



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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	
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 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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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 £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)

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 £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

SPirooz
Sabeena Pirooz
Director

DATE: 28th January 2022

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	<p>New trustees are currently selected through recommendation by the existing members and based on their skills, knowledge and experience needed to carry out the role.</p> <p>The charity is actively looking to increase the number of trustees to ensure wider representation of the professional groups it aims to work with.</p>

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

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)
1	Sabeena Pirooz	Director	December 2019-present	
2	Shagufta Kauser		December 2019-present	
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)			

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

Signature(s)	<i>SPirooz</i>
Full name(s)	Sabeena Pirooz
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Director
Date	07-02-2022