

CANCER CARE DIASPORA

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2025

Charity Number 1178766

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name CANCER CARE DIASPORA

Charity registration number 1178766

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...Committed to fighting cancer, one life at a time

Weekly support group sessions

Support group for individuals, families and carers of people affected by cancer in Manchester and Greater Manchester. Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

**Foodbank available every Friday
From 11am**

Tuesdays

***Transformation community
centre, 11 Richmond Grove
Longsight. M13 0LN
10:30am to 12:00pm***

Fridays

***Harpurhey children's centre.
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Charity No. 1178766



1. Executive Summary

The charity has made a significant impact in the community by providing free food parcels on a weekly basis. These food parcels are distributed to three distinct groups: individuals affected by cancer, their dedicated caregivers, and the broader community. The charity operates out of two key centres, Harpurhey Children's Centre and Transformation Community Resource Centre in Manchester.

This initiative not only addresses the immediate needs of those battling cancer and their caregivers but also extends its reach to the general community, offering vital support to individuals who may be facing food insecurity or financial hardship. By providing regular access to nutritious food, the charity has played a crucial role in improving the overall well-being and quality of life for its beneficiaries, while fostering a sense of community and solidarity among residents. We have also introduced a third midweek session to the Moston community and a standalone foodbank in Harpurhey on Saturdays.

2. Our Impact

Cancer Care Diaspora, a charitable organisation, has made significant strides in raising awareness and support for cancer-related issues within the general community. Their achievements include:

Awareness and Education: The charity has successfully educated the community about cancer, its causes, early detection, prevention, and the importance of regular screenings. This knowledge empowers individuals to take proactive steps towards cancer prevention and early intervention.

Weekly Food Support: Cancer Care Diaspora provides vital support to individuals living with cancer and their caregivers through weekly free food parcels. This practical assistance helps alleviate the financial burden and nutritional challenges often faced by these individuals.

Community Engagement: The charity operates from two centres, Harpurhey Children's Centre and Transformation Community Resource Centre Longsight, where we engage the community actively. We hand out food parcels at these centres, deliver to those home bound thereby fostering a sense of community and support among those affected by cancer.

Holistic Support: In addition to food support, Cancer Care Diaspora conducts relaxation exercises and support group sessions at both centres. These activities promote mental and emotional well-being among cancer patients and their caregivers, creating a holistic support system.

Overall, Cancer Care Diaspora has made a substantial impact by not only providing practical assistance but also creating a supportive and informed community that is better equipped to address the challenges posed by cancer.

3. Transparency and Accountability

The governing body of the charity is comprised of three Trustees: Dr Amara Ajaegbu, Christabel Abraham, and Chairperson Abigail Abara. These Trustees play a crucial role in the organization, as they are responsible for making key decisions, ensuring the proper management of funds, and overseeing the allocation of the charity's resources. The charity appointed Laura Urhobo as Chief Executive Officer in January 2024 to oversee the day to day running of the charity and report back to the board of trustees during regular board meetings. The role of the Board of Trustees include:

Decision-Making: The trustees, led by Abigail Abara, are responsible for making important decisions regarding the charity's operations, programs, and initiatives. They collectively determine the strategic direction and policies of the organisation.

Financial Oversight: One of the primary responsibilities of the trustees is to oversee the financial aspects of the charity. This includes approving budgets, monitoring expenses, and ensuring that funds are used efficiently and in accordance with the charity's mission.

Resource Allocation: The trustees oversee allocating the charity's resources, including funds, personnel, and assets, to various programs and activities. They make informed decisions on how to best utilize these resources to achieve the charity's goals and benefit its beneficiaries.

Compliance and Governance: The trustees ensure that the charity operates in compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements. They also uphold high standards of governance and ethical conduct within the organisation.

4. Diversity and Inclusion

The charity's commitment to complying with an inclusion and diversity policy is commendable, especially given that its users come from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. Inclusion and diversity policies are essential in ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or background, have equal access to the charity's services and resources.

By actively promoting inclusion and diversity, the charity:

Ensures Equal Access: It creates an environment where people from all racial and ethnic backgrounds feel welcome and have equal access to the charity's services, including food support and other resources.

Celebrates Differences: The charity recognizes and celebrates the unique cultural backgrounds and experiences of its users. This can help foster a sense of belonging and pride among the beneficiaries.

Addresses Unique Needs: Inclusion and diversity policies allow the charity to address the unique needs of individuals from different backgrounds, ensuring that its services are culturally sensitive and relevant.

Promotes Unity: By embracing diversity, the charity promotes unity and social cohesion within the community. It sends a powerful message that everyone, regardless of their background, is valued and supported.

Complies with Legal and Ethical Standards: It ensures that the charity complies with legal requirements related to diversity and inclusion, promoting fairness and non-discrimination.

Overall, the charity's commitment to inclusion and diversity not only aligns with ethical and legal standards but also enhances its ability to effectively serve a diverse group of beneficiaries, ultimately strengthening its impact in the community.

5. Looking Ahead

Cancer Care Diaspora's expansion plans and its commitment to reaching diverse communities are commendable. Here's an overview of our goals and needs:

5.1 Expansion Plans

Cancer Care Diaspora aims to expand its reach throughout the United Kingdom over the next five years. This expansion will allow the charity to provide essential support and services to a broader audience of individuals and communities affected by cancer.

5.2 Funding and Support

To achieve its expansion goals, the charity is actively seeking more funders who are willing to support our mission. Increasing donations and financial support will enable us to expand operations, reach more community members, and enhance the impact of our programs.

5.3 Youth Eat and Play Project

Cancer Care Diaspora has recently initiated the Youth Eat and Play Project, which is a promising endeavour aimed at addressing the unique needs of young individuals or children who have a parent or guardian affected by cancer. To effectively run and sustain this project, additional resources, including funding and support are needed.

By garnering more financial support and engaging with new funders especially Local Authority and BBC Children in Need, Cancer Care Diaspora can work towards expanding its footprint and making a meaningful difference in the lives of cancer patients, caregivers, the youth and the community at large. This growth will enable us to provide vital services and support to a more extensive and diverse group of beneficiaries throughout the United Kingdom.

Testimonials

This section of the report provides some feedback from service users.

Each service user feedback journey demonstrates the benefits of collaboration and partnership with other stakeholders so that our service users can be signposted to other services. The testimonial and case study below indicate the gratitude that service users have shown and is reflective of the feedback we have received during year 3. Service users are keen to continue the collaboration with other agencies and are benefitting from a holistic service of support services they are empowered to use.

Feedback from Mwaka*

I would like to Express my gratitude thanks to Cancer Care Diaspora Support Group for everything they have done for me. Food and financial and exercise it's helpful for me to reduce my stress and now I can walk better and I have confidence now I was in a Tangerine Project and I learn a lot of things like food to eat and how to cook it and eat healthy foods it's helping me a lot I really appreciate and to meet different people we talk we laugh I enjoy the conversation and it's nice to be part of Cancer Care Diaspora thanks very much

Case Study – Elizabeth*

Elizabeth and her family accessed various projects delivered by CCD and share the impact of the provisions on her and her family between January to August 2024. She started volunteering and now feel very much a part of the CCD family.

I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that CCD has had on the lives of individuals and families affected by cancer over the past year. This report reflects my experiences and observations from January to August 2024, showcasing the various ways our community has come together to provide support.

Support Group Meetings - One of the most transformative aspects of our work has been the support group meetings. These gatherings have created a nurturing environment where individuals can share their personal journeys, fears, and triumphs. Participants often leave feeling uplifted and empowered, knowing that they are not alone in their fight. The connections formed here have fostered a strong sense of community, reminding everyone that they have a network of support.

Exercise Sessions - These exercise sessions have been another highlight. Encouraging physical activity has proven to be essential for both physical and mental well-being. It has been inspiring to see participants engage in these sessions, often reporting increased energy and improved mood. Expressing this in a line; “these sessions have helped me regain my strength and confidence.”

Home Visits – These visits have allowed us to reach individuals who may not be able to attend group sessions. These visits are often filled with heartfelt conversations, providing emotional support and practical assistance tailored to each

family's needs. I recall visiting a family who expressed how our support helped them feel less isolated during a challenging time. Moments like these reinforce the importance of our work.

Family and Individual Support - Our commitment to providing personalized family and individual support has made a tangible difference. We have been able to address specific needs, whether it be counselling, resource referrals, or simply a listening ear. This tailored approach has allowed families to navigate their challenges with greater ease.

Foodbank and Cost of Living Support - The foodbank initiative, especially with a focus on African foodstuffs, has been a lifeline for many families facing food insecurity. Knowing they can access culturally appropriate food has been crucial for their well-being. Recipients have shared their gratitude, highlighting how this support has alleviated some of their financial burdens.

Financial Support - Financial assistance has also played a vital role in alleviating the stress associated with medical expenses. By providing this support, we have enabled families to prioritize their health without the added worry of financial strain. It is rewarding to see the relief on their faces when they receive help.

Holiday Club for Children - The holiday club for children has been a delightful addition to our community offerings. By engaging children in fun and educational activities, we have provided them with a sense of normalcy and joy. Parents have reported that their children returned home with smiles and new friendships, which is heartwarming to witness.

Research Participation - Encouraging community involvement in research has been crucial for enhancing cancer care. Participants have expressed their willingness to contribute to studies, understanding that their experiences can help shape future treatments and support systems.

Community Event with Doctors - Our community event featuring two doctors discussing cancer signs and symptoms was a significant success. The doctors provided invaluable information, empowering attendees to recognize early warning signs and fostering a proactive approach to health. The positive feedback from participants emphasized the importance of such educational initiatives.

Overall project impact

Cancer Care Diaspora is an organisation that promotes the health of the public through provision of information and raising of awareness on the causes, diagnosis, prevention and cure of all forms of cancer and we provide practical support to children, young people and adults affected by cancer including their carers. We are passionate about providing healthy meals for the community which is why we run a Food bank that supplies food items every Tuesday at Longsight, Wednesday at Moston and Friday at Harpurhey.

In August 2024, Cancer care Diaspora collaborated with organisations such as Cancer Research UK, NHS Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance, Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership on Topic: Cancer Signs & Symptoms

Community Awareness and Themes – Spotting Cancer signs and Symptoms Early at North City Family & Fitness Centre in Harpurhey. We had several well-equipped speakers talk extensively on the Topic. Speakers include Dr Barbara Ogendegbe GP from Manchester and Dr Omotola Omotoso also a GP from Manchester. The event was hosted by our CEO Laura Urhobo and major focus was on everything community members need to know to detect cancer early.

On 22nd November 2024, we hosted a Lung Cancer Awareness session with Lung Cancer nurses Lauren Carrol & Abigail Afolabi from MFT NHS North Manchester General Hospital & Macmillan Cancer Support, they lectured our group in Harpurhey about the signs and symptoms of Lung Cancer and what screening services are available on the NHS.

We wrapped up the year with our end of year Health Awareness event which was held on a Saturday 21st December 2024 at Manchester Communication Academy Harpurhey with Dr Edmond Edi-Osagie (Consultant Gynaecologist Alexandra Hospital Cheadle), Specialist Nurse Tolani Balogun- Akinjide (Pelvic Floor Practitioner Manchester Royal Infirmary) and Dr, Omotola Omotoso GP & GP Trainer Village Surgery, West Timperley) all experts in their field. We received funding from NHS Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance and Partnered with Manchester Integrated Care Partnership and Macc (Manchester Local voluntary & community sector support Organisation).

During Easter, our holiday food programme HAF was a significant event for our organisation, we had in attendance over 45 children and young people from diverse backgrounds from 5yrs-16yrs including Special Education Needs children (SEND). Our staff and volunteers who are well trained implemented appropriate safeguarding measures and supervision during the event, we have colleagues who are equipped with the knowledge and skills to engage, and support SEND children. Our young people were excited to participate in the Art and Crafts session delivered by one of our partners Afrocats, Sports and Physical activities like hockey and football delivered by trained coaches, indoor games and book club with lots of exciting books donated by Read Mcr and Manchester Libraries.

The Holiday Activity Fund has helped reduce the likelihood of children experiencing social isolation because children from all ethnicities and backgrounds had access to nutritious meals, fruits and vegetables and lots of fun activities at no cost. We were able to keep the young people engaged and entertained, encouraging positive interactions which promoted a sense of belonging and responsibility thereby reducing antisocial behaviour amongst our teenagers.

Parents and Carers were excited about the sessions especially as the timing was fixed at 9.30am-3pm which took off the stress of them worrying about breakfast for their children since we had a breakfast club and parents and carers were able to go about their normal daily activities or work after drop off. The children of some of our service users who are undergoing cancer treatment were able to participate in the activities giving their parent's time to recuperate.

The Charity also hosted an exciting litter picking community project in May 2025 for 10-16year olds encouraging the young people to embrace a good culture in keeping their environment clean and tidy, up to 10bags of rubbish and litter were gathered by our team.

Harpurhey Parade is a yearly free family funfair aimed at families to come and unwind and have fun with free food, drinks, ice cream and free fun activities such as climbing tree, bouncy bungee, face painting, magician, circus skills and a whole lot of fun activities. We had a stand to reach out and interact with people and discuss early detection of cancer, prevention and other useful information we shared. We ended the financial year on a high note and are very proud of the positive impact we are making in our community.

Our social impact at a glance

650 or more People supported weekly
17,881 Meals collected
0.09 tonnes non-food collected
27tco2e CO2 saved

Impact through our partnership with Fareshare GM

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Our focus is on Young people (15-24), Older people (60+),

Parents and guardians of children, Families,

Racial, ethnic or national communities, People with disabilities,

Adults (25-59), Migrants, Young children (5-9) & Children (10-14).

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Page 3 of 9 ☐ Top supporters (Surplus)

ALDI 6.73 tonnes

Sainsbury's 0.869 tonnes

☐ Top supporters (Financial)

Sainsbury's £4500

Top supporter figures are 'all-time' donations by the companies shown and can relate to different time-frames

Impact data refreshes every day

On behalf of our Trustees, we would also like to say a big thank you to all our funders and donors this financial year including Mr Michael Osemmede who donated £500 to support our community work, Costco Manchester Trafford and Oldham stores who both sent us cheques to support our community foodbank, Neighbourly for the great partnership we have formed this financial year and through this partnership we not only receive supermarket surplus donations every day from their partner stores but they also facilitated a grant of £4,500 from Sainsbury's Good food for All fund for us in March 2025. Our biggest funder still remains the National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities Grant) who have been very kind in supporting our organisation's core cost and development this financial year.

Conclusion

Reflecting on the past year, Cancer Care Diaspora has made a meaningful difference in the lives of many. The dedication of all staff, volunteers, and participants is commendable, and I feel honoured to be part of such an impactful organisation. As we continue to support our community, I am excited to see how we can further expand our reach and effectiveness in all of the communities we cover.

Recommendations:

Enhancing Client Impact:

- Understanding the Journey: Map the client experience from initial contact to post-service engagement, identifying pain points and optimising the process.
- Tailored Support: Develop culturally specific programs, ensuring accessibility and effectiveness.

Building Knowledge and Influence:

- Sharing Evidence: Disseminate research and ways to engage Black communities, informing policy and practice.
- Championing Equity: Advocate for culturally competent mental health services and address disparities in access, driving lasting change.

Strengthening Operations:

- Sustainable Growth: Increase volunteer capacity and secure funding strategically to meet growing demand while upholding quality standards.
- Streamlined Systems: Implement a robust CRM system and prepare for geographical expansion, ensuring operational efficiency and scalability.
- Data-Driven Decisions: Enhance data collection and analysis to address funding concerns, track progress, and inform decisions for optimal service delivery.
- Building Resilience: Secure sustainable funding and explore strategies to reduce reliance on grants ensuring long-term financial stability.
- Phased Growth: Implement a clear, incremental scaling plan with defined milestones, demonstrating a strategic direction to funders and stakeholders.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generating funds:			
Voluntary Donations		1,050	11,337
Investment Income		0	0
Grants		177,940	118,649
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>178,990</u>	<u>129,986</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities		168,417	111,134
Support costs		5,775	3,351
Fundraising & Legal Cost		4,500	4,500
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>178,692</u>	<u>118,985</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		298	11,001
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>15,466</u>	<u>4,465</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>15,764</u>	<u>15,466</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognized gains and losses has not been prepared. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2025					
		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSESTS					
Motor vehicles	2		14,950		29,900
INVESTMENT					
Unlisted Investment					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		5,000		4,465	
Prepayments		10,794			
Cash & Cash equivalents		149		1	
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		15,913		4,466	
CREDITORS					
Amount falling due within one year		(12,100)		(18,900)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			3,813		(14,434)
NET ASSETS					
			<u>18,763</u>		<u>15,466</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted			18,763		15,466
Unrestricted			0		0
TOTAL FUNDS					
			<u>18,763</u>		<u>15,466</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit/independent examination under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

The trustees of the charity have not required the charity to obtain an independent examination in accordance with section 144(2) of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charity Act 2011 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. On behalf of the Trustees, I present this financial report in my capacity as Chief Executive Officer and member of the management board.

Laura Omonze Urhobo

Laura Urhobo (Chief
Executive Officer)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30/09/2025

CANCER CARE DIASPORA

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (Effective January 2015), The Charities Act 2011, and the requirements of statements of recommended practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued July 2014).

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statements of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis, and have been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

2. Fixed assets

Fixed assets are recorded at cost less depreciation

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Motor Vehicles - 25% on straight line basis

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

INCOME

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	2025	2024
			£	£
Donations				
Voluntary Donations		1,050	1,050	11,337
Investment Interest				
Grants	<u>177,940</u>	<u> </u>	<u>177,940</u>	<u>118,649</u>
Total	<u>177,940</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>178,990</u>	<u>129,986</u>

3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Community Advancement		168,417	168,417	111,134
Support costs		5,775	5,775	3,351
Fundraising & Legal cost		4,500	4,500	4,500
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		178,692	178,692	118,985
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Cancer Care Diaspora

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cancer Care Diaspora for the year ended 30 June 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cancer Care Diaspora ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2025.

As the charity's 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.

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

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

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. 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.



Date: 30/09/2025

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