

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	23	July	2019	To
	31	August	2020	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Down Syndrome UK

Other names charity is known by Positive About Down Syndrome

Registered charity number (if any) 1184564

Charity's principal address 5 Hill Close, Leamington Spa,

Postcode CV32 7RQ

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	Nicola Enoch	Chair		
2	Caroline Louise Warren			
3	Sarah Costerton			
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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)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing 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.

Nicola Enoch & Caroline Warren are both Trustees of The Ups of Downs. Sarah Costerton is a Trustee of Down's syndrome research foundation. Caroline Warren is Trustee of Scorfen Charitable Trust

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME IN THE UK THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A FORUM THAT PROVIDES ACCURATE UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON THE REALITIES OF LIVING WITH DOWN SYNDROME AND IS A CENTRAL HUB OF INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR THE CONDITION

Down syndrome UK works to improve the lives of people with Down syndrome, and their families. We primarily work in maternity care and the early years providing resources, training and support to parents and professionals to empower those with Down syndrome to thrive and flourish.

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)

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our first registered year was exciting and eventful. Following the success of PADS website and sending out resources to maternity units across the country, we launched a closed Facebook group exclusively for expectant women in the UK, who have received a high chance/confirmed result of baby having Down syndrome. Together with a closed group for new parents up to the age of 18 months. These support groups have provided amazing peer support to new and expectant parents and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. We have teams of experts on hand in each group to offer specialist input as and when required.

In September Founder & Trustee Nicola Enoch was invited to speak at the Professional Midwifery Advocate's conference and at Down syndrome education international's research forum.

In October 2019 we published Sharing the News – the maternity experience of having a baby with Down syndrome. We organised a photography exhibition at Westminster over 4 days at which we shared the findings of the report and met with over 40 Parliamentarians across the parties. The overall response to the report was concern at the lack of support and information provided to parents as well as shock at the expectation to screen and to terminate. Several influential Parliamentarians asked us to follow up the discussions.

In November 2019 Nicola had an article published in the British Journal of Midwifery and in December 2019 by the Royal College of Midwives.

In March 2020 we returned to Parliament and spoke again about the findings of the report but unfortunately follow up was side lined due to Covid. In March 2020 we were invited to attend and promote PADS at the Better Births conference in Manchester and at the CNO's annual conference in Birmingham.

In June 2020 we published #NobodyToldMe the truth about Down syndrome – a collection of experiences written by young people with Down syndrome, friends and family members to share the reality of our everyday lives.

Our initiative #Pants4School – to empower parents and professionals to ensure children with Down syndrome are toilet trained before they commence school was launched in March 2020 at Bladder & Bowel UK's annual conference. The closed Facebook groups continue to grow from strength to strength and as we entered lockdown we developed an online boot camp to work with groups of c25-30 families to focus on getting their child toilet trained.

The national support group network was unable to hold a conference in 2020 but the closed support group continued to grow, with over 100 groups representing several thousand families across the UK sharing best practise.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A reserves policy will be introduced in our second financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

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.

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)

Nicola Enoch

Caroline Warren

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of the Trustees

Trustee

Date

21 June 2021

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

23-Jul-19

To

31-Aug-20

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income from Charitable Activities	9,051	-	-	9,051	-
Voluntary Receipts	16,219	-	-	16,219	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,270	-	-	25,270	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,270	-	-	25,270	-
A3 Payments					
General Office costs	144	-	-	144	-
Costs of Fundraising Events	336	-	-	336	-
Costs of Charitable Activities	4,624	-	-	4,624	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,104	-	-	5,104	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,104	-	-	5,104	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,166	-	-	20,166	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	20,166	-	-	20,166	-

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-



B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Nicola Enoch	21-Jun-21
	Caroline Warren	21-Jun-21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Down Syndrome UK

On accounts for the year
ended

23 July 2019 to 31 August 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1184564

Set out on pages

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(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 period ended **31 / 08 / 2020**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

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:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

08/06/2021

Name:

Nicola Law

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

ACA (Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales)

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