

**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 2023**

**Main activities and purpose**

Over the past year the charity has seen a partial return to normal activities in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the continued risk to health of the charity's members, activities have been restricted. However, the charity was able to hold a Christmas dinner for its members and has continued to provide fully accessible holiday accommodation for its members. The charity will resume normal activity at the earliest 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 continues to be restricted as the charity's fundraising activities have not fully returned to normality post-pandemic.

**Address**

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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

**Trustees served during financial year**

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

**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:  (on behalf of the trustees)