

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1186634

Details

Other names TASP

Status Registered

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Registered 2019-11-28

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR PUBLIC-BENEFIT THE SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE BY; - SUPPORTING THE DIFFERENT FORMS OF PARTNERSHIPS THAT EXIST TO COORDINATE AND ENSURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF JOINT WORKING ARRANGEMENTS TO PROTECT VULNERABLE PEOPLE- ENCOURAGING THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE SKILLS AND ROLES OF THOSE WHO TAKE PART IN SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIPS- HELPING PARTNERSHIPS AND PARTNERS TO SET STANDARDS, ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE SCRUTINY THAT RESULTS IN LEARNING AND ASSURANCE WHICH HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT- PROMOTING A SHARED AND A CONSISTENT APPROACH TO SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIPS.

Activities: We exist to improve safeguarding structures and safeguarding understanding within and between organisations whose people or activities bring them into contact with children or vulnerable adults. We also act as a voice for the safeguarding workforce so that concerns and developments can be communicated and escalated.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£95,392	£82,670	-	-
2024-04-05	£94,887	£82,571	-	-
2023-04-05	£78,094	£67,021	-	-
2022-04-05	£69,212	£65,788	-	-
2021-04-05	£86,993	£61,154	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Cutler		2024-11-01
Anita Erhabor		2025-01-01
Christopher Miller MA		2026-01-13
Daksha Mistry		2024-01-01
David Goosey		2024-01-01
Jenny Pearce		2020-09-01
Laurelle Brown		2024-01-01
Mary Emson		2025-01-01
Nasima Patel		2025-01-02

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "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).

Background

The Charity was formed in November 2019 as a successor body to the Association of Independent LSCB Chairs – ("AILC"). AILC performed a similar function to that now carried by the Charity but as a company limited by guarantee.

TASP seeks to be an influential voice for safeguarding which both represents the views of its members, while working to safeguard children and the vulnerable. To achieve this the Charity seeks to attract members from a wide range of safeguarding backgrounds.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to improve safeguarding structures and safeguarding understanding within and between organisations whose people or activities bring them into contact with children or vulnerable adults. They also act as a voice for the safeguarding workforce so that concerns and developments can be communicated and escalated.

The Charity's objects are:

To promote for public-benefit the safeguarding of children and vulnerable people by:

- Supporting the different forms of partnerships that exist to coordinate and ensure the effectiveness of joint working arrangements to protect vulnerable people.
- Encouraging the enhancement of the skills and roles of those who take part in safeguarding partnerships.
- Helping partnerships and partners to set standards, achieve effective scrutiny that results in learning and assurance which has a positive impact.
- Promoting a shared and a consistent approach to safeguarding partnerships.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The charity has performed well during the year

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Financial review

The charity aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure it is able to meet any financial obligations as they fall due. The charity is currently undergoing a re-structuring of its operations and the trustees are of the opinion the charity is well on course to meeting its aims in the short to medium term.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on the following pages. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with their related notes. A summary of the financial results and the work of the charity is set out below. In the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the future prospects for the Charity are considered satisfactory.

The Trustees report a successful year in relation to our goal of growing into a strong and relevant safeguarding association.

We believe that we are helping to improve safeguarding knowledge and skills for those who belong to or work with our organisation.

We are currently in a reasonably strong position in relation to our finances and more importantly our growing reputation and footprint. We hope the members can see how their vision which we encapsulate is taking shape.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was registered on 28 November 2019.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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Membership developments

There are 140 statutory safeguarding children partnerships/sets of arrangements in England. In addition, there are myriad bodies, whose remit is to safeguard the vulnerable in sports, religious and charitable settings and individuals, whose professional role includes a safeguarding function.

When we established our goal was to have as members at least 75% of statutory partnerships and as many other non- statutory organisations and individuals as feel that TASP is a place of support and advice for them.

Our membership of statutory partnerships, bodies with a safeguarding function and individuals have grown annually since our establishment and is now at:

- 80% statutory partnerships
- 7 other bodies
- 5 individuals

Activities

Webinars and Podcasts

The principal activity of the Charity since its inception has been the hosting of webinars. Using a professional facilitator, the Charity in the past year has run the following 12 free webinars, which have attracted an average of 130 attendees (214 top for the year and 88 lowest):

- Artificial Intelligence and its potential to enhance safeguarding
- Young Scrutineers: Recruitment and Management
- The Humberside Police Vulnerability Hub
- Community and safeguarding: an Islamic perspective.
- Operation Encompass and its impact on child safeguarding
- Operation Artemis: disrupting and bring to account online abusers.
- Child Sexual Abuse - a silent health emergency
- The Multi Agency Child Safeguarding Evaluation framework findings (with Kings College London et al.).
- The National Panel: its thematic report "I wanted them to Notice"
- Safeguarding Against Group-Based Offending
- The National Panel's Annual Report
- The National Youth Advocacy Service and return home interviews.

Plus two further Podcasts where Webinar presenters were invited back to dive a bit deeper into some of the conversations generated at the webinar:

- Podcast: The Vulnerability Hub - a response to Partnerships
- Podcast: Operation Encompass - a response to Partnerships

The webinars have been recorded and are available to members, on the Charity website (<https://www.theasp.org.uk>)

Website

Our website is a repository for a range of material generated through webinars and posted by members and other organisations. We also have a vacancies section which enables those seeking experienced domain experts to access the right people directly.

Work with Kings College London and Others

For much of the reporting year we worked with Kings College London on the final stages of a two-year project funded by The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) which evaluated the multi-agency child safeguarding reforms. As well as Kings College other partners included the University of Bedfordshire & Camden Safeguarding Children Partnership, the Family Rights Group and the Association of Child Protection Professionals.

Its aim was to provide evidence about what makes LSPPs effective and to develop a tool which could systematically assess effectiveness of multi- agency working. This tool is now available as a members' resource.

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The Business Managers' Network

Business managers in a local partnership safeguarding setting are vital to ensuring quality outcomes for children. They are a highly skilled group of staff, who because of the nature of their work can be isolated. The Charity has run a series of network meetings for business managers to provide opportunities for support and the sharing of good practice and emerging issues. These are very popular events, with up to 50 attendees at our monthly sessions.

The Scrutineers' Network

This was established by our director and two trustees in the past year and has begun to develop a range of members materials as well as providing opportunities to work cooperatively to identify and respond to challenges, while incubating and disseminating good practice.

Wider networks and Engagement Plans for next year

The Charity's staff and trustees meet with a wide range of representatives from Government, the National Panel and other bodies, who have a safeguarding remit.

An important part of these conversations with the wider safeguarding community is to enable the Charity to develop its voice and presence. In the past year we have held regular meetings with:

- DfE
- National Panel
- The Vulnerability Knowledge and Public Protection Team at the NPCC.

We also attend the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Partner and Child Protection Working Group, a group coordinated by the DfE

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Child Protection

In March 2024 TASP hosted a workshop at Tech UK for safeguarding specialist interested in helping with the development of AI tools which might enhance safeguarding practice.

Following on from that workshop TASP has been working with the NSPCC, and some tech companies to develop tools which will:

- open up the NSPCC repository of case reviews so that their contents can drive performance improvement.
- act as an aide for rapid review completion and
- will provide real-time identification of poorly managed or at-risk case files, supporting professionals to make better-informed decisions

Payment to Trustees

In June 2024 one of the TASP staff resigned without giving notice. The trustees decided to contract one of the trustees to fill the gap that this sudden unexpected departure created.

A recruitment exercise to replace the departed staff member, which was costly in time and resource, then failed to attract a suitable candidate.

On that basis the Trustees decided to retain the trustee as a contractor for the rest of the reporting year.

The cost of this is recorded in the relevant section of the accounts.

Plans for next year

We are committed to developing our offering to members and our influence among a wide group of safeguarding stakeholders. Our webinars will continue to be a focus for our work.

In the autumn and winter of 2025 we will be working with Durham University and a range of other partners to conduct research into how partnerships manage extra familial harm and child criminal exploitation.

We are in the process of upgrading our website and Customer Management System (CMS) and that will continue for the next year.

We will continue to develop our regular contact networks and in addition to those mentioned in 'Wider Networks' will be meeting regularly with:

- The Centre of Expertise on Child Sex Abuse
 - The Home Office Borders and Immigration Department
 - The Hydrant Programme (Police response to non-recent CSA investigations)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mr C Miller

Trustee

Date:

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT*****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025***

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Charitable activities	3	95,392	94,887
		<u>95,392</u>	<u>94,887</u>
Total income		<u><u>95,392</u></u>	<u><u>94,887</u></u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	81,720	79,571
Other expenditure	8	950	3,000
		<u>82,670</u>	<u>82,571</u>
Total expenditure		<u><u>82,670</u></u>	<u><u>82,571</u></u>
Net income and movement in funds		12,722	12,316
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		52,651	40,335
		<u>52,651</u>	<u>40,335</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		<u><u>65,373</u></u>	<u><u>52,651</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		723		-
Current assets					
Debtors	11	45,068		45,020	
Cash at bank and in hand		25,746		17,382	
		<u>70,814</u>		<u>62,402</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(6,164)</u>		<u>(9,751)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>64,650</u>		<u>52,651</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>65,373</u></u>		<u><u>52,651</u></u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	13		<u>65,373</u>		<u>52,651</u>
			<u><u>65,373</u></u>		<u><u>52,651</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on

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Mr C Miller
Trustee

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Ms A Cutler
Trustee

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Association of Safeguarding Partners is an unincorporated entity established under a trust deed dated 28 November 2019. The charity's correspondence address is 36 Stock Lane, Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5ED.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations, but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****1 Accounting policies****(Continued)*****Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Charitable income		
Sale of goods	81,833	76,508
Other charitable income		
Ancillary trading income	13,559	18,379
	<u>95,392</u>	<u>94,887</u>

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****4 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	53,466	55,433
Depreciation and impairment	82	-
Insurance	404	380
Advertising	575	480
Professional mfees	16,807	12,600
Accountancy	2,844	2,856
Computer	4,790	6,241
Telephone	924	884
Printing, postage and stationery	207	375
Sundry	-	101
Travel	1,621	202
Bank charges	-	19
	<u>81,720</u>	<u>79,571</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>81,720</u>	<u>79,571</u>

5 Net movement in funds

2025 £	2024 £
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The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	-	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	82	-
	<u>82</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Trustees

During the year the charity paid £11,925 to Via Volenti Ltd, a company in which Chris Miller has a material interest. Payment was made for bona fide services rendered.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2025 Number	2024 Number
1	2
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****7 Employees (Continued)**

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	53,466	55,433
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Bad debts	950	3,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Tangible fixed assets

Cost	Fixtures and fittings
	£
Additions	805
At 31 March 2025	<u>805</u>
Depreciation and impairment	
Depreciation charged in the year	82
At 31 March 2025	<u>82</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	<u>723</u>
	<u> </u>

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****11 Debtors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	43,577	45,020
Prepayments and accrued income	1,491	-
	<u>45,068</u>	<u>45,020</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,782	-
Trade creditors	-	6,000
Other creditors	704	691
Accruals and deferred income	3,678	3,060
	<u>6,164</u>	<u>9,751</u>

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>52,651</u>	<u>95,392</u>	<u>(82,670)</u>	<u>65,373</u>
Previous year:				
	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>40,335</u>	<u>94,887</u>	<u>(82,571)</u>	<u>52,651</u>

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Background

The Charity was formed in November 2019 as a successor body to the Association of Independent LSCB Chairs (AILC). AILC performed a similar function to that now carried by the Charity but as a company limited by guarantee.

TASP wishes to be a substantial influencing voice for safeguarding which represents and helps to develop the views of its members, while working to safeguard children and the vulnerable. To achieve this the Charity seeks to attract members from a wide range of safeguarding backgrounds.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to improve safeguarding structures and safeguarding understanding within and between organisations whose people or activities bring them into contact with children or vulnerable adults. They also act as a voice for the safeguarding workforce so that concerns and developments can be communicated and escalated.

The Charity's objects are:

To promote for public-benefit the safeguarding of children and vulnerable people by:

- Supporting the different forms of partnerships that exist to coordinate and ensure the effectiveness of joint working arrangements to protect vulnerable people.
- Encouraging the enhancement of the skills and roles of those who take part in safeguarding partnerships.
- Helping partnerships and partners to set standards, achieve effective scrutiny that results in learning and assurance which has a positive impact.
- Promoting a shared and a consistent approach to safeguarding partnerships.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The charity has performed well during the year

Financial review

The charity aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure it is able to meet any financial obligations as they fall due. The charity is currently undergoing a re-structuring of its operations and the trustees are of the opinion the charity is well on course to meeting its aims in the short to medium term.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on the following pages. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with their related notes. A summary of the financial results and the work of the charity is set out below. In the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the future prospects for the Charity are considered satisfactory.

The Trustees report a successful year in relation to our continued goal of growing into a strong and relevant safeguarding association.

We believe that we are helping to improve safeguarding knowledge and skills for those who belong to or work with our organisation.

We are currently in a reasonably strong position in relation to our finances and more importantly our growing reputation and footprint. We hope the members can see how their vision which we encapsulate is taking shape.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was registered on 28 November 2019.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr R Burrows	(Resigned 31 December 2023)
Ms M Gresswell	(Resigned 31 December 2023)
Ms S Kirkley	
Mr C Miller	
Mr N Afzal	(Resigned 31 December 2023)
Ms A Weir	
Dr D Hodes	(Resigned 31 December 2023)
Ms A Cutler	
Ms N Patel	
Ms J Pearce	
Ms D Mistry	(Appointed 1 January 2024)
Ms L Brown	(Appointed 1 January 2024)
Ms A Lorek	(Appointed 1 January 2024)
Mr D Goosey	(Appointed 1 January 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Membership developments

Statutory Partnerships

There are 139 statutory safeguarding children partnerships / sets of arrangements in England (as at 31/3/24). In addition, there are myriad bodies, whose remit is to safeguard the vulnerable in sports, religious and charitable settings.

Our goal is to have as members at least 75% of statutory partnerships and as many other non- statutory organisations as feel that TASP is a place of support and advice for them.

In our first year we had 73 statutory safeguarding partnerships members. We have now 105.(Figure 1) Our aspiration, when we formed, was to be able to say with confidence that we could reasonably be considered an organisation that represents safeguarding partnerships. With 76% now on board we believe that is a claim we can make with confidence.

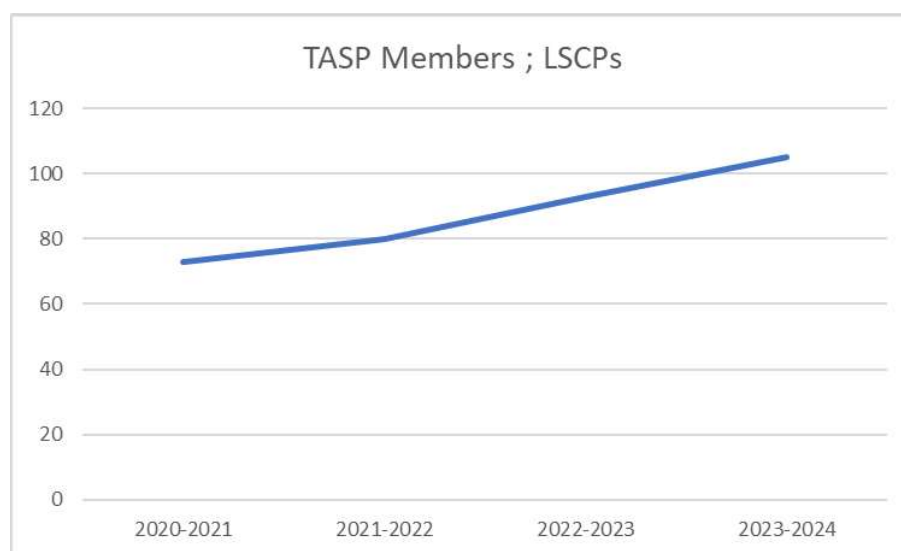


Figure 1

Third Sector organisations and other bodies (corporate and incorporate)

We continue to explore opportunities with other non-statutory and non-safeguarding specific bodies as to how we can support them and how we can work with each other. We now have seven such members

Individuals

There are many individuals, involved in safeguarding who would value the opportunity to belong to an association that provides them with peer support, advice and networking.

We also have a goal to have individuals as members. This remains an emerging area for engagement and development. We have 4 individual members who have actively sought subscription.

Activities

Webinars and Podcasts

The principal activity of the Charity since its inception has been the hosting of webinars. Using a professional facilitator, we run a minimum of 10 webinars a year. This year we attracted an average of 87 attendees per webinar which is similar to 2022-2023 when there were 93 .

Our webinars cover a wide variety of topics and this year we covered subjects as wide as the Children's Commissioner's vision for the UK's children to the safeguarding implication for children of imprisoned parents and separately how grandparents can play a vital role in safeguarding their grand- children.

The webinars are recorded and are available on our website. (<https://www.theasp.org.uk>)

We also have a small number of podcasts , which have been produced occasionally as a follow up to our webinars.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Website

Our website is a repository for a range of material generated through webinars and posted by members and other organisations. We also have a vacancies section which enables those seeking experienced domain experts to access the right people directly.

We realise that our website could do with a refresh and later this year we will be appointing a new member of staff to develop its look and functionality and to improve the material available to members and the wider public.

Work with Kings College London and Others

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) launched an invitation to bid for a 2-year research project on evaluating the multi-agency child safeguarding reforms and TASP has partnered with Kings College London, University of Bedfordshire & Camden Safeguarding Children Partnership to complete this project (also in collaboration with Family Rights Group & Association of Child Protection Professionals). The aim of the project is to provide evidence about what makes LSCPs effective and provide a framework for LSCPs to use for monitoring, evaluation and learning. For full details and up to date status reports, you can see our website at www.theasp.org.uk/MACS.

The Business Managers' Forum

Business managers in a local partnership safeguarding setting are vital to ensuring quality outcomes for children. They are a highly skilled group of staff, who, because of the nature of their work can be isolated. The Charity has run a series of forums for business managers to provide opportunities for support and the sharing of good practice and emerging issues. These are very popular events, with an average of 35 attendees at our monthly sessions.

The Independent Scrutineers' Support Network

We launched this support network in 2023 and had 3 meetings up to the end of the performance year, with an average attendance of 28. Like the business managers group this forum is run by scrutineers and its agenda is determined by the needs of the group. Its aim is to develop a series of materials that will enable scrutineers to learn from each other, get a sense of best practice and instil confidence in the sector. It has, to date, produced an Independent Scrutineer Induction Pack and launched a task and finish group to establish an online Independent Scrutineer Register in the next year.

Wider networks and Engagement Plans for next year

We continue to seek opportunities for conversations with the wider safeguarding community to enable us to develop our voice as a safeguarding domain expert and establish its presence where it can have influence.

TASP meets on a regular basis with ADCS. We also keep in regular contact with the Safeguarding Reform Facilitators and the Archbishops' Council

We began a programme of outreach in the latter part of the year which is intended to enable us to represent members in a range of Government settings. To that end we have begun to have regular meetings with

- Department for Education
- The National Policing Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme
- The National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and
- Children at the Table

The focus for this engagement is to enable TASP to demonstrate that it can be an important partner to any organisation who wants to consult on future safeguarding plans or wants to communicate important safeguarding information. We want to be a helpful influencer who works hard for children while representing the views of the safeguarding workforce

We also want to ensure that our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion is strengthened in the coming year and with an additional member of staff soon to be in post this is an area where we can improve our focus and reach.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Child Protection

In March we hosted an event with a number of LSCP partners and industry experts at Tech UK where we explored how the development of AI offered possibilities for partnerships to improve their decision making in relation to child safeguarding.

We are now currently working with these tech developers and some Local Authorities and a significant children's charity to see whether we can develop a tool which will enhance information gathering and analysis and thereby improve the understanding of real time risk to children.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr C Miller
Trustee

Date:18 Dec 2024.....

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Association of Safeguarding Partners (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

David Bailey FCA
Afford Bond Holdings Limited



31 Wellington Road
Nantwich
Cheshire
CW5 7ED

Dated:~~18~~ Dec 2024

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	-	598
Charitable activities	4	94,887	77,496
Total income		<u>94,887</u>	<u>78,094</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	79,571	67,021
Other expenditure	9	3,000	-
Total expenditure		<u>82,571</u>	<u>67,021</u>
Net income and movement in funds		<u>12,316</u>	<u>11,073</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>40,335</u>	<u>29,262</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u>52,651</u>	<u>40,335</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	45,020		39,587	
Cash at bank and in hand		17,382		8,316	
		<u>62,402</u>		<u>47,903</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(9,751)		(7,568)	
Net current assets			52,651		40,335
Net assets excluding pension liability			52,651		40,335
			<u>=====</u>		<u>=====</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			52,651		40,335
			<u>52,651</u>		<u>40,335</u>
			<u>=====</u>		<u>=====</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on ..18.Dec.2024..



Mr C Miller
Trustee


Ms A Cutler
Trustee

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Association of Safeguarding Partners is an unincorporated entity established under a trust deed dated 28 November 2019. The charity's correspondence address is 36 Stock Lane, Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5ED.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	-	598

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Charitable income		
Member subscriptions	76,508	71,872
Other charitable income		
Other income	18,379	5,624
	<u>94,887</u>	<u>77,496</u>

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	55,433	44,136
Insurances	380	370
Advertising	480	-
Professional fees	12,600	10,290
Accountancy	2,856	2,850
Computer expenses	6,241	8,066
Telephone	884	719
Printing, postage and stationery	375	590
Sundry expenses	101	-
Travel and accommodation	202	-
Bank charges	19	-
	<u>79,571</u>	<u>67,021</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>79,571</u>	<u>67,021</u>

6 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Employment costs		
	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Wages and salaries	<u>55,433</u>	<u>44,136</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Bad debt write off	3,000	-

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	45,020	39,045
Prepayments and accrued income	-	542
	<u>45,020</u>	<u>39,587</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	6,000	3,000
Other creditors	691	889
Accruals and deferred income	3,060	3,679
	<u>9,751</u>	<u>7,568</u>

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	40,335	94,887	(82,571)	52,651
	<u>40,335</u>	<u>94,887</u>	<u>(82,571)</u>	<u>52,651</u>
Previous year:				
	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	29,262	78,094	(67,021)	40,335
	<u>29,262</u>	<u>78,094</u>	<u>(67,021)</u>	<u>40,335</u>

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

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THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

Charity no: 1186634

Report and Financial Statements

For the period ended 31 March 2023

The Association Of Safeguarding Partners

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**The Association of Safeguarding Partners
Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2023 to comply with the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, effective from 1 January 2015, together with Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Legal and Administration Information

Trustees:	Elected / Appointed	Date of appointment
Richard Burrows	Elected	01 December 2021
Marie Gresswell	Elected	01 December 2022
Sue Kirkley	Elected	01 December 2022
Christopher Miller	Elected	01 December 2022
Nazir Afzal	Appointed	16 September 2021
Amy Weir	Elected	16 September 2021
Dr Deborah Hodes	Appointed	16 September 2021
Alison Cutler	Elected	16 September 2021
Nasima Patel	Appointed	02 January 2021
Jenny Pearce	Appointed	01 September 2020

Principal Office:

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CW2 5ED

Accountants:

Afford Bond Holdings Limited
Chartered Accountants
31 Wellington Road
Nantwich
Cheshire
CW57ED

**The Association of Safeguarding Partners
Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2023**

Reference and Administration Information

The Association of Safeguarding Partners ("the Charity") is registered on 28 November 2019 with the Charity Commission under the Charities Acts 2011 (No. 1186634).

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 1 December 2019 (last amended) with the approval of The Charity Commission.

The policy and general management of the Charity is directed by a Board of Trustees. The Charity trustees comprise of combination of appointed and elected Trustees and at our Annual General Meeting one third of elected trustees will be elected; each elected trustee serving a term of three years in turn.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare statement of accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that purpose.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Governance and internal control

Organisational Management

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems of control, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities, and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable; and that the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

- The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

They include:

- Strategic Plan and Annual Budget approved by the trustees.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance of budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews.
- Delegation of authorities and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Through the risk management established for the Charity, the Trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

1. Objectives

The Trustees shall hold the Trust fund, and its income, upon trust, to apply them for the following objects:

To promote for public-benefit the safeguarding of children and vulnerable people by:

- Supporting the different forms of partnerships that exist to coordinate and ensure the effectiveness of joint working arrangements to protect vulnerable people.
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2. Background

2.1 The Charity was formed in November 2019 as a successor body to the Association of Independent LSCB Chairs – (“AILC”). AILC performed a similar function to that now carried by the Charity but as a company limited by guarantee.

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3. Membership developments

3.1 Statutory Partnerships

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3.1.2 Our goal is to have as members, at least 75% of statutory partnerships and as many other non-statutory organisations and feel that TASP is a place of support and advice for them.

3.1.3 In our first year we had 73 statutory safeguarding partnerships as members (56%). At the end of our second we had 80 members (59%) At the end of this third year we now have 86 members (63%).

3.2. Third Sector organisations and other bodies (corporate and incorporate)

3.2.1 We continue to explore opportunities with other non-statutory and non-safeguarding specific bodies as to how we can support them and how we can work with each other. We now have 8 such members.

3.3 Individuals

3.3.1 There are many individuals, involved in safeguarding who would value the opportunity to belong to an association that provides them with peer support, advice and networking.

3.3.2 We also have a goal to have individuals as members. This remains an emerging area for engagement and development.

4. **Activities**

4.1 Webinars and Podcasts

4.1.1 The principal activity of the Charity since its inception has been the hosting of webinars. Using a professional facilitator, the Charity in the past year has run 10 free webinars, which have attracted up to 250 attendees.

4.1.2 They have covered a wide range of subjects and we have been able to attract a series of high profile and expert speakers. The webinars have been recorded and are available on the Charity website (<https://www.theasp.org.uk>)

4.1.3 The webinar programme is supported by a reference group, who are able to ensure that content is pitched at the right level and covers the right subjects.

4.1.4 We also have a small number of podcasts, which have been produced occasionally as a follow up to our webinars.



4.2 Website

4.2.1 Our website is a repository for a range of material generated through webinars and posted by members and other organisations. We also have a vacancies section which enables those seeking experienced domain experts to access the right people directly.

4.3 Work with Kings College London and Others

4.3.1 The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) launched an invitation to bid for a 2-year research project on evaluating the multi-agency child safeguarding reforms and TASP has partnered with Kings College London, University of Bedfordshire & Camden Safeguarding Children Partnership to complete this project (also in collaboration with Family Rights Group & Association of Child Protection Professionals). The aim of the project is to provide evidence about what makes LSCPs effective. For full details and up to date status reports, you can see our website at www.theasp.org.uk/MACS

4.4 The Business Managers' Network

4.4.1 Business Managers in a local partnership safeguarding setting are vital to ensuring quality outcomes for children. They are a highly skilled group of staff, who because of the nature of their work can be isolated. The Charity has runs a dedicated Network for business managers to provide opportunities for support and the sharing of good practice and emerging issues. These are very popular events, with up to 50 attendees at our monthly sessions. The charity also supports this network with a dedicated area on the website for shared resources and commentary at www.theasp.org.uk/BMNetworks

5. **Wider networks**

5.1 The Charity has welcomed a range of representatives from Government and from the National Panel¹. TASP has also been a part of the IICSA Changemakers' Group.²

5.2 The Charity continues to work closely with the Government's sector appointed facilitators.

5.3 An important part of these conversations with the wider safeguarding community is to enable the Charity to develop its voice and presence and how and on what basis future relationship with government might be developed.

5.4 TASP meets on a regular basis with ADCS and DfE. We keep in regular contact with the Safeguarding Reform Facilitators and the Archbishops Council (who are both also TASP members) and have built relationships with Kijiji (a not-for-profit membership association focused on helping Black Safeguarding Professionals) and the National SAB chairs network, amongst other ongoing conversations and relationships. TASP is also member

¹ The Child Safeguarding Practice Safeguarding Review Panel

² <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/iicsa-changemakers/>

of the Youth Custody Service Safeguarding Continuous Improvement Board, We actively encourage joint working with all individuals and organisations working in the space of safeguarding.

6. Plans for next year

6.1 We are committed to developing our offering to members and our influence among a wide group of safeguarding stakeholders. Our webinars will continue to be a focus for our work, but as Covid restrictions have become less onerous we are keen to explore the value of some face-to-face networking and engagement.

6.2 Scrutineers' Group

6.2.1 The Business Manager's Group has demonstrated the value of a specific interest group and in the next twelve months we intend to launch a scrutineer's group.

7. Financial Review

7.1 The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on the following pages. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with their related notes. A summary of the financial results and the work of the charity is set out below. In the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the future prospects for the Charity are considered satisfactory.

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8. Reserves Policy

8.1 The Charity had cash at the bank totaling £8,316 at the balance sheet and total unrestricted reserves of £40,336; these funds are held in order to fund charitable activities and meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur. We aim to strengthen this position going forward.

Approved by the Trustees on 17 Jan 2024... and signed on their behalf by:



Mr C Miller



Mr R Burrows

**Independent Examiners Report to the Board of Trustees on the Unaudited Accounts of
The Association of Safeguarding Partners
For the period ended 31 March 2023**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Association of Safeguarding Partners (registered charity number 1186634) for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 2011 Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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Chartered Accountants
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David Bailey.....

17 Jan 2024

The Association of Safeguarding Partners

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	General Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from Charitable Activities					
Fees		77,496	-	77,496	67,766
Donations		598	-	598	1,446
Total Income		78,094	-	78,094	69,212
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
	2	64,171	-	64,171	63,142
Governance	3	2,850	-	2,850	2,646
Total resources expended		67,021	-	67,021	65,788
Net incoming resources		11,073	-	11,073	3,424
Net movements in funds		11,073	-	11,073	3,424
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		29,263	-	29,263	25,839
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		40,336	-	40,336	29,263

The Association of Safeguarding Partners

**Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	6	39,587		32,819	
Cash at bank and in hand		8,316		7,104	
		47,903		39,923	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(7,567)		(10,660)	
Net current assets			40,336		29,263
Net assets			40,336		29,263
Represented by:					
Funds:					
Unrestricted funds			40,336		29,263
Total funds			40,336		29,263

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS102”). The disclosure of section 1A of FRS102 have been applied.

Approved by the Trustees on 17 Jan 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


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Mr C Miller


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Mr R Burrows

The Association of Safeguarding Partners

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, unless otherwise stated, and in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102), second edition issued October 2019, effective from 1 January 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Charity does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The significant accounting policies applied in the presentation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees and furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for time donated by volunteers in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

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Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023

1.4 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Expenditure on charitable activities are those costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities for the furtherance of its aims and objectives for the benefit of its beneficiaries and include support costs and costs relating to the governance and administration of the charity

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities, including personnel, finance, administration and governance costs. Where support costs are unable to be directly attributed to particular activity headings they are allocated between the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Where applicable, the basis of apportionment is stated in the analysis of support costs.

1.5 Debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discounts offered. Provisions arise where, at the balance sheet date, the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event which is probable to result in an outflow of economic benefits and the amount due to settle the obligation can be reliably estimated. Losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.6 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has basic financial assets and liabilities. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023

2. Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Staff costs	5	44,136	-	44,136
Computer costs		8,066	-	8,066
Postage and stationery		590	-	590
Professional fees		10,290	-	10,290
Insurance		370	-	370
Telephone		719	-	719
		64,171	-	64,171
		64,171	-	64,171

3. Governance of the charity

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Accountancy	4	2,850	-	2,850
Bank interest and charges		-	-	-
		2,850	-	2,850
		2,850	-	2,850

Trustees remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration, other benefits or re-imbursment of expenses from the Charity during the year.

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Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023

4. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examination fee	450	450
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	2,400	2,196
	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,646</u>

5. Staff Costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	40,448	39,457
Pension costs	3,688	3,049
	<u>44,136</u>	<u>42,506</u>

The average monthly number of employees and full-time equivalent employees during the period was 1. An employee spends part of their time working for the charitable activities of the charitable company but is also involved with governance. No employees received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

6. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors - Subscriptions	39,045	32,819
Prepayments	542	-
	<u>39,587</u>	<u>32,819</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,000	3,817
Accruals and deferred income	3,679	2,646
PAYE creditor	-	3,825
Pension creditor	888	372
	<u>7,567</u>	<u>10,660</u>

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

All funds are unrestricted.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

England & Wales - Charity number 1186634

Accounts

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

Charity no: 1186634

Report and Financial Statements

For the period ended 31 March 2022

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**The Association Of Safeguarding Partners
Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2021 to comply with the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, effective from 1 January 2015, together with Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Legal and Administration Information

Trustees:

Nasima Patel

Jenny Pearce

Christopher Miller MA	Appointed	01 December 2022
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Marie Gresswell	Appointed	01 December 2022
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Sue Kirkley	Appointed	01 December 2022
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Richard Burrows

Nazir Afzal	Appointed	16 September 2021
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Dr Deborah Hodes	Appointed	16 September 2021
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Alison Cutler	Appointed	16 September 2021
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Amy Weir	Appointed	16 September 2021
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Principal Office:

9 Herrington Avenue

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Accountants:

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Chartered Accountants

31 Wellington Road

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**The Association Of Safeguarding Partners
Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2022**

Reference and Administration Information

The Association of Safeguarding Partners (“the Charity”) is registered on 28 November 2019 with the Charity Commission under the Charities Acts 2011 (No. 1186634).

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 1 December 2019 (last amended) with the approval of The Charity Commission.

The policy and general management of the Charity is directed by a Board of Trustees. The Charity trustees comprise of combination of appointed and elected Trustees and at our Annual General Meeting one third of elected trustees will be elected; each elected trustee serving a term of three years in turn.

Trustees’ Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare statement of accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that purpose.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Governance and internal control

Organisational Management

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems of control, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities, and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable; and that the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.
- The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute,

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assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- Strategic Plan and Annual Budget approved by the trustees.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance of budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews.
- Delegation of authorities and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Through the risk management established for the Charity, the Trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

Objectives

The Trustees shall hold the Trust fund and its income upon trust to apply them for the following objects:

To promote for public-benefit the safeguarding of children and vulnerable people by:

- Supporting the different forms of partnerships that exist to coordinate and ensure the effectiveness of joint working arrangements to protect vulnerable people.
- Encouraging the enhancement of the skills and roles of those who take part in safeguarding partnerships.
- Helping partnerships and partners to set standards, achieve effective scrutiny that results in learning and assurance which has a positive impact.
- Promoting a shared and a consistent approach to safeguarding partnerships.

Overview of the year

The Charity was formed in November 2019. Prior to 2019, a predecessor body, known as the Association of Independent LSCB Chairs – (“AILC”) performed a similar function to that now carried by the Charity but as a company limited by guarantee.

TASP wishes to be a substantial influencing voice for safeguarding which represents and helps to develop the views of its members, while working to safeguard children and the vulnerable. To achieve this the Charity seeks to attract members from a wide range of safeguarding backgrounds.

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Membership developments

Statutory Partnerships

There are 137 statutory safeguarding children partnerships / sets of arrangements in England. In addition, there are myriad bodies, whose remit is to safeguard the vulnerable in sports, religious and charitable settings. Our medium-term goal is to have as members at least 75% of statutory partnerships and as many other non-statutory organisations as feel that TASP is a place of support and advice for them.

In our first year we had 73 statutory safeguarding partnerships as members (53%) At the end of our second, we had 80 (59%)

Third Sector organisations

We continue to explore opportunities with other non-statutory and non-safeguarding specific bodies (e.g. the MoD, a government cohort of Reform Facilitators and For Baby's Sake Trust as well as some Local Safeguarding Boards in Crown Dependencies) how we can support them and how we can work with each other. At the end of March 2022, we had six such members.

Individuals

There are many individuals, involved in safeguarding who would value the opportunity to belong to an association that provides them with peer support, advice, and networking.

We also have a goal to have individuals as members. This remains an emerging area for engagement and development. At the end of March 2022, we have two individual members.

Activities

Webinars and Podcasts

The principal activity of the Charity since its inception has been the hosting of webinars. Using a professional facilitator, the Charity has run 29 free webinars, which have attracted between 100 and 300 attendees. TASP also experimented with a few Podcast (as a follow-up to popular webinars which were left with further considerations). We intend to extend and experiment further with the format and structures of these events.

They have covered a wide range of subjects and we have been able to attract a series of high profile and expert speakers. The webinars have been recorded and are available to members on the Charity website (<https://www.theasp.org.uk/webinars>)

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Business managers in a local partnership safeguarding setting are vital to ensuring quality outcomes for children. They are a highly skilled group of staff, who because of the nature of their work can be isolated. The Charity has run a series of forums for business managers to provide opportunities for support and the sharing of good practice and emerging issues. As at 31 March 2022, TASP has run 11 of these events and they have proved to be very popular.

Working with Kings College London

TASP has continued its relationship with Kings College London. Jointly supporting a symposium for the three government departments, DfE, Home Office and DHSC, coordinating keynotes from a range of Safeguarding leaders. We also committed to applying for joint funding with Kings College, from National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) for a research project to design an evaluation framework of the new multi-agency child safeguarding reforms.

Joint work with Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme and The Safer Young Lives Research Centre at the University of Bedfordshire.

TASP worked on a joint consultation on Independent Scrutiny arrangements with local Safeguarding Partnerships, to be completed in the latter half of 2022.

Wider networks

The Charity has welcomed representatives of Government Departments and over the year has had an ongoing dialogue with the Departments of Education, Health and Social Care and the Home Office. We have been able to contribute to significant developments around violence reduction, domestic abuse, child sexual abuse and the safeguarding reforms, representing and sharing the safeguarding partnership perspective. An important part of these conversations has been to determine as the Charity develops its vision and presence, how and on what basis future relationship with government might be developed, this remains an ongoing dialogue.

The Charity has welcomed representatives of Government Departments. We also met with Josh McAllister and contributed to his stakeholder engagement in relation to his review of children social care.

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Safeguarding reform has been high on central Governments agenda for several years now. The Charity continues to work closely with the sector appointed coordinators. This has resulted in sharing and cross sector collaboration.

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Plans for next year

We are committed to developing our offering to members and our influence among a wide group of safeguarding stakeholders. Our webinars will continue to be a focus for our work, but as Covid restrictions become less onerous we are keen to explore the value of some face-to-face networking and engagement.

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Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Christopher j Miller

Christopher Miller (Feb 1, 2023, 11:55am)



Richard Burrows (Feb 6, 2023, 3:37pm)

01 Feb 2023

Mr C Miller

Mr R Burrows

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David Bailey (Feb 6, 2023, 3:49pm).

06 Feb 2023

The Association of Safeguarding Partners

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes Fund	General Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from Charitable Activities					
Fees		67,766	-	67,766	71,156
Donations		1,446	-	1,446	15,837
Total Income		<u>69,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,212</u>	<u>86,993</u>
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
	2	63,142	-	63,142	58,629
Governance	3	2,646	-	2,646	2,525
Total resources expended		<u>65,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,788</u>	<u>61,154</u>
Net incoming resources		<u>3,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,424</u>	<u>25,839</u>
Net movements in funds		<u>3,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,424</u>	<u>25,839</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		<u>25,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,839</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		<u><u>29,263</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>29,263</u></u>	<u><u>25,839</u></u>

The Association of Safeguarding Partners

**Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2022**

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
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Cash at bank and in hand		7,104		13,227	
		39,923		32,330	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(10,660)		(6,491)	
Net current assets			29,263		25,839
Net assets			29,263		25,839
Represented by:					
Funds:					
Unrestricted funds			29,263		25,839
Total funds			29,263		25,839

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS102”). The disclosure of section 1A of FRS102 have been applied.

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

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Richard LK Burrows

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The Association of Safeguarding Partners

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, unless otherwise stated, and in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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The Charity does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

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1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees and furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for time donated by volunteers in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

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1.4 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Expenditure on charitable activities are those costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities for the furtherance of its aims and objectives for the benefit of its beneficiaries and include support costs and costs relating to the governance and administration of the charity

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities, including personnel, finance, administration and governance costs. Where support costs are unable to be directly attributed to particular activity headings they are allocated between the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Where applicable, the basis of apportionment is stated in the analysis of support costs.

1.5 Debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discounts offered. Provisions arise where, at the balance sheet date, the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event which is probable to result in an outflow of economic benefits and the amount due to settle the obligation can be reliably estimated. Losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.6 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has basic financial assets and liabilities. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2022

2. Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Staff costs (note 5)	42,506	-	42,506
Computer costs	4,613	-	4,613
Postage and stationery	636	-	636
Professional fees	14,384	-	14,384
Insurance	356	-	356
Advertising	-	-	-
Telephone	647	-	647
	<u>63,142</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,142</u>

3. Governance of the charity

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Accountancy	2,646	-	2,646
Bank interest and charges	-	-	-
	<u>2,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,646</u>

Trustees remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration, other benefits or re-imbursement of expenses from the Charity during the year.

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Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2022

4. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examination fee	450	450
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	2,196	2,070
	<u>2,646</u>	<u>2,520</u>

5. Staff Costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	39,457	34,080
Pension costs	3,049	2,756
	<u>42,506</u>	<u>36,836</u>

The average monthly number of employees and full-time equivalent employees during the period was 1. An employee spends part of their time working for the charitable activities of the charitable company but is also involved with governance. No employees received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

6. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors - Subscriptions	32,819	19,103
	<u>32,819</u>	<u>19,103</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2022

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,646	2,520
PAYE creditor	3,825	-
Pension creditor	372	2,265
Trade creditors	3,817	1,706
	<u>10,660</u>	<u>6,491</u>

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

All funds are unrestricted.

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

England & Wales - Charity number 1186634

Accounts

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

Charity no: 1186634

Report and Financial Statements

For the period ended 31 March 2021

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**The Association Of Safeguarding Partners
Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2021**

The trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2021 to comply with the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, effective from 1 January 2015, together with Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Legal and Administration Information

Trustees:

Nasima Patel

Jenny Pearce

Christopher Miller MA

Richard Burrows

Principal Office:

9 Herrington Avenue

London

N11 3LR

Accountants:

Afford Bond Holdings Limited

Chartered Accountants

31 Wellington Road

Nantwich

Cheshire

CW5 7ED

**The Association Of Safeguarding Partners
Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2021**

Reference and Administration Information

The Association of Safeguarding Partners ("the Charity") is registered on 28 November 2019 with the Charity Commission under the Charities Acts 2011 (No. 1186634).

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 1 December 2019 (last amended) with the approval of The Charity Commission.

The policy and general management of the Charity is directed by a Board of Trustees. The Charity trustees comprise of combination of appointed and elected Trustees and at our Annual General Meeting one third of elected trustees will be elected; each elected trustee serving a term of three years in turn.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare statement of accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that purpose.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

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Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2021**

Governance and internal control

Organisational Management

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems of control, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities, and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable; and that the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.
- The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:
- Strategic Plan and Annual Budget approved by the trustees.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance of budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews.
- Delegation of authorities and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Through the risk management established for the Charity, the Trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

Objectives

The Trustees shall hold the Trust fund and it's income upon trust to apply them for the following objects:

**The Association Of Safeguarding Partners
Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2021**

The Association of Safeguarding Partners is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered on 28 November 2019 under the charity number 1186634.

The Charity's objects are:

To promote for public-benefit the safeguarding of children and vulnerable people by:

- Supporting the different forms of partnerships that exist to coordinate and ensure the effectiveness of joint working arrangements to protect vulnerable people.
- Encouraging the enhancement of the skills and roles of those who take part in safeguarding partnerships.
- Helping partnerships and partners to set standards, achieve effective scrutiny that results in learning and assurance which has a positive impact.
- Promoting a shared and a consistent approach to safeguarding partnerships.

Overview of the year

The Charity was formed in November 2019. Prior to 2019, a predecessor body, known as the Association of Independent LSCB Chairs – ("AIRC") performed a similar function to that now carried by the Charity.

AIRC was an association of statutory office holders (Local Independent Safeguarding Children Board LSCB Chairs) which supported those Chairs in their role of coordinating what statutory organisations did locally in protecting children and promoting their welfare.

Statutory safeguarding boards and the role of LSCB chair were dissolved in 2019. Those involved in safeguarding expressed a continuing need for a national body which could support local safeguarding arrangements and be a vehicle for spreading good practice.

To achieve those ends the Charity seeks to attract members from a wide range of safeguarding backgrounds. Its aim is to become an authoritative and dependable voice for safeguarding, which supports those who protect the vulnerable, while advising and informing those who govern them.

Membership developments

There are 131 statutory safeguarding children partnerships / sets of arrangements in England. In addition, there are myriad bodies, whose remit is to safeguard the vulnerable in sports, religious and charitable settings.

Our goal is to have as members at least 75% of statutory partnerships and as many other non-statutory organisations as feel that TASP is a place of support and advice for them.

While all organisations promoting safeguarding are important, we have in our first year concentrated on developing our membership among statutory partnerships. We now have 73 statutory members – 56%.

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Third Sector organisations

We have also begun to explore with non-statutory bodies how we can support them and how they can contribute to the Charity and we now have one charity as a member.

Individuals

There are many individuals, involved in safeguarding who would value the opportunity to belong to an association that provides them with peer support, advice and networking.

We also have a goal to have individuals as members. Our focus in the first 12 months of our existence has been the support of Statutory Partnership members. However, over the next twelve months we will work towards the development of an individual membership offer. In anticipation of that being fully worked through we have already been joined by two individual members and we trust that there will soon be many more.

Activities

Webinars

The principle activity of the Charity since its inception has been the hosting of webinars. Using a professional facilitator the Charity has run 17 free webinars, which have attracted between 100 and 300 attendees.

They have covered a wide range of subjects and we have been able to attract a series of high profile and expert speakers. The webinars have been recorded and are available on the Charity website (<https://www.theasp.org.uk>)

Working with Kings College

Shortly after the pandemic struck, we worked with Kings College London to conduct research into how safeguarding strategies at a local level coped with new ways of working. The early findings of this can be found here ; <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/research/protecting-children-at-a-distance>

Working with Sir Alan Wood

We hosted two webinars where we were able to contribute to and question Sir Alan Wood as he wrote his review of safeguarding reform and then after he had published.

Our contribution was well received and appropriately referenced in his final report.

Working with For Baby's Sake Trust (FBS)

FBS is a charity which has done pioneering work in helping families with infant children where domestic abuse is a feature of the parents' lives. FBS has developed some engagement tools and which can help a range of professionals. TASP ran a bespoke webinar, which had 400 registrants to discuss and publicise these tools.

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The Business Managers' Forum

Business managers in a local partnership safeguarding setting are vital to ensuring quality outcomes for children. They are a highly skilled group of staff, who because of the nature of their work can be isolated. The Charity has run a series of forums for business managers to provide opportunities for support and the sharing of good practice and emerging issues.

Wider networks

The Charity has welcomed representatives of Government Departments and over the year has had an ongoing dialogue with the Departments of Education, Health and Social Care and the Home Office. We have been able to contribute to significant developments around violence reduction, domestic abuse, child sexual abuse and the safeguarding reforms, representing and sharing the safeguarding partnership perspective. An important part of these conversations has been to determine as the Charity develops its vision and presence, how and on what basis future relationship with government might be developed, this remains an ongoing dialogue.

In the context of safeguarding reforms the Charity has worked closely with the sector appointed coordinators which has resulted in sharing and cross sector collaboration.

We have developed good working relationships with a range of senior stakeholders and are delighted to have worked alongside or to have welcomed to our webinars representatives of the National Police Chief's Council, The (national) Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, the Department for Education and the Church of England Safeguarding Panel and many others.

Plans for next year

We, at the Charity are committed to developing its relevance for all those involved in safeguarding and we are aware that we have opportunities to develop our website as a repository of learning and information.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on the following pages. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with their related notes. A summary of the financial results and the work of the charity is set out below. In the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the future prospects for the Charity are considered satisfactory.

The Trustees are pleased to report a successful year in relation to our goal of growing into a strong and relevant safeguarding association. We believe that we will help achieve our aim of improving safeguarding knowledge and skills for those who belong to or work with our organisation. We believe that we have made a good start against the backdrop of the law change in 2019, which dissolved safeguarding boards and which was followed by the onset of Covid 19. Our aim is steady growth in numbers and influence and we hope that our members can see that happening.

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Reserves Policy

The Charity had cash at the bank totaling £13,227 at the balance sheet and total unrestricted reserves of £25,839; these funds are held in order to fund charitable activities and meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur. We aim to strengthen this position going forward.

Approved by the Trustees on ...16/08/21... and signed on their behalf by:



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Mr C Miller



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Mr R Burrows

**Independent Examiners Report to the Board of Trustees on the Unaudited Accounts of
The Association of Safeguarding Partners
For the period ended 31 March 2021**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Association of Safeguarding Partners (registered charity number 1186634) for the period ended 31 March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 2011 Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act. It is my responsibility to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102).

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.

David Bailey BA (Econ) FCA
Afford Bond Holdings Limited
Chartered Accountants
31 Wellington Road, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 7ED



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The Association of Safeguarding Partners

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes Fund	General Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from Charitable Activities				
Fees		71,156	-	71,156
Donations		15,837	-	15,837
Total Income		<u>86,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,993</u>
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	2	58,629	-	58,629
Governance	3	2,525	-	2,525
Total resources expended		<u>61,154</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,154</u>
Net incoming resources		<u>25,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,839</u>
Net movements in funds		<u>25,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,839</u>
Fund balances at 28 November 2019		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		<u><u>25,839</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>25,839</u></u>

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**Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2021**

	Notes	£	2021	£
Current assets				
Debtors	6	19,103		
Cash at bank and in hand		13,227		
		32,330		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(6,491)		
Net current assets				25,839
Net assets				25,839
Represented by:				
Funds:				
Unrestricted funds				25,839
Total funds				25,839

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Approved by the Trustees on 16/08/21 and signed on their behalf by:



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1. Accounting policies

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1.2 Fund accounting

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1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for time donated by volunteers in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

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1.6 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has basic financial assets and liabilities. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

The Association of Safeguarding Partners

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2021

2. Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
Staff costs (note 5)	36,836	-	36,836
Computer costs	7,958	-	7,958
Postage and stationery	679	-	679
Professional fees	11,850	-	11,850
Insurance	124	-	124
Advertising	600	-	600
Telephone	582	-	582
	<u>58,629</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,629</u>

3. Governance of the charity

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Accountancy	2,520	-	2,520
Bank interest and charges	5	-	5
	<u>2,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,525</u>

Trustees remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration, other benefits or re-imbursment of expenses from the Charity during the year.

The Association of Safeguarding Partners

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2021

4. Independent examiner's remuneration	2021
	£
Independent examination fee	450
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	2,070
	<u>2,520</u>

5. Staff Costs	2021
	£
Wages and salaries	34,080
Pension costs	2,756
	<u>36,836</u>

The average monthly number of employees and full-time equivalent employees during the period was 1. An employee spends part of their time working for the charitable activities of the charitable company but is also involved with governance. No employees received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

6. Debtors	2021
	£
Trade debtors - Subscriptions	19,103
	<u>19,103</u>

The Association of Safeguarding Partners

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2021

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021
	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,520
Pension creditor	2,265
Trade creditors	1,706
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	6,491
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8. Analysis of net assets between funds

All funds are unrestricted.

Summary of Other Matters relating to the running of TASP as required by the Charity Commission

Serious Incidents Reported or required to be reported	0
Fundraising	£0
Professional Fund Raiser	None employed
Grant making	None
Central Government Contracts	None
Grant Funding	None received
Income Outside the UK	None
Operations Outside England and Wales	No
Trading Subsidiaries	None
Remuneration to Trustees	None
Trustees Resigning and working for charity	None
Employees earning £60,000 +	None
Highest paid Employee (Gross including NIC and Pension)	£43,380
Volunteers	5
Review of Financial Controls in Year	No