

## The Parents and Friends of Glenside Community

### References and administrative details

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| Charity Name:                | The Parents and Friends of Glenside Community       |
| Charity Registration Number: | NIC 105825  |
| Contact Address:             | 45 Derry Road<br>Strabane<br>Co. Tyrone<br>BT82 8DY |

### Trustees

The following individuals held office as Trustees of the Parents and Friends of Glenside Community at some point during or throughout the 2023/24 financial year:

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| Mary Galbraith | Caiomhe Dolan      |
| Deirdre Irwin  | Patricia Gallagher |
| Hazel Bell     | Caroline McGrath   |
| Carol Quinn    | Elaine McKenna     |
| Lucy Browne    | Victoria Young     |

### Principal Office-bearers

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| Honorary Chairperson: | Caroline McGrath |
| Honorary Secretary:   | Caoimhe Dolan    |
| Honorary Treasurer:   | Elaine McKenna   |

### Independent Examiner

Lisa Hamilton

### Bankers

Ulster Bank

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Parents and Friends of Glenside Community for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Objectives and Activities**

We aim to promote and support adults with a learning disability in Strabane, Newtownstewart, Castleberg and Donemana Areas in a charitable way.

The Parents and Friends of Glenside Community raise funds through grants, fundraising activities and the receipt of gifts and donations which are then used to provide equipment, training and social activities to those who attend Glenside Adult Training Centre (alongside the Satellite Centre in Castleberg) and live within the wider community.

Glenside Adult Training Centre is funded by the Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHSCT) and staffed by suitable, qualified personnel. The activities and equipment provided through funds raised by the Parents and Friends of Glenside Community are designed to complement the provision of WHSCT.

The centre users are provided with opportunities to develop new skills in education and the arts, to improve their health and to become more integrated into their local community. This results in advancement and promotion in equality, human rights and social inclusion.

### **Review of the Year**

Coming out of the worldwide COVID pandemic has been a challenge for many charities and organisations with the Parents and Friends of Glenside Community being no exception. Many of the Charity's office bearers, trustees and committee members have faithfully served for many years freely offering their time and talents. It is to their credit the Charity is where it is and has stood the test of time.

In Autumn 2023, the Committee 'regrouped' after COVID with a change in personnel in some key roles necessary as individuals stepped down having served as office bearers. It is with deep gratitude we thank those individuals for the commitment and dedication they brought to their roles.

The Parents and Friends of Glenside Community are thankful for the support we receive from the local community – in particular for their support of the Annual Christmas Draw which continues to be a key fundraiser for the Charity. We are also thankful to NFU Mutual for their generous grant to the Charity during the year and to all who have held their own individual fundraising events and donated the proceeds to the Charity. Your support does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

The year ahead will continue to see the Charity fundraise; all with the sole purpose of providing the service users of Glenside Adult Training Centre with some 'added extras' to

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complement what is already provided through the WHSCT.

### **Financial Review**

A review of the Receipts and Payments Account on page 9 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 9 provides a comprehensive and clear overview of the Charity's financial position.

There is no distinction between unrestricted and restricted funds.

### **Income**

The breakdown of income can be found on page 9.

The Charity's main sources of income continue to be from fundraising activities and donations and we are extremely grateful to all who support our fundraising efforts and forward donations. Without this support, we would simply be unable to provide the support to the service users.

As previously mentioned, we also received a £3,221.50 grant from NFU Mutual for which we are thankful.

### **Expenditure**

The breakdown of expenditure can be found on page 9.

As can be noted from this breakdown, most spending is on service users which is the primary function of the Charity.

### **Overview**

The Trustees take very seriously their stewardship role overseeing the Charity's finances.

As at 31 March 2024 the Charity is considered to be financially viable, holding an adequate level of funds in reserve and showing no cause for concern.

### **Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed the plans for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Charity can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity**

The Charity is governed by the organisation's Constitution which was adopted in January 2005.

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### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The recruitment and appointment of Trustees will be overseen by the members of the Charity's Committee. The appointment of Trustees will take place annually as part of the Annual General Meeting and be voted upon by members of the Committee. Trustees will hold their positions for a period of one year and may be re-elected annually. There is no limit on the number of terms which may be served.

### **Organisational Structure**

The policy and general management of the affairs of the Charity shall be directed by the Committee which shall meet not less than 5 times a year and shall consist of not less than 5 members of the Charity, nominated and elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The committee shall include:

- a) 2 places for individuals who are students/clients/residents/ users of Glenside Adult Training Centre and Iona House or other residents.
- b) 16 places for members who are parents/relatives/guardians/friends of residents/students/trainees/users of Glenside Adult Training Centre and/or the residential homes
- c) 4 places for representatives of the staff of the ATC and the residential homes.

### **Compliance with Public Benefit**

The Charity has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Charity's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Charity. 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.

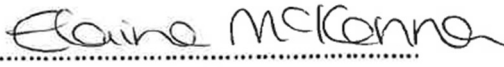
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**Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:**

  
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Caroline McGrath (Chairperson)

Date: 15 November 2024

  
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Elaine McKenna (Treasurer)

Date: 15 November 2024