



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 01/04/2024 **Period start date** **To** 31/03/2025 **Period end date**

**Charity name:** Dylan's Quest

**Charity registration number:** 1180823

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To relieve the needs of children and young adults suffering from life limiting conditions or terminal illnesses and their families. These children are referred to us by Southampton Children's hospital and Naomi House Children's hospice. The young adults are referred to us by the Teenage and Young Adults Cancer Ward at Southampton General Hospital.</p> <p>We can provide: Magical memories for them and their families following diagnosis, or financial relief as a direct result of diagnosis of their child. We also provide treats for siblings of poorly patients.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Dylan's Quest raises funds from the public via donations or fundraising. We do not work with a professional fundraiser.</p> <p>Main activities held during this financial year: Romsey Relay Marathon Endure 24 Dragon Boat Racing Ibiza night at local pub Southampton 5k race Southampton inflatable race</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>All trustees when performing charity duties are aware of the guidance and have taken it into account when making decisions in order to make the charity of public benefit.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Dylan's Quest is a small established charity. We are there to provide magnificent memories or financial help for families of children and young adults with life limiting conditions.</p> <p>In this financial year, we have directly provided assistance to 41 families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We provided 5 families the opportunity to make magnificent memories, comprised of : - a theatre trip and hotel; costs towards passports and treats for a trip to Disneyland Paris; funds towards the cost of an overnight zoo visit; a hotel stay, trip to an aquarium and a package of toys/books and a contribution towards the cost of an animal lodge and spending money.</li> <li>- We provided 23 families with a financial grant to help with the additional costs that come with either a poorly child, such as travel expenses, or, for young adults, the expenses of trying to live whilst not being able to work.</li> <li>- Under the banner of financial assistance, we also provided 12 families with 'goods' which ranged from essentials such as the cost of a window repair; mattresses; a tumble drier, to items to help the development of, or to help occupy,</li> </ul>

		<p>children who are/have been in hospital for long spells and who would benefit from items for therapy that the parents are unable to afford at a time when most are either not able to work, or on severely restricted incomes as a result of their child's illness. These items included a swing seat; an outdoor playhouse, a slushie machine and development/sensory toys for young children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have also been able to help siblings, who often spend months away from their parents whilst their sick brother or sister is in hospital. Through our work with the charity Young Lives vs Cancer (YLvsC) we provide small denominations of Amazon vouchers to distribute to siblings so that they know they have not been forgotten at a time when their parents' attention is naturally focussed on the poorly child or young adult.</li> <li>- we continue to provide small denominations of vouchers for YLvsC to provide to families in hospital for use in the food outlets – the cost of eating from such outlets soon builds up and this action eases the pressure on a family's finances.</li> <li>- We also provided YLvsC with books aimed at younger children, for them to distribute to families on wards, to enable the children to understand what is happening to them and their families in an age appropriate way.</li> <li>- We again partnered with 7 other charities, the founders of which have all lost a child and who support our local hospital. The event was 'dragon boat racing', held at a local marina and helped to raise our profile, and that of the other participating charities and demonstrated that whilst we all support the local hospital and we have different objectives, we all work together to help families negotiate the difficult journey of a life limiting illness.</li> </ul>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>In our 5th year as a registered charity, Dylan's Quest raised £15,534.46, with a net income gain over expenditure of £1,131.87.</p> <p>Our primary fundraising was through supporters participating in physical challenge events as well as another Ibiza evening at a local pub, which was well supported.</p> <p>We also secured grants totalling £4,783 from 2 sources.</p> <p>We continue to be well supported by a local firm who have provided a number of donations in this financial year. A significant donation received at Christmas enabled us to provide £60 of M&amp;S &amp; Costa vouchers to each of the families of the wards that we cover, who were spending Christmas Day in hospital. This was to enable them to have some treats at a difficult time and we felt would benefit the whole family, rather than just the child/young adult who are fortunate to receive gifts from other charities at Christmas time.</p> <p>Our expenditure, outside of our charitable activities has been minimal, with our overheads for operation limited to costs such as web domain costs and insurance. As we had a number of physical events ongoing, with donations being received regularly through the fundraising platform JustGiving, we decided to upgrade our membership with JustGiving to enable the production of more detailed fundraising reports.</p> <p>We purchased a laptop for our Founder to use exclusively for Dylan's Quest related activities as she had limited access to a family one at home. This has been recorded as an asset of the charity.</p> <p>We continue to review each referral for assistance on an individual basis; however, the Trustees voted to limit the assistance received by any one family to £750, in order to ensure that we have sufficient funds to assist families well into the future. The limit of £250 for a financial grant still stands, but we will allow requests for other assistance – e.g. a memory making activity, or an essential item/therapy item</p>
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		<p>separately providing the total for all help remains within the £750 limit.</p> <p>We intend to continue to review each referral on an individual basis to ensure that we are providing targeted and meaningful assistance.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£0</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The trustees continue to consider it prudent that reserves remain unrestricted and should be sufficient to enable the operation to continue for minimum of 12 months, whilst we source other means of income.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>n/a</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>In the current financial climate, fundraising continues to be difficult, as the cost-of-living crisis leaves supporters with less disposable cash to give to charities; nonetheless, we continue our fundraising efforts through events and grant applications.</p> <p>Our income has again exceeded expenditure, so we remain satisfied that the charity can continue as a going concern for some considerable time.</p>

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Any new trustees must be appointed by a resolution passed at a meeting of the current charity trustees where at least 3 agree to the appointment.  There are currently 4 trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dylan's Quest
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1180823
Charity's principal address	25 Goldcrest Gardens Lordswood Southampton SO16 8FG

**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	Michelle Vanhear	Founder		
2	Isla Lipscomb			
3	Katrina Lush	Treasurer		
4	Sarah-Jane Challis			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
none		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
none		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Michelle Vanhear	Katrina Lush
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Founder	Treasurer
Date	07/01/2026	

**1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025**

expenditure	
raising funds	£580.00
charitable activities	£13,023.39
merchandise	£83.50
expense - asset	£321.00
insurance	£172.51
web domain	£219.45
Other ancilliary costs	£323.84

**Dylan's Quest Statement of Financial Activities**  
**1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior period Total funds £
<b>Income:</b>				
Brought Forward				£37,340.57
Donations	2,861.94	£0.00	2,861.94	0.00
Charitable Activities	7,889.19	£0.00	7,889.19	10,153.93
Other Trading Activities	0.00	£0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	4,783.33	£0.00	4,783.33	7,500.00
Other	0.00	£0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,534.46</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>15,534.46</b>	<b>17,653.93</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Raising Funds (including entry fees)	580.00	£0.00	580.00	334.53
Charitable Activities	13,023.39	£0.00	13,023.39	8,760.75
Merchandise	83.50	£0.00	83.50	18.49
Expense - Asset	0.00	£0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	172.41	£0.00	172.41	166.45
Website Domain	219.45	£0.00	219.45	190.65
Other Ancillary costs	323.84	£0.00	323.84	165.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,402.59</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>14,402.59</b>	<b>9,635.98</b>
 NET INCOME	 1,131.87	 £0.00	 £1,131.87	 £8,017.95
 Reconciliation of Funds				
 Total funds brought forward	 37,340.57	 £0.00		
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	 <b>38,472.34</b>			

## Dylan's Quest Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025

	TOTAL FUNDS	PRIOR YEAR
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	£0.00	£0.00
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	£0.00	£0.00
Cash in bank and in hand	£38,472.34	£37,340.57
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	£0.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	£38,472.34	£37,340.57
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>	<b>£38,472.34</b>	£37,340.57

**Approved by the Trustees on 01/10/2025**

Signed