

SENAID

Charity Number: 1205107

Trustees' Annual Report

For the financial period 30 April 2024 to 29 April 2025

1. Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: SENAIID

Charity Number: 1205107

Legal Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered in England and Wales

Principal address: 16 Sunny Ave, B12 8SG, Birmingham

Trustees during the period:

- Umar Adil
- Alisha Mehrban
- Paul Olakunle
- Aman Abdulhaq
- Usman Adil
- Amina Yasmin

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Caxton Gate, 3 Corporation St, Birmingham B2 4LP

2. Structure, Governance and Management

SENAID is governed by its Constitution and administered by a board of trustees who are responsible for the strategic direction, governance, and oversight of the charity. The trustees have ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the charity pursues its charitable objects for the public benefit, complies with the Charities Act 2011 and associated regulations, and manages its resources prudently and transparently.

Trustees are appointed based on relevant professional expertise, safeguarding competence, and lived experience aligned to the charity's mission. The board collectively brings experience in social work, SEND law, education, safeguarding practice, IT governance and community engagement. This combination of professional and lived expertise ensures that strategic

decisions are grounded in both regulatory compliance and the realities faced by families of children with SEND.

The trustees meet formally on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings convened where operational, safeguarding or financial matters require timely oversight. During the reporting period, the board strengthened its governance framework, ensuring that financial controls, safeguarding procedures and policy reviews were proportionate to the charity's growth trajectory.

Financial management arrangements include the maintenance of a dedicated charity bank account, dual authorisation of payments, regular reconciliation of transactions, and trustee oversight of financial reporting. No trustee received remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the reporting period.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance in exercising their duties under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

3. Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is:

“To relieve the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families in particular by the provision of information, advocacy and support and raising awareness of the issues faced by children with SEND.”

SENAID exists to improve educational access, inclusion and wellbeing for children and young people with SEND, particularly those experiencing social and economic disadvantage.

During the reporting period, the charity delivered specialist advice and advocacy to families navigating statutory SEND processes. This included guidance and support in relation to Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments, EHCP processes, school engagement issues, reasonable adjustments and exclusion-related concerns. The charity also provided emotional support and mentoring where appropriate, alongside community-based engagement initiatives aimed at reducing isolation and improving access to information.

All services were delivered free of charge and targeted toward families who may lack access to private advocacy, legal advice or specialist SEND advisory support.

4. Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Children and young people with SEND are statistically more likely to experience unmet need, exclusion from mainstream education and systemic disadvantage. The statutory SEND framework is complex, and without informed support many families struggle to secure appropriate provision.

By providing free, specialist advice and advocacy, SENAID advances education, relieves need and promotes inclusion. The charity's work directly contributes to enabling children and young people with SEND to access appropriate educational provision and to exercise their statutory rights.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity's activities during the reporting period provided clear and identifiable public benefit.

5. Achievements and Performance

The financial year represented a period of consolidation and infrastructure development, alongside continued frontline support.

During the reporting period, SENAID supported over 320 families across Birmingham and the wider West Midlands. Support included assistance with Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment requests, advocacy in relation to EHCP processes, guidance around school-based concerns and emotional support to families experiencing distress or uncertainty.

Referral volumes increased significantly toward the latter part of the year, reflecting rising awareness of the service and increasing levels of unmet SEND need within the community.

Alongside direct support, the charity strengthened its internal governance and safeguarding infrastructure. Structured referral tracking, case recording processes and management oversight systems were further developed to ensure that service delivery remained safe, proportionate and accountable.

The trustees monitored performance through referral data, case records and qualitative feedback from beneficiaries. The board is satisfied that the charity delivered its charitable objectives effectively during the reporting period.

6. Financial Review

The charity commenced the reporting period with an opening balance of £100.00.

Total income for the period amounted to £31,275.65. Income was primarily derived from grant funding awarded by charitable trusts, community funding bodies and national grant providers. A small proportion of income was received through individual donations and minor bank compensation.

Total expenditure during the reporting period was £1,364.01. Expenditure was deliberately modest as the trustees adopted a phased development approach, prioritising the strengthening of governance systems, safeguarding procedures and infrastructure before committing to expanded staffing and operational expenditure.

The net surplus for the period was £29,911.64, resulting in a closing balance of £30,011.64 as at 29 April 2025.

All funds held at year end were unrestricted. The trustees confirm that funds have been applied solely in furtherance of the charity's objects and that financial controls in place during the period were proportionate to the size and complexity of the organisation.

7. Reserves Policy

The trustees recognise their duty to maintain appropriate reserves to ensure financial stability and continuity of service delivery.

The reporting period reflects a phased development year during which expenditure remained deliberately modest while infrastructure, safeguarding systems and governance arrangements were strengthened.

The trustees anticipate a significant increase in operating expenditure in the subsequent financial period due to expanded frontline delivery, staffing commitments and increased service demand.

Reserves held at year end are therefore retained to:

- Support committed and planned project delivery
- Underwrite staffing and operational expansion
- Mitigate funding volatility
- Ensure continuity of services to vulnerable beneficiaries

The trustees consider the level of reserves at year end to be prudent and proportionate in light of the charity's growth trajectory and anticipated financial commitments.

8. Risk Management

The trustees have reviewed the principal risks facing the charity. Key risks include capacity pressures arising from increasing referral volumes, safeguarding risks associated with vulnerable beneficiaries, financial sustainability risk, and reputational risk inherent in delivering specialist advisory services.

Mitigation measures include structured referral triage processes, clear safeguarding escalation procedures with designated safeguarding leadership, regular trustee oversight of financial performance, policy review cycles and the diversification of funding streams.

The trustees are satisfied that reasonable and proportionate steps have been taken to manage material risks.

9. Plans for Future Periods

In the subsequent financial year, the trustees intend to increase operational capacity, strengthen volunteer training frameworks, consolidate community partnerships and secure sustainable multi-year funding.

Growth will be managed carefully to ensure that service quality, safeguarding integrity and financial stability remain central to the charity's development.

10. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

They are responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records, safeguarding the assets of the charity, and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees approve this report and confirm that it accurately reflects the activities and financial position of the charity for the reporting period.

Approved by the trustees on: __ 14.02.2026 __

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Alisha Mehrban

Vice Chair of Board of Trustees

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Receipts and Payments AccountFor the financial period 30 April 2024 to 29 April 2025

Opening BalanceCash at bank at 30 April 2024 £100.00

Receipts**Donations and Other Income**

Individual donations £100.00

Bank compensation and minor credits £50.00

Total Donations and Other Income £150.00

Income from Charitable Activities (Grant Funding)

Grant funding received during the period £31,125.65

Total Income from Charitable Activities £31,125.65

Total Receipts During the Period£31,275.65

Total Funds Available

Opening balance £100.00

Total receipts £31,275.65

Total funds available £31,375.65

Payments

Charitable Activities

Leaflet printing and distribution £759.10

Partnership booklet design and print £66.61

Promotional banners (including VAT) £71.98

Total Charitable Activity Expenditure £897.69

Governance and Administrative Costs

Microsoft subscription and domain renewal £259.04

Employer and public liability insurance £202.29

Identification badge £4.99

Total Governance and Administrative Costs £466.32

Total Payments During the Period

£1,364.01

Net Movement in Funds

Total receipts £31,275.65

Less total payments (£1,364.01)

Net movement in funds £29,911.64

Closing Balance

Cash at bank at 29 April 2025 £30,011.64

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 29 April 2025

Cash at bank £30,011.64

Liabilities £0.00

Net assets £30,011.64

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable Charity Commission guidance for charities with gross income not exceeding £250,000.

2. Funds

The charity operates both restricted and unrestricted funds.

Unrestricted funds represent income received without specific conditions attached and are available for general charitable purposes. During the reporting period, unrestricted income totalled £150.00, comprising individual donations and minor bank compensation.

Restricted funds represent grant funding received for specific projects and activities in accordance with funder agreements. Restricted income during the period totalled £31,125.65.

At 29 April 2025, the majority of the balance held by the charity represents unspent restricted funds which are committed to delivery of agreed charitable activities in the subsequent financial period.

The charity did not operate any endowment funds during the reporting period.

3. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustee received remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the reporting period.

4. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the reporting period.

5. In-Kind Donations

The charity received non-cash donations during the period, including digital devices and equipment. These items are not included within these financial statements as they do not constitute cash receipts.

6. Analysis of Grant Income

Grant income of £31,125.65 was received during the reporting period from a range of charitable trusts, community foundations and national grant providers. These included:

- The National Lottery Fund
- Sport England
- AbbVie
- Near Neighbours
- Church Urban Fund
- The Patrick Trust
- Tesco Community Grant

- Good Things Foundation
- David Solomon Charity
- Warburtons Community Fund
- Bentley Small Grant Scheme
- Arnold Clark
- Blakemore Foundation
- Green Square Accord
- Other minor grant sources

The total grant income recognised during the reporting period amounts to £31,125.65.

Approved by the trustees on: __14.02.2026__

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alisha Mehrban', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alisha Mehrban

Vice Chair of Board of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SENAID

Charity Number: 1205107

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of SENAID (the Charity) for the period ended 29 April 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 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

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 but was not more than £250,000 in the financial year, I confirm that I have the requisite knowledge and practical experience to carry out a competent independent examination.

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:

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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed: A. A. I.

Name: __Almas Ali _____

Address: _____11 Bridge Croft, Balsall Heath, Birmingham _____

Date: _____14.02.2026_____