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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 279699**

**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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# **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

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**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Ms C Alkaff Ms L Daniels Ms P Healy Mr S Caro Ms M L Hartley Mr Z Khan Ms N Nail (appointed 25.5.2021) Ms H Beaumont (appointed 27.4.2022) Mr A Daddou (appointed 27.4.2022)
<b>REGISTERED OFFICE</b>	Unit 23, Baseline Studios Whitchurch Road London W11 4AT
<b>REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER</b>	01480110 (England and Wales)
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	279699
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Berringers LLP Lygon House 50 London Road Bromley Kent BR1 3RA



## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The Law Centre is a charity whose objectives, as defined by the Articles of Association as amended on 11 July 2016, are:

- \* to relieve poor persons resident or working in the Benefit Area by providing such persons with legal services which they could not otherwise obtain through lack of means;
- \* the advancement of education of persons resident or working in the Benefit Area; and
- \* the advancement of any charitable purposes as are beneficial to the community for persons resident or working in the Benefit Area.

The Benefit Area means the area of Greater London or elsewhere in the United Kingdom as the Charity shall from time to time consider.

##### **Significant activities**

The principal activity of the Law Centre continues to be the provision of legal advice and representation to persons resident or working within Greater London and beyond with priority given to those who live or work or have a connection with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The Law Centre focuses on Housing and Immigration (including cases funded by Legal Aid, where eligible) Welfare Benefits, Employment (for which Legal Aid is not available) and Crime for which the Law Centre holds a small Legal Aid contract. The organisation holds the Lexcel Quality Mark in all these areas of practice and is an Accredited Living Wage and London Wage employer.

North Kensington Law Centre sits in the shadow of Grenfell Tower. Following the fire in June 2017, all resources were diverted towards assisting residents to resolve their immediate problems.

Appropriate as this response was, it left the Law Centre facing financial difficulties. In the year ended 31 March 2020 the strategy previously put in place to reduce costs and improve grant and legal aid income continued to be adopted and to prove successful. The Law Centre continues to be stable although new challenges arose due to the global COVID 19 pandemic which affected all areas of national and international life.

The Law Centre response was to make itself more resilient and to make itself and its way of working disaster resilient through the capability of functioning remotely where our advisors and other colleagues cannot attend at the Law Centre due to contingencies such as a national lockdown.

In staffing terms, we have lost some valuable colleagues who have decided to vary their professional path and so we have said farewell to Spike Western in our Immigration Unit who has now started the Bar Vocational Course.

We have welcomed Shilpa Cauter in May 2022 as an experienced Senior Caseworker in our Immigration Unit who was previously in a busy Legal Aid practice. She brings much appreciated experience in what is a dynamic, challenging and ever changing area of law which is quite topical bearing in mind the current proposed changes to Immigration and Refugee Law.

We continue to have a team of volunteers working on reception and subsequent to the various lockdowns, we are now seeking to revitalise our Volunteers Programme and extend greater volunteering opportunities, with an emphasis on local residents.

The cancellation of the Notting Hill Carnival in 2021 meant that our project working with the organisers or the Carnival as Legal Observers was not held in 2021, but we hope to return in 2022.

##### **Public benefit**

The trustees consider that the objectives and activities stated above of the Law Centre provide public benefit within the meaning and terms of the Charities Act 2011.



## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Staff and volunteers**

Franck Michel Kiangala took over the role of Director in May 2021. He is responsible for the executive management of the organization and is the principal point of liaison between the staff and trustees.

Thalatha Wickramasinghe is the Senior Solicitor.

In addition to paid staff, the Law Centre relies heavily on the volunteers who help to run triage and offer additional support to caseworkers. Our volunteers undertake six-month placements (minimum one day a week) in triage or casework, depending on experience. Some volunteers continue to work at the Law Centre after the six-month placement.

The Law Centre sits at the base of Grenfell Tower and the Law Centre continues to work with the local community since the fire supporting residents with their legal issues. Although the Grenfell Inquiry is due to report its findings in 2023, we anticipate that this work will continue for several years.

We continue to serve the legal needs of the local community. In all we assisted 748 clients, generating 802 cases either through direct casework or one-off advice.

##### **Housing**

Our Housing Unit continued to be busy after the moratorium on evictions came to an end.

Housing disrepair matter:

'Client - single parent in social housing with multiple disrepair issues for over 4 years causing effect on children's health. Client is also registered disabled - deaf and dyslexic. She is often helped by mother for communication and for appointments. When client approached us, no works were scheduled and an offer of compensation for the delay stood at £250.

At the conclusion of case (8 months later) significant intervention made by RBKC at a cost of several thousands of pounds in labour and materials and all works completed to reasonable standard and overall satisfaction of the client. Compensation negotiated to £809.00. Additional works not within the brief also signed off for completion.

Client was eligible for LAA funding fixed fee of £154.00 but we sought legal fees directly from RBKC and obtained £1850.00.'

'Mr M, who was severely depressed was about to be evicted came to us at the last minute. He had been living in the property for about 10 years with his ex-partner, his ex-partner was the sole tenant of the property. He completed some papers to transfer to our client who never chased it up. After a few years their relationship deteriorated, and his partner returned to Spain.

Our client continued to pay the rent for another 5 years and assumed it had been transferred to him until he received Notices and court papers that he was an unlawful occupier, and he was due to be evicted.

We represented the client and after lengthy negotiations, expert evidence relating to his self-harm, severe depression etc., we were able to agree on a consent order the day before the hearing for the tenancy to be granted to our client.

This is but a small sample of the road ahead, with increased court actions to clear backlogs created by the pandemic and resulting lockdowns.

The Law Centre's housing unit consists of one solicitor and deals with all matters in scope of legal aid, possessions evictions, homelessness, disrepair etc.

We have a weekly drop-in clinic which is run by BPP School of Law under the supervision of Tony Martin who is a qualified Housing solicitor employed by BPP. Typically, law students see 6 - 8 clients a week about their housing issues. Where appropriate the students assist the clients to resolve their housing problems under the supervision of Tony Martin and the more complex cases are taken up by our housing team.



## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Employment**

In 2021 - 2022 we triaged 153 employment enquiries and provided either one off advice or undertook more substantive casework. The employment team has continued to help clients from all over London with employment matters ranging from one off advice to legal work and with the return to work and the potential of discrimination due to the effects of long Covid, we anticipate the emergence of a new category of work within the employment unit. This work continues to be supported by a grant from Trust for London which has now been extended for a further 3 years at a value of £141,000.00.

Weekly employment law clinics continue to be popular and well attended.

The following is an example of the way that having expert advice can facilitate a good outcome.

'Ms. A was referred to us by Kalayaan, a charity which supports domestic workers. Ms. A entered the UK on a domestic worker visa and had been working for 3 months for her sponsor family before resigning. She was having difficulties negotiating payment of wages, including unpaid overtime. We advised Ms. A and commenced ACAS early conciliation on her behalf. We then negotiated with her former employer, securing a settlement for £2,259 and a contribution to the cost of her flight home. This figure was more than double the original offer and represents a good outcome given the difficulty the client would have proving her overtime hours, most of which were covered by the settlement.'

##### **Immigration and Asylum**

We have provided one off advice on the telephone and face to face to 212 asylum and / or immigration clients. We also continue to provide a low-cost service for immigration cases, and we have assisted clients in making immigration applications including spouse visas, applications to naturalise and registering as British Citizens.

We also anticipate increased need with immigration cases as the Home Office will seek to resume normal operations although decision - making is still affected by the need to deal with the cases of Ukrainian and Afghani refugees.

Decision - making will increase at a pace and appeals will come into existence, thus creating a real need for immigration advice, assistance, and representation.

Additionally, we continued with our immigration advice to rough sleepers project, successfully bidding for a grant from London Councils to provide immigration advice to rough sleepers within the North West sub - region. We teamed up with Ealing Law Centre to ensure maximum coverage of the sub - region and we are the Lead Partner in the project, which comprises a grant of £1,048,750.00 and will run from 1st July 2022 to 31st March 2025.

'DS and MS were a Ukrainian and Jordanian gay couple who met in Dubai. They could not live as a couple in Dubai, and neither could they settle in each other's countries which are both profoundly homophobic. We successfully applied for Refugee Status under the provisions of the 1951 UN Convention relating to the status of refugees.'

'Ms. FS is a citizen of Pakistan who was rough sleeping but taken into local authority hostel under the 'Everyone In' policy in place during the pandemic. She suffers from severe mental issues. She has been in the UK for 20 years and presented to the Law Centre under our rough sleeper's project.

We recently secured her leave to remain with access to public funds thus, relieving her homelessness and destitution through resolving her immigration status.

'The client is a national of Jamaica. She was brought to the UK at the age of 10 by her father who was later assessed as lacking capacity to care for her, so she entered the care of social services not long after. Due to her age and vulnerability, she was not able to regularise her immigration status, and unfortunately social services did also not seek to do so. Whilst she was a teenager, she accumulated a substantial criminal record. In 2019, social services sought to regularise her status, and NKLC assisted in making an application for leave to remain under Appendix FM of the Immigration Rules based on her relationship with her British child in the UK and her private life. She was granted leave to remain, and NKLC were also successful in obtaining the lifting of the 'no recourse to public funds' condition. We were recently instructed in her application to extend her leave, which should there be a positive result, will take her closer to an application for settlement. This is a complex case with a highly vulnerable client who has required ongoing support from social services. Since her first grant of leave, she has not committed any further offences and is focussed on her relationships with her three British children in the UK. She is also seeking employment.'



## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Welfare Benefits**

We assisted 192 clients including representing clients at appeal and undertaking substantive casework.

We saw 2 clients a day for pre- booked appointments as well as dealing with drop ins and emergencies. We continue to concentrate on appeal at the first Tier Tribunal however we also had cases in the Upper Tribunal.

'Mr. B faced an overpayment of £58,295 of Income Support and Employment Support Allowance going back several years. The DWP considered that he had an income, despite being severely disabled and unable to work for decades. Through an in-depth analysis of his accounts and by providing further evidence, we were able to demonstrate to the benefits tribunal that Mr. B had been given money by a close friend as voluntary payments and also money to be held on trust for the friend. These sporadic payments were not income. The DWP also considered that Mr. B had capital abroad in the form of property. By securing legal documents and presenting cultural arguments, we persuaded the judge that this was not Mr. B's property but his father's. We were able to allocate significant resources to this complex case due to additional grant funding. As a result, we achieved a life-altering outcome for this client, who was put under significant stress by this case.

The law centre has also successfully challenged a Housing Benefits decision, worth £52,820, and a Personal Independence Payment decision, worth £37,114, on behalf of this client, relating to the circumstances described above.'

##### **Criminal Defence**

Throughout the year we've provided criminal defence and we have been awarded a new criminal defence contract for the period 2022 - 2023 contract. For the period March 2021-April 2022 we attended 101 clients.

NKLC's crime department provides a valuable service to the West London community and beyond. We are one of only two Law Centres in the country with a crime department and our services continue to fill a critical gap in our community's needs. However, there is limited funding available for Crime work, and so the funding received from the LAA and private clients does not currently support the running costs of the department.

Like regular high street firms, we can readily service all criminal defence legal aid matters and private payers. Where we distinguish ourselves as a community organization, however, is that we are able to fill the many criminal litigation/advice gaps for individuals or families that do not qualify for legal aid or need additional pro bono servicing that no other firm will provide. Most often, these are the issues that matter most to our local population.

A 17-year-old youth (KN) was on his way to his local news agent to purchase candy one evening and was stopped and strip searched by the police on a public street. In their report, they indicated that KN had been stopped because he was wearing a track suit which drug dealers were 'known' to wear. Over the past several years, KN had been stopped dozens and dozens of times by the police, each time resulting with the police finding nothing illegal. On this occasion, as he was extremely frustrated by the constant profiling, he verbally harassed the officers and made a single racist statement. He was immediately arrested and charged with racial harassment. NKLC met with KN on the morning of his first court appearance, reviewed all of the evidence which was only produced that morning, and successfully argued to the Court that KN was a victim of profiling who in a moment of understandable frustration lashed out inappropriately. The court agreed to grant KN a conditional discharge which meant after 6 months, KN would have a clean criminal record again. KN and his family were extremely pleased with the outcome and service.

##### **Windrush Compensation Scheme**

The work of the Windrush Unit continues apace although the establishment's engagement still leave us a lot to be desired.

The day-to-day work of the unit is conducted by Franck Kiangala, Director and Solicitor and Lola Bellieni, Paralegal with much appreciated assistance from Helen Goztas, legal administrator.

A typical result of our involvement in Windrush Compensation claims:

'Mr. COI has been settled in the UK since 1989. He lost his passport which contained his grant of settled status and sought confirmation of his lawful residence from the Home Office who declined to assist.



## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

As a result of the Home Office's actions, Mr. COI lost his employment, was unable to finish his masters degree and his mental health suffered as a result. After taking instructions, NKLC sought a Subject Access Disclosure of his entire Home Office file and upon receiving this, it became apparent that the Home Office internally accepted that he had been settled since 1989 but for reasons beyond our comprehension decided to aggressively and negatively deal with his request for confirmation. Our client fought for more than a decade to obtain confirmation of a status he held all the time. We have prepared a comprehensive Windrush Compensation claim on his behalf and this is now under consideration.

#### **Policy and Communications**

We continue to be a voice for the community and our housing paralegal Spike Western has been interviewed by BBC Radio London after the Grenfell inquiry report came out in September. He also took part in a pre-election debate on housing in November and appeared on BBC word news (TV) when a Grenfell inquiry panel member dropped out in February was again interviewed on BBC Radio London to explain what legal privilege is.

Our Director, Franck Kiangala has taken part in Law Society Podcast on Access to Justice, as well as being a panellist on the Immigration Law Practitioners Association Roundtable on BLM: Diversity and the Law.

In policy terms the Director is working closely with several institutions to secure changes to the bereaved relative's policy (Grenfell), Home Office engagement in relation to non - UK rough sleepers and within the Windrush landscape.

#### **Quality**

We continue to believe that the service we offer should be comparable to anything on offer in the reputable private legal practice firms. We successfully went through a Full Lexcel audit in March 2022 The auditor repeated his observations that:

'The Centre should be highly commended for sustaining a very high level of compliance against the Lexcel Standard. It remains very clear that compliance is a deeply embedded part of the culture, and, in Lexcel terms, the Centre is an extremely efficient and extremely well-run organisation'

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Financial position**

Finances for the year to 31 March 2022 remained relatively stable in the short term. Total incoming resources for the year (which represented the total funding we had available for our activities) amounted to £467,071 (2021: £616,532), a decrease mainly due to decreases in grant funding received, as many emergency grants were received in 2020 and early 2021 in order to reduce the negative impact of COVID on the law centre. Funds earned from the provision of legal services were £143,339 (2021: £112,743). This includes our income from Legal Aid and our earned income from fees charged to clients.

Grant funding amounted to £312,703 (2021: £478,449) and donations of £10,968 (2021: £20,274).

Our expenditure for the year decreased from the previous year, with the total figure of £426,857 (2021: £447,637) reflecting the work required to be done.

The result was a net surplus for the year of £40,214 (2021: £168,895) and funds carried forward of £306,228 (2021: £266,014) of which £306,228 are free reserves.

##### **Principal funding sources**

The Law Centre is funded from a variety of sources including grants, donations and income derived from our contracts with the Legal Aid Agency in the areas of Housing and Immigration. A list of grantors can be found in the notes to the accounts.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea continues to provide us with core funding, which in turn allows us to continue to continue our vital work.



## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022**

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Financial review**

##### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have considered the charity's requirements for reserves and have established a policy that aims that the unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be at least three months' expenditure.

The level of reserves remained relatively unchanged during the 21-22 financial year. This will continue to be monitored to ensure these are maintained at an appropriate level, and that where possible the reserves will be increased if average annual expenditure increases. With expected increases in costs given the current economic climate, it is likely that these reserves will need to increase slightly in order to meet our target. However, care must be taken to maintain reserves in a way that doesn't reduce the activities of the law centre, as much funding is received under restricted grants.

##### **Going concern**

We received a wide range of funding throughout the 21-22 year. This was greatly appreciated and meant that we were able to continue delivering services and supporting the community throughout the year, and through the Covid-19 pandemic. Although some grants came to an end within the year, we have a strong plan in place to continue seeking and applying for funding to support our work, and some new grants have already been secured for the new financial year. As a result of these efforts, the Trustees have confidence that the Law Centre has a secure future ahead.

##### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The trustees are responsible for monitoring operational and financial risks affecting the Law Centre. The Risk Register identifies the principle risks faced by the organisation. The risks are prioritised based on potential impact and likelihood of occurrence and mitigation strategies are developed in collaboration with Law Centre management staff. The Risk Register is reviewed periodically by the Management Committee.

##### **Future plans**

The Centre is actively seeking additional funds to secure the future of the Centre to enable it to continue to serve their community for many more years.

The Centre has continued to serve the Community during the current COVID-19 pandemic and has secured a number of grants and donations to that effect. The support received during this period means the Law Centre can now focus on maintaining and expanding services, with a particular focus on securing grant funding for the longer term thus improving stability within the organisation and for the people it supports in the years to come. We also aim to ensure more even funding across our departments, as well as seeking funding to support our core costs to a greater degree. The Trustees will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that the community can be best served by the Centre.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The memorandum and articles of association were last amended on 11 July 2016.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

We welcomed Nadia Nail as a trustee to the board during the year. Our trustees have a wide range of experience, many of whom bring years of experience of working with Law Centres.

The Law Centre seeks to ensure its trustees possess the requisite balance of developmental, legal and management skills to promote the success of the organisation and the furtherance of its objectives.

We continue to seek suitably qualified trustees to join the Law Centre with a view to bringing new skills to the organisation and promoting trustee diversity.

##### **Organisational structure**

The Law Centre is controlled by a voluntary Management Committee comprising its trustees and is led at the executive level by a Director and Senior Solicitor.

## NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Decision making

The Management Committee has formal corporate and legal responsibility for all activities and functions of the organisation and operates as follows:

- \* The full Management Committee meets approximately every six weeks during the year.

The annual general meeting is usually held in the third quarter of each financial year.

The trustees have an overall responsibility for ensuring that the Law Centre has an appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. The systems of internal controls are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement of results of operations or financial position and to guard against insolvency. These systems and controls include:

- \* A strategic plan and annual budget approved by the trustees;
- \* Regular consideration by the trustees of financial information, variance from budgets and non-financial performance indicators;
- \* Delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- \* Identification and management of risks.

##### Key management remuneration

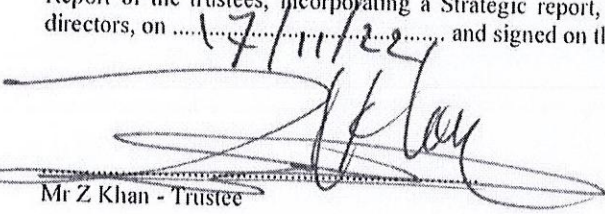
Key management compensation in year

	2022	2021
	£	£
	<u>93,218</u>	<u>98,053</u>

##### Trustee changes

Nadia Nail was appointed as a trustee on 25/05/2021. We also welcomed Harriet Beaumont and Abbas Daddou to the board on 27/04/2022. There were no resignations within the year.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a Strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 17/11/22 and signed on the board's behalf by:

  
Mr Z Khan - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North Kensington Law Centre ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FCA which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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Date: 17.11.22

**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations	2	10,968	-	10,968	20,274
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Provision of legal services		292,231	163,811	456,042	591,192
Other trading activities	3	-	-	-	5,046
Investment income	4	61	-	61	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>303,260</b>	<b>163,811</b>	<b>467,071</b>	<b>616,532</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	6	9,077	-	9,077	17,215
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7				
Provision of legal services		203,815	163,811	367,626	414,604
Support costs		50,154	-	50,154	15,818
<b>Total</b>		<b>263,046</b>	<b>163,811</b>	<b>426,857</b>	<b>447,637</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>40,214</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,214</b>	<b>168,895</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		266,014	-	266,014	97,119
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b><u>306,228</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>306,228</u></b>	<b><u>266,014</u></b>

The notes form part of these financial statements



# NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE

## BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	14	1,006	-	1,006	1,746
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Work in progress	15	84,885	-	84,885	72,202
Debtors	16	144,156	-	144,156	109,704
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>143,626</u>	<u>37,554</u>	<u>181,180</u>	<u>211,355</u>
		372,667	37,554	410,221	393,261
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(67,445)	(37,554)	(104,999)	(128,993)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>305,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,222</u>	<u>264,268</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>306,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,228</u>	<u>266,014</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>306,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,228</u>	<u>266,014</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	18				
Unrestricted funds				<u>306,228</u>	<u>266,014</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>306,228</u>	<u>266,014</u>

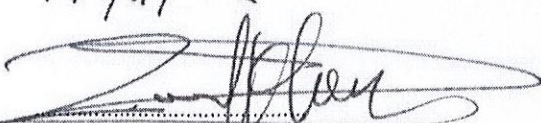
The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17/11/22 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Mr Z Khan - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

# NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(30,236)</u>	<u>144,598</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(30,236)</u>	<u>144,598</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(2,170)
Interest received		<u>61</u>	<u>20</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>61</u>	<u>(2,150)</u>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<b>(30,175)</b>	<b>142,448</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<b><u>211,355</u></b>	<b><u>68,907</u></b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<b><u>181,180</u></b>	<b><u>211,355</u></b>

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**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of financial activities)</b>	<b>40,214</b>	<b>168,895</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	740	1,188
Interest received	(61)	(20)
Increase in work in progress	(12,683)	(18,168)
Increase in debtors	(34,452)	(44,103)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(23,994)</u>	<u>36,806</u>
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by operations</b>	<u><b>(30,236)</b></u>	<u><b>144,598</b></u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.21 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>211,355</u>	<u>(30,175)</u>	<u>181,180</u>
	<u>211,355</u>	<u>(30,175)</u>	<u>181,180</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>211,355</b></u>	<u><b>(30,175)</b></u>	<u><b>181,180</b></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

##### **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.

Such income is only deferred where the donor specifies that the grant or donation can be used in a future accounting period, or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to performance conditions is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support advice/performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Contract and performance related grant income is deferred when received in advance of the performance of event to which they relate.

Turnover is measured at fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for services provided in the normal course of business, net of VAT.

##### **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.

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include both the direct and support costs relating to these activities. All support costs relate to unrestricted charitable activities.

Where VAT is irrecoverable as a result of partial exemption, this amount is charged to charitable activities.



## NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Expenditure**

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

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

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

##### **Work in progress**

Work in progress is valued at net realisable value, after making due allowances for slow recovery and potential irrecoverable fees.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation 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.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

##### **Going concern**

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will remain a going concern despite the difficulties faced in the past and the accounts have been prepared on that basis. A feasibility study was carried out previously indicating where costs needed to be reduced and income maximised. Currently, the Centre has stabilised the income from Legal cases, additional grants have been secured and costs have risen only slightly. The trustees will continue to monitor the situation.

##### **Donated Assets**

Donated assets are estimated at market value based on condition when received.

#### 2. DONATIONS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	<u>10,968</u>	<u>20,274</u>

# NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2022

### 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other income	<u>-</u>	<u>5,046</u>

### 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>61</u>	<u>20</u>

### 5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2022	2021
	Activity	£	£
Legal services	Provision of legal services	143,339	112,743
Grants	Provision of legal services	<u>312,703</u>	<u>478,449</u>
		<u>456,042</u>	<u>591,192</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea	61,625	64,869
Trust for London	60,500	84,500
The Tudor Trust	-	7,500
City Bridge Trust	16,667	45,833
Access to Justice Foundation	37,150	1,700
AB Charitable Trust	15,000	10,000
LCN Fund	-	85,000
London Legal Support Trust	10,000	10,485
Others - Windrush support fund	3,078	5,750
Kensington & Chelsea Foundation	34,749	75,752
Hollick Family Foundation	10,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	43,963	64,781
Allen & Overy Foundation	9,166	4,167
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	4,000
Refugee Action Organisation	3,888	6,112
The Clement James Centre	-	8,000
Westminster Amalgamated	4,000	-
Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity	<u>2,917</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>312,703</u>	<u>478,449</u>



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**6. RAISING FUNDS**

**Raising donations and legacies**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Advertising & marketing	<u>9,077</u>	<u>17,215</u>

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 8) £	Support costs (see note 9) £	Totals £
Provision of legal services	364,548	3,078	-	367,626
Support costs	<u>6,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,624</u>	<u>50,154</u>
	<u>371,078</u>	<u>3,078</u>	<u>43,624</u>	<u>417,780</u>

**8. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Provision of legal services	<u>3,078</u>	<u>-</u>

**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Support costs	<u>43,624</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

**Governance costs**

	2022 Support costs £	2021 Total activities £
Independent examination	3,250	3,125
Legal & professional fees	11,775	2,460
Bookkeeping fees	1,203	7,233
Consultancy fees	<u>27,396</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>43,624</u>	<u>15,818</u>

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**10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation - owned assets	<u><b>740</b></u>	<u><b>1,188</b></u>

**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**12. STAFF COSTS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	<b>282,486</b>	<b>321,048</b>
Social security costs	<b>21,127</b>	<b>25,081</b>
Other pension costs	<u><b>6,432</b></u>	<u><b>7,279</b></u>
	<u><b>310,045</b></u>	<u><b>353,408</b></u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Direct	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
Administration	<u><b>2</b></u>	<u><b>2</b></u>
	<u><b>11</b></u>	<u><b>13</b></u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations	20,274	-	20,274
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Provision of legal services	203,847	387,345	591,192
Other trading activities	5,046	-	5,046
Investment income	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>
<b>Total</b>	229,187	387,345	616,532
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	17,215	-	17,215



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Provision of legal services	15,259	399,345	414,604
Support costs	15,818	-	15,818
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<b>Total</b>	48,292	399,345	447,637
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<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	180,895	(12,000)	168,895

**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	85,119	12,000	97,119
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>266,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,014</u>

**14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2021	4,824	5,562	10,386
Disposals	(4,824)	-	(4,824)
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At 31 March 2022	-	5,562	5,562
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2021	4,824	3,816	8,640
Charge for year	-	740	740
Eliminated on disposal	(4,824)	-	(4,824)
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At 31 March 2022	-	4,556	4,556
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>1,006</u>	<u>1,006</u>
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At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>1,746</u>	<u>1,746</u>

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**15. WORK IN PROGRESS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Work in progress	<u>84,885</u>	<u>72,202</u>

**16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	82,903	77,640
Other debtors	47,376	16,373
VAT	-	4,376
Prepayments	<u>13,877</u>	<u>11,315</u>
	<u>144,156</u>	<u>109,704</u>

**17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,050	20,018
Social security and other taxes	6,124	8,850
VAT	7,300	-
Other creditors	46	4,766
Deferred income	82,050	90,591
Accrued expenses	<u>4,429</u>	<u>4,768</u>
	<u>104,999</u>	<u>128,993</u>

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.3.22
			£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	266,014	40,214	306,228
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Legal Services	-	-	-
Legal Aid	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-
Windrush	-	-	-
Grenfell Tower	-	-	-
COVID-19 Support	-	-	-
General Support	-	-	-
	<u>266,014</u>	<u>40,214</u>	<u>306,228</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
	<u>266,014</u>	<u>40,214</u>	<u>306,228</u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	303,260	(263,046)	40,214
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Legal Services	48,000	(48,000)	-
Legal Advice	48,130	(48,130)	-
Training	4,300	(4,300)	-
Windrush	15,578	(15,578)	-
Grenfell Tower	34,749	(34,749)	-
COVID-19 Support	3,888	(3,888)	-
General Support	9,166	(9,166)	-
	<u>163,811</u>	<u>(163,811)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>467,071</u>	<u>(426,857)</u>	<u>40,214</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	85,119	180,895	266,014
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Fixed Assets	1,500	(1,500)	-
Legal Services	-	-	-
Legal Aid	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-
Windrush	10,000	(10,000)	-
Celebration of 50 years	500	(500)	-
Grenfell Tower	-	-	-
COVID-19 Support	-	-	-
General Support	-	-	-
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>97,119</u>	<u>168,895</u>	<u>266,014</u>

# NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2022

### 18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	229,187	(48,292)	180,895
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Fixed Assets	-	(1,500)	(1,500)
Legal Services	84,500	(84,500)	-
Legal Advice	110,614	(110,614)	-
Training	1,700	(1,700)	-
Windrush	4,000	(14,000)	(10,000)
Celebration of 50 years	7,500	(8,000)	(500)
Grenfell Tower	35,151	(35,151)	-
COVID-19 Support	131,713	(131,713)	-
General Support	<u>12,167</u>	<u>(12,167)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>387,345</u>	<u>(399,345)</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>616,532</u>	<u>(447,637)</u>	<u>168,895</u>

The Legal Service fund is to provide the salaries of caseworkers, solicitors during Covid - 19, key management and their associated costs. This is funded by Trust for London.

The Legal Advice Fund is to enable the charity to improve access to legal advice services. The grants were funded by City Bridge Trust for core costs, and by National Lottery Community Fund for welfare benefits and housing advice.

The Windrush Fund is to cover the legal cost of people affected by the government removing those who came over to the UK on the Windrush. The grant was funded by Paul Hamlyn Foundation.

The Celebration of 50 years were funded by Westway Trust and Tudor Trust.

General support was funded to help people in education, employment, and other general support. The fund was provided by Allen & Overy Foundation and The Clement James Centre.

The Grenfell fund is to support the salary and associated costs of a paralegal/caseworker to support clients with cases related to the Grenfell Tower Fire and is funded by the Kensington & Chelsea Foundation.

Covid -19 Support was to provide Specialist advice services, support the organisation during the pandemic, purchase of equipments, deploying staffs and to support the vulnerable during Covid - 19. This was funded by Law Centre Network, Refugee Action Organisation and Kensington & Chelsea Foundation.

Training fund was provided by Access to Justice Foundation for management and leadership training for a member of staff.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.