

Trustee's Annual Report for the period of 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

Abbey Allsorts

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Public Benefit Reporting

The direct benefits which flow from purpose 1 include improved inclusion for children with disabilities and their families, this will lead to improved physical and mental health and wellbeing outcomes for all participants. Other direct benefits are social and educational activities which allow families to explore and learn together. The direct

benefits which flow from purpose 2 included improved support for the carers through face to face and online interactions. This will lead to improved physical and mental health and wellbeing outcomes for all participants. This benefit will be demonstrated through measurement by feedback from service users through questionnaires and verbal feedback after sessions. The purposes of our charity may lead to no harm. Children with disabilities and their siblings and carers in the Co. Antrim area. The only private benefit flowing from this purpose is that the members may also have children with disabilities and use the services provided and this is incidental and necessary because it allows people using the service to direct the work of the organisation based on their experiences.

What Abbey Allsorts does

Abbey Allsorts provides but is not limited too, arts and crafts, singing and dancing, messy play, children's entertainer's along with family fun and games allowing families to explore, have fun and learn together. We are also Sensory and Makaton Friendly. With a Mobi Changer and Hoist available to use. Abbey Allsorts will support their

carers and build a network for them, where they can access information that can help their families with Peer support and learning how each family has dealt with situations that can arise. Allowing families to engage and support each other face to face with other families, as they face the ups and downs of family life.

Summary of work during 2022 and 2023

Covid has had a massive impact on Abbey Allsorts with isolation resulting in the organisation being unable to meet due to the specific needs of and the risks faced by the attendees. During this time a lot of the attendees reached an age where the group didn't meet their needs and new members were unable to attend due to restriction.

Due to health reasons the former treasurer was unable to continue in the role. As a result and with some Trustees resigning access to the bank account was not possible. With the support and assistance of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council all non-vouchered for grants were repaid. The bank has closed the bank account and any remaining monies returned by cheque.

2024: Four new Trustees have come forward and completed all necessary paperwork. A set off accounts has been completed to reflect the current financial situation. The group will be recommencing with the support of the new Trustees and has been restricted to meet the needs that still exist and have grown post covid and during the economic crisis that the community is facing.

Regard to the Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance (CCNI ARR08 June 2019)

The Charity Trustees of Abbey Allsorts declare that they have had regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, additionally, to report on the activities the charity has carried out to further its purposes for the public benefit.

Abbey Allsorts is a constituted organisation detailed within the "Abbey Allsorts Constitution **2nd February 2020**"

Trustees during the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

- **Paula North**

The procedure to select replacement Trustees is>

- Stated communication to all the Trustees giving 30 days notice detailing purpose of meeting.
- Nominees must be proposed and seconded by Trustees. On agreement of a proposed replacement Trustee two Trustees will be appointed to verify suitability of individual and report back at a meeting within the next month.
- On receipt of a favourable report from the scrutineers at the next meeting the replacement Trustee will be appointed and invited to the next meeting.

Abbey Allsorts financial position at the end of the year

At the end of the 2023 year Abbey Allsorts is in a good financial position.

- Currently there are no financial liabilities that the Trustees are aware of. All non-vouchered for funds identified from the previous year will be paid via the reserves.
- There are no assets.
- Restricted funds from grants where spend for the public benefit as per the Grant Funders guidelines and all non-vouchered for funds were returned.
- Reserves will be used to cover outgoings while awaiting payment from Funders.
- Reserves will be used for training of volunteers.
- No funds are materially in deficit
- No funds are held by the charity as a Custodian trustee.

A summary description of the purposes of the charity.

Abbey Allsorts is established for the following purposes.

- (1) include improved inclusion for children with disabilities and their families, this will lead to improved physical and mental health and wellbeing outcomes for all participants. Other direct benefits are social and educational activities which allow families to explore and learn together. The direct benefits which flow from purpose 2
- (2) included improved support for the carers through face to face and online interactions. This will lead to improved physical and mental health and wellbeing outcomes for all participants. This benefit will be demonstrated through measurement by feedback from service users through questionnaires and verbal feedback after sessions. The purposes of our charity may lead to no harm. Children with disabilities and their siblings and carers in the Co. Antrim area. The only private benefit flowing from this purpose is that the members may also have children with disabilities and use the services provided and this is incidental and necessary because it allows people using the service to direct the work of the organisation based on their experiences.

Signature of Trustee: *Paula North*