and commonly ex-offenders to go into educational establishments and use their experiential knowledge to educate young people and professionals around the issues of addiction, drug dealing and county lines.

We also house men and women with serious addiction problems and commonly ex-offenders straight from prison in an abstinent environment.

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)

We house up to nine men and women in our two supported houses in Anfield Liverpool. The residents have a background of homelessness, drugs, offending and mental health issues. We have also trained similar people to go into schools, colleges, youth offending services and youth clubs and educate around the issues of addiction, drug dealing and county lines.

To date we have educated 140,000 young people, 5080 police officers and had over 570 volunteers.

This year we have seen the release of two of the three evaluations we are waiting for.

We have received

Dr Karen Corteen
John Moore's University, Evaluating the Criminology Students.

Dr Cassie Ogden
John Moore's University, evaluating young people.

We are absolutely delighted with the evaluations we have received, and we fully expect the volunteers evaluation to be just as good.

Once we have received the third evaluation we set up a strategy to send it far and wide .

We are still awaiting the evaluation from,

Dr Sarah Nixon
Winchester University, Evaluating the volunteers.

It is hoped we might have a report by the of June.

We have made contact with Dame Carol Blacks team (Jo Tynan) who are very interested and have asked that as soon as the report is ready is too get in touch.

The two supported houses are being run as per normal.

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.

The volunteers are the essence of Choose Life and the project, young people and professionals are amazed at their bravery and commitment to educating young people.

We encourage the more experienced volunteers to encourage the newer volunteers at all stages of training and delivering addiction education in the schools and colleges.

We normally take out three volunteers for every event.

This year we have started facilitating our events at Victory outreach a Christian rehabilitation unit on Sheil Road in Kensington.

We have already facilitated two groups and are looking forward to carrying out more.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have had 18 residents through the doors of Choose Life houses.

It seems we are getting slightly more successful at settling residents down into the house , and we currently have about four residents who have been in the house for 12 months or more,

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have reserves of £ 66,246.00 Although the supported housing makes a small loss every month we believe we can make up this loss with the funding coming in from Choose Life.

This year has been fairly successful at bringing in funding with us receiving funding from grantscape , awards for all and Eleanor Rathbone which has led to our finances being very healthy.

. Although the SUPPORTED HOUSING Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil.

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.

The charity's principal funds come from Liverpool City Council housing benefits.

Although this does not cover all our expenses with Choose Life bringing in funding we are in a healthy financial state.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

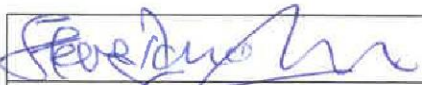
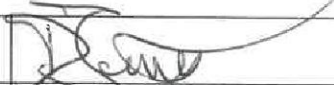
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

	
Steve Donoghue	Denise Jones
Chair	Steering committee member

30-05-2023

Charity Number: 1177221

**Choose Life The Prisoners
Initiative**

Unaudited Accounts

For The Period Ended 31st March 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
To Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charities trustees of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative 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 am a member of the AAT and I am bound by the code of ethics issued by FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2016.

Accounts preparation services were provided by Sefton CVS, my employer, and I as examiner have applied the ethical standard to my work.

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative 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 reached.

Anthony Deegan MAAT, MICB, Pm.Dip
Finance Manager
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service
3rd Floor, Suite 3b, Burlington House, Crosby Road North,
Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 0LG

Signed:

Date:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts				
Residents Top Up	8,174	-	8,174	7,059
British Gas Support Payment	400	-	400	-
Rental income	73,145	-	73,145	71,931
Awards For All	-	9,340	9,340	-
Grantscape	-	4,960	4,960	-
Rathbone Grant	-	4,000	4,000	-
Workers Education Association	-	-	-	6,012
Donations	344	-	344	932
Big Lottery	-	-	-	9,390
Canal & River Trust	-	-	-	3,548
Independent Initiative Loan	-	-	-	5,220
Total Receipts	82,063	18,300	100,363	104,092
Payments				
Travel and subsistence	-	-	-	-
Rent payable	26,505	7,835	34,340	34,060
Independent Initiative	240	-	240	-
Utilities	5,232	-	5,232	2,391
Items for properties	1,660	-	1,660	3,762
Salaries	36,748	-	36,748	31,539
Employers pension contributions	2,818	-	2,818	2,793
Membership/Subscriptions	280	-	280	-
Maintenance	1,840	-	1,840	956
Managers travel and subsistence	2,523	840	3,363	-
Volunteers Expenses and subsistence	710	650	1,360	2,255
Bank charges	7	-	7	-
Residents Top Up	40	-	40	-
Council tax	6,505	-	6,505	3,850
Insurance	1,655	-	1,655	1,079
Cleaning	513	-	513	-
Stationery and office supplies	309	-	309	37
Telephone	660	-	660	546
Internet and computer software	1,008	-	1,008	1,934
Sundries	24	-	24	-
Room Hire	211	1,550	1,761	290
TV Licenses	159	-	159	462
Accountancy	150	-	150	-
	89,795	10,875	100,670	85,954
Net Receipts For Period	- 7,732	7,425	- 307	18,138
Net Cash Funds B/F	77,162	-	77,162	59,024
Net Cash Funds C/F	69,430	7,425	76,855	77,162

Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
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Monetary Assets

Cash at Bank	69,324	68,609
Cash in hand	- 420	602
	68,904	69,211

This is represented By:

Awards For All Grant	3,425	0
Rathbone Grant	4,000	
Unrestricted funds	61,479	69,211
	68,904	69,211

The accounts have been prepared under the Receipts and Payments basis.

These financial statements have been approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Chair of Trustees: *MR. S. P. DONOGHUE*, Date: *5-6-23*.

Signed: *[Signature]*, Date: *5-6-23*.