

THE SKY PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1186737

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-12-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ON THE ISSUE OF FORCED MARRIAGE AND HONOUR BASED ABUSE THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:(A) DELIVERING TRAINING AND TALKS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND TO PROFESSIONAL BODIES; AND(B) PROVIDING TRAINING TO A PROFESSIONAL STANDARD TO ORGANISATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES THAT FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY.2) TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM, OR WHO ARE AT RISK OF, FORCED MARRIAGE AND HONOUR BASED ABUSE, IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AND SERVICES AND BY CREATING A MULTI-AGENCY NETWORK OF AVAILABLE SERVICES TO INCREASE ACCESS FOR THOSE PEOPLE.

Activities: The Sky Project primarily works to educate and raise awareness of the issues of forced marriage and honour based abuse. We aim to provide training and support to frontline professionals across a wide range of disciplines so that they have the knowledge and background to recognise potential victims, seek the necessary information and support and signpost as early as possible to keep victims safe.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Other Charitable Purposes

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-06-30		£973	£1,406	-	-
2024-06-30		£945	£2,855	-	-
2023-06-30		£626	£2,536	-	-
2022-06-30		£2,241	£2,940	-	-
2021-06-30		£1,430	£2,092	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sabeena Pirooz	Chair	2015-01-01
Dr Farook Sarfraz		2018-01-01
Shagufta Kasour		2015-01-01

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/07/2024 To 30/06/2025

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The charity's main activity remains the provision of educational, awareness raising talks and training presented to community and professional groups. Training workshops continue to be delivered through a mix of face to face and online platforms according to audience preferences and availability.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The charity takes full consideration of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Many charitable and third sector organisations that provide direct support to victims have adapted to hybrid working. This financial year has seen organisations</p>

		continuing to seek education around forced marriage. The economic climate and rising cost of living has undoubtedly resulted in fewer donations and financial contributions towards the Charity's work. The Sky Project remains committed to its stance of providing training and workshops without compulsory fees to ensure those most in need of this support are fully equipped to support and protect victims.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity's volunteers continue to provide enormous value to the team including undertaking training and taking the lead on a range of administrative, research and policy related activities to further the aims of the charity. Furthermore, they have undertaken personal fundraising ventures in support of the charity.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

The Sky Project team maintain their skillset in hybrid and full virtual training sessions allowing the team to respond to the ongoing demand and need for its workshops and vital awareness raising campaigns. To improve functionality and accessibility across organisations we work with, the team have moved over to Microsoft Teams as the preferred and more secure virtual platform for training delivery. This move has also incurred a significant annual cost saving compared to Zoom.

The Sky Project has delivered level 1 half day training to the refugee settlement team at Bristol City Council and general ad hoc training online for anyone that wishes to attend.

Links have been maintained in South Wales to deliver a regular programme of training to trainee and qualified GP's as part of their safeguarding adults CPD. The programme has become well established and runs on a rolling rota basis with each new intake of trainee doctors, most recently being delivered in January 2025.

Fundraising activities have included a sponsored silence in response to 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. The Sky Project have also been invited to hold stalls at events including local schools.

In response to a growing need across the Bristol area, our director Sabeena now provides specialist consultancy on Forced Marriage and 'Honour'-Based Abuse. This work has included supporting individual cases, offering long-term guidance for those at risk, and advising professionals on best practice. Sabeena continues to provide consultancy to a wide range of clients, ensuring that those professionals dealing with such cases receive informed, and effective support.

The Harmful Practices group, aligned under the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership (KBSP) continues to strive to bring agencies and organisations together to share best practice. The Sky Project continues to collaborate strongly so that we can all help safeguard those at risk and raise awareness of harmful practices as widely as possible.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Funds held in the charity bank account at the end of this financial reporting period were £6,458. (nearest £)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity has fixed essential annual expenses that must be met for the charity to remain operational. These costs include annual renewal of CPD accreditation, charity insurance, virtual training platform fees and website hosting fees. The amount to cover these costs is £1,100.</p> <p>The team has actively explored options for reducing some of these essential costs, saving approximately £500 this financial reporting period through changing website hosts and virtual platform providers.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	An agreed amount of £2,000 is to be always held within the current bank account. This sum is only to be used in the event of donations not being made for any one financial year.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The following present potential risks to the charity continuing its work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The charity is dependent on donations and grant funding which is unpredictable. Implementing a reserve fund would provide 12 months security in the event of no grants or donations being awarded in any one financial year. The cost of living crisis and levels of inflation has continued to have a significant impact on bookings and donations for training in this reporting period. 2. 2 trustees are also trainers who provide their services voluntarily alongside their full-time employment. To help mitigate against lack of availability to deliver sessions the charity has taken on a freelance trainer who is paid per session delivered, and for time used for any essential administrative work (e.g. meeting minutes, transcribing, arranging training sessions). 3. The trustees continue to explore the option of increasing their number for added security. Given the specific nature of the charity's work this has proved to be a challenge. Trustees are keen to

		ensure anyone invited to join as a trustee has a relevant skill mix that can enhance the work of the charity and the enthusiasm and drive to collaboratively take it forward from strength to strength.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal and sole source of funding comes from donations and grants which totalled £973. (nearest £)
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not Applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	As described above
Other		

The Sky Project	
Registered charity number 1186737	
Statement of accounts for financial period 01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025	
RECEIPT	Unrestricted funds (nearest £)
Donations and Grants	
Donations for training delivered directly and via Eventbrite	140
Team Fundraising	283
Consultancy work	550
Net Total	973
PAYMENTS	Payment (nearest £)
Zoom subscription for training delivery	203.87
Consultant Fees	80
Liability Insurance	125.80
Professional Fees (CPD, Bank Acc, Google)	914
Website Hosting Fee	72
speaker fees	0
staff expenses	11.52
Net Total	1,407
Opening balance for this financial period	6,891
Total income	973
Total expenditure	1,407
Total funds held at the end of financial reporting period	6,457
Other monetary Assets	Approximate Value
Company laptop	500

Agreed and signed on behalf of all trustees

SPirooz

Sabeena Pirooz

Director

DATE: 22nd March 2026

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity's constitution was updated and adopted in October 2019, from the original version produced in 2010.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are currently selected through recommendation by the existing members. The charity is actively looking to increase the number of trustees to ensure wider representation of the professional groups it aims to work with.

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
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Charity's principal address (Updated this year)	256 Bath Rd, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 1TG

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1	Sabeena Pirooz	Director	December 2019-present	
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Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Bank	HSBC	62 George White Street, Cabot Circus, Bristol BS1 3BA
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure


Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations


Dr Farook Sarfraz
Treasurer
22 nd March 2026

<i>SPirooz</i>
Sabeena Pirooz
Director
2 nd April 2026

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Achievements and Performance

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Para 1.20

The Sky Project team have upskilled in hybrid and full virtual training sessions and continues to respond to the ongoing demand and need for its workshops and vital awareness raising campaigns.

The Sky Project has delivered level 1 training to over 100 professionals across a range of sectors. 100% of respondents in 2023 rated the training sessions "excellent" and feedback is consistently positive throughout.

Our appointed training consultant Charlotte has excelled in her role since completing CPD accreditation. She is a real asset to the team and is engaging and well received in every training session she organises and delivers.

Links have been established in South Wales to deliver a regular programme of training to trainee and qualified GP's as part of their safeguarding adults CPD. The programme has become well established and runs on a rolling rota basis with each new intake of trainee doctors.

In July 2023 the charity continued to mark the National Day of Remembrance for victims of so called 'Honour' based abuse. The event this year focussed on the area of forced marriage and disability, an area of additional complexity when it comes to safeguarding and supporting individuals at risk. Over 100 attendees from a range of professional backgrounds were able to engage with some fantastic talks from research leading lecturer Rachael Clawson, forced marriage survivor and author Sunny Angel, and family solicitor Sulema Jahangir.

In September 2023 our Director and The Sky Project were recognised nationally through The Law Society with a Legal Hero Award. This recognises those individuals leading and inspiring change to improve the lives of others. Sabeena continues to lead and inspire in spreading knowledge of the charity and the issues it tackles, through radio interviews, legal podcasts, and a segment for ITV News.

The Charity was also recognised as part of the Iranian and Kurdish Women Refugee Organisations (IKWRO) True Honour Awards in March 2024, as one of the only charities in the South West providing dedicated and bespoke training for forced marriage and honour based abuse.

		<p>The Sky Project has been collaborating with Dr Maz Idrees, programme Director at the Manchester Law School and expert on forced marriage and 'honour' based violence. He is leading research into how these cases are dealt with in court and we look forward to providing further support to this vital work in 2024.</p> <p>The Forced Marriage Working Group has now developed into the Harmful Practices group and aligned under the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership (KBSP) this year. Multi-agency working and collaboration remains key to reduce the number of forced marriages and 'honour' based abuse cases in the South West.</p>
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Other		

Financial Review

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Donations for training delivered directly and via Eventbrite	719
Team Fundraising	226
Net Total	945
PAYMENTS	Payment (nearest £)
Zoom subscription for training delivery	171
Consultant Fees	460
Liability Insurance	126
Professional Fees (CPD, Bank Acc, Google)	916
Website Hosting Fee	648
speaker fees	80
staff expenses	454
Net Total	2,855
Opening balance for this financial period	8,801
Total income	945
Total expenditure	2,855
Total funds held at the end of financial reporting period	6,891
Other monetary Assets	Approximate Value
Company laptop	500

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DATE: 11th April 2024

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		<p>Links have been established in South Wales to deliver a regular programme of training to trainee and qualified GP's as part of their safeguarding adults CPD. The programme has become well established and further links to primary care in Wales are being developed.</p> <p>In July 2022 the charity continued to mark the National Day of Remembrance for victims of so called 'Honour' based abuse. The event this year focussed on victims of HBV and forced marriage from the LGBT community, featuring talks from leading charity Naz and Matt Foundation, and Hidayah.</p> <p>We continue to be grateful to all those who have attended the Forced Marriage Working Group this year. Multi-agency working and collaboration is key to reduce the number of forced marriages and 'honour' based abuse cases in the South West. Work is also underway to align the group within Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership and this continues into 2023 and beyond.</p>
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Other		

Financial Review

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Additional information (optional)

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Statement of accounts for financial period 01/07/2022 - 30/06/2023

RECEIPT	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £
Donations for training delivered directly and via Eventbrite	604
Team Fundraising	22
Net Total	626
PAYMENTS	Payment to the nearest £
Zoom subscription for training delivery	177
Consultant Fees	330
Liability Insurance	109
Professional and website fees	1,129
Charity event and speaker fees	464
staff expenses	327
Net Total	2,536
Opening balance for this financial period	10,711
Total income	626
Total expenditure	-2,536
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Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are currently selected through recommendation by the existing members. The charity is actively looking to increase the number of trustees to ensure wider representation of the professional groups it aims to work with.

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Sky Project
Registered charity number	1186737
Charity's principal address	1 The Croft, Oldland Common, Bristol BS30 9SL

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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3	Dr Farook Sarfraz	Treasurer/Safeguarding lead	December 2019-present	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	HSBC	62 George White Street, Cabot Circus, Bristol BS1 3BA

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

Signature(s)	<i>S Pirooz</i>
Full name(s)	Sabeena Pirooz
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Director
Date	18th April 2024

THE SKY PROJECT

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/07/2021 To 30/06/2022

Charity name: The Sky Project

Charity registration number: 1186737

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the charity are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To advance the education of the public, and public sector professionals, on the issue of forced marriage and honour-based abuse throughout England and Wales, in particular, but not exclusively by:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i) Delivering awareness talks and workshops in local communities and to professional bodies; andii) Providing training to a professional standard to organisations that provide services that further the purposes of the charity.1. To address the needs of people suffering from, or who are at risk of, forced marriage and honour-based abuse, by signposting to appropriate support and services.2. Creating a multi-agency network of available services and professionals to increase awareness of, and access for those people.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The charity's main activity remains the provision of educational, awareness raising talks and training presented to community and professional groups. This financial year the training workshops have been delivered through a mix of face to face and online platforms according to audience preferences and local guidelines with regards to social distancing and gatherings.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The charity takes full consideration of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Many charitable and third sector organisations that provide direct support to victims are adapting to hybrid working. This financial year has seen ongoing demand for</p>

		the Sky Project's training from wider groups and is testimony to the vital need for increased awareness of these issues and appropriate signposting for victims at the earliest opportunity.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity's volunteers have been of enormous value to the team including undertaking training, leading the group, a range of administrative, research and policy related activities to further the aims of the charity. Furthermore, they have undertaken personal fundraising ventures in support of the charity.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The pandemic continued to present enormous challenges with regards to open networking and providing face to face training. Despite this the Sky Project adapted well to hybrid training and has managed to meet ongoing demand for its workshops and talks.</p> <p>The Sky Project celebrated its belated 10 year anniversary with an inaugural conference in November. This was delivered virtually with renowned speakers from the Crown Prosecution Service, Avon and Somerset Police, a retired detective from the Metropolitan Police in London who was involved in a well reported honour killing, and a senior lecturer conducting research into male victims of honour based abuse. We were also privileged to welcome a survivor of forced marriage who was invited to talk about their experiences.</p>

		<p>Bespoke training has now been established for Avon and Somerset Police with targeted objectives to improve identification, documentation and tracking of potential FM/HBV cases.</p> <p>Our director was also invited to speak to the Police and Crime Commissioner and discuss collaboration and ongoing engagement.</p> <p>The Sky Project was nominated as a finalist at the Charity of the Year awards run by South West Business and Community Awards. A further nomination for finalists was received in the Bristol Life Awards for Charity of the Year which was attended by our Director and volunteer.</p> <p>Our Director has also been recognised for her pro bono work by receiving a 'True Honour' award from the Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation.</p> <p>Links have been established in South Wales to deliver a regular programme of training to trainee and qualified GP's as part of their safeguarding adults CPD. The programme has become well established and further links to primary care in Wales are being developed.</p> <p>Our Director continues to chair the Forced Marriage Working Group. The group has continued to build a network that can more holistically support potential victims. Work is also underway to align the group within Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership and this will continue into the next financial year.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Funds held in the charity bank account at the end of this financial reporting period were £10,711.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has fixed essential annual expenses that must be met for the charity to remain operational. These costs include annual renewal of CPD accreditation, charity insurance, virtual training platform fees and website hosting fees. The amount to cover these costs is £1,682 currently.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	An agreed amount of £2,000 is to be always held within the current bank account. This sum is only to be used in the event of donations not being made for any one financial year.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The following present potential risks to the charity continuing its work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The charity is dependent on donations and grant funding which is unpredictable. Implementing a reserve fund would provide 12 months security in the event of no grants or donations being awarded in any one financial year. 2. 2 trustees are also trainers who provide their services voluntarily alongside their full-time employment. To help mitigate against lack of availability to deliver sessions the charity has taken on a freelance trainer who is paid per session delivered, and for time used for any essential administrative work (e.g. meeting minutes, transcribing, arranging training sessions). 3. The trustees are currently exploring the option of increasing their number for added security and hope to do so within the next financial year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal and sole source of funding comes from donations and grants which totalled £2,241.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not Applicable

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	As described above
Other		

Registered charity number 1186737

Statement of accounts for financial period 01/07/2021 -30/06/2022

RECEIPT	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £
Donations:	
Conference tickets, fundraising, donations for training delivered	2,241
Grants:	
Nil this financial period	
Total	2,241

PAYMENTS	Payment to the nearest £
Zoom monthly subscription for training delivery	173
Attendance at training events/charity awards	250
Liability Insurance	174
Website hosting annual fee	503
Office supplies/printing	36
Staff expenses	276
Conference speaker fees	200
CPD accreditation renewal fee	834
Team Christmas gifts	104
Charity donations	60
Bank account fees	30
Trainer payments for sessions delivered/admin	300
Total	2,940

Total funds held at the end of financial reporting period	10,711
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Other monetary Assets	Approximate Value
Company laptop	500

Agreed and signed on behalf of all trustees

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Sabeena Pirooz
Director

DATE: 6th March 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity's constitution was updated and adopted in October 2019, from the original version produced in 2010.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are currently selected through recommendation by the existing members. The charity is actively looking to increase the number of trustees to ensure wider representation of the professional groups it aims to work with.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Bank	HSBC	62 George White Street, Cabot Circus, Bristol BS1 3BA
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

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Other optional information

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Declarations

Signature(s)
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)
Date

<i>S Pirooz</i>
Sabeena Pirooz
Director
6 th March 2023

THE SKY PROJECT

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/07/2020 To 30/06/2021

Charity name: The Sky Project

Charity registration number: 1186737

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The charity's main activity remains the provision of educational, awareness raising talks and training presented to community and professional groups. This financial year the training workshops have continued to be delivered through an online platform to continue the charity's work through the pandemic.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The charity takes full consideration of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Many charitable and third sector organisations that provide direct support to victims are still running remotely. There remains a significant increase in calls to helplines supporting victims of forced</p>

		marriage and honour-based abuse as the pandemic has progressed. This, combined with ongoing demand for the Sky Project's training from wider groups is testimony to the vital need for increased awareness of these issues and appropriate signposting for victims at the earliest opportunity.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity's volunteer has been of enormous value to the team, undertaking a range of administrative, research and policy related activities to further the aims of the charity. Furthermore she has undertaken her own personal fundraising ventures in support of the charity. In particular, by setting up online services to assist with donations.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The pandemic has continued to present enormous challenges with regards to open networking and providing face to face training. Despite this the Sky Project continues to adapt and has managed to meet ongoing demand for its training workshops and talks.</p> <p>11 training sessions were delivered in this financial period to a wide range of groups which included the Cabot Learning Federation (Bristol), University of the West of England health and social care students, Bristol Women's Voice, and Irwin Mitchell law firm.</p> <p>Links have been established in South Wales to deliver a regular programme of training to trainee and qualified GP's as part of their safeguarding adults CPD.</p>

		<p>Charlotte Gage was successfully appointed as an additional accredited trainer for the Sky Project. Charlotte brings a diverse range of skills and expertise and has been an asset to the charity in furthering its reach amongst different community and professional groups.</p> <p>Our volunteer, Zara Liedl has continued to raise funds, however small, and in particular, she has increased our online presence for donations to be received.</p> <p>Our Director, Sabeena Pirooz, has chaired the Forced Marriage Working Group in Bristol. The group has focussed on actions to address some of the shortcomings highlighted in the previous HMIC police report, and has continued to build a network that can more holistically support potential victims.</p> <p>Sky Project has worked closely with Avon and Somerset police to address training for officers. A bespoke police specific training session has been developed and successfully delivered to several groups of officers already. The aim is for this training to be a regular programme in line with officer turnover.</p> <p>Our Director, Sabeena Pirooz and Zara Liedl were invited to speak to Laura Rawlings on bbc radio bristol which gave exposure to the charity but also, highlighted the importance of this area and the difference we have made both locally and nationally.</p> <p>The Sky Project were also finalists as 'Charity of the Year' at the Great British Expos South West Business & Community Awards.</p>
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<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Funds held in the charity bank account at the end of this financial reporting period were £11, 411.30
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity currently has no formal policy for holding reserve funds but in recent trustee meetings this matter has been discussed. There are essential regular costs that need to be covered and this contingency fund will be incorporated into formal policy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Current calculations require £2,000 to be held in reserve which would cover essential charity costs for 12 months. This would include insurance, website hosting fees, CPD accreditation and materials for training sessions.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>There are two main ongoing risks to the charity continuing in its work.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The charity is dependent on donations and grant funding which is unpredictable. Implementing a reserve fund would provide 12 months security in the event of no grants or donations being awarded in any one financial year. 2. 2 trustees are also trainers who provide their services voluntarily alongside their full-time employment. To help mitigate against lack of availability to deliver sessions the charity has taken on a freelance trainer who is paid per session delivered, and for time used for any essential administrative work (e.g. meeting minutes, transcribing, arranging training sessions). However, her time is limited given her other job role.

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal and sole source of funding comes from donations and grants which totalled £1,430.30
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not Applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity		As described above

	Para 1.46	
Other		



Registered charity number 1186737

Statement of accounts for financial period 01/07/2020 -30/06/2021

RECEIPT	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £
Donations:	
Paypal Giving fund, Avon & Somerset bespoke training development fee, donations for training delivered	1,430
Grants:	
Nil this financial period	
Total	1,430

PAYMENTS	Payment to the nearest £
Zoom monthly subscription for training delivery	173
Attendance at training events/charity awards	315
Liability Insurance	171
Website hosting annual fee	307
Transcribing services	39
Office supplies/printing	40
CPD accreditation renewal fee	834
Trainer payments for sessions delivered/admin	210
Total	2,089

Total funds held at the end of financial reporting period	11,411
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Other monetary Assets	Approximate Value
Company laptop	500

Agreed and signed on behalf of all trustees

S Pirooz
Sabeena Pirooz
Director

DATE: 28th January 2022

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Date

<i>S Pirooz</i>
Sabeena Pirooz
Director
07-02-2022