

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2020		31	08	2021

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

Warwickshire

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	CEO		
2	Caroline 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 and Caroline Warren are both Trustees of the Ups of Downs.
Sarah Costerton is a Trustee of Down's Syndrome Research Foundation.
Caroline Warren is a Trustee of the Scorfen Charitable Trust.
All three Trustees also became Founding Officers of the National Down Syndrome Policy Group during the year.

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

In this second year of charitable registration, DSUK has undergone a rapid expansion of activities, outreach, and engagement.

From our inception as a charity providing the lived experience to expectant and new parents via a website, and then distributing contemporary literature to maternity staff and units, we have built on this work, improving, and expanding our excellent website and producing an accompanying book #NobodyToldMe the truth about Down syndrome, that is sent to all expectant and new parents of a baby with Down syndrome (DS). We aim to reach all expectant and new parents of a baby with a high chance or confirmed result of DS.

During the year we have expanded our work, reaching more maternity units across the UK. We have achieved this by the introduction of Regional Maternity CoOrdinators, who each liaise with their local maternity units to act as a central point of contact, ensuring a supply of PADS resources are available to expectant and new parents. We also developed a training offer to deliver training sessions online to maternity staff around the country, focusing around sharing best practise, considering language and attitudes, how to share the news baby has/may have DS and having a contemporary understanding of DS.

In addition, we have strengthened our on-line communities, with dedicated, closed, Facebook pages for expectant women, new parents, grandparents, bereaved parents, and pre-school parents amongst others. These groups are carefully moderated and monitored by an experienced group of DSUK volunteers along with experts in their field and whilst they are mostly used for hugely appreciated peer support, they have also been useful in identifying issues that parents have worried about but not been able to name and assisting in referral to the correct professionals.

In March 2021 we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day with a community fundraiser and were delighted to raise £60,000.

Buoyed by this level of community engagement we have moved to increase our reach further by employing a small team of part-time staff. These staff provide administrative support, design services, social media presence, community fundraising support, project management, regional maternity co-ordination and expert leadership for Early Development Groups. With this step-up in activities, we also employed Nicola Enoch as Chief Executive Officer, a role that until July 2021 she had been doing voluntarily, and on behalf of the community her fellow Trustees thank her for all the voluntary work she has done and continues to do for the Down syndrome community.

Covid has, of course, provided a unique challenge, but the advent and widespread societal uptake of effective on-line communications platforms, such as Zoom and Teams, has meant that we can reach more families and our on-line offering has expanded to provide Early Development Groups for pre-school early learning and 'Pants for Schools' toileting boot camps in collaboration with June Rogers MBE, formerly of Bladder & Bowel UK.

Nicola and Caroline became Founding Members of the National Down Syndrome Policy Group that, during this year, started an All Party Parliamentary Group for DS and were chosen by Dr Liam Fox MP to support his Private Member's Bill; the Down Syndrome Bill, which in June 2022 became enacted into law in England.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to have at least 6 months trading reserve at any one time.

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.

The majority of our income is generated by the generosity of parents, friends and families undertaking a range of challenges and activities to support our work.

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)	CEO	
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Down Syndrome UK

1184564

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Sep-20

To

31-Aug-21

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					
Charitable Activities	33,032	-	-	33,032	-
Voluntary Receipts	158,940	-	-	158,940	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	191,972	-	-	191,972	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	191,972	-	-	191,972	-
A3 Payments					
Salary Costs	14,001	-	-	14,001	-
General Office costs	28,129	-	-	28,129	-
Cost of Fundraising Events	1,276	-	-	1,276	-
Costs of Charitable Activities	49,673	-	-	49,673	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	93,079	-	-	93,079	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	93,079	-	-	93,079	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	98,892	-	-	98,892	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	98,892	-	-	98,892	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	119,059	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	119,059	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	CAROLINE WARREN	20-6-22



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

1 - 2

(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:

25 May 2022

Name:

Khizer Kayani

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

ACA (Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales)

Address:

2 Coldharbour Lane, Bushey

London, WD23 4NS

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

No material matters of concern