

# LEICESTERSHIRE SEND HUB CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1206948

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2024-02-08

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 0-25 IN LEICESTERSHIRE WHO HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES BY IMPROVING ACCESS TO STATUTORY SERVICES, EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL CARE PROVISION AND BY PROVIDING TRAINING, ADVICE, ADVOCACY, AND PEER SUPPORT WITHIN THE SEND COMMUNITY.

**Activities:** SEND support for parents/carers

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Disability, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

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- Leicestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£88,578	£44,328	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Balvinder Dhofer		2024-12-04
Debra Hampton-Riddington		2024-12-04
Paula Mary Aldred		2024-04-17
Sarah Catherine Cobbold		2024-04-17

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	8	Feb	2024		31	March	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Leicestershire Send Hub CIO

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1206948

**Charity's principal address**

13 Holyrood Drive  
 Countesthorpe  
 Leicester  
**Postcode** LE8 5TQ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Balvinder Dhooper		From 4 December 2024	
2	Debra Hampton-Riddington		From 4 December 2024	
3	Sarah Catherine Cobbold	Chair	From 7 March 2024	
4	Paula Mary Aldred			
5	Hugh Clayden		From 7 March 2024 to 9 February 2025	
6	Ian Sharpe		From 7 March 2024 to 2 October 2024	
7	Sue Jordan		From 7 March 2024 to 2 October 2024	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected by the members

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To relieve the needs of young people aged 0-25 in Leicestershire who have special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families by improving access to statutory services, education, health, and social care provision, and by providing training, advice, advocacy, and peer support within the SEND community.

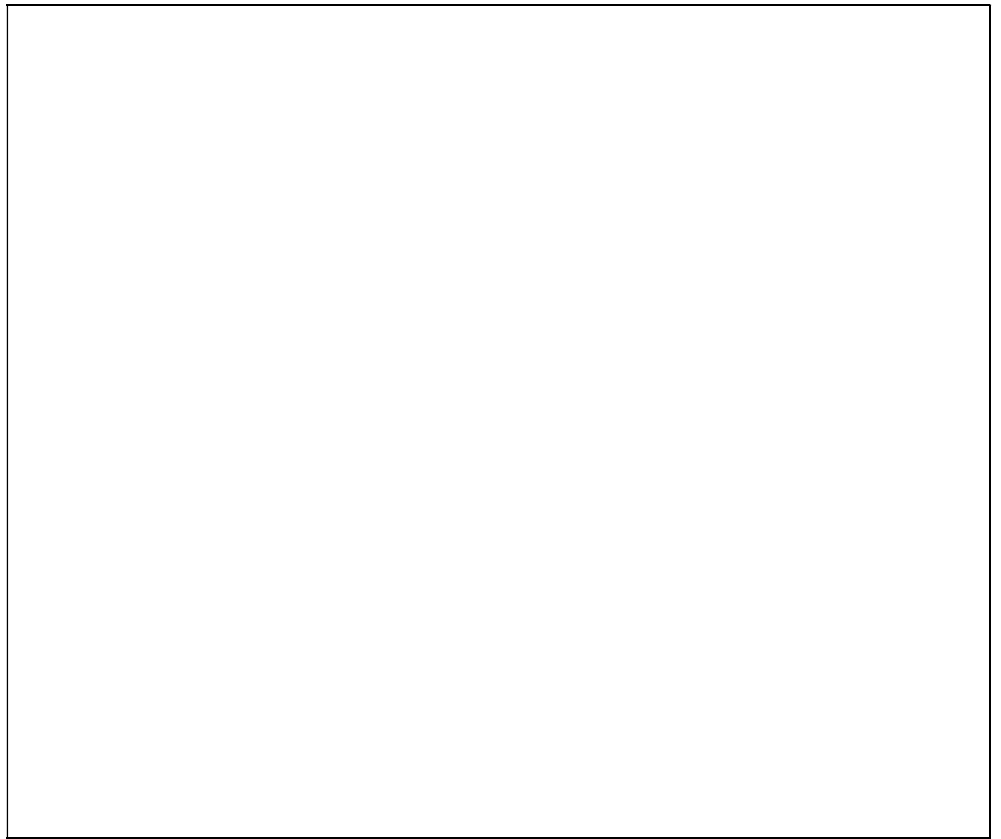
**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Meeting and liaising with the Local Authority, NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) and other agencies to represent views of parent carers and ensure services are delivered as set out in legislation and guidance. Engaging with parent carers to gather voice on local services and other issues effecting children and young people with SEND. We work alongside the local authority, education, health and other services to ensure the services they plan, commission and deliver meet the needs of children with SEND and their families.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



## Section D

## Achievements and performance

The past twelve months have brought meaningful change, growth and renewed purpose for the Leicestershire SEND Hub. Since becoming a registered charity we have continued to develop as a representative body for parent carers, ensuring the lived experiences of our families are heard, valued and used to shape local services.

### **Membership Growth and Community Engagement**

We are proud to report a remarkable increase in parent carer engagement over the past year. Our membership has now exceeded 3,000 active facebook members – a testament to the trust placed in us and the importance of the work we do.

A major contributor to this growth has been our involvement in the PINS project and our presence at the local offer roadshow, where we have had the privilege of meeting many parents face to face. These interactions have been powerful opportunities to listen, connect and advocate- and they have significantly enriched our understanding of the issues facing families in Leicestershire.

To new members: Welcome. To all our members: Thank You. Your involvement empowers us to represent your voices in a transparent, authentic and impactful way.

### **Local Area Developments and Strategic Partnership**

The Local Area Partnership has seen many structural changes this year, with new staff across Local Authority, health and social care sectors. We have worked hard to build relationships with these new stakeholders, and it is encouraging to see stronger collaboration taking root.

Leicestershire remains under an Accelerated Progress Plan with the Department for Education and continues to await an Ofsted inspection. We thank all of you who contributed in the Ofsted surveys- your insights are essential in shaping the future of Send services locally.

This year also marked an important evolution in our collaborative work. Under the governments Change Programme, the LLR Alliance, a partnership across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland has launched and created a co-production charter, strengthening the collective voice of health, education, social care and parent carer forums across the region. Through this alliance our connection with Leicestershire and Rutland forums have deepened, allowing for stronger, united advocacy and voice. Additionally we have continued to work closely with SENDIAS to reflect the voices of our families and to support their efforts to bid to expand their capacity and better serve families.

### **Ongoing Challenges**

Despite progress there are still serious challenges that impact families across our community:

- Insufficient funding across education, health and social care.
- A lack of suitable school placements.
- Long waiting times for assessments and interventions in health.
- National reforms that continue to place pressure on vulnerable families, including reductions in financial support and potential changes to SEND laws and the EHCP system.

We regularly hear from parent carers who feel exhausted and unheard. Our commitment to amplify these voices and lived experiences into spaces where real change can occur.

**A Seat at the Table**

It is worth noting how much the landscape has shifted in recent years. There was a time when parent carers were not welcomed into decision making spaces. Today, we are not only included but actively invited to contribute.

We now hold regular and respectful meetings with all three local area partners – education, health and social care. These meetings are helping to drive real initiatives such as:

- Improvements in EHCP timeliness and communication.
- Development of a more supportive short breaks service through social care.
- Efforts to support families on long waiting lists via 'waiting well' strategies in health.

There is still much to improve – and much still to feel on the ground- but there is a genuine commitment to doing better, together.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The trustees have set a target reserve level of 6 months operating costs.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>P. Aldred</i>	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Paula Aldred	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	31/1/2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name \_\_\_\_\_ No (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grant income	10,000	58,696	-	68,696	-
Bank interest	301	-	-	301	-
Donations	50	-	-	50	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer on incorporation	17,323	2,208	-	19,531	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>27,674</b>	<b>60,904</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,578</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>27,674</b>	<b>60,904</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,578</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Subscriptions		206	-	206	-
Training		125	-	125	-
Travel expenses	-	1,549	-	1,549	-
Merchandise		4,304	-	4,304	-
IT costs including licences		3,842	-	3,842	-
Stationery		1,223	-	1,223	-
Subsistence		311	-	311	-
Parent participation	52	17,355	-	17,407	-
Meeting costs	15	880	-	895	-
Meeting room hire		57	-	57	-
Parent engagement room hire		313	-	313	-
Admin wages		13,768	-	13,768	-
Team Welfare		243	-	243	-
Postage		15	-	15	-
Child care	-	70	-	70	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>44,261</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,328</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>44,261</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,328</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>27,607</b>	<b>16,643</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,250</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 4,770</b>	<b>4,770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>22,837</b>	<b>21,413</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,250</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank accounts	22,837	21,413	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>22,837</b>	<b>21,413</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>P. Aldred</i>	Paula Aldred	31/01/2026	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Leicestershire Send Hub CIO

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1206948

**Set out on pages**

(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 March 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 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 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:** *K. Linnett*

**Date:** 31/1/2026

**Name:** Karen Linnett

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

**Address:**

**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.**

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