TALK SURREY CIO

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER 1176014

TRUSTEES Dr C Sacchett - Chair

Ms E Collins Ms G Simmons

Mr D Gunn - Treasurer

Ms P Mitchell (resigned November 2022)

Ms P Modi Mr C Moon Ms T Gregory Ms A Wu

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities:

Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

TALK Surrey CIO was registered as a charity (number 117604) on 27 November 2017.

The Charity's object, as set out in the constitution, is to relieve the communication needs of people with aphasia (primarily but not exclusively as a result of stroke) in the county of Surrey and surrounding area.

Aphasia is an acquired communication disorder caused by damage to the language processing centres of the brain. It can affect the ability to speak, read, write and understand what is being said, and can lead to frustration, loss of confidence and social isolation.

TALK aims to support people with aphasia by enabling them to practise all aspects of communication in a supportive environment, thus promoting confidence and leading to increased participation and independence within the community.

TALK fulfils its aims by providing long term communication and social support to people with aphasia after stroke by:

- Enabling them to practise all aspects of communication
- Familiarising them with strategies to aid conversation
- Helping them to rebuild confidence and self esteem
- Encouraging them to become socially independent
- Providing them and their families with information, advice and ongoing support
- Helping them to live positively with aphasia following stroke

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

During the past year, our four weekly groups (Walton-on-Thames, Ashford, Guildford and Knaphill) have continued to provide regular social and communication support for people with aphasia across North West Surrey. Member numbers are slowly increasing across all groups - we welcomed 25 new members between 01 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, evidencing a real and ongoing need for our service. We have also recruited a number of new volunteers to the service all of whom received induction training from a local speech and language therapy service.

We sincerely thank the group leaders and all our volunteers, whose commitment and enthusiasm are hugely valued. Their ongoing support for our members helps to reduce social isolation and promote community engagement. This was confirmed by the findings of a service-user evaluation study carried out by University College London on behalf of TALK during 2023. Members highlighted the role of TALK groups in their recovery, both in improving communication and increasing confidence. The inclusive, aphasia-friendly environment provided by the groups enabled members to feel empowered and to build genuine relationships with volunteers and peers.

We were sorry to lose Philippa Mitchell, who stepped down from the Board of Trustees. We thank Philippa for all her work on behalf of TALK. We are pleased to welcome two new trustees to our Board, Angel Wu and Tanya Gregory, both of whom bring valuable skills and experience to the organisation. We were also very pleased to welcome Jenny Wilson to the role of Group Coordinator in November 2022. Jenny has been a volunteer at TALK's Walton group for many years. Her experience and efficiency are much appreciated by group leaders, colleagues and trustees.

We thank our other two staff members, Sharon Spurdle (Operations Manager) and Jo Matthews (Fundraising and Marketing Manager) for their continued hard work on behalf of the charity. We also thank Alison Wainwright and Martyn Batten for their continued work on developing the TALK website.

A focus this year has been on raising awareness of aphasia and of TALK within the local area. To this end, we have re-established links with local speech and language therapy services and have been welcomed as a stakeholder in the newly-formed Integrated Stroke Delivery Network for Surrey. Our trustees have given talks at local organisations (Woking Rotary Club, Mayford WI, Molesey WI). We held two street collections at Walton Sainsbury's and Brooklands Tesco. Several of our trustees and members took part in a sponsored walk organised by Guildford Rotary Club. In addition to raising awareness, these initiatives also help to raise much-needed funds. We are grateful to all our funders and donors, large and small. At the end of the 2022-23 financial year, TALK remains in a good position financially.

Our priority in the coming year is to ensure we secure sufficient funding to enable TALK to continue its work and to meet its objectives in the future.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

TALK Surrey CIO provides long term communication and social support to people with aphasia following stroke or other brain injury.

The Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The net result for the year to 31 March 2023 was a deficit of £15,978 (2022: deficit of £3,346). This is represented by a surplus of expenditure over income of £15,978 on unrestricted funds and break-even point on restricted funds.

Reported income for 2023 is £72,240 (2022: £74,799).

During 2023 TALK has continued to secure funding from grant-making trusts to provide a range of fully-funded activities at our weekly groups such as art therapy, music therapy and table top gardening.

The Charity will continue to seek funding contributions from grant making trusts towards the operational staffing costs, so that more of our unrestricted funding can be used for the benefit of Group activities.

The total costs for the year are £88,218 (2022: £78,145). Meetings and workshops had been affected by the pandemic in 2022 but have fully resumed this year.

Trustees remain committed to carefully controlling expenditure and will continue to seek funding support for specific costs where appropriate.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the Charity's reserves, bearing in mind the likelihood of any contingencies, which might arise. They believe a policy of maintaining unrestricted reserves at a level equivalent to six months' budgeted expenditure is appropriate at the present time. This will be reviewed annually.

Going concern

The trustees have considered the financial position of the charity are of the opinion that the charity is a going concern and the accounts have been prepared on that basis.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is governed by a Constitution adopted on 27 November 2017.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New Trustees are selected to bring to the Board such skills as the existing Trustees believe to be necessary for a balanced board. New Trustees are co-opted to the Executive Committee and elected to the Board at the following AGM. Existing Trustees wishing to stand for re-election are re-elected annually at the AGM.

Organisational structure

The Charity is managed by the Executive Committee. Responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Charity has been delegated to the TALK Operations Manager (formerly known as the TALK Coordinator) who consults regularly with the Chair and other members of the Executive Committee. A Group Coordinator reports directly to the TALK Operations Manager and is responsible for supporting the day-to-day functions within the groups. The Charity also employs a Fundraising Manager who reports to the Chair and Trustees and is responsible for promoting TALK and preparing grant applications as well as general fundraising activities.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to mitigate identified risks. The Executive Committee has responsibility for identifying and assessing the Charity's exposure to key risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1176014

Principal address

PO Box 655 Epsom KT17 9NL

Trustees

Dr C Sacchett - Chair

Ms E Collins

Ms G Simmons

Mr D Gunn - Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Sacchett

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr C Sacchett - Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TALK SURREY CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of TALK Surrey CIO for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies in section 145 of the 2011 act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Haines Watts Chartered Accountants

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TALK SURREY CIO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and Legacies Other trading activities	4 5	56,581 7,759	8,000	64,481 7,759	70,418 4,381
TOTAL		64,240	8,000	72,240	74,799
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds Charitable activities Governance costs	6	19,898 56,410 3,911	8,000 -	19,898 64,410 3,911	17,381 57,503 3,261
TOTAL		80,218	8,000	88,218	78,145
Net income/(expenditure)		(15,978)	-	(15,978)	(3,346)
Net movement in funds		(15,978)		(15,978)	(3,346)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		47,266	-	47,266	50,612
Total funds carried forward		31,288		31,288	47,266

All of the results derive from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these Financial Statements.

TALK SURREY CIO BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £ £	£	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	8	545		882
CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank and in hand		<u>36,037</u> 36,037	50,077 50,077	
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	9	(5,294)	(3,693)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		30,743	-	46,384
Total assets less current liabilities		31,288		47,266
NET ASSETS		31,288	-	47,266
FUNDS Unrestricted funds	10	31,288		47,266
TOTAL FUNDS		31,288	- -	47,266

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr D Gunn - Trustee

Charity No: 1176014

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Charity is a registered Charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is PO Box 655, Epsom, KT17 9NL.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are set out below. The accounting policies have been adopted consistently throughout the year.

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102), The Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) (the SORP) including Bulletin 1 and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, from which there were no material departures.

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are prepared on a going concern basis.

TALK Surrey CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

GOING CONCERN

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these Financial Statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION, UNCERTAINTY AND JUDGEMENT

The preparation of the Financial Statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported.

These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

INCOME

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donations and legacies received by way of grants, donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable
- Other trading activities being income from services provided recognised when receivable

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of expenditure:

 Expenditure on charitable activities is costs incurred by the Charity in the course of meeting its charitable aims as related governance and support costs

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its useful economic life:

Computer Equipment 25% per annum on cost

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Balance Sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Trade and other debtors and creditors are classified as basic financial instruments and measured at initial recognition at transaction price. Debtors and creditors are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A provision is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as basic financial instruments and comprise cash in hand and at bank.

PENSION COSTS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

FUND STRUCTURE

The funds held by the Charity comprise:

- Unrestricted general funds the 'free' funds held by the Charity to be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees (including designated funds).
- Restricted funds funds held to be used only for restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by donors and grant making bodies or when funds are raised for particular purposes.

3. TAXATION

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

4. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations	8,552	-	8,552	9,955	-	9,955
Grants Core	47,929	-	47,929	50,429	-	50,429
Grants Walton	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Grants Knaphill	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Grants Guildford	-	5,000	5,000	-	6,450	6,450
Grants Ashford	-	3,000	3,000	-	1,584	1,584
	56,481	8,000	64,481	60,384	10,034	70,418

5. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fundraising events	1,287	-	1,287	2,591
Recoverer contributions	6,472	-	6,472	1,790
	7,759		7,759	4,381

6. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds £	Funds £	2023 £	Funds 2022 £	Funds 2022 £	2022 £
	L	L	L	L	£	L
Wages	26,287	-	26,287	31,357	-	31,357
Social security, PAYE	6,662	-	6,662	7,138	-	7,138
Pensions	2,473	-	2,473	2,557	-	2,557
Workshop costs	2,615	3,500	6,115	-	4,590	4,590
Room hire management	2,850	4,500	7,350	-	3,873	3,873
Storage costs	897	-	897	1,086	-	1,086
Transport costs	3,149	-	3,149	632	-	632
Insurance	733	-	733	972	-	972
Telephone	2,197	-	2,197	445	-	445
Postage and stationery	2,120	-	2,120	1,666	165	1,831
Computer and software	1,092	-	1,092	305	-	305
Support costs	2,419	-	2,419	-	1,406	1,406
Subscriptions	35	-	35	50	-	50
Training costs	964	-	964	756	-	756
Sundries	1,425	-	1,425	86	-	86
Bank charges	72	-	72	20	-	20
Depreciation	420	-	420	399	-	399
	56,410	8,000	64,410	47,469	10,034	57,503

7. STAFF COSTS, TRUSTEE REMUNERATION, EXPENSES AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Salaries and wages Pension costs Social Security PAYE costs	44,184 2,473 6,662	47,775 2,557 7,138
	53,319	57,470

No employees received employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (Year Ended 31/03/2022: nil).

No Trustees or persons connected with them received any emoluments in their role as Trustees from the Charity (Year Ended 31/03/2022: nil) and no Trustees have received payment for professional or other services provided to the Charity during the year (Year Ended 31/03/2022: nil). There were no reimbursements of individual expenses to any Trustee during the year (Year Ended 31/03/2022: nil).

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was 3 (Year ended 31/03/2022: 3).

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022 Addition	1,595 83
Disposal	-
At 31 March 2023	1,678
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	713
Disposal Provision for the year	420
At 31 March 2023	1,133
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	545_
At 31 March 2022	882

9. CREDITORS

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Trade creditors Social Security and other taxes Accruals	2,258 537 2,500	756 537 2,400
	5,295	3,693

10. FUNDS

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Year ended 31 March 2023	Balance at 01/04/2022	Income	Expenditure	Gains & (losses)	Balance at 31/03/2023
2020	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	47,266 -	64,240 8,000	(80,218) (8,000)	- -	31,288 -
	47,266	72,240	(88,218)		31,288
Year ended 31 March 2022	Balance at 01/04/2021	Income	Expenditure	Gains & (losses)	Balance at 31/03/2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	50,612	64,765 10,034	(68,111) (10,034)	- -	47,266 -
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TALK SURREY CIO DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and Legacies Donations Grants		8,552 55,929		9,955 60,463
		64,481		70,418
Other Trading Activities Fundraising events Recoverer contributions		1,287 6,472_		2,591 1,790
		7,759		4,381
TOTAL INCOME		72,240		74,799
EXPENDITURE				
Raising Donations and Legacies				
Wages	17,897		16,419	
Annual and volunteer lunch	801		208	
Publicity and support costs	1,200_		755_	
	19,898		17,382	
Charitable Activities	13,030		17,002	
Wages and social security	32,949		38,494	
Pensions	2,473		2,557	
Workshop costs	6,115		4,590	
Room hire, meetings	7,350		3,873	
Storage costs	897		1,086	
Transport costs	3,149		632	
	52,933		51,233	
Support Costs Management				
Insurance	733		972	
Telephone	2,197		445	
Postage and stationery	2,119		1,831	
Computer and software	1,092		305	
Support costs	2,419		1,406	
Subscriptions	35		50	
Training costs	964_		756_	
	9,559		5,765	

TALK SURREY CIO DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Finance Sundries Bank Charges Depreciation	1,425 72 420		86 20 399	
Governance Costs	1,917		505	
Auditors' remuneration Professional and legal fees	3,640 271_		2,400 861	
	3,911_		3,261_	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(88,218)		(78,145)
TOTAL (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(15,978)		(3,346)