

**The Care Rights Project**  
(Registered charity, number 1200164)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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# **The Care Rights Project Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Full name** The Care Rights Project

**Organisation type** Charitable incorporated organisation

**Registered charity number** 1200164

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

## **Trustees**

Amy Murtagh

Olivia Halse

Becca Haskins, until 11/2024

Abigail Brunswick

Andrew Kar-Tsun Man, from 07/03/25

Roopa Tanna, until 03/2025

## **Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

## **Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 24/08/22.

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 Becca Haskins and Roopa Tanna stepped down and we welcomed Andrew Man to the Board of Trustees in the role of Treasurer. The Project also employed a part-time caseworker.

In February 2025 the Board of Trustees decided that the best way to ensure the future of The Care Rights Project would be to merge with another, larger and more established organisation. Project 17 was approached and a draft merger proposal has now been agreed; Project 17 will gradually take over Care Act work during the course of 2026-2027 and The Care Rights Project will wind down during 2027.

## **Objectives and activities**

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. In particular, although not exclusively:

- by providing information, advice and advocacy to migrants with no recourse to public funds regarding their rights to access social care under the Care Act 2014;
- by providing information, training and support to other organisations regarding the rights of migrants to access social care under the Care Act 2014;

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- by raising awareness of problems with the implementation of the Care Act 2014 in relation to migrants with no recourse to public funds;
- by occasionally making small grants to individuals experiencing destitution.

### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

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.

### **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

### **Summary of the main achievements during the period**

During this reporting period The Care Rights Project has worked directly with 40 clients (including 21 new clients) and taken enquiries from 6 clients who were seeking advice outside the scope of the Project.

Clients making enquiries that were out of scope were provided with appropriate information or signposted to other organisations to assist them.

All of the clients with whom we worked 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.

18 out of 21 new clients were potentially eligible for support under the Care Act.

2 out of these 18 potentially eligible clients declined to be referred; one because he had income and was concerned about being asked to contribute to the cost of care and one because he already had accommodation and was being adequately cared for by friends.

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1 client was already being accommodated under the Care Act 2014 and she was referred for a carers assessment which resulted in the provision of subsistence and ad hoc support.

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)).

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.

3 clients (a family consisting of an adult son and his parents) were immediately referred out to a community care solicitor due to the complexity of their case.

12 clients were referred to their local authorities for Care Act assessments and all the requested assessments were carried out (however, we are still awaiting the outcome of 3 assessments at the end of the reporting period).

10 clients requested accommodation, subsistence and a package of care. This has been provided by Local Authorities in 4 cases.

In 3 cases, care, support and accommodation were refused on the basis that the clients had no eligible needs. 2 of these clients were referred out to community care solicitors and the decisions are being challenged. In the third case, a challenge was not viable and accommodation was obtained through Schedule 10 immigration bail support. We are still awaiting the outcome of assessments in the final 3 cases where the need for accommodation is not urgent.

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, one was being asked to leave by hosts who were moving away and the fourth was living in extremely unsuitable conditions with her young children.

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 2 cases the clients were satisfied with their accommodation and therefore only a care package/aids and adaptations were requested. This was provided and in one case the client was offered a place in supported accommodation as an alternative to at-home care.

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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.

The 19 clients that we have continued to work with since the previous reporting period have all received advice and advocacy taking into account any changes in their circumstances or issues in the provision of support, help to access immigration advice, food vouchers, assistance with claiming help with health costs, occasional hardship payments and external grant applications.

We also assisted 2 of these clients to challenge the suitability of their accommodation, obtained an increased package of care for 1 client and assisted 1 client to move from Home Office accommodation and S95 support to Local Authority accommodation and support following *TMX, R (On the Application Of) v London Borough of Croydon & Anor* [2024] EWHC 129 (Admin).

During the course of the reporting period, 5 new clients and 9 existing clients received positive immigration decisions (either a grant of leave with recourse or a change of conditions) and we were able to provide assistance in moving from Care Act support into mainstream welfare benefits and housing.

The Care Rights Project provided specialist advice on 61 occasions to workers/volunteers at 41 different organisations via phone and email, normally including a written confirmation of advice and template letters or additional resources when required.

The Care Rights Project has delivered in-house training to Praxis, We Belong and the Guys and St. Thomas' Hospital Homeless Health Team. We have run two open training sessions - one joint with Project 17 and one independently. Feedback from all these sessions was very positive.

The Care Rights Project has been working with a number of other organisations including Migrants Organise to try to improve Home Office guidance to caseworkers on asylum seekers with care needs.

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### Financial Review and policy on reserves


During the reporting period The Care Rights Project secured £72,218 in grants and received £100 in donations from the public.

This includes 3-6 months' reserves, in line with our reserves policy, 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 £65,984.

Several of the grants obtained during this reporting period are multi-year, including Trust for London (two years), ABC Trust (three years), Baring Foundation (three years).

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  \_\_\_\_\_ Date 15.10.2025  
Olivia Halse, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
The Care Rights Project  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Care Rights Project (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

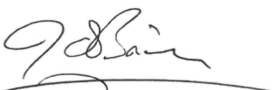
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed  Date 15/10/25  
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**The Care Rights Project  
Receipts & payments account  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**


2024			Unrestricted	Restricted	2025
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds					Funds
£			£	£	£
	<b>Receipts</b>				
57780	Grants & donations	2	20100	52218	72318
-	Gift aid		64	-	64
-	Sundry receipts		1	-	1
<u>57780</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>20165</u>	<u>52218</u>	<u>72383</u>
	<b>Payments</b>				
-	Grants for individual clients		-	646	646
2168	Hardship grants		682	2000	2682
-	Insurance		354	-	354
-	Interpreters		788	-	788
4707	Running costs		587	1530	2117
-	Subscriptions		1391	-	1391
-	Telephone		409	-	409
-	Website		524	-	524
19998	Salaries, NI & pensions		6690	31023	37713
<u>26873</u>	<b>Total payments</b>		<u>11425</u>	<u>35199</u>	<u>46624</u>
30907	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		8740	17019	25759
9318	Cash funds at start of this period		37499	2726	40225
<u>40225</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>		<u>46239</u>	<u>19745</u>	<u>65984</u>



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Statement of assets and liabilities  
at 31 March 2025**

2024		2025
£	<b>Cash assets</b>	£
40225	Bank accounts	65984
<u>40225</u>		<u>65984</u>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>	
-	Prepayments - subscriptions	487
<u>-</u>		<u>487</u>
	<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	
	General equipment.	
	<b>Liabilities</b>	
-	Creditor - independent examination fee	(672)
<u>-</u>		<u>(672)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Date 15/10/25  
Andrew Man, Trustee

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**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

**2. Grants & donations**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
AB Charitable Trust	20000	-	20000
Awards for All	-	20000	20000
Baring Foundation	-	15000	15000
Trust for London	-	12250	12250
Greater London Authority - Migrant and Advice	-	2322	2322
London Catalyst - Samaritan Grant	-	2000	2000
Grants for individual clients	-	646	646
Sundry donations	100	-	100
	<b>20100</b>	<b>52218</b>	<b>72318</b>

**3. Funds analysis**

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Baring Foundation	-	15000	(2755)	12245
Trust for London	-	12250	(12250)	-
GLA - Migrant and Advice Support Fund	2726	2322	(5048)	-
London Catalyst - Samaritan Grant	-	2000	(2000)	-
Grants for individual clients	-	646	(646)	-
Awards for All	-	20000	(12500)	7500
	<b>2726</b>	<b>52218</b>	<b>(35199)</b>	<b>19745</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	37499	20165	(11425)	46239
	<b>37499</b>	<b>20165</b>	<b>(11425)</b>	<b>46239</b>

**4. Trustees' remuneration**

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

**5. Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in this period.

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### **Notes to the accounts (continued)**

#### **6. Glossary of terms**

**Creditors:** These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

**Prepayments:** These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

**Restricted funds:** These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.