

The Brain Injury Foundation TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The Brain Injury Foundation present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower brain injury survivors and their carers and families to design, deliver and monitor a programme of activities and a range of services which enhance their quality of life and address their needs, in particular social isolation. We aim to provide brain injury survivors, their carers and families with information and emotional support and also to raise awareness of the needs of brain injury survivors, their carers and families.

Brain injury survivors and their carers and family members will be able to lead a better quality of life with maximum levels of independence and will benefit from reduced levels of social isolation. Our aim is that our members will develop new friendships and social networks and will acquire new skills and pastimes. Brain injury survivors and their carers and family members will have enhanced levels of personal self-esteem and confidence. We also strive to ensure brain injury survivors will optimise their levels of access to medical and social care services along with reduced levels of depression, stress and anxiety. Brain injury survivors, their carers and family members will have an enhanced quality of family life together where appropriate.

Objectives

We organise a range of dedicated social events for brain injury survivors, their carers and family members e.g. Christmas party, barbecue, Halloween party. We hold a weekly Open House drop in facility where brain injury survivors can play pool, boccia, board games, bingo, quizzes and can have tea and coffee and opportunities to chat with friends. We also support brain injury survivors, their carers and family members to access new technology through the provision of tablet computers and training in their use. We provide training to brain injury survivors and their carers and family members in skills such as gardening, cooking, arts and crafts, flower arranging, dancing and cake decorating. We also offer a free confidential telephone help line service on a 24/7 basis operated by our volunteers. We offer leisure activities such as water aerobics and pilates to brain injury survivors and their carers and family members. We also produce a monthly newsletter which is mailed to all members as well as operating a texting service which keeps members informed of our upcoming activities. We organise an annual four day respite break for brain injury survivors, their carers and families. We offer personal development workshops to brain injury survivors, their carers and families.

Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £560,684 (2023 - £550,634) and liabilities of £8,718 (2023 - £6,047). The net assets of the charity have increased by £7,379.

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

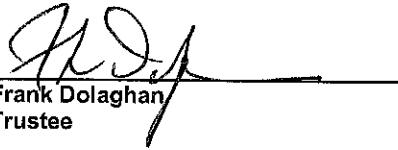
Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. The Brain Injury Foundation subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 18 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


Frank Dolaghan
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the charity and otherwise comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

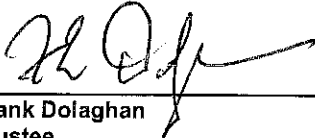
In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

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 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

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