

THE ASSOCIATION OF SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

Charity no: 1186634

Report and Financial Statements

For the period ended 31 March 2022

The Association Of Safeguarding Partners

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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

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| 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

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| 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:

Afford Bond Holdings Limited

Chartered Accountants

31 Wellington Road

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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.

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>)

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.

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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.

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. 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.

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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.

We have also worked with the Anglican Church, various University research departments and people involved in sports safeguarding.

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.

We intend to commit to ongoing research projects in Safeguarding systems and change and will seek opportunities to do so.

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 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 beginning to take shape.

Reserves Policy

The Charity had cash at the bank totaling £7,104 at the balance sheet and total unrestricted reserves of £29,263; 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 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

**Independent Examiners Report to the Board of Trustees on the Unaudited Accounts of
The Association of Safeguarding Partners
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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 2022.

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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David Bailey

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

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**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> |

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Balance sheet As at 31 March 2022

| | Notes | 2022 £ | £ | 2021 £ | £ |
|---|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 6 | 32,819 | | 19,103 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 7,104 | | 13,227 | |
| | | <u>39,923</u> | | <u>32,330</u> | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 7 | (10,660) | | (6,491) | |
| | | <u></u> | | <u></u> | |
| Net current assets | | | 29,263 | | 25,839 |
| Net assets | | | <u>29,263</u> | | <u>25,839</u> |
| Represented by: | | | | | |
| Funds: | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | 29,263 | | 25,839 |
| Total funds | | | <u>29,263</u> | | <u>25,839</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 and signed on their behalf by:

01 Feb 2023

Christopher J Miller

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Richard LK Burrows

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

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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 £.

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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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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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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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 |
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| | 10,660 | 6,491 |
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8. Analysis of net assets between funds

All funds are unrestricted.