

Special Delivery NI

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108210

Details

Status Received

Registered 2021-08-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of Special Delivery NI is to provide gift baskets with helpful and positive information to mothers who have recently had a baby with Down Syndrome throughout Northern Ireland.

What the charity does: The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Disability

Who the charity helps: Learning disabilities, Parents, Physical disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£3,782	£5,331	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Elizabeth Reid		
Mr Owen Roe Cushenan		
Mrs Clare Cushenan		

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Payment from Hospitals	877	-	-	877
Bazaar Voice	1,539	-	-	1,539
Fundraising	1,366	-	-	1,366
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	3,782	-	-	3,782
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,782	-	-	3,782
A3 Payments				
Cardboard boxes	947	-	-	947
Printers	886	-	-	886
Ellie books	259	-	-	259
Toiletries, baby grows etc	3,239	-	-	3,239
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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A3 Sub total	5,331	-	-	5,331
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)				
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	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	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 £
A1 Receipts					
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Payment from Hospitals	1,229	-	-	1,229	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	1,229	-	-	1,229	-
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,229	-	-	1,229	-
A3 Payments					
Gift box items	2,417	-	-	2,417	-
Ellie books	325	-	-	325	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	2,742	-	-	2,742	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,742	-	-	2,742	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,514	-	-	- 1,514	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 1,514	-	-	- 1,514	-

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Annual report

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS / OUTPUT

Special Delivery NI has produced and delivered 21 Post natal and Prenatal gift boxes to Hospitals throughout Northern Ireland during the financial year 01/04/24 – 31/03/25.

ABOUT SPECIAL DELIVERY NI

Postnatal boxes now include a book written by a young lady who has Down Syndrome 'Ellie', a personal letter from me along with gifts for mum and baby. These gifts have been chosen to provide positive, up to date information to parents and families when their baby receives a Down Syndrome diagnosis.

IMPACT AND BENEFIT

The feedback from parents has been extremely positive. They found the information relevant and helpful at a time in their lives when they faced an uncertain future for their baby and family.

Healthcare professionals have also appreciated the gift boxes. They reported parent feeling reassured and comforted by the message conveyed through the gift boxes. Many stated that Special Delivery NI provide much needed assistance to families facing a Down Syndrome diagnosis in Northern Ireland. I have also given information to Healthcare Trust on training sessions for maternity professionals regarding delivering a Down Syndrome diagnosis to parents. I hope they avail of these training services that can only improve maternity services in Northern Ireland.

DEVELOPMENTS

As of September 2022 Special Delivery NI produced and delivered Prenatal boxes with useful information for parents who receive a prenatal diagnosis of Down Syndrome and are continuing with the pregnancy. I have received emails from parents who are recipients of these boxes.

Special Deliver NI continues to work with Alternative Angles, Harmony Studio a charity which provides support to people with Learning Disabilities. Harmony Studio supply candles, soap and bath salts for the gift boxes. These items were made by adults with Learning Disabilities in Northern Ireland. We are delighted to have these beautiful items in Special Delivery NI gift boxes. Not only are they high quality gifts but it also reinforces the ethos of Special Deliver NI. It is my hope that new parents will also realise their child can grow up and fulfil their potential and lead full and happy lives.

FUNDRAISING

All our income was received from the Hospitals. It is hoped that all hospital will pay for the gift boxes in the future.

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Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF SPECIAL DELIVERY NI

I report on the accounts of Special Delivery NI 01/04/24 – 31/03/25.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Evelyn Francey

Relevant professional qualification or body if any: Nurse (Retired)

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Date: 10/04/25

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024	
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Wouldn't Change A Thing GRANT	750	-	-	750	-
Parent (KL) Fundraiser	800	-	-	800	-
Payment from Hospitals	468	-	-	468	-
Social Media Fundraiser PayPal	109	-	-	109	-
Parent (MM) Fundraiser	2,510	-	-	2,510	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	4,637	-	-	4,637	-
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,637	-	-	4,637	-
A3 Payments					
Gifts, baby wash, candles etc	366	-	-	366	-
Stickers	60	-	-	60	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	426	-	-	426	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	426	-	-	426	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,211	-	-	4,211	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4,211	-	-	4,211	-

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS / OUTPUT

Special Delivery NI has produced and delivered 2 Post natal and 0 Prenatal gift boxes to Hospitals throughout Northern Ireland during the financial year 01/04/23 – 31/03/24. This was due to the Hospitals still having boxes from the last years delivery. After a Freedom of Information request we can see there were only 35 babies born with Down Syndrome last year and 15 were aborted. This obviously impacted the amount of boxes required.

ABOUT SPECIAL DELIVERY NI

Postnatal boxes include a 'Positive About Down Syndrome' book #NobodyToldMe, 'Wouldn't Change A Thing' book, a personal letter from me along with gifts for mum and baby. These gifts have been chosen to provide positive, up to date information to parents and families when their baby receives a Down Syndrome diagnosis.

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DEVELOPMENTS

As of September 2022 Special Delivery NI produced and delivered Prenatal boxes with useful information for parents who receive a prenatal diagnosis of Down Syndrome and are continuing with the pregnancy. Twenty of these prenatal boxes were given to the Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast where mothers who receive a Down Syndrome diagnosis are monitored. I have received emails from parents who are recipients of these boxes.

Special Deliver NI continues to work with Alternative Angles a charity which provides support to people with Learning Disabilities. Alternative Angles supply candles, soap and bath salts for the gift boxes. These items were made by adults with Learning Disabilities in Northern Ireland. We are delighted to have these beautiful items in Special Delivery NI gift boxes. Not only are they high quality gifts but it also reinforces the ethos of Special Deliver NI. It is my hope that new parents will also realise their child can grow up and fulfil their potential and lead full and happy lives.

FUNDRAISING

Special Delivery NI's positive impact on parents and the wider community is evident in the fundraising two parent's in particular achieved. After receiving Special Delivery NI boxes when their babies were born they (separately) fundraised. They raised £3310 in total for Special Delivery NI financial funding for 23/24.

£468 was received from the Hospitals. (Boxes delivered in previous financial year).

The charity Wouldn't Change A Thing who supply books for Special Delivery NI boxes awarded a £750 grant for our prenatal boxes.

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