

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Charity name: Dayspring Special Community ("Dayspring", "The Charity")

Address: 192A Culmore Road, Derry, BT48 8JH

Charity registration number: 109531

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Dayspring's primary aim is to provide one to one care for adults with intellectual and/or physical special needs who require 24 hour care and assistance.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Facilitation of weekly social group for core members and their families / carers to come together to provide peer support as well as share information and advice. Provision of therapies such as music, arts, sports and sensory sessions as well as outings that enable members and their families to socialise, interact and connect with other families in a similar situation to their own.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>Purposes</p> <p>Dayspring's main purpose is to provide one to one care for adults with intellectual and/or physical needs. We encourage our core members' carers, parents, wider family members and friends to be part of all of our activities in order to create an inclusive community where all feel supported and can thrive.</p> <p>Beneficiaries</p> <p>Dayspring has helped to improve the quality of life for parents, carers, our members and indeed their wider families.</p> <p>Activities</p> <p>The weekly social club has included activities such as group games, educational table top activities, interactive sensory sessions and singing & musical instrument sessions provided by a qualified music therapist. We celebrated seasonal activities through arts &</p>
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(Continued)	<p>crafts, celebrated important events for each core member (e.g. birthday celebrations and other special occasions) and we held family fun days for the family and friends of our core members and carers, volunteers, etc.</p> <p>Achievements</p> <p>Through the provision of our weekly activities, our core members have developed a range of skills including their numerical, problem solving and motor skills. Notably, our core members have developed their interpersonal relationships with one another. Deep friendships have been established and all members are tolerant and considerate of each other's abilities.</p> <p>Harm Mitigation</p> <p>Managing the needs of members with complex physical and intellectual disabilities requires individual care provision which is specific to each member. We therefore ask that all members are accompanied by their carer / family member to ensure that their specific personal needs are met which in turn mitigates any potential harm to the beneficiaries.</p> <p>Restrictions on who can benefit</p> <p>The charity cannot accommodate individuals who are unable to be joined by their carer / family member for the reasons outlined above.</p> <p>Private benefit</p> <p>We do not consider that the provision of the weekly social events or our family fun days resulted in a private benefit for any of the relevant stakeholders.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The charity's financial position at year end was positive due to relatively strong lottery funding and income from donations and fundraising throughout the financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity holds the minimum sum required to fund weekly activities and celebrations for core members for at least 1 year.
Amount of reserves held	£5,117.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A – reserves are held by the charity in line with the approach above.
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A – no funds are in deficit.

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	N/A – the charity's accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The principal source of funding during the 2024 financial year originated from lottery funding & fundraising activities such as our family fun days.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	N/A – no trusts are held by the charity.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	The charity is an unincorporated charitable association governed under its Constitution dated 8 th August 2022.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees.	All current trustees must agree to the appointment of any potential new trustee by means of an in person vote.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Anne McCafferty	Chairperson		
2	Peter Atkinson	Treasurer		
3	Kathleen O'Boyle	Secretary		
4	Frances Doherty			
5	Carmel Craig			

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Anne McCafferty	
Full name(s)	ANNE MCCAFFERTY	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
Date	31 / 10 / 2025	