

ANNUAL REPORT

2023-24



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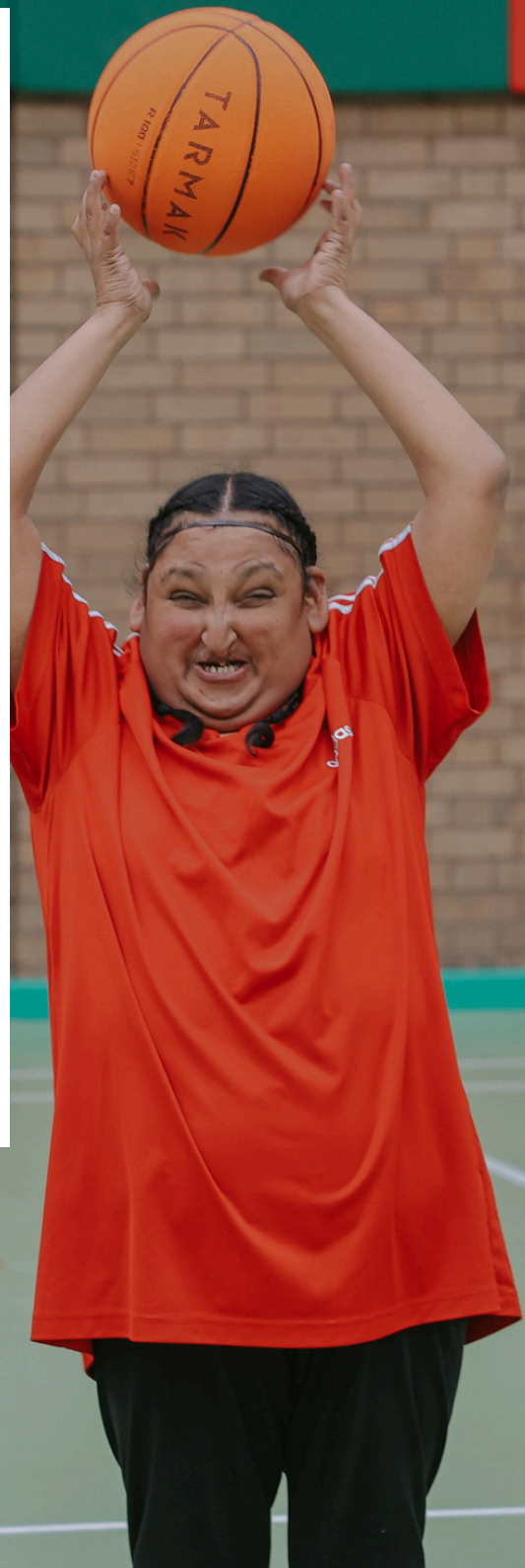
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TRUSTEE REPORT

Reflecting on the past year at Sheffield Mencap and Gateway, the first words I thought of were 'business as usual'. However these words don't do justice to the amount of work that has gone on to maintain the stability and security that we have seen over the past 12 months.

One thing that I have noticed about everyone at Sheffield Mencap and Gateway is they strive to build on the solid foundation that we already have to provide an even better service to members and the wider community we serve.

From a financial and governance position, we have been in the positive position needed to ensure the continued delivery of all services. I would like to thank trustees for their work over the past year.

Sheffield Mencap and Gateway's experienced and dedicated staff team continue to expertly develop and deliver the services so valuable to the local learning disability community.

Partnerships with other organisations have expanded these services and ensured that all communities in Sheffield can be reached, also expanding access for people with learning disabilities access to more community spaces in the city.

The renovation of the first-floor at Norfolk Lodge has created a welcoming, flexible space that all services can benefit from – we're excited to see how staff and members ideas for the space develop over the next year.

One of the most important aspects of Sheffield Mencap and Gateway is that it provides what its members want. The new 'Community Connector' role this year ensured that member voice was at the forefront of planning and delivery, and we are excited to see the impact the Community Connectors have going forward.

Thank you to all the people – investors, trustees, staff, volunteers and of course our members and their families – who have shown the support and commitment to ensure Sheffield Mencap and Gateway's continued success.



Katy Pugh
Chair of Trustees

CEO REPORT

2023-24 has been a positive year for Sheffield Mencap and Gateway, filled with reflection and refinement. Rather than making huge changes, we committed to strengthening and expanding our existing services to meet the changing needs of our members. I am proud to share some of the milestones we achieved together.

We have continued to develop our services for children, adults, and carers across Sheffield. Each of our services has grown, reaching more people and offering a wider range of support options than ever before. This expansion reflects our commitment to meeting the diverse needs of Sheffield's communities and ensuring all of our members feel valued and empowered.

Despite the economic pressures impacting organizations across the sector, we have managed our finances prudently, ensuring that we can continue to provide vital services without compromising quality. This financial resilience is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our team and allows us to plan confidently for the future.

Our members' voices are at the core of everything we do. This year, we made a conscious effort to strengthen our processes for gathering and acting on feedback from those we support. We believe that our members are the best advocates for their own needs, and by amplifying their voices through the new 'Community Connector' roles, we ensure that our services truly reflect their needs and aspirations.

We have invested in making significant improvements to our premises this year. We have made strides in reducing our carbon footprint thanks to new heating and insulation systems. The renovation of the first floor at Norfolk Lodge has created a flexible, modern space that offers great potential for expanding and diversifying our services.. These investments not only improve the experience for our members but also underscore our commitment to environmental sustainability.

Our dedicated staff are at the heart of Sheffield Mencap and Gateway's success. We have enhanced our support for them through extended sick pay, wellbeing initiatives, and more robust training opportunities. By investing in our team, we ensure they are equipped and motivated to provide the best possible support to our members.

This year, we took time to reaffirm our values and clearly define what we stand for as a charity. We believe that these values should be the foundation of all we do, guiding our actions and decisions.

Looking forward, we are excited to build on these achievements, deepen our impact, and continue providing the best services and support for Sheffield's learning disability community. Thank you to all our stakeholders for their ongoing commitment to our work.

OUR VALUES

Community

We support people to become active members of their community.

Independence

We provide choice and opportunities to build skills for life.

Wellbeing

We promote better physical, mental and emotional health.

Confidence

We encourage people to believe in themselves and recognise their potential.

Relationships

We encourage people to believe in themselves and recognise their potential.



Dave Swindlehurst
CEO

2023-24 AUDITED ACCOUNTS

	YEAR END 31 MAR 24 RESTRICTED £	YEAR END 31 MAR 24 UNRESTRICTED £	YEAR END 31 MAR 24 TOTAL £	YEAR END 31 MAR 23 TOTAL £
Income from:				
Donations, legacies & similar income	40,437	146,580	187,017	246,371
Charitable activities	115,626	761,065	876,691	698,779
Other trading activities	-	9,420	9,420	245
Investment income	-	7,595	7,595	776
Total income	<u>156,063</u>	<u>924,660</u>	<u>1,080,723</u>	<u>946,171</u>
Expenditure on:				
Fund-raising	-	10,767	10,767	8,063
Charitable activities:				
Social activities & projects	60,607	168,087	228,694	180,192
Training & support projects	66,551	677,352	743,903	668,164
Governance	-	15,011	15,011	14,069
Total expenditure	<u>127,158</u>	<u>871,217</u>	<u>998,375</u>	<u>870,489</u>
Net income for the year	28,905	53,443	82,348	75,682
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	28,905	53,443	82,348	75,682
Total funds brought forward	<u>39,468</u>	<u>947,218</u>	<u>986,686</u>	<u>911,004</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>68,373</u></u>	<u><u>1,000,661</u></u>	<u><u>1,069,034</u></u>	<u><u>986,686</u></u>

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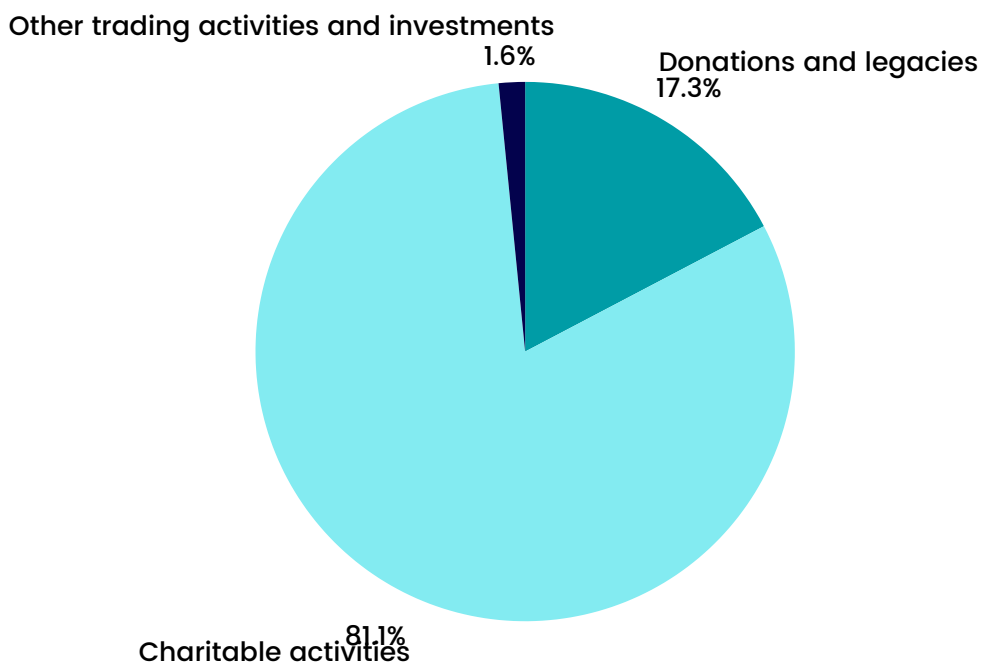
	31 MAR 24		31 MAR 23
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		156,915	161,096
Investments		-	-
		<u>156,915</u>	<u>161,096</u>
Current Assets			
Stock	595		627
Debtors and prepayments	115,682		135,670
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>846,193</u>		<u>767,095</u>
	<u>962,470</u>		<u>903,392</u>
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due w ithin one year	<u>50,351</u>		<u>77,802</u>
Net current assets		<u>912,119</u>	<u>825,590</u>
Net assets		<u><u>1,069,034</u></u>	<u><u>986,686</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted income funds		68,373	<u>39,468</u>
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds	618,746		722,847
Designated funds	<u>381,915</u>		<u>224,371</u>
		<u>1,000,661</u>	<u>947,218</u>
Total funds		<u><u>1,069,034</u></u>	<u><u>986,686</u></u>

2023-24 ACCOUNT SUMMARY

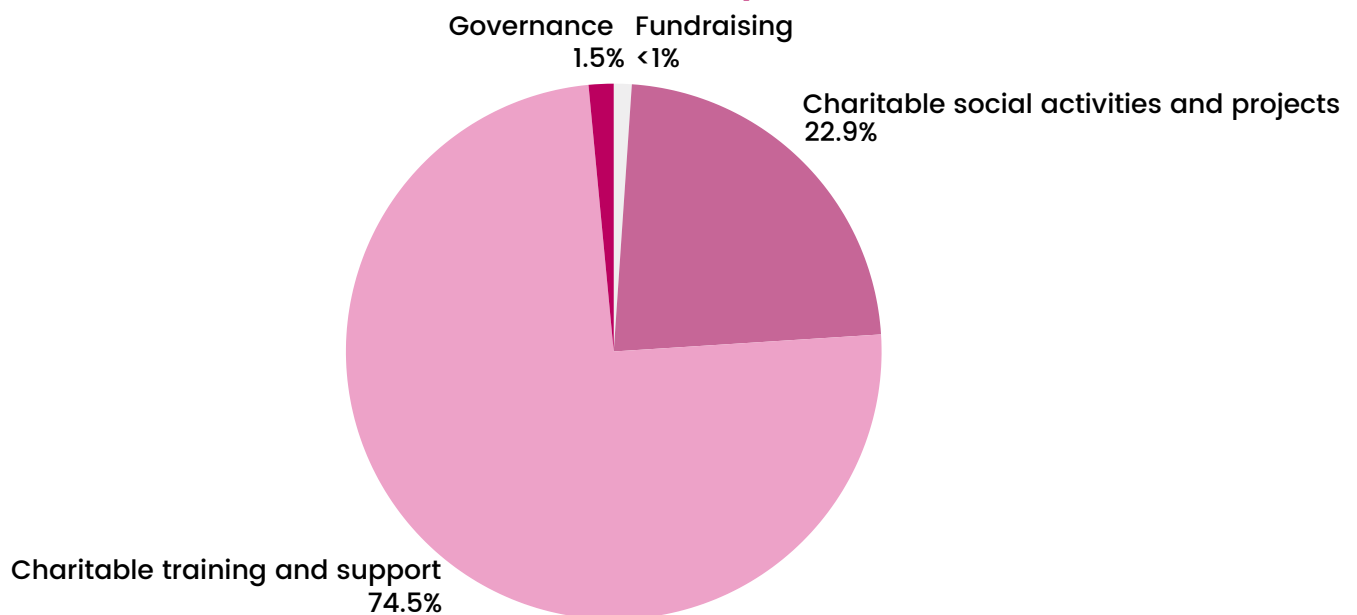
2023 - 2024 total income: £1,080,723

2023 - 2024 total expenditure: £998,375

How funds are raised



How funds are spent



IMPACT REPORT

How your donations helped make a difference last year

LD WEEK 2023

We celebrated the diverse stories of our members for Learning Disability week 2023. A series of photographic portraits, each capturing an element of the subject's personality or history, were commissioned to celebrate the theme of 'This Is Me!'. The photographs were exhibited in Orchard Square, central Sheffield.



CARING FOR CARERS

Our new 'Caring for Carers' service established 9 new groups in communities around Sheffield. All groups aimed to reduce isolation by connecting carers with their peers, whilst supporting better wellbeing. Groups included film nights, craft club, coffee mornings and cafe socials.



COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

We developed the 'Community Connector' role for our members to ensure the learning disability community has an active role in developing our services. Community Connectors have established groups, organised events and led consultations.

"It has helped my confidence. I do a coffee morning that is for the community. So anyone can turn up and have a coffee and a chit-chat".



Terri-Leigh,
Community Connector



30

The number of Sheffield GP Surgeries we partnered with to improve care for learning disability patients.

90

Children developed their communication skills through attending our groups.

136

Accredited AQA awards were completed by members of ALH.

**THANK
YOU**



Without the support of our funders we would not be able to provide vital services and support to Sheffield's learning disability community.



The Marjorie Coote Old Peoples Charity Fund
The Zachary Merton and George Woofindin Convalescent Trust

Special thanks to every individual who kindly made a donation to Sheffield Mencap and Gateway. Every penny of your support counts.