

The Care Rights Project

Trustees' Annual Report

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Objectives

For the public benefit, the prevention or relief of poverty, and the relief of those in need by reason of ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, amongst adult migrants with care needs in the UK.

Activities

The provision of information, advice and advocacy to migrants with no recourse to public funds regarding their rights to access social care under the Care Act 2014.

The provision of specialist advice to other organisations regarding the rights of their clients who are migrants with no recourse to public funds to access social care under the Care Act 2014 in order to support their work.

Making referrals to other organisations where appropriate and necessary in order to benefit clients.

The provision of training to other organisations to raise awareness of problems with the implementation of the Care Act 2014 in relation to migrants with no recourse to public funds and strategies for overcoming these.

Making small grants to clients of The Care Rights Project experiencing destitution in accordance with our grant making policy.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public Benefit.

Achievements

During this reporting period The Care Rights Project has worked directly with 32 clients (including 20 new clients).

All of whom benefited from advice regarding their rights to access social care under the Care Act 2014 including the potential impact of their immigration status.

Where the need for immigration advice, or other advice beyond the scope of the Project, was identified clients were signposted or referred as appropriate.

16 out of 20 new clients were potentially eligible for support under the Care Act.

4 out of these 16 potentially eligible clients declined to be referred for a number of reasons including; the risks of detention/removal, they already had an income and were unlikely to be eligible for subsistence payments, they were the partner/carer of someone with recourse and therefore would be unlikely to be eligible for subsistence payments.

2 out of these 16 clients were already receiving some support under the Care Act 2014. Both of these clients were asylum seekers in Home Office accommodation and both were referred for a review of their needs. As a result one client had their care package increased and the other was moved to Local Authority accommodation following Judicial Review (TMX, R (On the Application Of) v London Borough of Croydon & Anor [2024] EWHC 129 (Admin) (26 January 2024)).

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We have been informed that as a result of this judgement Home Office guidance to caseworkers on asylum seekers with care needs will be changed to better reflect the responsibilities of local authorities.

8 out of 16 clients were referred to their local authorities for Care Act assessments and all received the requested assessments were completed (2 clients are yet to be referred at the end of the reporting period).

In 5 out of 8 cases clients requested accommodation, subsistence and a package of care. This has been provided by local authorities in 3 out of 5 cases. In 1 case, that of a pregnant woman with no 'care needs', the local authority refused support. The client was referred to a solicitor but it was felt that her case was not strong enough to challenge. We found a place for this client in a hostel and obtained grant funding to help support her until she is eligible for assistance under S17 of the Children Act 1989. We are still awaiting the outcome of the final case where the client has temporary accommodation but it is unsuitable due to his care needs.

In cases where accommodation has been provided this has resulted in the avoidance of street homelessness; two clients were in hospital with no address to be discharged to and the third had been abused by the person accommodating her and then threatened with further violence if she didn't leave.

In cases where subsistence payments have been provided this has allowed clients with no other form of financial support to buy essentials such as food and toiletries

The provision of accommodation and subsistence has also relieved the burden on families/friends of clients who had supported them historically (sometimes for decades) but more recently could not afford to, in these extremely difficult times.

In 3 out of 8 cases the clients were asylum seekers in Home Office accommodation receiving Section 95 subsistence. They were satisfied with their accommodation and therefore only a care package/aids and adaptations were requested. This was provided in all cases.

In cases where a care package has been put in place this has helped to meet clients' needs for personal care, help with preparing food, ensuring that their environment is clean and safe and that they can access their local community.

For the 12 clients that we have continued to work with since the previous reporting period we have requested and achieved an increased rate of subsistence for 4 clients, obtained an increased package of care for 1 client, successfully applied for S17 Children Act support for 2 clients and are still working to secure more suitable accommodation for 3 clients. All clients continued to receive support in the form of advice, help to access immigration advice, food vouchers, assistance with claiming help with health costs and occasional hardship payments.

The Care Rights Project has made grants totalling £1867.74 to 16 clients in accordance with our grant making policy. We also obtained external grant funding for one client, £300 of which was paid to us in order to purchase items for her.

During the reporting period one client was granted Humanitarian Protection, one was granted Refugee Status and one was successful in obtaining a change of conditions. As far as possible we assisted these clients in moving over to mainstream welfare benefits by either helping them to make homeless applications and benefit claims or referring them to local organisations who were able to provide advice. One client very sadly died within weeks of being granted leave to remain on Human Rights grounds.

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The Care Rights Project has indirectly assisted 25 individuals by providing specialist advice to workers/volunteers at 17 different organisations via phone and email. We have also delivered an short online training session to Refugee Action and were also invited to a meeting with the Unity Project to talk about the application of the Care Act with respect to their clients. We have further training planned for next year.

In partnership with Project 17 we have developed a number of 'how to' guides and template letters to help caseworkers to assist migrants with care needs, including those who are also receiving Section 17 support or who are pregnant without any other dependent children. These are available on our website.

Financial Review

During the reporting period The Care Rights Project secured £57,705 in grants and received £75 in donations from the public.

This was slightly more than our budget and includes reserves of £5,000 which will allow The Care Rights Project to run for approximately three months which the Trustees feel will support our resilience against key financial risks.

At the end of the period The Care Rights Project was in credit at £40,225. This includes £15,000 from the Blue Thread Foundation which was received towards the very end of the reporting period and is intended to fund the next financial year. We have identified further funding sources for the period April 24-March 25 and will be making applications in due course.

A grant of £15,000 has been agreed in principle by the Blue Thread Foundation for the period April 25 - March 26.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Care Rights Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by its Constitution.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

During the reporting period we welcomed Becca Haskins to the Board of Trustees in the role of Treasurer.

Reference and Administrative details

Name: The Care Rights Project

Registered charity number: 1200164

Principal address: 103 Hallowell Road, Northwood, HA6 1DY

Rebecca Haskins

Trustee

Roopa Tanna

Trustee

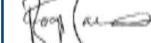
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 <div>CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES</div>	The Care Rights Project			1200164	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	1/4/23	To	31/3/24	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
London Catalyst Project Grant			-	-	2,000
London Catalyst Samaritan Grant		1,500	-		1,000
MSN Fund Grant		-	-	-	700
Donations	75	-	-	75	225
NI Rebate		-	-	-	41
Blue Thread Foundation Grant 1	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Blue Thread Foundation Grant 2	15,000			15,000	
AB Charitable Trust	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
GLA MASF grant 1		11,614	-	11,614	-
GLA MASF grant 2		9,291		9,291	
Grants for individual clients		300		300	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	35,075	22,705	- 0	57,780	3,966
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	35,075	22,705	- 0	57,780	3,966
A3 Payments					
Salaries	5,012	14,986	-	19,998	8,903
Running costs	1,486	3,221	-	4,707	1,317
Hardship grants		2,168	-	2,168	684
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,498	20,375	-	26,873	10,904
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Total payments	6,498	20,375	- 0	26,873	10,904
Net of receipts/(payments)	28,577	2,330	-	30,907	- 6,938
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,922	396	-	9,318	16,256
Cash funds this year end	37,499	2,726	-	40,225	9,318

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,499	2,726	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Mobile phone		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
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	<div>DocuSigned by: Roopa Tanna</div>	Roopa Tanna		13/06/2024



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Care Rights Project

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 02 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1200164

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

09 06 2024

Name:

Lorimer Headley

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Chartered Accountant, ICAS, registered membership number M21544

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters for disclosure.