

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From 01 04 2024 To 31 03 2025

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

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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)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Incorporated Body
How the charity is constituted	Through the CIO.
Trustee selection methods	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

Three Trustees

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.

We house up to nine men and women in our two supported houses in Anfield Liverpool. The residents have a background of homelessness and are often in receipt of mental health services.

Our charity has a total of 1,200 young people in the project and we had over 570 volunteers.

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)

The two supported houses are being run as per normal.

In 2024 we received funding worth £51,000 over three years, this makes certain that we are very sustainable for at least the next four years. We facilitated three, ten day Choose Life/ Employability course for 24 people in recovery from drugs and alcohol addiction and commonly ex offenders.

We are now on the second year of this funding.

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 started facilitating event to the NHS staff at Brownlow hill and have also educated Doctors from Merseyside.

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Paragraphs of the report

We have had 20 complaints through the door of Choice. However,

we have also managed to three of our residents completing the three month Sharp non residential rehabilitation unit.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have reserves of £ 61,855.20. Although the supported housing makes a small loss every month we believe we can make up this loss with the other income we receive from the council.

At the year end we were in receipt of the first year of the council's funding and we are now in the process of completing the second year on the second year of the stated funding.

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

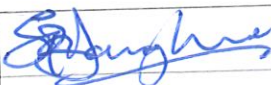
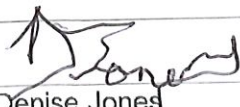
Other optional information

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 22-05-2025 29-9-25

Charity Number: 1177221

**Choose Life The Prisoners
Initiative**

Unaudited Accounts

For The Year Ended 31st March 2025

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CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE

2014/15 CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE

	2014/15 Budget	2014/15 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2014/15 Actual
Receipts				
Residents Top Up	3,528	-	3,528	6,533
British Gas Support Payment	-	-	-	-
Rental income	85,607	-	85,607	81,652
The Albert Gubay Grant	-	34,716	34,716	-
PH Holt Grant	-	-	-	5,500
Donations	1,698	-	1,698	2,899
Canal & River Trust	-	-	-	632
Total Receipts	90,833	34,716	125,549	97,216
Payments				
Rent payable	34,340	-	34,340	31,595
Promotional Video	550	-	550	-
Utilities	8,983	-	8,983	10,351
Items for properties	4,138	-	4,138	3,545
Salaries	28,157	12,858	41,015	38,421
Employers pension contributions	2,466	-	2,466	2,671
Membership/Subscriptions	385	-	385	350
Maintenance	1,295	-	1,295	969
Managers travel and subsistence	1,198	2,700	3,898	4,504
Volunteers Expenses and subsistence	155	1,800	1,955	1,845
Bank charges	4	-	4	4
Complete Save Charges	384	-	384	345
Council tax	8,369	-	8,369	8,465
Insurance	2,124	-	2,124	2,595
Cleaning	485	-	485	544
Stationary and office supplies	188	-	188	221
Telephone	984	-	984	1,344
Internet and computer software	4,551	-	4,551	1,069
Sundries	82	-	82	31
Room Hire	202	-	202	771
TV Licenses	339	-	339	318
Professional Fees	324	-	324	-
Accountancy	188	-	188	188
	99,891	17,358	117,249	110,144
Net Receipts For Period	- 9,058	17,358	8,301	- 12,928
Net Cash Funds B/F	55,976	-	55,976	68,904
Net Cash Funds C/F	46,919	17,358	64,277	55,976

CHOOSE LIFE THE PRISONERS INITIATIVE
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Monetary Assets


Cash at Bank	63,988	56,374
Cash in hand	288 -	398
	<u>64,276</u>	<u>55,976</u>

This is represented By:

The Albert Gubay Grant	17,358	0
Unrestricted funds	46,919	55,976
	<u>64,277</u>	<u>55,976</u>

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: 

Date: 29-9-25.

Signed:

Date: