



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 18/05/2021      Period start date    To 17/05/2022      Period end date**

**Charity name: Rapid Response North West**

**Charity registration number: 1183502**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the CIO is to preserve and protect human life with the advancement of health and saving lives in particular but not exclusively by providing: 24-hour on call assistance, water search & rescue, event support & first aid, traffic management and other resources which will offer support to the emergency services, statutory bodies and other organisations as deemed appropriate by the trustees across the United Kingdom.

<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.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>During our third year being a registered charity. Our team continued to be extremely busy, during this time COVID restrictions had been eased which allowed us to continue with public fundraising at events. Some of which involved providing high quality medical cover at events.</p> <p>We developed our Shop Assist welfare service with a project called “Warmth this Winter” which included supporting the homeless by providing temporary shelters, warm sleeping bags and clothes. This integrated within our “Suicide Prevention and Safety Patrol” project as we were also able to make food and drink available to people in need on the streets throughout the Wirral peninsular. We continued to provide these patrols routinely on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. Our long-term aim is to extend these patrols to facilitate a 7-day cover.</p> <p>During this period our shop assist service also supported between 5 – 20 individuals/families each week this included providing food parcels, emergency energy vouchers, essential items including white goods and clothing. These were all supplied to people in need.</p> <p>During this time, we also started a project called “Emergency Care in the Community” this is where we were able to provide funded training to young, disadvantaged people between 16 and 25 years of age, by providing this training this enabled them to get on to the pathway to employment.</p> <p>This worked alongside our “Community Cohesion and Education” project where we received funding allowing us to train &amp; qualify three of our volunteers so they can teach and assess. With this we were able to provide funded first aid courses. As a result of this we have recently become a registered Quasafe training centre.</p> <p>We continued to develop our volunteer’s skills by completing further training to enhance our knowledge and improve our skill set. We have exciting plans to further develop our training &amp; services throughout the year ahead.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have complied with guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.
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### 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

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>It has been another successful year for Rapid Response North West. We remained busy continuing our "Shop Assist Welfare Service" which had a big impact on the community. This enabled people who were homeless, suffering with mental health, in financial distress and people who had specialist dietary requirements to have food, drink, essential items &amp; shelter.</p> <p>Whilst providing suicide prevention &amp; safety patrols we were able to support &amp; signpost people who were in need whether this was with direct intervention or involving other agencies.</p> <p>After three of our volunteers became qualified trainers, we were able to further engage with the community and provide funded training &amp; certificated qualifications. We were supported with this by other training providers.</p>
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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**

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>This year has been a successful year with funding. We have been able to resume fundraising at public events and we have been fortunate to have received funding through grants which have been available.</p> <p>This funding has enabled us to expand our "Shop Assist Welfare Service", pay for our charity insurance, volunteer expenses (vehicle running costs), safety equipment &amp; personal protective equipment, medical equipment &amp; supplies. This has also enabled us to continue to provide training to our volunteers and has allowed us to provide training to people in the community.</p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity would like to maintain reserves of £1000 by the end of the end of the next financial year. This is to ensure there is funding available for any emergency situation which may arise.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### **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	The charity receives its income from the public and from individual trusts, as well as from fundraising at events.
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	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Trustees are voted in to post by full members of the team at the AGM.

### 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	Rapid Response North West
Other name the charity uses	RRNW, Rapid Response
Registered charity number	1183502
Charity's principal address	Whitfield Business Hub, 84-200 Pensby Road, Heswall , Wirral , CH60 7RJ



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

## Additional information (optional)

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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### 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

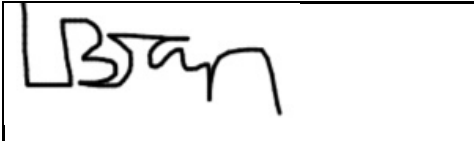
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Luke Brown	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	10/03/2023	

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Daniel Cumbers	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	10/03/2023	



### Overall Accounts

18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Account Balance/Start Figure Leftover from last year**

**£ 1969.59**

### Income / Sales

**Public Donations £2,309.12**

**Grants £39,715.00**

**Fundraising £1,128.00**

**Total Income / Sales £43,152.12**

## **Direct Expenses and Overheads**

**Insurance £1,692.68**

**Equipment £704.46**

**Uniform/PPE £527.76**

**Medical Equipment £764.45**

**DBS Checking £68.40**

**Phoneline £133.88**

**Medical Supplies £743.68**

**Training Equipment £540.70**

**Training £2,375.00**

**Training funded for the public £1,490.00**

**Mileage Claims £1,682.56**

**Communication £454.16**

**Fundraising £263.48**

**Software £111.78**

**Training Expenses £707.15**

**Shop Assist Welfare Services £24,543.33**

**Total Direct Expenses / Overheads £36,794.47**

**Account Balance at the end of 2022 financial year £8,327.24**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Rapid Response North West

On accounts for the year  
ended

17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1183502

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 17/05/2022.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 16/03/2023

Name:

Heather Podmore

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address:

43 Rutland Road, Tyldesley, Manchester. M29 8FX

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**