



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Choose Life The Prisoners Initiative

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1177221

Charity's principal address C/O The Independence Initiative
64-68 Balliol Road Bootle L20 7EJ
Postcode L20 7EJ

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.

The two supported houses are being run as per normal.

This year we have been fortunate to receive funding worth £51,000 over three years ,this makes certain that we are very sustainable for at least the next four years.

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.

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)	Steve Donoghue	Denise Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Steering committee member
Date	30-05-2023	