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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC101634

**AIDS Care Education and Training (Northern Ireland)
Limited**

Company Limited by Guarantee

Financial Statements

31 March 2023

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Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number NIC101634
Company registration number NI028825
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Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

ACET (Northern Ireland) Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 30th September 1994. ACET is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, Number 101634. In 2006, ACET adopted the National Occupational Standards for Trustees and Management Committee Members of Voluntary Sector Organisations, to act as a guide in governance of the company. The company has a governing body which comprises two parts.

Board of Trustees

There is a Board of Trustees responsible for oversight of company policies, and procedures, each Trustee agrees to contribute up to £1 in the event of the charity winding up. The Trustees, elect a Chairman from among themselves at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, to act as Chair for a period of 12 months.

Members of the Company

In addition to the Trustees, there is also another body, the voting Members of the Company, the equivalent of shareholders in a private company, to whom the Trustees are accountable. This body appoints the Trustees, approves the Audited Accounts and appoints the Bank, Auditors and Solicitors to be used by the company, on an annual basis at the Annual General Meeting. The members of the Company also agree to contribute up to £1 in event of the company winding up.

Appointment of Trustees

The recruitment procedures for new Trustees are laid out in ACET's Memorandum and Articles of Association. New Trustees are recruited on the relevance of their professional skills, and their potential to be able to make a helpful contribution to the governance of ACET. As part of the recruitment process they are made aware of a Trustees' legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making processes, the Strategic Plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

Role of the Members of the Company in appointment of Trustees

The Members of the Company vote at the Annual General Meeting on whether or not to appoint the candidate as a Trustee. The appointment is valid only after a majority vote in favour from the Members of the Company. All serving Trustees are required to stand for re-election each year, by the Members of the Company, at the Annual General Meeting. All Trustees are required to have a majority vote in favour from the Members of the Company, to continue as serving Trustees. Trustees cannot be appointed, or continue in office, without the majority vote in favour from the Members of the Company.

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Appointment of Members of the Company.

The recruitment procedures for new Members of the Company are laid out in ACET's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustee induction and training

New Trustees undergo an orientation process. During the induction they meet key employees and other trustees, and again they are made aware of a Trustees' legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events to assist in the undertaking of their role. ACET covers the cost of approved external training for all Trustees.

Organisation

The Board of Trustees, which must have a minimum of 3 members, administers the charity, assisted by the Members of the Company, with a minimum of 5 members. The Board meets quarterly, or more frequently as required. The Board has the flexibility to meet either in person at the ACET office or online.

A Director is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the Director has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the Trustees, for operational matters including contracting for services, fundraising, finance, employment, strategic planning, service development and delivery, evaluation and maintenance of quality standards.

Related parties

ACET (Northern Ireland) Limited participates in a range of Health Education Fora in Northern Ireland, from both the statutory and voluntary sectors, on issues relating to Sexual Health, RSE, Mental Health, Drugs & Alcohol and Parent/Child Communication.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.
- A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by the Trustees.
- Attention has been focused on risks relating to Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, and Health and Safety in the workplace.

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Objectives and activities

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

ACET's mission statement

Our mission is to promote health in Northern Ireland by empowering people to take responsibility for their own health and to make informed choices in relation to HIV/AIDS, Sexual Health, RSE, Drugs & Alcohol, Parent/Teen Communication Skills and Mental Health, through the provision of community based Health Education, and Open College Network accredited Personal Development Programmes & Training Courses.

MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR THE AUDIT PERIOD

ACET continued to provide some of the most at risk groups in the community with Health Education & Training relevant to their needs.

The strategies employed to achieve the charity's objectives are to:

- Offer opportunities for Health Education and Personal Development Programmes to young people and adults across the six counties
- Provide OCN accredited Training Courses for Community Workers & Caring Professionals who provide services to at risk young people & adults in Northern Ireland and overseas
- Concentrate on involving young people, particularly disadvantaged young people, in the full range of services provided by ACET
- Celebrate the diversity of our society by providing services to all sections of the community
- Present a broad range of Health Education & Training services designed in response to the expressed needs of disadvantaged young people and adults and in line with the goals of Department of Health and Public Health Agency Strategic Plans for Northern Ireland.
- ACET aims to promote the development of young people and adults to make healthy choices. This includes aiming to reduce the spread of HIV&STIs, reduce Teenage and Unplanned Pregnancy and effects of the misuse of Drugs & Alcohol and aims to promote Parent/Teen Communication Skills and positive Mental Health.

The major focus of our activities will be to address the above mentioned local needs in Northern Ireland, but has also included support for similar projects overseas in developing countries.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

ACTIVITIES in AUDIT PERIOD

- ACET Health Education & Training Services are accessible across all six counties of Northern Ireland, in both urban and rural communities, and by all sections of the community.
- ACET is an Approved Centre with the Open College Network and offers a wide range of accredited Health Education & Training ranging from Entry Level to Level 3.
- ACET service users include Youth and Adult Community Groups, Job Skills Projects, Colleges of Further Education, Community Groups, Homeless Hostels, Industry, Parent Support Groups, Schools, Community Workers, Nurses, and Social Workers
- Services are targeted mostly in disadvantaged areas and with people deemed most at risk, i.e. young people and vulnerable adults, but also includes provision of accredited Training Courses and Training Resources to other Community Health Educators.
- More than **260,000 people** across the six counties of Northern Ireland have accessed ACET's Health Education & Training Services since 1991.
- ACET has been Core Funded by the Department of Health (NI) since 1992 to provide our province-wide Health Education & Training services.
- ACET's Health Education & Training Services are commissioned by the Public Health Agency and local Health Trusts in the form of funded service agreements to provide services to young people and adults in community based projects and support facilities.
- ACET is also assisted with operating costs by a range of local Private Sector donations.
- ACET adapted to online delivery of services for both young people and adults during the COVID pandemic in line with government guidance at the time, ensuring that ACET's services continued to be accessible and could be delivered safely. ACET's OCN accredited training courses for health and caring professionals, community workers and volunteers continued to be delivered online in 2022-23. Feedback from our course participants suggests that this delivery method has increased accessibility for our learners, particularly those in rural areas or with caring responsibilities. This is reviewed on a regular basis with our service users and PHA funders. In line with service user feedback and best practice guidelines, all of ACET's programmes for young people are delivered in-person in community organisations throughout Northern Ireland.
- ACET also provides support to young people affected by HIV in South Africa.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

ACET maintains detailed statistical records on sessions delivered in the community and numbers of participants for all of our Health Education & Training activities.

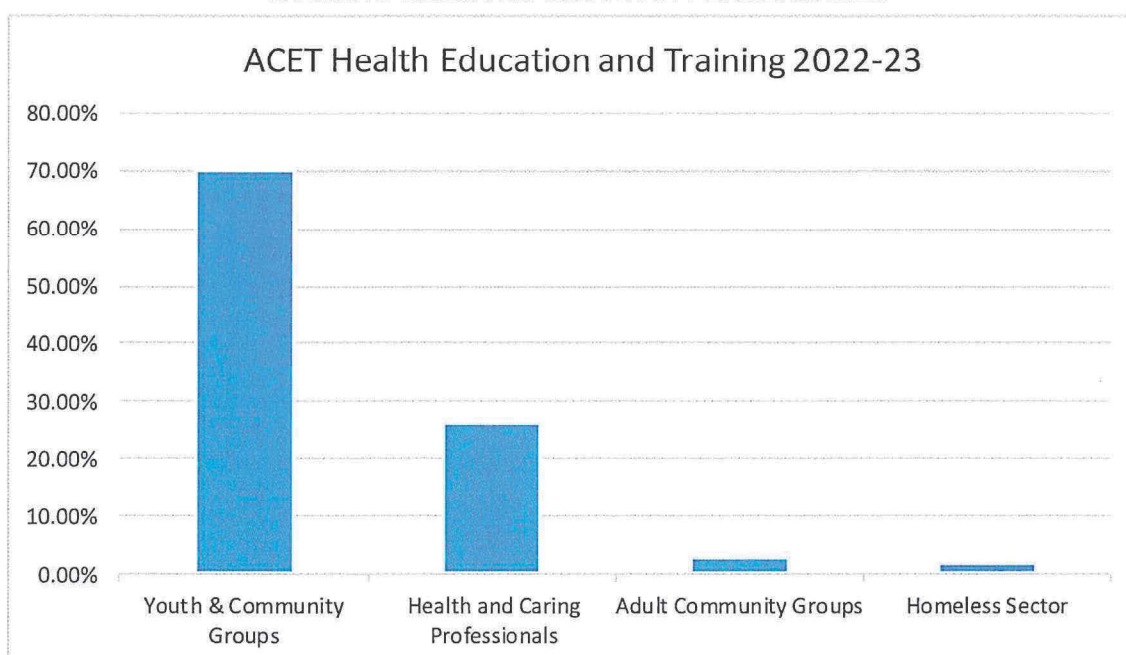
The following information provides details on achievements and performance of the numbers of sessions delivered and the range of people accessing ACET's Health Education & Training Services in this Audit period 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023.

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ACET (Northern Ireland) HEALTH EDUCATION & TRAINING SERVICES 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

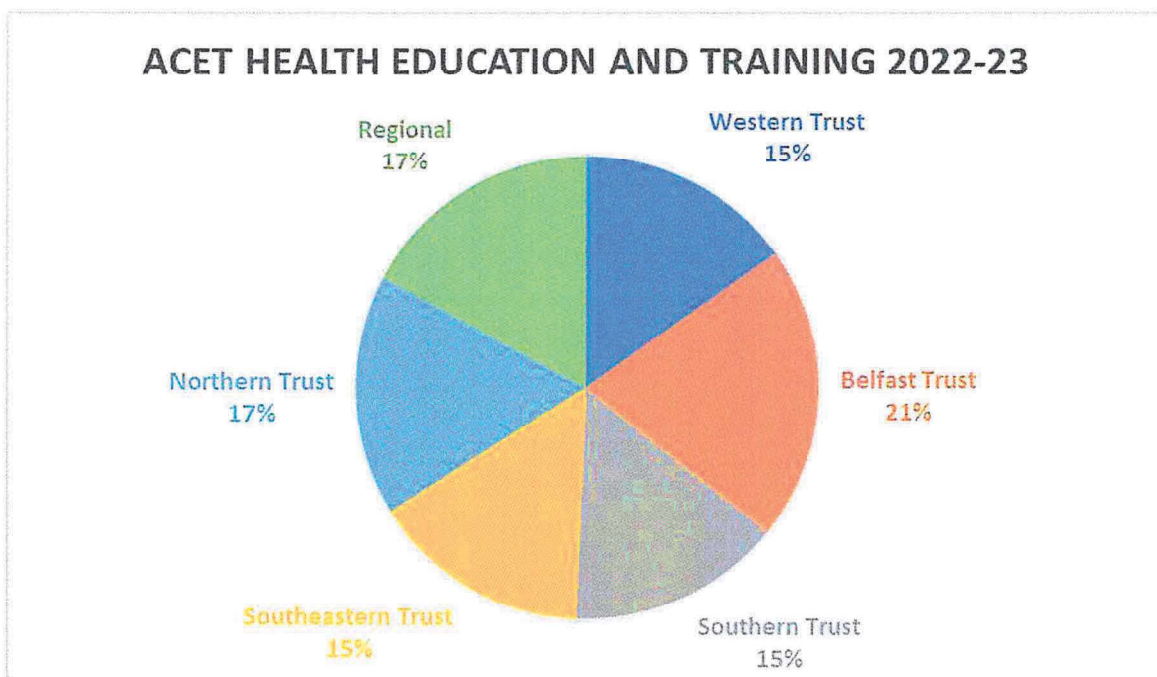
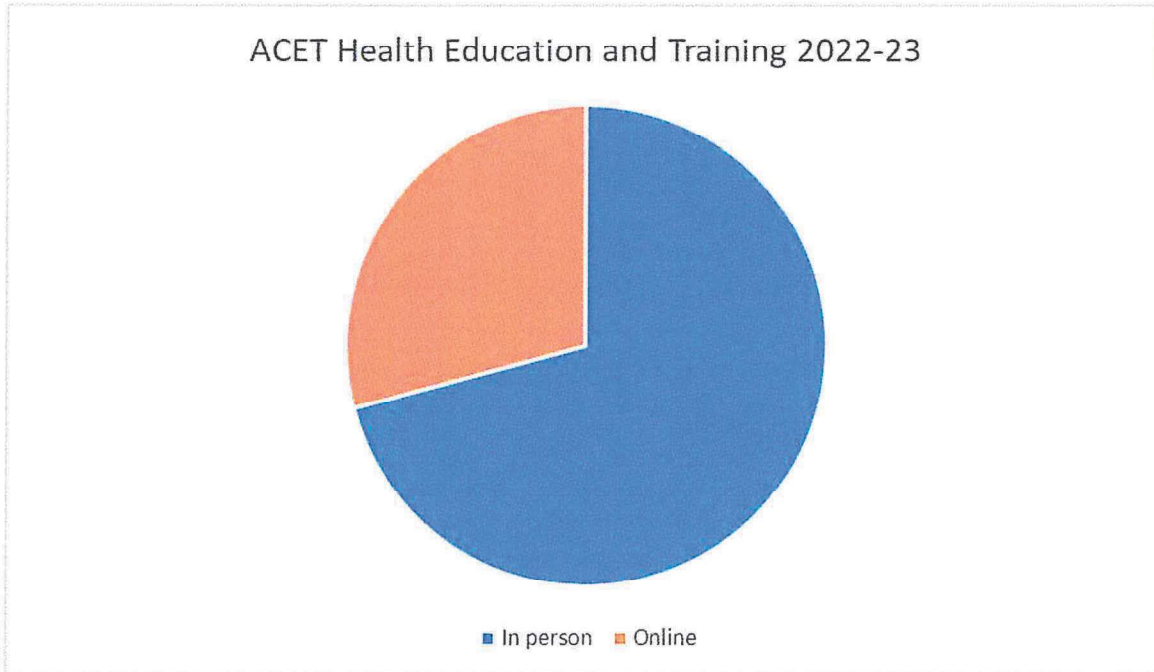
SERVICE USERS	SESSIONS	ATTENDANCE
Youth Community Groups/Further Education Colleges	532	5081
Health & Caring Professionals	207	1564
Adult Community Groups	20	128
Homeless Hostels	15	124
TOTALS	774	6897

TRAINING SESSIONS SHOWN IN PERCENTAGES



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Financial review

ACET has been able to secure significant levels of Statutory Funding in this audit period to enable us to maintain our Services across all six counties of Northern Ireland. This is due to ACET's proactive approach, the strategic nature of our work with disadvantaged young people and adults, and our consistent ability to deliver services efficiently and within agreed timeframes and targets.

This audit period has been good in terms of income secured for provision of ACET's Health Education & Training Services across Northern Ireland. We have maintained our operating costs in line with available statutory funding and have been able to maintain substantial financial reserves equivalent to more than 3 months operating costs.

In addition to existing contracted services with the Public Health Agency, we have also secured new Public Health Agency Funding extensions to existing contracts for provision of additional in-year services. In this Audit Period Income was £278,273 and Expenditure £242,151. We have maintained Reserves of £151,712.

The principal funding sources were from the statutory sector, namely the Department of Health which has Core Funded ACET since 1992, and from Service Agreements for Health Education & Training with the Public Health Agency.

ACET secured Core Funding from the Department of Health in this audit year worth almost £42,000.

ACET had a pre-existing contract with the Public Health Agency for ACET's Open College accredited Training Courses worth almost £75,000.

In 2021-22 ACET had secured two new contracts for 2022-23 with PHA and Department of Health/Community Foundation:

- ACET's RSE Programmes worth almost £90,000
- ACET's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Programmes worth £47,000

In addition to pre-existing contracts ACET successfully secured new Public Health Agency and Private Sector funding in this audit period for provision of additional services:

- ACET's Open College Accredited Training Courses on Sexual Health, additional Training Courses worth a total of £18,000
- ACET's secured more than £2,500 private sector funding for delivery of Training.

In addition, ACET continued to be proactive in fundraising from other non-statutory sources in 2022-23. We made applications to Trusts and Private Sector Companies and secured additional income to support our Health Education Services and to off-set the reductions in available Statutory Funding.

ACET also continued our Fundraising appeals to local private sector companies and interested individuals to support young people in Africa affected by HIV.

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Financial review *(continued)*

PROJECTION FOR 2023 - 2024

ACET remains in a healthy position as we move into 2023 - 2024. ACET has been proactive and has secured continuing statutory contract funding for 2023-2024 to provide Health Education and accredited Training Services across Northern Ireland. This includes current PHA funding contract for OCN-accredited training courses, and two contracts which were new for 2022-23: Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) funded by the PHA, and Mental Health Programmes funded by the Department of Health/Community Foundation. Both new contracts run from 1st April 2022- 31st March 2024, providing significant confirmed income for 2023-24. The PHA have confirmed extension of the RSE contract by an additional 12 months until 31st March 2025.

This is most encouraging in view of the economic situation and restrictions on government funding. In addition, ACET will continue proactive fundraising from other statutory sources in 2023-2024, to negotiate contract extensions and respond to any new opportunities.

We will be making a range of new funding applications to Grant Making Trusts and Private Sector Companies to generate new income streams to support our expanding services and to off-set the reductions in available Statutory Funding.

ACET will also continuing our fundraising appeals to local private sector companies and interested individuals to support our service provision during 2023- 2024.

Investment powers and policy

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to invest in any way the Trustees wish.

The Trustees also aim to work towards keeping available funds in an interest bearing deposit account, and seek to achieve a rate of deposit interest which matches or exceeds inflation as measured by the retail prices index.

Reserves policy

The Trustees continue working towards increasing reserves, which is a requirement for charitable organisations, as well as sound business practise. Reserves are needed to bridge any gaps between spending on provision of Health Education & Training and receipt of agreed payments from our funders. Reserves will also be held in readiness to cover operational costs which may result from repair/replacement of company equipment, or other needs. The Trustees consider the ideal level of reserves to be equivalent to 3 months operating costs, i.e. approx. £67,000 for 2023-2024 made up from cash reserve funds in addition to funds confirmed in advance from Health Education & Training contracts and service agreements.

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Plans for future periods

Having again ended the audit year with substantial reserves, we will continue to build on this success. We will be reviewing our income and expenditure budgets on an ongoing basis as usual and respond accordingly to developments.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 26th June 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Gary Crothers
Chairperson Board of Trustees

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Director's Annual Report

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ACET has delivered more than **16,500 Health Education & Training Sessions** to more than **260,000 young people and adults**, since beginning services in Northern Ireland in 1991.

With service users exceeding ¼ million over the past 32 years, this is a significant achievement resulting from consistent service provision across all six counties of Northern Ireland since 1991.

In this audit period ACET delivered 774 Health Education & Training sessions across all six counties of Northern Ireland, in both urban and rural localities, **a 33% increase on 2021-22**.

In this audit period 6897 young people and adults across all six counties of Northern Ireland have accessed ACET's Health Education & Training Services.

In the Audit Period April 2022 – March 2023 ACET has not only maintained pre-existing funded contracts but has also successfully **applied for and secured £18,000** of new statutory funding from PHA contract extensions to provide additional in-year services, due to high level of demand across Northern Ireland for these services.

In this Audit Period we also secured new **private sector contract funding and donations worth approx. £7,000**.

ACET's Health Education and Training Services have been delivered in response to consistent demand for our community-based services across Northern Ireland.

ACET has been proactive and has successfully attracted substantial statutory contract funding plus private sector funding in spite of the reduction in statutory funding available to all Voluntary Sector organisations resulting from cuts in government budgets,.

This has enabled us to continue to provide our Health Education & Training Services in the community across all six counties of Northern Ireland, maintaining consistent service delivery Province Wide during times of uncertainty.

Income has remained secure during audit period.

Funding from the **Department of Health and the Public Health Agency** for ACET's Health Education & Training Services in Northern Ireland remain our **main sources of income** in this audit period and up to end of March 2023.

ACET also again successfully secured **private sector funding** for our services here in Northern Ireland to assist with operating costs, and will continue to explore other funding options from grant making trusts in the year ahead.

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ACET is an Approved Centre with the Open College, which means that we can offer a wide range of Accredited Training Courses and Personal Development Programmes from Entry Level up to Level 3.

ACET has written and produced accredited Training Courses and Personal Development Programmes on Sexual Health, Drugs & Alcohol, Parent/Teen Communication Skills and Mental Health, and qualified to provide PHA Mental Health First Aid Training Course.

ACET's Team of Health Educators and Trainers have been able to successfully respond to diversity in demand in developing and delivering such a wide range of services.

ACET offers quality Health Education and Training Services designed to assist:

- (a) In the prevention of the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and blood borne diseases, and assist in the reduction of unplanned & teenage pregnancy rates.
- (b) Promote an integrated approach including personal development, healthy thinking & healthy choices in relation to RSE, Sexual Health, Drug/Alcohol use and Mental Health.
- (c) Promote understanding of effective care for individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS, Sexual Health issues, Drug & Alcohol Dependency and Mental Health issues.
- (d) Develop Parenting Skills on how to effectively communicate with young people on Sexual Health, Drug & Alcohol Use, Mental Health and other related health issues.

ACET Health Education and Training Services are targeted to meet the needs of:

- (a) Young People, particularly young people in recognised disadvantaged areas with higher than average access to illegal drugs and a higher than average incidence of early sexual activity and teenage pregnancy and adverse mental health and emotional wellbeing.
- (b) Vulnerable adults, particularly homeless adults with a higher than average risk of acquiring HIV, other STIs, unplanned pregnancy and Drug & Alcohol Misuse and adverse Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing
- (c) Parents, Community Workers & Caring Professionals working with young people and vulnerable adults on these issues.
- (d) Open College Network Accredited Training Courses for staff from other Youth & Community organisations and the NHS to provide Relationship Sexuality Education and Parent/Teen Communications Skills Education in their own projects and communities.

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Developments during Audit Period

HIV and STI infections continue to be a real health concern in Northern Ireland. Local rates for unplanned teenage pregnancy remain challenging, particularly among disadvantaged young people. Illegal drug use, binge and underage drinking continue to be real issues affecting health and wellbeing.

Growing evidence reflects a need to continue to address mental health issues and emotional wellbeing, with both young people and adults in Northern Ireland. Research evidence confirms a higher rate of young people and adults in Northern Ireland are affected by Mental Health issues than in other parts of the UK and Ireland.

In response to these needs:

ACET has provided a wide range of Health Education & Training Services across Northern Ireland, to address the above health issues in direct response to demand from the Public Health Agency, and local community groups.

ACET has also assisted services to young people and families affected by HIV/AIDS overseas.

ACET's Programmes for Young People

- ACET secured a **2-year Public Health Agency Tendered Contract** for provision of **Relationship & Sexuality Education Programmes** for young people across Northern Ireland, effective 1st April 2022 until 31st March 2024. The first year of this contract has been successfully delivered and PHA have confirmed that this contract will be extended initially by 1 year until 31st March 2025.
- ACET secured a 2-year Department of Health/Community Foundation contract to deliver Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Programmes to disadvantaged and unemployed young people across Northern Ireland, from 1st April 2022 until 31st March 2024. The first year of this contract has been delivered successfully.

ACET's Programmes for Homeless Hostel Staff

- PHA funded ACET to deliver on line Sexual Health Training Course for Hostel Staff across Northern Ireland.

ACET's Programmes for Parents

- ACET has secured PHA funding again in this audit period to deliver Parenting Skills Programmes based in community organisations to assist parents and carers to communicate effectively with their teenagers.

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ACET's Training Courses for Caring Professionals & Community Workers

- ACET has been active in providing **Accredited Training Courses** to other Community Workers, NHS staff and Caring Professionals, to enable them to become qualified providers of Health Education. All ACET Training Courses have been accredited by the Open College at Level 2 and Level 3
- **The aim of ACET's Training Courses** is to increase the number of qualified people providing good quality health education to help address local needs and play a strategic role in meeting the local demand for quality health education in the community, and thereby preventing many otherwise serious and life threatening infections and health consequences.
- Public Health Agency funding remained in place for this audit period and is continuing in 2023–24, for delivery of ACET's Open College Accredited Training Courses for caring professionals and community workers.
- ACET has on-going contracts with the PHA to provide the following Accredited Training Courses for Community Workers, NHS staff and Caring Professionals which have been accredited by the Open College at Certificate Level 2 & Level 3:
 - **Sexual Health Education Facilitators Training Course**
 - **HIV/STIs/Contraception Training Course**
 - **Parent/Teen Communication Skills Facilitator's Training Course**
 - **Parent/Teen Communication Skills Training Courses**
- ACET was commissioned by the Western Trust to provide a bespoke training course for health and caring professionals including health visitors and school nurses.

ACET's Overseas Partnership to Support Young People living with HIV

- ACET (Northern Ireland) continued to support an organisation working with children in an HIV/AIDS related project in South Africa. Services were funded by Private Sector donations.

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Summary

This was a successful year for ACET both in terms of income and volume of sessions delivered. ACET delivered a total of 774 sessions in 2022-23, a 33% increase on 2021-22. ACET secured new funding contracts with PHA and Department of Health/Community Foundation which enabled us to significantly expand our work with disadvantaged and vulnerable young people across Northern Ireland, focussing on the areas of Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) and Mental Health.

ACET's OCN accredited Training Courses continue to be regularly oversubscribed. ACET was successful in securing in-year service pressures funding from the PHA to deliver additional courses to help address the demand in the community. These training courses are delivered online, increasing accessibility, particularly for those in rural areas.

ACET remained the leading independent source of community based accredited Health Education and Training on the combined issues of **Sexual Health and Parent/Child Communication Skills** in Northern Ireland.

ACET assisted **children in South Africa** who have lost their parents to **HIV/AIDS**

We worked hard to maintain an increased level of local funding to enable us to build on these successes and further develop our services in the year ahead.

We would like to acknowledge the commitment of the ACET Trustees, Core Staff and Education & Training Team to provide such quality services and to continue to develop new services.

ACET has maintained our commitment to promote Health and Wellbeing for disadvantaged young people and adults most at risk in our community

In the year ahead we will be reviewing our income and expenditure budgets as usual and making any adjustments necessary in response to the outcome of new statutory contract applications.

The two new funding contracts for RSE and Mental Health Programmes for young people which commenced on 1st April 2022 will provide significant confirmed funding from 1st April 2023-31st March 2024, in what is a challenging financial climate for the voluntary sector in Northern Ireland.

We will also be exploring new funding options from major grant making trusts to assist us with possible future developments in service delivery of Health Education & Training Services.

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Developments during Audit Period *(continued)*

We have now been providing services continuously in Northern Ireland for more than 32 years and are excited to be still evolving with each passing year, in response to local demand for our services.

We are very happy to have been able to maintain delivery of our Health Education & Training Services during the past year and look forward to continuing to do so in 2023-24.

We are confident that ACET will continue to make a positive contribution to the field of Health Education & Training in Northern Ireland, and overseas, for many years to come.



Jonny Mitchell
Director
ACET (Northern Ireland) Limited
Date: 26th June 2023