

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1184750

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Collective Voice CIO**

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Collective Voice's object as stated in our constitution is to advance, promote and influence effective care, public involvement and support for people affected by drug and alcohol misuse. To increase drug and alcohol treatment.

Our vision is of a thriving treatment and recovery field - and voluntary sector - enabling anyone in England to access evidence-based and person-centred support.

Public benefit

Problematic relationships with drugs and alcohol are a chronic health condition for huge numbers of people. Costs related to the harms of drug use in England are tens of billions of pounds, not to mention the enormous personal, social, and economic costs of addiction to individuals, families and communities. Drug related deaths are at an all-time high and addiction rooted as it is in poverty, trauma and social exclusion often occurs alongside other social issues such as unemployment, mental ill health, homelessness and contact with the criminal justice system.

Treatment and recovery hold transformative power for people with drug or alcohol problems - and their families and communities.

Collective Voice supports the treatment and recovery field by:

- Advocating for evidence-based and person-centred treatment and recovery systems, influencing policy and championing the role of the voluntary sector.
- Building the field by informing, connecting, and supporting innovation.
- Strengthening the fields collective voice by renewing our governance, diversifying the work of the alliance, and leading through collaboration.

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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2023-24 was the second year of our three-year strategy for 2022-25. We made the following progress towards our strategic goals:

Progress towards our strategic goals during 2023-24:

1. Advocate for evidence-based and person-centred treatment and recovery systems

We continued to build our relationships with influencers and decision makers and facilitate conversations to ensure the knowledge and expertise of treatment and recovery charities was utilised in the development of policy and practice:

- We engaged with the National Audit Office review of the implementation of the drugs strategy, including facilitating attendance at the subsequent Public Accounts Committee hearing.
- We responded to the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) call for evidence on drug use in ethnic minority groups: <https://www.collectivevoice.org.uk/cv-response/response-to-acmd-race-and-ethnicity/>
- We facilitated access for officials to voluntary sector services in prisons, as part of Dame Carol Black's internal review of prison treatment for substance use disorders.
- We continued to facilitate extensive engagement between OHID and the field on the implementation of the Drugs Strategy, in particular the workforce development workstreams;
- We published a set of priorities for the next government
- We continued to comment on policy developments, such as the Sentencing Bill, the cost of living crisis,
- We continued to contribute to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime London Drug Forum.

We regularly used our communications channels including our blog and social media and the channels of others including blogs and podcasts to keep the field informed about policy developments and to champion and promote its work. For example we commented on the government's response to the ACMD report on reducing drug-related deaths: <https://www.collectivevoice.org.uk/blog/drug-related-deaths-opcs-naloxone/>

2. Build the field

Through the forums we convene and our collaborative projects, we supported the field to share practice, develop collective knowledge and benefit from peer support:

- We reviewed and developed the thematic groups attended by sponsor organisations into a more comprehensive and coherent set of forums, with the opportunity for the wider sector to attend and participate. More information about the forums can be found on our website: <https://www.collectivevoice.org.uk/blog/collective-voice-forums-launched/>
- We have supported the Phoenix Futures and APA campaigns to combat stigma
- We have held webinars to share best practice on ensuring continuity of treatment for people leaving prison

3. Strengthen our collective voice

Our new strategy laid a solid foundation for strengthening our collective voice, and we have continued to work to improve our communication and coordination.

There was considerable change in our Board in 2022-23, as we recruited independent trustees to the board to bring fresh knowledge, skills and experience. This year, there has been welcome stability, allowing the Board to develop relationships and begin to work as a cohesive unit.

We have continued to develop and update our risk register to ensure that the board is able to discharge its governance duties by understanding the main risks to the charity and its risk appetite, and making sure there are controls to manage these risks.

We have expanded membership of the Collective Voice leadership group which provides strategic input into our work from leaders across the field, and this group has developed its own identity with continuity strong attendance, suggesting it is useful to members.

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OUR WORK FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

Our Chair of Trustees, Lea Milligan, died suddenly in April 2024. Lea was Collective Voice's first independent Chair. His leadership and support to Collective Voice and the substance misuse treatment and recovery field will be greatly missed. His drive and positivity have left a lasting impact on Collective Voice which the board and team are hugely thankful for and will continue to build upon. In the same month, our chief executive officer left the organization.

At the time of writing this report, a new Executive Director has started and Clare Ashton has taken on the role of Interim Chair pending the recruitment and appointment of a new independent chair. Key tasks include establishing positive relationships with the new Government following the General Election, and refreshing the organisation's strategy, as 2024-25 is the final year of the current three-year strategy.

The shape of this work was largely outlined in last year's report, which noted the need to develop an influencing plan that will aim to broaden and strengthen relationships with decision makers and our engagement across the field, in order to ensure our influencing is evidence-based. This will be focused on a number of key policy objectives including sustaining the drug strategy investment, influencing the next Comprehensive Spending Review, influencing future government and understanding and highlighting the gaps in current policy.

We will continue our work to add fresh skills, knowledge, and expertise to our governance. We will review our membership and engagement model to explore ways to further diversify the work of the alliance and ensure we strengthen and broaden our relationships with other influencers in the field.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

As a Charitably Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Collective Voice is bound by its governing document, its constitution.

History

Collective Voice was founded in 2015 by treatment and recovery charities in England with a shared purpose to advocate for treatment and recovery at a time of austerity and a lack of political leadership.

In its first chapter as an unconstituted partnership we focused on a small set of priorities, guided by senior leaders of the founding organisations.

In its second, Collective Voice became constituted as a charity and those leaders were appointed as Trustees. In 2021, an Independent Chair was appointed.

Now in our third chapter, our founding organisations act as sponsors for us and we have appointed additional independent trustees. We continue to provide a voice for the field, to utilise its knowledge and expertise to critique and champion the drug and alcohol treatment and recovery system, and to support learning and collaboration across it.

Organisational structure

Collective Voice is governed by a board of trustees, who ensure our work is carried out in line with our charitable objects, as well as supporting the strategic direction of the organisation. Our board contains both leaders from our founding and sponsoring organisations, through whose collective leadership we were originally established and who continue to support the organisation financially, and independent trustees including our Chair.

The executive is composed of two staff members: one chief executive officer and one policy and engagement officer. The chief executive officer is responsible for the day-to-day leadership of the organisation, working with the board to develop our strategy and approach and leading activity to implement it. The policy and engagement officer supports the chief executive officer in the day-to-day work and writes policy and communications materials, manages good practice projects, and engages with the field through groups and forums.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The Board includes a number of senior leaders from the drug and alcohol treatment and recovery field who are highly experienced in leadership, strategy, operational risk and navigating complex policy landscapes. We have a formally nominated Vice-Chair to deputise for the Chair and support the Chief Executive as appropriate. One Trustee in 2023-24 was a qualified accountant.

Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for identifying and managing the risks to which the charity is exposed. Quarterly reviews of the risk register ensure that the trustees are well informed to arrive at a set of parameters and decisions for the amount of risk they consider to be acceptable.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1184750

Principal address

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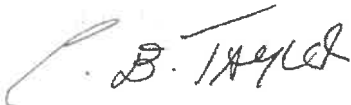
Trustees

Ms C Ashton (Vice Chair to April; Interim Chair from April 2024)
Mrs Y Batiwala
S Bell (resigned 31.1.2024)
P Townsley
L R Milligan (Deceased; Chair to April 2024)
Ms V Beere (Interim Vice-Chair from April 2024)
C Dixon
G Henderson
Ms N Adamson
Ms B Phipps

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on12 September 2024..... and signed on its behalf by:



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Ms C Ashton - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Collective Voice CIO**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Collective Voice CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Collective Voice CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Jeremy Harrod FCCA

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Date: 12/9/24

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		118,000	128,415
Investment income	2	277	168
Total		<u>118,277</u>	<u>128,583</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities		<u>118,279</u>	<u>113,228</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2)	15,355
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		80,746	65,391
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>80,744</u></u>	<u><u>80,746</u></u>

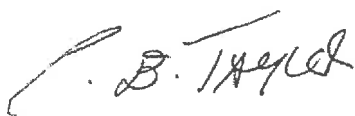
The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		127,812	130,915
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(47,068)	(50,169)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>80,744</u>	<u>80,746</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>80,744</u>	<u>80,746</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>80,744</u>	<u>80,746</u>
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>80,744</u>	<u>80,746</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>80,744</u>	<u>80,746</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
12 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



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C Ashton - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has 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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	277	168

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	128,415
Investment income	168
Total	<u>128,583</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable activities	<u>113,228</u>
NET INCOME	15,355
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	65,391
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>80,746</u></u>

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	1,852	2,838
Other creditors	45,216	47,331
	<u>47,068</u>	<u>50,169</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	80,746	(2)	80,744
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>80,746</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>80,744</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	118,277	(118,279)	(2)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>118,277</u>	<u>(118,279)</u>	<u>(2)</u>

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,391	15,355	80,746
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,391</u>	<u>15,355</u>	<u>80,746</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	128,583	(113,228)	15,355
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>128,583</u>	<u>(113,228)</u>	<u>15,355</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,391	15,353	80,744
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,391</u>	<u>15,353</u>	<u>80,744</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	246,860	(231,507)	15,353
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>246,860</u>	<u>(231,507)</u>	<u>15,353</u>

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7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

8. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS FEE

During the period, the independent examiners fee was £1,440.

