

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2025
for
Angel Advocates

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for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for The Charity (Angel Advocates) the year ended 31st December 2025.

TRUSTEES

Trustees were appointed on the basis of their skills and experience within the private and voluntary sector, and/or their lived experience of advocacy, and their passion to see the vision of The Charity realised. Of the Trustees whose names are shown on page 1, the appropriate changes have been detailed and dates given of any changes of status of offices held to cover the period from 1st January 2025 to the date of this report.

The power of appointing new or additional trustees rests with the members who are the existing Trustees. The Trustees have agreed that, as part of the induction process, before anyone considers appointment as a trustee, as a minimum they should familiarize themselves with the responsibilities of charity trustees, read the charity commission booklet on this subject and Angel Advocates Constitution along within its most recent financial statements. Each Trustee is now appointed for a reviewable period of two years, renewable as the anniversary date comes around.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Public Benefit

The Objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit in the United Kingdom, in line with the constitution;

1. to promote the relief of people in need by the provision of an advocacy service with the aim of relieving the needs of the people who are socially excluded or otherwise vulnerable, assisting them to integrate into society and improving their conditions of life; and

2. to advance education in particular training in advocacy skills.

Accordingly, Angel Advocates main priorities are:

1. To ensure that individuals are empowered to have their voices heard on issues that are important to them and have their views and wishes genuinely considered when decisions are being made about their lives.

2. To aid an efficient and effective process toward a positive outcome for both public service and client which benefits everyone. We ensure that those involved in the legal processes are able to attend to their roles whilst we support the individual, helping them to articulate their thoughts and process their feelings throughout the proceedings.

The aims for 2025 were:

1. To apply for funding to increase our ability to meet our aims

2. To increase capacity

3. To maintain and increase funding

4. To explore alternative sources of funding

5. To build relationships with funders, stakeholders, and other relevant agencies to promote the work of Angel Advocates

Main Activities for 2025

In 2025, The Charity provided one-to-one advocacy support to 71 individuals. Approximately 90% of clients were neurodivergent, either with a formal diagnosis or awaiting assessment. Nearly half had experienced current or historic domestic abuse, while many also faced complex challenges including mental health difficulties, trauma, safeguarding concerns, housing instability, and legal issues. Every client supported by The Charity presented with multiple and often intersecting areas of need.

The average duration of support was between six and eight weeks. However, cases involving child protection matters typically required significantly longer engagement, with support often continuing for eight to twelve months.

During the year, The Charity secured funding to recruit a part-time Advocate, increasing service capacity. As a result, by December 2025, Angel Advocates was supporting 39 active clients. Despite this additional resource, demand for the service continued to rise, and The Charity was required to temporarily pause new referrals as demand exceeded available capacity.

Many individuals supported by Angel Advocates had previously been described by other professionals as "non-engaging". Through its work, The Charity found that these clients were often experiencing significant barriers to engagement, including trauma, anxiety, neurodivergence, feeling overwhelmed, or difficulties communicating safely within formal settings. The Charity supported clients to attend appointments, understand complex processes, and rebuild trust in statutory and community services, enabling their voices to be heard and improving meaningful engagement with support systems.

The Charity is deeply grateful to its funders and donors, whose support made this work possible. Particular thanks are extended to the Freida Scott Trust, National Philanthropic Trust, UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), Copeland Community Fund, Stafford Trust, and Crew Clothing Foundation.

Public Benefit

Angel Advocates works for the public benefit by:

1. Ensuring each client's fundamental right to express his/her opinion and speak up freely without any undue influence. The purpose of Angel Advocates independent advocacy is to make sure that people are not deprived of this regardless of their circumstance.

2. Angel Advocates stands alongside individuals to ensure they understand what is happening and that they are heard and understood, addressing barriers to positive outcomes and challenging imbalances of power.

3. Angel Advocates enables people to stay engaged with services which ensures that an individual's human rights are recognised, respected and secured.

4. Angel Advocates enables people to exert as much control as possible over their own lives and ensures fair solutions are reached, ones which make a difference to the individual but also ensure that the service achieves a positive outcome.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and Performance

The trustees regularly review how Angel Advocates is achieving our aims and objectives. Angel Advocates met all of their aims for 2025 as set out above. A summary of our main achievements for 2025 are:

1. We have seen a significant increase in our capacity
2. We have received multiple funding grants
3. We have received several one-off donations, and have begun to invoice agencies when we provide statutory Advocacy
4. We have built strong working relationships with other agencies and professionals, resulting in an increase in referrals and in certain circumstances, funding for time spent.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Management and Decision making

The Trustees meet at least four times a year. In the course of the Trustees' Meetings, in association with the CEO, they discuss and agree on the long-term strategy and budget plan for Angel Advocates, ensuring that the plans to fulfil the vision are put in place and implemented. Through the Chair, they set a framework of contracts and job descriptions for each member of staff. The CEO reports to Trustees providing reports, and strategic and financial updates. The day-to-day decisions concerning the work of the Charity are taken by the CEO. The CEO is responsible for creating and delivering an agreed plan. Decisions concerning development and recruitment of personnel are taken at Trustee level following proposals and recommendations by the Chair and CEO. The CEO has regular meetings with the Chair to discuss day-to-day activity and plan for the future.

Risk

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. During this period there has been regular monitoring of the financial situation and each of the Trustees has received regular financial updates, giving a clear quarterly picture.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1206158

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Trustees

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Mrs E J Bastow
Ms E Bitcon
J Pollard
Ms E Park
Ms M Apa
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

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A Hurrell - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Angel Advocates

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Angel Advocates

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Angel Advocates (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2025.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 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 Trust 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Gerald McGill BA. CA

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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		3,496	-	3,496	802
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activities		52,638	-	52,638	9,970
Total		56,134	-	56,134	10,772
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activities		55,218	-	55,218	23,401
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		916	-	916	(12,629)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		(9,014)	-	(9,014)	3,615
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(8,098)	-	(8,098)	(9,014)

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Balance Sheet
31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4	625	-	625	126
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		1,023	-	1,023	689
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(9,746)	-	(9,746)	(9,829)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(8,723)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,723)</u>	<u>(9,140)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(8,098)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,098)</u>	<u>(9,014)</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(8,098)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,098)</u>	<u>(9,014)</u>
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				<u>(8,098)</u>	<u>(9,014)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>(8,098)</u>	<u>(9,014)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

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A Hurrell - Trustee

.....
E J Bastow - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 15% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2025 nor for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2025 nor for the year ended 31st December 2024.

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	802	-	802
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	-	9,970	9,970
Total	802	9,970	10,772
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	13,431	9,970	23,401
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(12,629)	-	(12,629)

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3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	3,615	-	3,615
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>(9,014)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,014)</u>

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1st January 2025	126
Additions	545
At 31st December 2025	671
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for year	46
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2025	625
At 31st December 2024	126

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	500	1,146
Taxation and social security	1,169	360
Other creditors	8,077	8,323
	9,746	9,829

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(9,014)	916	(8,098)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(9,014)</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>(8,098)</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	56,134	(55,218)	916
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>56,134</u>	<u>(55,218)</u>	<u>916</u>

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6. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,615	(12,629)	(9,014)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,615</u>	<u>(12,629)</u>	<u>(9,014)</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	802	(13,431)	(12,629)
Restricted funds			
Cumbria Community Fund	9,970	(9,970)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,772</u>	<u>(23,401)</u>	<u>(12,629)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,615	(11,713)	(8,098)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,615</u>	<u>(11,713)</u>	<u>(8,098)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	56,936	(68,649)	(11,713)
Restricted funds			
Cumbria Community Fund	9,970	(9,970)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,906</u>	<u>(78,619)</u>	<u>(11,713)</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	3,496	802
Charitable activities		
Grants	52,638	9,970
Total incoming resources	56,134	10,772
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	36,287	7,273
Travelling	9,350	2,589
Legal and professional fees	700	1,320
Medical Platform	517	-
Client Expenses	959	-
	47,813	11,182
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	226	231
Telephone	1,914	857
Printing, postage & stationery	941	259
Advertising	-	2,944
Sundry expenses	557	327
Courses and training	349	138
Trade subscriptions	864	142
Event costs	1,189	1,154
Legal and professional fees	-	650
Bank charges	29	8
Computer equipment	-	4
	6,069	6,714
Other		
Computer equipment	46	-
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,290	3,535
Legal and professional fees	-	1,970
	1,290	5,505
Total resources expended	55,218	23,401
Net income/(expenditure)	916	(12,629)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements