

**THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS**

Charity no: 1186634

**Report and Financial Statements**

For the period ended 31 March 2021

## **The Association Of Safeguarding Partners**

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**The Association Of Safeguarding Partners  
Report of the Trustees  
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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:*

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*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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**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 its income upon trust to apply them for the following objects:

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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.

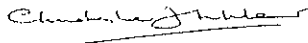


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***Reserves Policy***

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

	Notes Fund	General Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>INCOME RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Incoming resources from Charitable Activities</b>				
Fees		71,156	-	71,156
Donations		15,837	-	15,837
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>86,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,993</u>
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>				
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	2	58,629	-	58,629
Governance	3	2,525	-	2,525
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>61,154</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,154</u>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		<u>25,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,839</u>
<b>Net movements in funds</b>		<u>25,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,839</u>
<b>Fund balances at 28 November 2019</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2021</b>		<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 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	6	19,103	
Cash at bank and in hand		13,227	
		<u>32,330</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	(6,491)	
		<u></u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			25,839
			<u></u>
<b>Net assets</b>			25,839
			<u><u></u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Funds:</b>			
Unrestricted funds			25,839
			<u></u>
<b>Total funds</b>			25,839
			<u><u></u></u>

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 16/08/21 and signed on their behalf by:



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**Mr C Miller**



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**Mr R Burrows**

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

#### **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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#### **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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**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-imbursement of expenses from the Charity during the year.

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**4. Independent examiner's remuneration**

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

**5. Staff Costs**

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
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**

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors - Subscriptions	19,103
	<u>19,103</u>



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**7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
Accruals and deferred income	2,520
Pension creditor	2,265
Trade creditors	1,706
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	<b>6,491</b>
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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