

# FND Matters NI

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108776

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2022-10-20

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** THE MAIN PURPOSE OF FND MATTERS NI WILL BE: 1.To increase awareness of the needs and issues faced by those living with Functional Neurological Disorder amongst the general public, medical professionals, educationalists and elected representatives, and to offer support, understanding and guidance to those with FND. In furtherance of this the Charity may: 2. Work towards bridging the gap between those with FND and health professionals through our main purpose of awareness raising. 3. Ensure people with Functional Neurological Disorder have access to accurate and timely diagnosis and appropriate multidisciplinary treatment care and support. 4.Offer training to volunteers, encouraging confidence, inclusion, acceptance, whilst gaining support from other FND patients and carers. 5. Provide comprehensive information by way of website, booklets, leaflets and posters. 6.Establish a specialised counselling service with FND qualified counsellors.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of health or the saving of lives

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Counselling/support,Disability,Education/training,Human rights/equality,Medical/health/sickness,Volunteer development

**Who the charity helps:** Carers,General public,Mental health,Physical disabilities,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£29,748	£18,551	£0	4

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Paul Ryan Stewart		
Mrs Alfreda Carson		
Mrs Denise Skivington		
Mrs Jeanette Louise Bramald		
Mrs Katrina Fern Armstrong		
Mrs Ruth Elizabeth Wall		

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# Accounts

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CHARITY NAME:  
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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to Mar-25 TOTAL £	Year to Mar-24 TOTAL £
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Donations & Gift Aid	4,658	-	4,658	7,584
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>				
PHA	-	-	-	1,776
Enkalon	500	-	500	-
National Lottery	-	20,000	20,000	-
Trustees of LF	-	-	-	8,900
Halifax Foundation NI	-	-	-	2,750
John Moores	-	3,750	3,750	-
Clear Project	-	840	840	3,102
Ground Work UK	-	-	-	1,000
CDHN Elevate Grant	-	-	-	9,843
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>24,590</b>	<b>29,748</b>	<b>34,955</b>
<b>Payments:</b>				
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-
Counselling	-	16,040	16,040	24,213
Drop - Ins	-	134	134	799
Giff Gaff	-	72	72	72
Insurance & Fees	-	752	752	798
Pettycash	-	527	527	300
Printing	-	135	135	2,123
Postage	-	-	-	58
Fitness PHA Grant	-	-	-	2,196
Enthuse	-	209	209	0
Training	-	-	-	200
Web Maintenance	-	495	495	251
Zoom	-	187	187	187
<b>Total Payments:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,551</b>	<b>18,551</b>	<b>31,196</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>6,039</b>	<b>11,197</b>	<b>3,759</b>
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>6,039</b>	<b>11,197</b>	<b>3,759</b>
<b>Reconciliation 31/03/2025</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 31/03/2024	10,124	-	10,124	6,365
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end	5,158	6,039	11,197	3,759
Cash at bank & in hand 31/03/2025	<b>15,282</b>	<b>6,039</b>	<b>21,321</b>	<b>10,124</b>

The statement of receipts and payments includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	Total 2024 £
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.24	10,124	-	<b>10,124</b>	6,365
Surplus / (deficit) for this year end	5,158	-	<b>5,158</b>	3,759
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.03.25</b>	<b>15,282</b>	-	<b>15,282</b>	10,124

<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	Total 2024 £
Cash at Bank	15,282	6,039	<b>21,321</b>	10,124
	<b>15,282</b>	<b>6,039</b>	<b>21,321</b>	10,124

<b>Assets</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total £</b>	Total £
Nil	-	-	-	-

<b>Liabilities</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	Total 2024 £
Nil	-	-	-	-

The financial statements were approved by the board Trustees on 10/12/2025 and were signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Alfreda Carson  
Treasurer

10/12/2025

Date

## NOTES

### **1 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to a fee of £180 (2024 - £180)

### **2 Post examination events**

No post year end events of any significant.

### **3 Related parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

### **4 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration £0.00 (2024 - £0.00).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind £0.00 (2024 - £0.00).

During the year, Trustees received reimbursement of expenses totalling £0.00 (2024 - £0.00).

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<b>Receipts</b>				
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Donations & Gift Aid	7,584	-	7,584	7,446
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>				
PHA	-	1,776	1,776	-
Trustees of LF	-	8,900	8,900	-
Halifax Foundation NI	-	2,750	2,750	-
Clear Project	-	3,102	3,102	-
Ground Work UK	-	1,000	1,000	-
CDHN Elevate Grant	-	9,843	9,843	3,852
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>7,584</b>	<b>27,371</b>	<b>34,955</b>	<b>11,298</b>
<b>Payments:</b>				
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	702
Counselling	3,825	20,388	24,213	11,032
Drop - Ins	-	799	799	976
Giff Gaff	-	72	72	94
Insurance & Fees	-	798	798	227
Pettycash	-	300	300	500
Printing	-	2,123	2,123	1,941
Postage	-	58	58	-
Fitness PHA Grant	-	2,196	2,196	-
Sundries	-	-	-	45
Training	-	200	200	54
Web Maintenance	-	251	251	271
Zoom	-	187	187	174
<b>Total Payments:</b>	<b>3,825</b>	<b>27,371</b>	<b>31,196</b>	<b>16,017</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>(4,720)</b>
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>(4,720)</b>
<b>Reconciliation 31/03/2023</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 31/03/2023	6,365	-	6,365	11,085
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end	3,759	-	3,759	(4,720)
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Cash at Bank	10,124	-	<b>10,124</b>	6,365
	<b>10,124</b>	-	<b>10,124</b>	6,365
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total £</b>	Total £
<b>Assets</b>				
Nil	-	-	-	-
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	Total 2023 £
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Nil	-	-	-	-

The financial statements were approved by the board Trustees on



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Treasurer

8/1/25  
Date

**NOTES**

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# Annual report

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## **TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

### **MEETING PROGRAMME**

OUR WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS ON A TUESDAY ATTRACT APPROX 12 PEOPLE PER WEEK, AND WE HAD 3 GUESTS DURING THE YEAR. THEY WERE THE PCC (PATIENT AND CLIENT COUNCIL) DR INGRID HOERWITZER AND PROFESSOR STONE. THESE SESSIONS WERE ATTENDED BY APPROX 30 PEOPLE WHO LISTENED TO EXCELLENT DISCUSSIONS AND THE FEEDBACK WAS MORE THAN POSITIVE.

OUR DROP-INS CONTINUED AT LEAST 1 PER MONTH AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS SUCH AS BALLYMENA, BELFAST, LISBURN, MAGHERAFELT, NEWTOWNARDS AND PORTADOWN. AT LEAST 15 PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE PER SESSION.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLES & YOUNG ADULTS ZOOM CALLS MET ONCE A FORTNIGHT AND AT CHRISTMAS WENT BOWLING TOGETHER. THEY ALSO MET DURING THE YEAR WITH AN ARTIST WHO ALSO HAS FND AND PRODUCED A VIDEO EXPLAINING ABOUT THEIR CONDITION AND HOW THEY COPE WITH IT.

THEY WERE ALSO PART OF A GROUP AT STORMONT WHEN A DELEGATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE SPOKE TO MLA'S ABOUT THEIR CONDITION AND THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH THE HEALTH SERVICE. THEY EXPLAINED THAT NO PATHWAY FOR FND PATIENTS WAS AVAILABLE AND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TREATED POORLY BY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AS A WHOLE. THEY EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR BETTER PAEDIATRIC SERVICES FOR YOUNG FND PATIENTS.

FEEDBACK FROM ALL THE ABOVE WAS MORE THAN POSITIVE AND WE ARE ESPECIALLY DELIGHTED ABOUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE AS THEY SEEM TO HAVE BONDED OVER THEIR SHARED CONDITION. THEY HAVE ALSO PROVED TO BE GREAT FUNDRAISERS AND HAVE RAISED SEVERAL THOUSAND POUNDS FOR FND MATTERS NI.

## **COUNSELLING**

OUR COUNSELLING SERVICE IS GOING WELL. THE 4 COUNSELLORS SPEAK TO APPROX 10 CLIENTS PER WEEK. SINCE WE BEGAN OFFERING FREE COUNSELLING FROM FND TRAINED COUNSELLORS, TO DATE WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER 170 APPLICATIONS. SOME OF THESE CLIENTS HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO US BY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SECURE FUNDING FROM THE DEPT OF HEALTH. FORTUNATELY WE HAVE SECURED £20,000 FROM THE NATIONAL LOTTERY, AS THE YEARLY COUNSELLING COST IS WORKING OUT ABOUT £23,000. WE WERE INFORMED BY PROFESSOR STONE THAT FND MATTERS NI IS THE ONLY FND CHARITY TO PROVIDE THIS VALUABLE AND MUCH NEEDED SERVICE.

## **TRUSTEE MEETING PROGRAMME**

TWO TRUSTEES HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN QUITE A FEW NETWORK MEETINGS AND ARE PART OF THE ALL PARTY GROUP ON NEUROLOGY AT STORMONT. WE WERE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THAT NO PATHWAY IS AVAILABLE FOR FND PATIENTS AND THAT THEY FELT THEY HAD BEEN DISMISSED BY MOST HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. THIS WAS TAKEN ON BOARD BY THE MLA'S.

WE ARE MEMBERS OF NINCA (NORTHERN IRELAND NEUROLOGICAL CHARITIES ALLIANCE) AND ATTEND MEETINGS ONCE A MONTH. MEMBERS INCLUDE MS SOCIETY, STROKE SOCIETY, BRAIN INJURY AND PARKINSONS, ALONG SIDE OTHER NEUROLOGICAL CHARITIES. THE ALLIANCE FOCUSES ON THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND HOW BROKEN IT IS.

OUR INPUT HAS BEEN VITAL WITH THE NEUROLOGY REVIEW AS ALONG WITH DR NIGEL LYTTLE WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PLANNING A PATHWAY FOR FND PATIENTS. A PUBLIC CONSULTATION HAS BEEN PLANNED AND FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER FND HAS BEEN MENTIONED AND A PATHWAY WILL BE PUT IN PLACE WHEN MONEY FROM THE DEPT OF HEALTH BECOMES AVAILABLE.

JEANETTE IS A MEMBER OF THE FND SOCIETY WHICH INCLUDES PROFESSIONALS FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. THEY HAVE REGULAR MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM WORLD FND SPECIALISTS.

WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE NEURO ALLIANCE CO-PRODUCTION WORKING GROUP AND INSTRUMENTAL IN THE 'BACK THE 1 IN 6 CAMPAIGN.

## **PLANS FOR 2024-2025**

DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE BY THE TRUSTEES ABOUT PLANS FOR GOING FORWARD. WE HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD ANOTHER CONFERENCE WITH THE EMPHASIS ON ENCOURAGING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO ATTEND, AS FND IS OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD. SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS WERE PUT FORWARD AND WE TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED IF WE COULD GET A PAEDIATRICIAN AS THE MAIN SPEAKER AND POSSIBLY SOMEONE FROM SPEECH AND LANGUAGE AND A PHYSIOTHERAPIST WOULD BE IDEAL.

A PROPOSAL FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A PLAN TO FORWARD TO THE DEPT OF HEALTH FOR FUNDING IS IN THE EARLY STAGES. THIS WOULD INVOLVE ASKING FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OUR COUNSELLING SERVICE AND LIVING IN THE BELFAST TRUST AREA TO GIVE CONSENT TO ACCESS THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS BY A HOSPITALCONSULTANT AND TO PRESENT TO THE DEPT OF HEALTH AS EVIDENCE THAT FND MATTERS NI OFFER A SERVICE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF THOSE LIVING WITH FND.

## **FUNDING**

WE RECEIVED SEVERAL GRANTS DURING THE YEAR INCLUDING ONE FROM THE NATIONAL LOTTERY FOR £20,000 TO BE USED SPECIFICALLY FOR COUNSELLING.

WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH ENTHUSE WHICH IS A FUNDRAISING PLATFORM AND THIS HAS CREATED SOME FUNDING AND THE NEW YEAR WILL SEE US TRYING TO OBTAIN MORE FUNDING AND GRANTS.

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# Annual return

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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of FND Matters NI**

I report on the income and expenditure of FND Matters NI for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, from the records and explanations provided to me.

### **Respective responsibilities of, Board of the Principal, Board of Governors 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 the 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 was 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.

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**Independent examiner's report continued...**

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.



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**Tony Clarke**

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08/01/2025