

Mid Down & Lisburn District



**Community
First Responders**

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**Annual Report & Financial Statements
Period Ending 31 March 2025**

Charity Commission (NI) Registration Number 109087

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Trustees

The following people served as Trustees of the Charity during the period ending 31 March 2025:

- Ms Lynda Donaldson (Chair)
- Mr Graham Walsh (Scheme Co-Ordinator)
- Mr Martin McDonald (Deputy Scheme Co-Ordinator)
- Ms Clare Doyle (Secretary)
- Mr Brian Allen (Treasurer)

All Trustees have continued their tenure into the 2025/26 financial year.

Trustee Remuneration

All Trustees act in a pure voluntary role. No Trustee receives any remuneration from the scheme.

Employees

The charity is operated solely by volunteers and has no employees.

Charitable Activities

The objectives and aims of the organisation as laid out in its constitution are:

- To set up and operate a volunteer-led community first responder scheme
- To provide life-saving care to people with any of a range of medical emergencies, as laid down from time to time by the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, in our community, pending the arrival of the ambulance service
- To recruit, co-ordinate and equip local volunteers who will be trained and alerted by the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service to assess and provide an appropriate intervention to those with appropriate medical emergencies, in their localities
- To Provide, as appropriate, resuscitation including the use of a defibrillator, care and support pending the arrival of an emergency ambulance, which will be dispatched simultaneously with the first responders

During the reporting period the scheme achieved its charitable objectives by:

- Securing sustainable funding to enable the purchase of medical equipment, uniforms and personal protective equipment
- Providing continuous professional development to all volunteers to maintain and enhance their skills

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- Attending 613 emergency calls to provide potentially lifesaving medical intervention while awaiting the arrival of an ambulance

Responder Safety Enhancements

During the period, the scheme issued handheld radios to all active volunteers. These devices enable real-time communication between volunteers and provide an additional safeguarding measure through location functionality when the radios are powered on, allowing oversight by the trustees.

An agreed codeword protocol has been introduced to allow volunteers to discreetly indicate that they may be at risk without alerting those around them. The radio channel is monitored on a 24-hour, seven-day basis by trained volunteers, ensuring that assistance can be coordinated promptly where required.

The trustees have reviewed and approved these arrangements and consider them to be a proportionate and effective control measure to reduce risks to volunteers, strengthen safeguarding assurance, and support the charity's duty of care while volunteers are undertaking activities on behalf of the organisation.

Accounts

As detailed on page 4, during the period the scheme had charitable income of £21,848 with operational expenditure of £6,086. There was £773 of capital expenditure for personal radios. The charity consequently had £33,941 in unrestricted cash balances.

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Accounts for Period Ending 31 March 2025

Income & Expenditure (Cash Basis)

	Unrestricted £	Unrestricted £
Income		21,848
Expenditure		
Bank Charges	(15)	
Consumables	(699)	
Defib Pads	(3,000)	
Import Duties	(156)	
Insurance	(820)	
Marketing	(165)	
Mobile SIM Cards	(960)	
Postage	(56)	
Uniform	(215)	
		<u>(6,086)</u>
Operating Surplus for the Period		15,762
Depreciation		<u>(4,800)</u>
Net Surplus for the Period		<u><u>10,962</u></u>

Balance Sheet

Cash at Bank		33,941
Equipment		
Defib Costs	24,000	
Accumulated Depreciation	(9,600)	
Net Book Value		14,400
Zello Radios (1st year additions)		<u>773</u>
Total Assets as at 31/3/2025		<u><u>49,114</u></u>