

**The Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (Belfast And District)
- ASBAH**

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland number 103413

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2020

Main activities and purpose

Over the past year the charity's normal activities were restricted by the COVID-19 pandemic and government-imposed lockdowns. Normally the charity holds events for the benefit of its members, including a Christmas party for teenagers and adults and outings for children, and provides holiday accommodation to members and their families during the summer months. However, the charity was unable to hold any events and was able to make the holiday accommodation available for short periods in line with government guidelines. The charity will resume normal activity at the earlier possible time.

The charity's purpose remains:

- running social events in the form of Christmas parties and other day and evening activities to facilitate much needed social interaction
- provision of grants for specialist disability equipment, improving independence and mobility
- renting a swimming pool to give members access to physical activity
- offering information, support and advice on finance, health, education, benefits, employment, and housing
- facilitating and supporting research programmes
- making available fully accessible and affordable holiday accommodation, improving health outcomes and reducing levels of stress and anxiety.

Public benefit

The trustees believe that the charity's purpose satisfies both elements of the public benefit requirements. The direct benefits which flow from the charity are listed above in this report. The trustees have ensured they considered the Commission's Public Benefit requirements when making decisions on carrying out their purpose.

Financial review

Income decreased compared to the previous financial year. This was due almost entirely to the COVID-19 pandemic restricting the charity's ability to hold fundraising events.

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Current Trustees

Ms N Campbell
Mrs C Smith
Mrs V Crawford
Dr A Crawford
Dr C Magill
Mrs L McGregor
Mr A Crawford
Mr P McCann

Trustees served during financial year

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Governing document

The charity is governed by a constitution, revised in 2015.

Appointment of trustees

Standing trustees are permitted to appoint new trustees by open vote at the AGM.

Signed: A. Crawford. (on behalf of the trustees)