

**VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
DISABILITY GROUP**

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION For the year ended 31 March 2011

Membership Organisations

Advance UK *	The National Autistic Society
Affinity Trust	NCYPE
Brandon Trust	Norwood
The British Home*	Outlook Care*
The Camden Society*	Papworth Trust
Camphill Village Trust	QEF
Canterbury Oast Trust	RCHL*
Certitude*	Royal London Society for the Blind
Crossroads Care	RNIB
Deafblind UK	RNID
Dimensions	Scope
The Disabilities Trust	SeeAbility
Elizabeth FitzRoy Support	Self Unlimited
Enham	Sense
Epilepsy Society	SignHealth
The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association*	St. Elizabeth's Centre
Hft	Sue Ryder
KeyRing	Thomas Pocklington Trust
Leonard Cheshire Disability	Turning Point*
Livability	United Response
Macintyre	Vitalise
Martha Trust*	Voice Ability*
mcch	Walsingham*
Mencap	The Westminster Society for people with learning disabilities*
Multiple Sclerosis Society	

* Denotes associate non-voting member.

Officers

William Mumford	(MacIntyre)	Chair, appointed 01/09/2008
Mary Bishop	(Livability)	Vice Chair, appointed 01/09/2008 – retired August 2010
Graham Faulkner	(Epilepsy Society)	Vice Chair, appointed 01/09/2008
Brian Perowne CB	(Hft)	Treasurer, re-appointed 18/09/2009 – retired January 2011
Lucy Hurst-Brown	(Brandon Trust)	appointed 01/09/2008
Anne Roberts OBE	(Crossroads Care)	appointed 18/09/2009
Peter Thompson	(mcch)	appointed 17/09/2010 – Treasurer from January 2011
Paul Woodward	(Sue Ryder)	appointed 17/09/2010
Richard Hawkes	(Scope)	appointed 15/02/2011

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OFFICERS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2011

The Officers, who act as directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law and trustees for charity law purposes, submit their annual report and the financial statements of Voluntary Organisations Disability Group For the year ended 31 March 2011. The Officers confirm that the annual report and financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005)'.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Voluntary Organisations Disability Group (VODG) is a company limited by guarantee (Company number 6521773). It was formed on 3 March 2008 and on 1 April 2008, took over the activities, assets and liabilities of the unincorporated organisation of the same name. It is governed by its Memorandum & Articles of Association and is a Registered Charity (Charity number 1127328, registered 30 December 2008). The Charity is subject to the provisions of charity law as well as company law.

Membership is open to any organisations which are registered Charities and other non-statutory bodies which provide support services to disabled people. Each full member organisation holds one vote. The chief officer of each member organisation is committed to attend meetings and vote on its behalf at meetings of the Charity, but may appoint an alternative representative if unable to attend. The day-to day business of the Charity is managed by its Officers who are responsible to and elected by the Charity's member organisations.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity's objects as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are to promote for the public benefit voluntary sector providers of social care support services to disabled people.

Members of the VODG work with more than 700,000 disabled people living throughout the UK – providing services that promote independence, choice and control. VODG members share common values and have a combined annual turnover in excess of £1.5 billion.

As an umbrella group of voluntary sector providers of social care support to disabled people, the VODG aims to facilitate and promote an environment in which its members can provide high quality services that promote the independence of disabled people.

The VODG with the support of its membership subscriptions:

- seeks to address with Government those issues that affect its members' ability to deliver high quality services to disabled people, using the breadth of members' experience and exposure to illustrate issues pragmatically
- offers Government and other bodies a means by which providers of support services to disabled people can be consulted in a structured way
- seeks to lead the sector both in terms of the quality of the services that its members provide and through the strength of their collective voice
- engages in research to the benefit of its members and disabled people

VODG VISION

Full choice and control for everyone with a disability

The Voluntary Organisations Disability Group will combine and harness the separate skills, experiences and knowledge of individual member organisations to challenge barriers, facilitate best practice and work with others in the exchange of learning.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In 2009/10 the VODG adopted a three year strategic plan ('One Step Ahead') which described a vision for the development of the VODG. This plan was 'refreshed' by trustees in February 2010 in recognition of the deteriorating wider fiscal position, and the impending general election, and in doing so confirmed that the theme for the next 12 months would be, 'managing success to date through consolidation.'

The February 2010 refresh carried out by trustees established the theme of, delivering our promise to keep things simple and focusing our capacity on those areas most important to achieve our objects.' Namely to place most emphasis on:

- Ensuring an excellent member experience and service
- Strengthening partnerships
- Consolidation and delivery of current work plan commitments
- Introducing a marketing plan to grow membership
- Increasing our public profile
- Producing high profile "products" e.g. Personalisation on-line tool and working through the DH Strategic Partnership Programme

The trustees' aim throughout this period was to ensure the VODG was alert to the Coalition Government's fast emerging policies and post-recession realities; recognising that the VODG should ensure it offers value for money and adds value to members' own activities.

The trustees' assessment in September 2010 was that we had made good progress in each of these areas, with the exception of introducing an explicit marketing plan to grow membership.

Trustees concluded that the VODG continues to: influence the sector; provide members with outstanding information; good networking opportunities and valuable peer group support and that we have been doing these things well but that we should keep our capacity to deliver under review and consider how to maximise future investment in order to achieve our objectives.

Furthermore our vision that, collective rather, than individual action is most effective is seen as more important than ever when central policy and local commissioning is under extreme financial strain.

In reviewing the VODG's strategy and progress members were invited to contribute to the process, so as to ensure our priorities reflect the current concerns of members. More than 55% of members completed an on-line survey, supplemented by structured telephone interviews carried out by trustees. This survey in summary showed that:

- The main business challenge facing members were the funding cuts and maintaining income
- Lobbying government about public spending cuts was seen as a priority
- Members are keen on partnership working and sharing intelligence
- Keeping abreast of government policy and in particular compliance with CQC was a priority for members
- Contracts management, TUPE and strategies for changing terms and implementing redundancies were all topics members would like to see future seminars address
- The weekly briefing is highly valued by members
- There was high-level of support for growing membership

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Excellent member experience and service

In 2010/11 in addition to the existing Directors' networks (HR; Finance and Operations) we developed a Marketing Directors' Network with the purpose of operating as an expert group in relation to social care marketing issues.

In 2010/11 there were more than 40 different meetings and events arranged for members.

- *I thought The VODG Mergers Seminar was very useful and informative*
- *The VODG's Registered Manager Training event really was a terrific day*
- *I have been meaning to email to say how useful I found the Managing Absence Workshop*
- *It's so helpful knowing we're not facing these current challenges alone*

In addition to these 'internal' networks there were several other meetings during the year including with:

- Paul Burstow MP Minister of State for Care Services, The Department of Health
- David Behan, Director General of Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships, The Department of Health
- Andrew Dilnot, Chair of the Dilnot Commission on funding care and support
- Jo Williams, Chair, the Care Quality Commission (CQC)
- The Care Quality Commission (QCC) in relation to the new regulatory framework.
- Cynthia Bower Chief Executive, the Care Quality Commission (CQC)
- Richard Jones, The President of Adass
- Dr David Bennett, interim Chief Executive at Monitor
- Jeff Jerome, National director, Social Care Transformation
- Andrew Cozens, CBE, Strategic Adviser for Children, Adults and Health Services, LGID
- The National Audit Office concerning their review of personalisation
- The Care Quality Commission (QCC) in relation to the new regulatory framework
- The Law Commission
- Skills for Care
- SCIE
- Rowena Crawford, Research economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies
- Anthony Collins Solicitors for VODG seminars on TUPE and reducing overheads
- John Tizard, Director, Centre for Public Service Partnerships
- Anne Williams, DH National Director for Learning Disabilities
- Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA)
- Department of Health Learning Disability Providers' Forum
- The Think Local Act Personal Partnership
- The National Care Forum
- The National Skills Academy for social care
- The Care Providers Alliance

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Policy & Information

The Coalition Government's programme of swingeing public expenditure cuts, major health and social care reforms, the scrapping of many non-departmental bodies, alongside the continuing weak fiscal position and new regulatory landscape, provided the major focus of activities throughout 2010/11.

In addition to the members' weekly briefings we supplied special briefings on:

- The impact of the local government settlement
- We're members of several support organisations, but the VODG's CQC briefing materials are the best that we receive. (Chief Executive).
- Vetting and barring
- The CRB
- The NHS White Paper
- The NHS constitution
- Joint Strategic Needs Analysis
- Scrapping the two tier (workforce) code
- Top tips for dealing with cost cutting fee brokers
- The contribution of capital finance and assets to maximising service outcomes

The new regulatory landscape which required providers to re-register with CQC was a major undertaking for members, absorbing significant resources. This time-consuming and costly exercise was not made easier by CQC's own processes and administration weaknesses, which through representation they eventually accepted as being unhelpful and bureaucratic. Throughout this period we ran a telephone helpline and established a high-level relationship manager within CQC to act as an arbiter; we also supplied members with regular summarised briefing materials of CQC policy as it emerged and ran specific seminars and training events. VODG members helpfully contributed to CQC consultation responses.

- *Thanks again for the work you put into producing the VODG weekly briefing which is a terrific help and recognised by SMT and only yesterday by trustees at a Board meeting*
- *The VODG summary briefing was brilliantly concise; just what I needed*
- *A very good overview of the legislation and regulation and how it impacts on my services*
- *Just wanted to drop you a short line to thank you so much for this – the note is superb, and provides a really clear, succinct summary of a very wide-ranging discussion*

Partnerships

This was the second year of a three year partnership with the National Care Forum (NCF) as joint Department of Health (DH) strategic partners. The partnership, with funding from the DH employs two part-time Programme Mangers (Gill Boston & Jenny Harlock) to lead the project which aims to strengthen links between commissioners and third sector providers at a regional level. A joint VODG/NCF Project Board oversees this work programme.

The partnership is maturing and proving beneficial to both parties. We jointly ran a number of regional events for members (Leeds, Manchester, Reading, Bristol) sharing responsibility for hosting and Chairing them. In 2010 the annual NCF mangers conference was run 'in association' with the VODG and additionally we regularly share useful information and intelligence.

- *"The VODG & NCF partnership adds a significant amount of value to the West Midlands Joint Improvement Partnership." (Matt Bowsher, Regional Transformation Lead, Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands)*

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In 2010 the VODG was invited to bid for a DH contract to provide fieldwork and consultancy services to support the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Third Sector Partnership and Engagement Programme. The bid was successful and an independent consultant Fiona White (formerly Head of Democratic & Community Engagement at Portsmouth City Council) carried out the work, these materials and reports are available on the VODG website: www.vodg.org.uk

Working in partnership with Local Government Improvement and Development (LGID) and with the support of Gill Boston, Jenny Harlock and Fiona White we ran four successful JSNA regional seminars (Manchester; Taunton; Birmingham and London) all of which were oversubscribed. The report of these events is available from the VODG website www.vodg.org.uk

- *The JSNA events are a great example of effective cross-sector working and I'm pleased that VODG worked with us so we could share our JSNA best practice case-study (RNIB)*

The VODG is a member of the Care Providers Alliance (CPA) a grouping of the leading social care provider umbrella bodies and was responsible for developing on behalf of the partnership the CPA's response to CQC's fees consultation.

We worked with the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) in developing, 'Getting Personal,' an online tool to help social care organisations assess how ready they are to deliver personalised care services and direct them to resources that will help them make improvements; the tool is available on the SCIE website. (See below – under Products & increasing the VODG's profile).

With the end of DH's three-year Putting People First programme sector leaders developed the Think Local, Act Personal Partnership (TLAP) comprised of over 30 national and umbrella organisations, including VODG, representing a broad coalition of interest in personalisation and community based support. Organisations, through joining TLAP, have committed to supporting a small central team in working to improve practice in six priority areas; as well as advising and influencing government and other bodies. VODG is a TLAP Board member.

During this period we also formalised our partnership, through a detailed Memorandum of Understanding, with The National Skills Academy for Social Care. This will:

- enable the Skills Academy and the VODG to provide mutual support to their members in designated areas;
- allow for exploration of the option of dual membership;
- allow for development of bespoke programmes and services for VODG members who are also Skills Academy members.

We also strengthen our continuing beneficial partnership with Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP who supply briefings on a range of agreed topics and provide regular advice and guidance to the VODG and its members.

Delivery of work plan commitments

The work plan provides a delivery framework for the three year strategic plan and is regularly reviewed by trustees; it includes activities grouped under the following priority areas:

- Membership Benefits & Support.
- External Relations.
- Building Profile.
- Growing Membership.
- The DH Strategic Partner Programme.

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Growing membership

In 2010/11 Enham; Deafblind UK and the Royal London Society for the Blind joined the VODG as full members. Certitude Support, Turning Point, The Camden Society, Outlook Care, VoiceAbility and the Westminster Society for people with Learning Disabilities joined as Associate Members. We estimate that VODG members collectively support more than 700,000 disabled people and employ around 70,000 staff.

Growing membership remains an important priority for us, in order to increase the strength and authority of our collective voice and in order to achieve our aim of funding core costs through subscription income.

Working with others

In 2010/11 the VODG was an active member of a wide range of national special interest groups including:

- The DH Secretary of State's National Stakeholder Forum
- The DH Social Care Reference Group.
- The DH Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sounding Board
- The Dilnot Commission – external reference group
- The National Market Development Forum.
- Valuing People Now Providers' Forum.
- The CQC Provider Advisory Group.
- The CQC Market Review Group.
- SCIE's 'Get Connected' Advisory Group.
- The Adass/LGA Inter Agency Group.
- The Adass Independent Sector Group
- The Care Funding Calculator Programme Board
- The CRB Voluntary and Community Consultative Group

Products & increasing the VODG's profile

VODG 'products' are an important way of building membership value as well as raising wider awareness of key social care issues and of the work of the VODG. Often these developments are reported in the sector press and by other media outlets.

- In 2010/11 we worked with SCIE to develop, 'Getting Personal' an online tool for measuring providers' progress towards personalisation. Lucy Hurst-Brown, Chief Executive of Brandon Trust and VODG trustee kindly led this work.
- Recognising that public services are facing their biggest ever challenge: how to meet rapidly rising demand as the government makes unprecedented cuts, we wanted to send a signal to government that better outcomes and greater efficiencies can be achieved by commissioners and providers working together to design people centred solutions. This is a core message of the VODG. To publicise and evidence this view we published an important new report with the Institute of Public Care, Gain Without Pain (August 2010). In a series of 10 case studies, all of them from VODG members, Gain Without Pain shows how the innovation and expertise of the voluntary sector can be harnessed to improve public services and save money at the same time. The case studies demonstrated that services can be organised around the needs of disabled people in radically new ways without resorting to slash and burn approaches to cost-cutting by the public sector. They also demonstrate:
 - Services that have been remodelled in partnership with funders and service users leading to improved outcomes

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- Preventative services that demonstrate effective return on the money spent
- Progressive strategic relationships between funders and providers

We are extremely grateful to, VODG members KeyRing; MS Society; mcch; Papworth Trust; MacIntyre; Brandon Trust; Affinity Trust; Crossroads Care; Hft and RNID for supplying an interesting range of case studies.

The VODG is also extremely grateful to the South East Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership for its generous support in helping to fund the costs of producing this report and also to Blanche Jones, Head of Public Affairs and Policy, Sue Ryder, for her advice and support.

The VODG has long-campaigned to see a change to the Ordinary Residence rules. In 2007 we published the most authoritative and comprehensive report of the barriers faced by disabled people as a result of Ordinary Residence rules, 'No Place Like Home.' The report asked the Department of Health for urgent action to remove barriers to choice and independence.

In October 2010 we published a follow-up report, 'Not in my Backyard.' The aim of this report was to raise the issue again, this time with the new Coalition Government, asking them to treat ordinary residence as an urgent social care priority and to put its stated values of choice and fairness into practice, enabling disabled people to enjoy the same freedoms that are taken for granted by other citizens. The VODG steadfastly believes that resolution of this continuing and needless barrier is long overdue.

We met with the Law Commission, as part of their major review of social care legislation in order to raise our concerns about Ordinary Residence.

Despite the fact that the Government has published revised guidance on Ordinary Residence, the fundamental barrier of personal funding not being portable has still not been addressed. The VODG will therefore continue to campaign on this important principle.

Graham Faulkner, Chief Executive of Epilepsy Society and Vice Chair of VODG leads on this issue and we are extremely grateful to him and to Amanda Cleaver of Epilepsy Society for their considerable work on, 'Not in my Backyard.'

In addition to these 'products,' we also arranged for members:

- A Care Funding Calculator Training Workshop
- Several Registered Manager training events
- A TUPE seminar with Anthony Collins Solicitors
- A private meeting with Cynthia Bower Chief Executive CQC
- A Seminar on the workforce implications arising from the Equality Act with Trowers & Hamblins Solicitors
- A Seminar on mergers with Trowers & Hamblins Solicitors
- A TUPE roundtable 'masterclass' event

An excellent course, instructor very knowledgeable and helpful

The trainer was excellent – thank you VODG

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Growth in income compared to 2009/2010 was chiefly due to a DH (JSNA) contract and consultancy fees. Resources expended reflect the costs of implementing the JSNA programme and growth in the number of members' meetings and events.

At the year end the Group's free reserves were in excess of one year's running costs, which the Officers consider adequate for the Group's needs.

FUTURE PLANS & PRIORITIES

Events:

- To co-host a breakfast meeting for members at the King's Fund with our partners the National Skills Academy
- To deliver a members' seminar with our partners Anthony Collins Solicitors on: Practical Issues for Contractors on a Public Sector Outsourcing
- To deliver a members' seminar with our partners Anthony Collins Solicitors on: Funding Voluntary Sector Pensions
- To deliver a members' seminar on, 'Reducing costs – strategies for changing terms and implementing redundancies
- To deliver a Pensions seminar for members, with Trowers & Hamlins on the implications of auto-enrolment
- To co-host a roundtable discussion with the Guardian newspaper on preventing people with learning disabilities becoming excluded
- To host a round table discussion on, 'Innovations in work practices to achieve greater personalisation'
- Host a 'futures' roundtable discussion
- To run an event for members on co-production

Facilitating networking and knowledge transfer:

- To build a new member network of Quality Managers to enable a round-table confidential exchange of views and intelligence and to provide an 'ideas forum' as well as potential for peer support
- To facilitate a fundraising benchmarking exercise
- Strengthen links with user and family groups in order to build legitimacy
- To support the welfare reform campaigning activities of members, in particular the threat to remove the DLA mobility component of people living in residential care
- To actively engage in and support the Think Local, Act Personal partnership and its sub-groups

VODG products:

- To produce a new report on, achieving best practice for people with learning disabilities
- Produce a 'top-tips' when choosing a support provider

Balancing the books:

- Develop our membership marketing strategy
- Review current classes of membership, benefits and membership criteria
- Develop new partnerships

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

When planning the activities for the year, the Officers have sought to promote for the public benefit voluntary sector providers of social care support services to disabled people in particular but not exclusively by:

- (a) liaising between charities, voluntary organisations, government agencies and other groups on relevant issues;
- (b) educating and undertaking research in relation to the provision and financing of social care services and/or other support for disabled people by voluntary and charitable providers;
- (c) identifying needs in the voluntary sector and establishing projects or policies to address them;
- (d) acting as a representative of the voluntary sector in relation to government policies and legislation;
- (e) providing advice and information to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of social care and/or other support services for disabled people by voluntary and charitable providers; With a view to promoting the independence of disabled people who are receiving or who may require social care services and/or other support.

STATEMENT OF OFFICERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Officers are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company and charity law applicable to charities in England/Wales requires the Officers to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Officers have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis (unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation).

The Officers have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

PREPARATION OF THE REPORT

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Officers on 16 September 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

WILLIAM MUMFORD
Chairman

Independent examiner's report to the Officers of Voluntary Organisations Disability Group

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 set out on pages 13 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of Officers and independent examiner

As described on page 10, the Officers, who are the board of directors of Voluntary Organisations Disability Group for the purposes of company law, and the trustees for the purposes of charity law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Officers consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Group is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the 1993 Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Officers concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 March 2011

	Note	Total Funds 2011 £	Total Funds 2010 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
JSNA contract income	2	58,000	-
Grant income - The Big Lottery Fund		-	42,450
Member subscriptions		119,087	115,975
Bank interest receivable		297	294
Consultancy fees		27,079	8,100
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		204,463	166,819
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
JSNA expenditure		58,000	-
Management and staffing	3	69,672	78,638
Information materials		5,559	15,656
Training events		21,657	7,011
Research fees		3,611	15,350
Meetings and events		33,681	21,038
Legal professional and accountancy fees		30	294
Independent examination fee		1,200	1,128
Office and administration		6,548	5,201
Bank charges		149	94
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		200,107	144,410
Net income/(expenditure)		4,356	22,409
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 APRIL 2010		182,608	160,199
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2011		£ 186,964	£ 182,608

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 March 2011

	Notes	2011	<i>2010</i>
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS - Cash at bank		188,164	<i>185,489</i>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year - accruals		(1,200)	<i>(2,881)</i>
NET CURRENT ASSETS / NET ASSETS		<u>£ 186,964</u>	<u><i>£ 182,608</i></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted fund: General fund		<u>£ 186,964</u>	<u><i>£ 182,608</i></u>

For the year ended 31 March 2011 the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- (i) The members have not required the Group to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- (ii) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). They were approved, and authorised for issue, by the directors on 16 September 2011 and signed on their behalf by:-

WILLIAM MUMFORD, Chairman

PETER THOMPSON, Treasurer

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2011

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The effects of events relating to the year ended 31 March 2011 which occurred before the date of approval of the financial statements by the Officers has been included in the financial statements to the extent required to show a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 31 March 2011 and the results for the year ended on that date.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Officers in furtherance of the general objects of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Group is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Subscription income is invoiced and accounted for on a financial year basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure includes non-recoverable VAT and is accounted for as incurred.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2011 £	Restricted Funds 2011 £	Total Funds 2011 £	<i>Total Funds 2010 £</i>
Department of Health - JSNA	58,000	-	58,000	-
	<u>£ 58,000</u>	<u>£ Nil</u>	<u>£ 58,000</u>	<u>£ Nil</u>

3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

None of the Officers received any remuneration or were reimbursed expenses during the year (2010 - the same).