



Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ending 31 March 2018



ASC Staff, Trustees and some of the members of the ASC Youth Panel

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“The ASC Youth Panel is now 3 years old, and it’s great to see it’s still going strong. Since our successful website launch last year, we’ve continued to work on our Youth Ambassador scheme and are excited to finally start work on our new Stamback in Time project. It’s always great to meet other young people who stammer, and look at ways that as a panel we can help more young people who stammer like us”.
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Thomas
ASC Youth Panel Member

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Message from the Chair of Trustees



It's been another hugely exciting year for Action for Stammering Children. Thanks to your continued commitment and support, the Charity helped a record number of children and young people that stammer across the UK, enhancing our reach through both existing and new projects and initiatives.

ASC has continued to support work that is neither paid for nor provided by the NHS. More than 1,000 children and their families have directly benefitted from specialist support over the last year and, by training speech and language therapists in Palin Parent Child Intervention across the country, we have reached over 4,700 children in total.

Funding specialised assessments for children and young people aged 2-18 years in the UK who stammer remains core to the work of the Charity. Working with our long-term partner the Michael Palin Centre (MPC) and their world-renowned therapists, the assessment process is the gateway to ensuring that children and their families receive the help and support that they so desperately need.

As a national UK charity with the mission to ensure every child and young person across the UK who stammers has access the help and support that they need, ASC's reach has been far and wide.

We are excited that we have been able to update our website this year to enable us to reach more children and young people and their families, and to support more speech and language therapists and teachers. We have continued to raise awareness of the issues around stammering and provide the vital entry point for help. And thanks to the Big Give Christmas Challenge, we have once again funded the designated UK-wide helpline, which acts as the first port of call for urgent help and guidance.

We have continued to fund the training of speech and language therapists – not just at the Michael Palin Centre in London, but across the UK, including in Birmingham and Leeds, ensuring that therapists in all parts of the UK are able to support more children and young people who stammer.

Funding research remains a key goal, which is why we are

focused on understanding more about the causes and best forms of treatment for children and young people who stammer, and we are delighted to announce that we have secured funding from our long term supporters The Woodroffe Benton Foundation in partnership with UCL to run a PhD looking at the social, emotional and mental profiles of children who stammer starting in Autumn 2018.

Thanks to funding from BBC Children in Need, we were able to run the Talking Out residential in North Yorkshire in partnership with the Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Excellence Network, and for the first time a residential in Staffordshire in partnership with the North West Fluency Clinical Excellence Network for Stammering, reaching a record number of young people. I again was fortunate enough to visit the final day of the course in North Yorkshire and hear how the Charity's support has really had a transformational impact on the young people who attended, and I was delighted to witness their new-found confidence, pushing themselves outside their comfort zone.

The ASC Youth Panel continues to be one of my proudest achievements as a Charity, helping us to shape and inform our projects to support more of the 150,000 children and young people across the UK who stammer. Seeing how the group has developed over the last 12 months, and watching them present to the ASC Board, is hugely inspiring. From James Cripps's 150 mile Bike Challenge around the Isle of Wight, which raised over £1,000, to their plans to sign up ASC Youth Ambassadors to reach even more young people that stammer, ASC is truly putting young people at the forefront of everything we do. The Panel has some very exciting plans over the next 12 months.

By chairing the Stammering Network, a coalition of 7 organisations from across the stammering community, ASC continues to help influence key decision makers around the issues relating to stammering. Over the last year, the network collaborated to produce a paper 'Helping People who Stammer Achieve Their Potential' and submitted it to Government with a view to improving services for the stammering community across the UK.

Another highlight was a very successful fundraising evening where we were fortunate to host a pre-release screening

of the highly-entertaining movie Kingsman: The Golden Circle. Our Vice President Colin Firth introduced the film and also took part in a fabulous Q&A with another of our Vice Presidents, Ed Balls. It was a hugely entertaining enjoyable evening, raising £40,000 to help fund specialist speech and language therapy for children and young people who stammer

All of this work would not be possible without the support of our dedicated supporters, partners, trustees and our small staff led by Chief Executive Phil Pyatt. Phil has created an incredibly lean, professional and hard-working core team and, along with my fellow Trustees, I have loved watching our ambitious, nationwide strategy take shape.

Huge thanks must also go to Elaine Kelman and the dedicated and talented team of therapists at the Michael Palin Centre; our incredible and committed Vice Presidents, Michael Palin, Ed Balls and Colin Firth; and our Life President and Co-founder, Travers Reid. A special thank you to Vice President Jane Fraser and the Stuttering Foundation, whose continued generosity allows much of the life-changing work at the Michael Palin Centre to take place.

Without all of your generosity, the Charity's work would not be possible, so a huge thank you to all of our supporters and donors.

Action for Stammering Children continues to grow and develop and to transform the lives of thousands of children, young people and their families across the UK, with a record number of people directly helped over the last 12 months. We cannot do this alone, so please do get in contact if you would like to know more or support us. We are always keen to hear from you.



Joanna Hunter
Chair of Board of Trustees



2017-18

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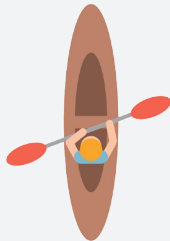


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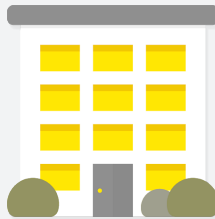
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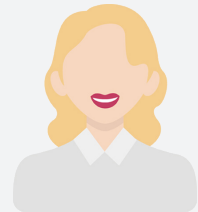
supported on the Talking Out residentials

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through direct clinical support and other

375



therapists trained to support

3,750



children and young people

150,00

children and young people across the UK have a stammer

60%

of people who stammer have a family member who does too

Approx. 4 males for every female has a stammer

For every £1 donated, 89p was spent on charitable activity

Annual Report of the Board of Trustees for The Year Ended 31 March 2018

The Trustees, who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of Action for Stammering Children (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2018. The Trustees confirm that the

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and with the FRS102 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

Purpose and Activities

The Charity's vision is a society where children and young people who stammer have the same opportunities and quality of life as their peers.

The Charity's mission is to ensure that every child and young person across the United Kingdom who stammers has access to effective services and support to help them meet the challenges created by their stammer.

To achieve its mission, the Charity undertakes activities and services across the following six key strategic goals:

1. To increase access to effective therapy services for children and young people across the UK who stammer.

2. To empower children and young people who stammer by giving them a voice within our organisation and in society.

3. To assist the parents of children and young people who stammer, so that they are better able to support their child.

4. To improve the ability of speech and language therapists to provide effective services to children and young people who stammer.

5. To promote research into the most effective treatment of stammering in children and young people.

6. To promote awareness of stammering and the impact it has on children and young people's lives, and to change public perceptions.

Our Impact in 2017/18

The summary below sets out the impact of the Charity in 2017/18 against its key objectives, and the difference the Charity has made to its beneficiaries – children and young people who stammer, their families, and to the wider society.

1. To increase access to effective therapy services for children and young people across the UK who stammer.

Assessments and therapy at the Michael Palin Centre

People who stammer experience difficulties in speaking: sounds are often repeated or elongated, or sometimes “blocked”. These outwards characteristics, though, are only the tip of the iceberg. For some children and young people, stammering brings with it feelings of embarrassment, frustration and isolation, and in some cases can adversely affect educational choices and attainment.

Receiving an early assessment and identifying the most appropriate form of therapy is key for many children, young people and their families to managing their stammer and enabling them to fulfil their potential.

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“Coming to Michael Palin gives confidence that the best experience in the field is available, paralleled with the highest level of expertise in the field. They take the time to assess the child and the environment.”
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Many services for children and young people who stammer are not available through the NHS, and as a result the Charity has continued to support vital charitable services across the UK. Specialist assessments for children aged 2-18 are a central focus of Action for Stammering Children’s support and this year we funded 298 children and their families from across the UK to attend the Michael Palin Centre for this unique highly specialist service. They either attended in person or via skype, thereby increasing access for everyone, regardless of geography. Following the assessment, children and their families were able to receive a tailored treatment programme delivered either by their local NHS Trust or at the Michael Palin Centre.

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“I came to the Michael Palin Centre as a child and teenager myself and my fluency is attributable to the therapies and the SLTs that were involved in my case. And subsequently, visiting this time with my daughter, she has been shown care and compassion in a clearly safe environment by staff that are as highly trained and specialised as they were when I first attended the MPC.”
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The Charity continued to fund programmes for children for whom NHS therapy was not available, including individual therapy for pre-school and school-age children, as well as a returners’ scheme for those who had previously received therapy and needed a few sessions to get them back on track.

Action for Stammering Children also funded 6 children aged 10-14 and their parents and 10 teenagers aged 15-18 to attend intensive therapy programmes, a year-long course of group therapy starting with a two-week intensive course with ongoing group and individual support throughout the following year. NHS funding was not available for these young people so charity support enabled them to access therapy which focused on building their fluency, confidence and social communication skills to participate fully in their family, social and school life. Group therapy provides the support of a peer group who has the same experiences, often for the first time for children who report feelings of isolation and not being understood. Full parental involvement ensures that the child will receive family support to make and sustain the changes learned, beyond the clinic and into their future lives.

The Charity also supported Circus Skills workshops, which through fun activities such as the flying trapeze, children and young people were able to face the fears of stammering by challenging what is comfortable and drawing powerful parallels with their therapy journey, and developing new techniques for dealing with difficult events and situations.

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"I'm going home knowing that my daughter and I have been given the best advice for her future. I'm more confident that she will get through this very difficult time in her life and look forward to a better future... VERY EXCITING.."
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Map showing location of children supported through assessments and therapy at the MPC

Outcomes

99.6% of parents who attended consultation clinics and review sessions with their child at the Michael Palin Centre reported they better understood their child's stammer.

97% felt more able to help their child, and more confident about the future

99% felt more hopeful that someone could help.

97% of parents reported that they felt less worried about their child's stammer, and felt that they now knew what to do.

Various outcome measures are used to monitor the effect of therapy on children's fluency, the impact of the stammer on them and their participation in their lives, as well as on the parents' knowledge and confidence about supporting their child. (Stuttering Severity Instrument IV; Overall Assessment of the Speaker's Experience of Stuttering; Palin Parent Rating Scales)



Talking Out Residential Course – North Yorkshire and Staffordshire

The Talking Out residential course has continued to develop over the last year, and we were able to reach more young people who stammer by running courses in both North Yorkshire and Staffordshire.

Young people who stammer often feel extremely isolated, with many not having met another young person who stammers with whom to share their experiences. The Talking Out residential allows participating young people to meet other young people who stammer, pushing their boundaries by mixing challenging outdoor activities with speech and language therapy.

Staffordshire residential - in the May half-term, Action for Stammering Children in partnership with the North West Fluency Clinical Excellence Network for Stammering ran its first week-long 'Talking Out' residential for young people at Standon Bowers Outdoor Education Centre.

Involving 10 young people aged 12-15 who stammer from across the North West of England and the surrounding area, this week-long course involved a wide-range of activities such as abseiling combined with speech and language therapy. Taking young people away from home and out of their comfort zone, combined with speech and language therapy and group work, leads to their developing greater confidence and new tools to deal with their stammer. The parent of a young person who attended the residential commented:

"A is going to receive an award from her school for outstanding attainment, service, effort and progress. I am finding it difficult to express my feelings in words. What I could say is every child can achieve, progress and succeed with the proper help, guidance and encouragement. Since A attended the residential course all her life challenges have become easy and achievable. Thank you so much all the staff for doing such amazing work."

North Yorkshire residential – thanks to BBC Children in Need, Action for Stammering Children in partnership with the Yorkshire Humber Clinical Network for Stammering, ran a week-long 'Talking Out' outdoor activity-based residential course during the October half-term at Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre in North Yorkshire. Involving 20 young people aged 12-15 who stammer from across the county and the surrounding area, the week-long course involved a wide range of activities from rock climbing to canoeing combined with speech and language therapy.



One young person who attended the residential, when asked why it is useful to spend time with other children who stammer, commented:

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“In this one week I feel like I become a new person and I don’t know how to say thank you to the staff”

From a parent of a young person on the North Yorkshire residential:

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“T has asked me to thank all of the team for the help and support they have given him this week. He also wants me to say how happy he is to have made so many new friends. He is like a changed boy. He cannot wait for the reunion. Amazing work from you all. And being there on your homecoming to see everyone leave in tears and hugging each other was truly one of the most humbling experiences of my life.”

Outcomes

Outcome measures for the course, both qualitative and quantitative, were obtained from participants and their families before, during and at set periods following the residential. Results have shown it to be an effective intervention to help reduce negative reactions to teenagers who stammer, leading to improvements in self-confidence. Feedback also showed that being part of a group with other young people who stammer, sharing experiences and challenges, helped build confidence in communicating, and decreased sensitivity to stammering, thereby having a positive impact on situations both at home and in school.

A follow-up day for the May 2017 Staffordshire participants took place in late 2017 and for the October 2017 North Yorkshire participants in May 2018, to engage once again with the young people and ensure they were continuing to benefit from their new-found confidence.

2. To empower children and young people who stammer by giving them a voice within our organisation and in society



ASC Youth Panel

Many young people across the UK who stammer often feel isolated; they may not know another young person who stammers and may feel that they do not have a voice in society. In response to this, in 2015/2016 the Charity set up the ASC Youth Panel. Now going into its third year, the Panel, which comprises 15 young people aged 13-25 from across the UK and whose remit is to give young people a voice within the Charity and wider society, has continued to thrive. They meet regularly in London to learn new skills and input into projects and activities that are most important to them and where

the Charity's staff and Trustees can benefit from their perspective.

Over the last year they have continued to develop their work, working on a new project to recruit ASC Youth Ambassadors to a secure Facebook page, to join discussions in a safe environment with other young people who stammer.



In 2017 ASC Youth Panel member James Cripps cycled 150 miles over 12 hours around the Isle of Wight (twice!) to raise money for ASC. As a keen cyclist and a person who stammers, James said that he was inspired to do the ride thanks to the fantastic therapy he received at the Michael Palin Centre when he was younger. He told us:

"I was referred to the Michael Palin Centre and I attended the October half-term intensive course in 2014. Action for Stammering Children was key in enabling me to take part in this course. Because of this, I always wanted to give something back to the Charity. This was one of the main reasons I joined the ASC Youth Panel in 2015."

A special thank you goes to our corporate partner, LRWTonic, for their incredible support in helping to run the ASC Youth Panel.

3. To assist the parents of children and young people who stammer, so that they are better able to support their child

Stammering Helpline



The demand for the Action for Stammering Children-funded helpline, which is delivered by staff at the Michael Palin Centre, still remains high. The helpline provides a first port of call to parents, teachers, therapists, GPs and other professionals who need expert advice on how to respond to a child’s stammer. In total, 646 calls were received during the year, including calls from parents needing advice whilst waiting for their child to be seen locally, concerned parents needing advice on whether their child’s stammer requires therapy, and therapists seeking advice on how to respond to a clinical issue.

From a parent who has used the helpline

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“I wanted to convey my thanks and gratitude to your amazing charity. As a very anxious mother I have called your helpline over the years and spoken to many helpful, kind and empathetic therapists who have given me such sound advice. After some navigation through our own local authority with speech therapy with not much success we came through the other end and made our way to the MPC service. I have seen a great sense of empowerment of myself and my husband through the counselling and service they provided and I know that this will hold us in great stead as we help to raise our son as a confident individual. I feel so indebted to the service you provide, the quality and the high level of expertise that you have shown to us. Everything about your charity is marvellous, and if I was to say thank you a million times it would not be enough.”

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NEW Website and Branding



In October 2017, to coincide with ISAD – International Stammering Awareness Day – Action for Stammering Children launched its new website, www.actionforstammeringchildren.org. The website makes it easier for its key users - parents, children and young people, teachers and speech and language therapists – to find the information that they need, whether as a first port of call for worried parents, or advice and activities like our fun Q and A game for young people who stammer.

Over the next 12 months we have ambitious plans for new areas of the website, to reach more children, young people and their families.

4. To improve the ability of speech and language therapists to provide effective services to children and young people who stammer



One of the Charity's key goals is to reach more of the 150,000 children and young people across the UK who stammer. To help achieve this, the Charity has continued to support the training of speech and language therapists in stammering through a range of training courses at the Michael Palin Centre and across the UK, thereby enabling more professionals to help children and young people who stammer.

One therapist commented on the training - "This training has been life-changing, both personally & professionally; I feel very confident that the theoretical underpinnings, diagnostic therapeutic skills covered in this training will be of paramount

importance to positively affecting change."

A total of 319 therapists undertook training at the Michael Palin Centre and a further 56 received training through a Charity-funded outreach training programme delivered by Michael Palin Centre therapists in Birmingham and Leeds, which means more than 3,750 children, young people and their families can access the therapy that they need to help manage their stammer in their local area.

"I now feel I have a number of ways of working with children across the age range and ways of incorporating a solution-focused approach to these."

ODC Conference

ASC was proud to support the **11th Oxford Dysfluency Conference (ODC)**, under the theme 'Challenge and Change'. It was held at St Catherine's College, Oxford and was attended by 220 delegates from across the world. The ODC has a reputation for being one of the leading international scientific conferences in the field of dysfluency. The conference brings together researchers and clinicians, providing a showcase and forum for discussion and collegial debate about the most current and innovative research and clinical practices. Throughout the history of ODC, the primary aim has been to bridge the gap between research and clinical practice.

Action for Stammering Children Trustee Arthur Hughes-Hallett presented this year's Travers Reid Award (sponsored by ASC) to Evan Usler of Purdue University, United States.



5. To promote research into effective treatment of stammering in children and young people



In 2017/18 Action for Stammering Children continued to work in partnership with the experts at the Michael Palin Centre to support and promote research into the most effective treatment for stammering in children and young people.

During the year, the Charity funded and supported research into various aspects of stammering, therapy and clinical practice:

Studies in progress

Temperament and children who stammer: Funded by Action for Stammering Children, the aim of this research is to explore the role of temperament in children who stammer, specifically the role of reactivity and regularity constructs and their relationship to the impact of stammering and levels of anxiety. This study has been developed collaboratively with Dr Kurt Eggers at Thomas More University, Belgium and the Michael Palin Centre. Data has been collected for 63 children and from 113 parents. Analysis is underway and preliminary findings are expected shortly.

Palin Parent Rating Scales: This online, free to access assessment tool developed at the Michael Palin Centre and funded by ASC, is now available in Polish, Greek, Czech, Swedish and Italian. Translations into Spanish, Dutch, Urdu and Slovak are underway.

Studies starting soon at MPC

Palin Stammering Therapy for Children: A feasibility trial. Researchers at MPC, City University of London and Norwich Clinical Trials Unit have won a National Institute for Health Research grant to conduct a feasibility trial for Palin Stammering Therapy for Children. This research will start in April 2019 and will provide much needed research into therapy for children who stammer aged 8-14.

Genetic Study of Developmental Stuttering. The Michael Palin Centre will be the UK recruitment site for an exciting new international study led by researchers in the USA. The researchers will be collecting spit samples from people who stammer from all over the world. The DNA will be analysed to try to find the genes related to stammering. It is anticipated that recruitment to this study through MPC will begin early in 2019.

6. To promote awareness of stammering and the impact it has on children and young people's lives, and to change public perceptions

The Charity continues to play a leading role in promoting awareness of stammering and the impact it has on children and young people – whether that's online through our new website www.actionforstammeringchildren.org, through our social media channels or through our monthly e-newsletter.

Awareness Raising Evening with ASC Vice Presidents Colin Firth & Ed Balls

In September 2017 ASC Vice-Presidents, Oscar-winning actor Colin Firth, and Ed Balls, former Shadow Chancellor and Strictly star, hosted a private screening to raise funds for the Charity and promote awareness of stammering to an audience at 20th Century Fox in Soho. On the night, **ASC raised £40,000** to help support specialist speech and language therapy for children and young people who stammer.

Prior to viewing the film the audience enjoyed a Q&A with Colin and Ed, both of whom talked movingly about their experiences of stammering.



Stammering network

ASC continued to play a key role in the Stammering Network, a network of 7 organisations from the stammering community, with the aim of raising awareness of stammering. Over the last year, and with the support of a number of MPs, the Stammering Network has worked together to better inform government policy both locally and nationally by highlighting the need for stammering interventions and provisions, from pre-school children to adults in prison and wider society. The Network also submitted a paper entitled **'Helping People who Stammer Achieve Their Potential'**.

The network is continuing to look at ways to work more closely together, particularly around joined-up promotion of International Stammering Awareness Day (ISAD).



Action for Stammering Children led on an initiative with the Stammering network to deliver a workshop on stammering for the staff of PwC.

A selection of articles promoting the work of Action for Stammering Children over the last year

Over the last year Action for Stammering Children has contributed to articles in Nursery World involving ASC Vice President Ed Balls talking about stammering, and in Candis magazine highlighting the importance of ASC's work and its partnership with the Michael Palin Centre.



Our Fundraisers



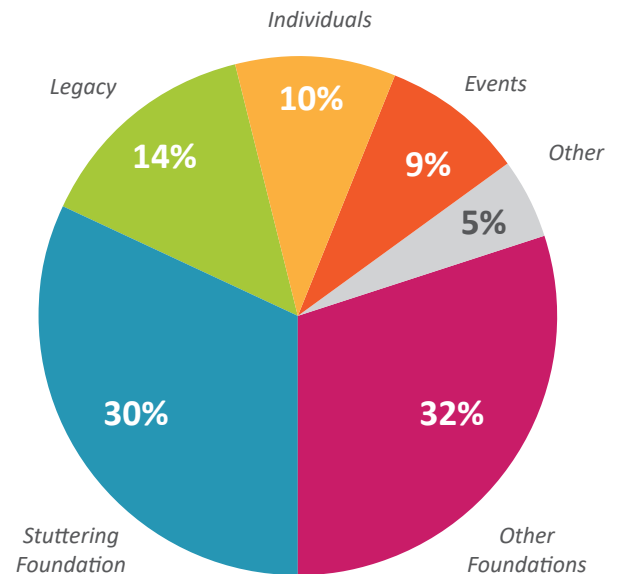
Financial Review

Income

Total Income for the year to 31 March 2018 amounted to £638,008 compared to £455,292 in the year to 31 March 2017. The majority of the increase in income is comprised of the new grants (detailed below) and a legacy of £88,278.

In 2017/18 we have benefited from a new multi-year grant from the John Lyon's Charity (£30,000), Children in Need (£22,601), continued support from the Garfield Weston Foundation (£50,000) and on-going support from the Stuttering Foundation (\$250,000).

In addition, we received support of more than £5,000 from the following grant making bodies: The Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund (£15,000 – 3rd of four) and the Woodroffe Benton Foundation (£5,000 – 1st of three).



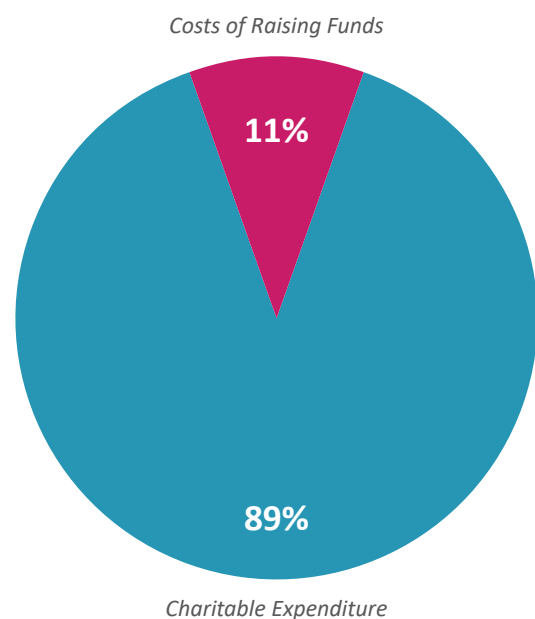
Everything we did in 2017-18 was only possible because of the generosity and commitment of our supporters. Some prefer to remain anonymous, but we are extremely grateful to them all.

Expenditure

Expenditure of £580,016 was spent on charitable activity during the year. Of this, £390,000 was used to enable the delivery of charitable activity at the Michael Palin Centre, and the remainder to fund the 'Talking Out' residential for teenagers in North Yorkshire and Staffordshire, our new website and the ASC Youth Panel activities.

Expenditure on charitable activities represented 89% of total charitable expenditure.

The net movement in funds in the year ended 31 March 2018 was £57,992, representing the budgeted increase in reserves, resulting in total funds of £1,051,877.





Reserves

Total unrestricted reserves, shown in note 15 of £1,008,877 includes designated illiquid funds of £597,574 which comprises freehold property and the net book value of fixed assets. The remainder of £411,303 comprises unrestricted free reserves and represents approximately eight months expenditure, in line with current policy.

Reserves policy and going concern

The Trustees have considered the desired level of unrestricted funds not designated for specific purpose or otherwise committed (free reserves). Given the nature of the Charity's work, we have determined that the level of free reserves should be equivalent to six to nine months of annual expenditure. In our judgement, this provides sufficient flexibility to cover any temporary shortfalls in incoming resources and ensures that the Charity is able to continue its work, and also able to respond immediately to a reasonable range of unforeseen adverse circumstances, before remedial plans can be implemented.

Investment powers and policy

The Board of Trustees' policy is to invest in low risk, liquid investments. Accordingly, Action for Stammering Children invests its funds in cash deposits.

Looking Ahead to 2018 – 2019

Action for Stammering Children is really looking forward to the year ahead and the projects and initiatives which will allow us to reach more of the 150,000 children and young people across the UK who stammer. Our partnership with the Michael Palin Centre still remains fundamental to ASC's work, and we will continue to commission activities and initiatives that reach more children and young people who need specialist help and advice that is simply not available through the NHS.

As a UK-wide Charity, we will continue to strengthen our relationships with partner organisations, including the National Clinical Excellence Network for Stammering,

high-level educational institutions such as University College London and City University, and other voluntary sector organisations focused on stammering and on areas such as bullying and mental health. We will build new relationships and partnerships with individuals and employers, whilst ensuring the ASC Youth Panel is central to the work we deliver and the needs of young people across the UK.

In 2018/19 we aim to help over 5,000 children and young people. See below the outline of the projects and initiatives that we will undertake to reach this target and our 6 key goals:

1. To increase access to effective therapy services for children and young people across the UK who stammer.

- » Continue supporting assessments and therapy across the UK in partnership with the Michael Palin Centre
- » Continue our roll-out of the 'Talking Out' residential programme across the UK, including North Yorkshire, Staffordshire and the North West.
- » Support more therapy places at City University.

2. To empower children and young people who stammer by giving them a voice within our organisation and in society.

- » Develop the work of the ASC Youth Panel, recruit ASC Youth Ambassadors and the roll out of our Stamback in Time project looking at people of influence who have stammered over the last 100 years in partnership with the London Metropolitan Archives.

3. To assist the parents of children and young people who stammer, so that they are better able to support their child.

- » Continue growing our new website, ensuring easily accessible information and guidance for parents of children who stammer, including the development of secure forums.
- » Continue to fund the national helpline which is managed by the expert therapists at the Michael Palin Centre.

4. To improve the ability of speech and language therapists to provide effective services to children and young people who stammer.

- » Continue supporting the training of speech and language therapists in stammering across the UK in partnership with the Michael Palin Centre, including looking at courses in Scotland and Wales.

5. To promote research into the most effective treatment of stammering in children and young people.

- » Continue to support research into the best treatments of stammering and the societal impacts if therapy is not started early.
- » Launch of our Phd research project looking at the link between stammering and mental health.

6. To promote awareness of stammering and the impact it has on children and young people's lives, and to change public perceptions.

- » Roll-out of our Stambassadors initiative - role models who stammer from the world of work speaking about their job, career, the education route that they took and their stammer, breaking down barriers and ensuring children and young people can reach their potential.
- » Promote awareness of stammering and look at innovative solutions to reach more children, young people and their families who stammer.

We aim to develop our key performance indicators to ensure that the Charity closely monitors the progress towards achieving each of our six objectives.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 15 December 1988, which was last revised in September 2014, and as a charity on 21 March 1989.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Organisational Structure

The Charity's Board of Trustees meets at least six times per annum. At present the Board has eleven members from a variety of professional backgrounds, many of whom have experience of stammering, either personally or through a family member. Trustees retire by rotation after three years, but are eligible for re-election for up to three terms of office. The Chief Executive of the Charity implements the strategy set by the Trustees, acts as the key interface with the NHS, and has a prime responsibility for fundraising.

Trustees Recruitment and Induction

The Board of Trustees seeks to ensure that the interests of children who stammer are appropriately represented in the Trustee body. Trustees are recruited through informal methods, both through a network of parents and adults who stammer and through the body of professionals working in the field of childhood stammering. The Trustees also aim to maintain a broad mix of backgrounds and business skills on the Board. The Board of Trustees is committed to being a diverse and inclusive body. A Trustee nominations committee reviews the Trustees' skills mix and drives recruitment of new Trustees. New Trustees take part in a full induction programme covering all aspects of the work of the Charity, its governance and finances.

Board of Trustees

The Trustees are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law. Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 40.

The members of the charitable company include the Trustees and four founding members. Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

Method of Appointment or Election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

Relationship with Related Parties and co-operation with other organisations

The work of ASC is, at present, largely achieved through its relationship with Whittington Health NHS Trust and its Speech and Language Therapy Department in London. ASC commissions the provision of specific services from the Michael Palin Centre, part of Whittington Health NHS Trust. Specifically, ASC commissions expert assessments, consultations, treatments, training and research not otherwise funded by the National Health Service. The Charity's funding also provides specialist advisory and helpline services to health professionals and families.

The Charity has a strict conflict of interest policy and declarations are made at the start of every trustee meeting.

Pay Policy for Senior Staff

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee received remuneration during the year.

The Board has overall responsibility for the pay policy and the salaries of staff and this is exercised through the finance committee, which is a sub group of the Board. The committee oversees the administration of the pay policy, evaluates employee performance and decides on any changes to pay.

Our general principles are to pay our employees a fair salary that is competitive within the charity sector, proportionate to the complexity of the role, and responsible in line with our charitable objectives.

Risk Policy

The Board of Trustees continues to review and evaluate the key risks faced by the charity at Board meetings throughout the year. A formal risk register is maintained to record ongoing risk assessments and track key risk mitigating activity. The key risks of the charity include risks associated with its governance, delivery of key strategic objectives, safeguarding of charitable assets and compliance with regulation.

The Board of Trustees ensures that robust policies, procedures, systems and financial controls are in place to mitigate key risks to protect the reputation of the charity.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have taken in to account the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. The Trustees' report demonstrates our commitment to providing public benefit.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees' (who are also directors of Action for Stammering Children for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statement in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- » select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- » observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102);
- » make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- » state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- » prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 27th September 2018 and signed on their behalf, by:



Joanna Hunter
Chair of Board of Trustees

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Action for Stammering Children

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on pages 25 to 39.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 4th October 2018



Helena Wilkinson

For and on behalf of

Price Bailey LLP
Chartered Accountants
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Bishop's Stortford
Hertfordshire CM23 3BT

Statement of Financial Activities

(incorporating income and expenditure accounts)

For the year ended 31 March 2018

Income and Expenditure	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds		Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
		£	General £	Designated		
Income from:						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2	319,886	313,713	-	633,599	444,261
<i>Other trading activities</i>	3	-	2,489	-	2,489	7,932
<i>Investments</i>	4	-	1,920	-	1,920	3,099
Total Income		319,886	318,122	-	638,008	455,292
Expenditure on:						
<i>Raising funds</i>	5	-	63,706	-	63,706	58,655
<i>Charitable activities:</i>	6	319,761	196,549	-	516,310	499,963
Total expenditure		319,761	260,255	-	580,016	558,618
Net (expenditure)/income		125	57,867	-	57,992	(103,326)
Transfer between funds		-	6,315	(6,315)	-	-
Net movement in funds		125	64,182	(6,315)	57,992	(103,326)
Reconciliation of funds						
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>		42,875	347,121	603,889	993,885	1,097,211
Total funds carried forward	15	43,000	411,303	597,574	1,051,877	993,885

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those in the statement of financial activities. Therefore no statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2018

Registered Number: 2328627

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Fixed assets			
<i>Tangible Assets</i>	11	597,574	603,889
Current assets			
<i>Debtors</i>	12	40,816	18,133
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>		589,069	482,998
		<u>629,885</u>	<u>501,131</u>
Creditors	13	(175,582)	(111,135)
Net current assets		<u>454,303</u>	<u>389,996</u>
Total net assets		<u>1,051,877</u>	<u>993,885</u>
Funds			
<i>Designated funds - fixed assets</i>	15	597,574	603,889
<i>Unrestricted funds - free reserves</i>	15	411,303	347,121
<i>Restricted funds</i>	15	43,000	42,875
Total funds and reserves		<u>1,051,877</u>	<u>993,885</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the year ended 31 March 2018 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

The accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th September 2018 and signed on their behalf on 27th September 2018 by:



Joanna Hunter, Chair of Trustees

Company no: 2328627
The notes on pages 28 to 39 form part of these accounts

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 March 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
<i>Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year</i>	57,992	(103,326)
Adjustments for:		
<i>Depreciation of tangible assets</i>	6,315	7,257
<i>Investment income</i>	(1,920)	(3,099)
<i>(Increase)/decrease in debtors</i>	(22,683)	74,265
<i>Increase/(decrease) in creditors</i>	64,447	107,100
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>104,151</u>	<u>82,197</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
<i>Purchase of tangible fixed assets</i>	-	(18,003)
<i>Income from investments</i>	1,920	3,099
Net cash from investing activities	<u>1,920</u>	<u>(14,904)</u>
<i>Net increase/decrease in cash and cash equivalents</i>	106,071	67,293
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</i>	482,998	415,705
Cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>589,069</u>	<u>482,998</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year comprise:		
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>	<u>589,069</u>	<u>482,998</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2018

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

1.2. Company status

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 40. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

1.3. Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.4. Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grant income is recognised when there is a firm commitment and certainty that the funds will be received.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.5. Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6. Tangible fixed assets and appreciation

All assets costing more than £200 are capitalised. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

- **Computer and other equipment** 3 years on a straight line basis
- **Freehold Property** over 50 years to an estimated residual value of £592,000

1.7. Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.8. Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

1.9. Creditors

Creditors are recognised as soon as there is legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to pay out resources.

1.10 Financial Instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value. Fixed assets are recorded at depreciated historical cost.

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.12 Pension costs

The Charity operates and contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. These assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable are charged to the statement of financial activities.

1.13 Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2. Voluntary Income

	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Grants and donations	319,886	225,435	545,321	444,261
Legacies	-	88,278	88,278	-
Total donations	319,886	313,713	633,599	444,261

Income from donations in 2017 included £158,356 of unrestricted income and £285,905 restricted fund income.

3. Trading Activities

	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Charity trading income				
Books and DVD sales	-	2,489	2,489	4,072
Other Income	-	-	-	3,860
Net income from trading activities	-	2,489	2,489	7,932

Income from charitable activities in 2017 was all unrestricted.

4. Investment Income

	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Bank interest received	-	1,920	1,920	3,099

Income from investment income in 2017 was all unrestricted.

5. Cost of Raising Funds

	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Events and fundraising	-	3,137	3,137	669
Voluntary income staff costs	-	60,569	60,569	57,986
	-	63,706	63,706	58,655

Cost of raising funds in 2017 was all unrestricted.

6. Expenditure by Charitable Activity

	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Summary by Fund Type				
Current Year				
Michael Palin Centre (MPC) - London	276,886	173,161	450,047	474,311
Northern Services	42,875	-	42,875	25,652
Residential programme & other charitable expenditure	-	23,388	23,388	-
	319,761	196,549	516,310	499,963

	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Summary by Fund Type			
Prior Year			
Michael Palin Centre (MPC) - London	267,902	206,409	474,311
Northern Services	25,652	-	25,652
	293,554	206,409	499,963

7. Expenditure by Charitable Activity

	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Direct costs:		
Assessments	228,000	228,000
Clinical work	73,500	118,000
Residential programme	41,433	25,652
Returners	10,000	10,000
Research programme	25,000	25,000
Advisory services	30,000	31,500
Education and training	36,623	27,776
Other commissioning	487	150
Innovation Awards	300	-
Costs relating to charitable projects	35,461	-
	480,804	466,078
Support costs	35,506	33,885
Total	516,310	499,963

8. Support Costs

	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Depreciation of assets	6,315	7,257
Staff costs	14,708	13,128
Staff expenses	1,518	2,361
Travel	278	162
Professional fees	932	938
Website costs	223	245
Youth Panel	1,266	2,058
Equipment and repairs	51	90
Miscellaneous	57	1,000
Governance costs	10,158	6,646
	35,506	33,885

All of the 2017 support costs relate to commissioning costs.

9. Net (Expenditure)/Income Resources for the Year

	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	6,315	7,257
Independent Examiner's Fee	3,081	2,250

Trustees did not receive remuneration or benefits in kind.
Trustees expenses reimbursement in the year totalled £NIL (2017: £NIL)

10. Staff Costs

	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Wages and salaries	106,202	66,573
Social security costs	11,691	7,755
Pension costs	726	246
Total staff costs	118,619	74,574

	Total 2018 No.	Total 2017 No.
Average monthly number of employees during the year		
Average number of staff	3	2

One employee received emoluments amounting to more than £60,000 (2017: 0).

£60,000 - £70,000 - 1 employee

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the Trustees and management teams as listed on page 40. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension and national insurance contributions) received by the key management personnel for their services to the Charity was £71,705 (2017: £53,607).

A new Chief Executive started in September 2016. In 2018 the key management personnel figure includes a full year of the Chief Executive's salary. In 2017, the comparative figure includes the permanent Chief Executive for only seven months, and an interim Chief Executive for five months. The short-term nature of the contract for the interim Chief Executive led to a reduction in costs incurred by the Charity.

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold property £	Office equipment £	Total 2018 £
Cost			
At 1 April 2017	592,000	61,720	653,720
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2018	<u>592,000</u>	<u>61,720</u>	<u>653,720</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2017	-	49,831	49,831
Charged	-	6,315	6,315
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2018	<u>-</u>	<u>56,146</u>	<u>56,146</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2018	<u>592,000</u>	<u>5,574</u>	<u>597,574</u>
At 31 March 2017	<u>592,000</u>	<u>11,889</u>	<u>603,889</u>

12. Debtors

	2018 £	2017 £
Accrued income	38,000	-
Other debtors	2,816	18,133
	<u>40,816</u>	<u>18,133</u>

13. Creditors

	2018 £	2017 £
Accruals	117,567	4,037
Deferred income	54,800	107,098
Taxation and social security	3,215	-
	<u>175,582</u>	<u>111,135</u>

Deferred income comprises restricted grants received in advance:

Balance brought forward	107,098	-
Amounts utilised in the year	(57,098)	-
Current year income deferred	4,800	107,098
Balance carried forward	54,800	107,098

14. Pension Commitments

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The total contributions for the year amounted to £726 (2017: 246)

15. Statement of Funds

	1 April 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 March 2018 £
Designated funds					
Freehold Pine Street	350,000	-	-	-	350,000
Training room extension	242,000	-	-	-	242,000
Net book value fixed assets	11,889	-	-	(6,315)	5,574
	603,889	-	-	(6,315)	597,574
General funds					
General funds - all funds	347,121	318,122	(260,255)	6,315	411,303
	951,010	318,122	(260,255)	-	1,008,877
Restricted funds					
Assessments	-	60,081	(60,081)	-	-
Stuttering Foundation	-	194,204	(194,204)	-	-
Northern Services	42,875	-	(42,875)	-	-
Children In Need	-	22,601	(22,601)	-	-
Peter Sowerby Foundation	-	13,000	-	-	13,000
John Lyons Foundation	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
	42,875	319,886	(319,761)	-	43,000
Total funds	993,885	638,008	(580,016)	-	1,051,877

Summary of Funds

	1 April 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 March 2018 £
Designated funds	603,889	-	-	(6,315)	597,574
General funds	347,121	318,122	(260,255)	6,315	411,303
	951,010	318,122	(260,255)	-	1,008,877
Restricted funds	42,875	319,886	(319,761)	-	43,000
	993,885	638,008	(580,016)	-	1,051,877

Prior Year - Statement of Funds

	1 April 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 March 2017 £
Designated funds					
Freehold Pine Street	350,000	-	-	-	350,000
Training room extension	242,000	-	-	-	242,000
Net book value fixed assets	1,143	-	-	10,746	11,889
	593,143	-	-	10,746	603,889
General funds					
General funds - all funds	435,541	169,387	(265,064)	7,257	347,121
	1,028,684	169,387	(265,064)	18,003	951,010
Restricted funds					
Assessments	-	93,988	(75,985)	(18,003)	-
Stuttering Foundation	-	189,417	(189,417)	-	-
Northern Services	68,527	-	(25,652)	-	42,875
Other	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
	68,527	285,905	(293,554)	(18,003)	42,875
Total funds	1,097,211	455,292	(558,618)	-	993,885

Prior Year - Summary of Funds

	1 April 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 March 2017 £
Designated funds	593,143	-	-	10,746	603,889
General funds	435,541	169,387	(265,064)	7,257	347,121
	1,028,684	169,387	(265,064)	18,003	951,010
Restricted funds	68,527	285,905	(293,554)	(18,003)	42,875
	1,097,211	455,292	(558,618)	-	993,885

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Assessments	These funds were used for specialist consultations at the Michael Palin Centre.
Stuttering Foundation	These funds were used for specialist clinical, research and training activities at the Michael Palin Centre.
Northern Services	These funds were used in 2017/18 to support a resident course for young people from the North West and for the development of the ASC's new website designed to reach more children, young people and their families across the UK.
Children In Need	These funds were used for a "Talking Out" outward-bound residential.
Peter Sowerby Foundation	These funds will be used for a "Talking Out" outward-bound residential due to take place in 2018/19.
John Lyons Foundation	These funds will be used to help children and young people in key London Boroughs to lead changes within their schools community to develop frameworks for improved provision and support for children who stammer, due to take place in 2018/19.

Purpose of Designated Funds

Freehold Pine Street Fund	The Trustees have designated funds to the value of the freehold property as a designated resource to meet the Charity's principle objectives.
Training Room Extension	The Trustees have designated funds received from a legacy to fund the training room extension.
Net Book Value of Fixed Assets	The Trustees have designated funds to the value of the net book value of fixed assets as a designated resource to meet the Charity's principle objectives.
Transfer of Funds	There was a transfer of funds of £6,315 from the designated fixed asset fund to the general fund. This consisted of the annual depreciation charge.



16. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Restricted Funds 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2018 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	597,574	597,574
Current assets	43,000	586,885	629,885
Creditors due within one year	-	(175,582)	(175,582)
	<u>43,000</u>	<u>1,008,877</u>	<u>1,051,877</u>

Prior year - analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	603,889	603,889
Current assets	42,875	458,256	501,131
Creditors due within one year	-	(111,135)	(111,135)
	<u>42,875</u>	<u>951,010</u>	<u>993,885</u>

17. Financial Commitments

	2018 £	2017 £
NHS Whittington Health	<u>390,530</u>	<u>390,000</u>

The charity commissions an expert speech and language service for children and young people from NHS Whittington Health which they have committed to for the period 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019.

18. Related Parties

There were no related party transactions that require disclosure.

Reference and Administrative Details of The Charity, its Trustees and Advisers

For the Year Ended 31 March 2018

Trustees

Joanna Hunter (Chair)
David Broom (Honorary Treasurer)
Will Evans (Company Secretary)
Samira Ahmed
Gerald Grattoni
Arthur Hughes-Hallett
Balshen Izzet (appointed February 2018)
Claudine Provencher
Oliver Rawlins
Vicky Slonims
Anne Whateley

Company Registered Number

2328627

Charity Registered Number

801171

Company Status

A company limited by guarantee

Day-to-Day Management

The trustees delegated day-to-day management to the Charity's Chief Executive Phil Pyatt

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Jane Fraser
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Gail Ronson



ASC Vice President Ed Balls interviewed by Florence Langley about his stammer and his life in politics.

“At the beginning I thought I had to keep it quiet...I thought you can’t be a cabinet minister and go for therapy, but actually once you work out it really helps and talking about it is fine. It like to say I had a really good speech and language therapist, and that’s made a difference for me.”



Behind every great charity is someone with the initial passion and drive to help those people most in need. For Action for Stammering that person is Travers Reid, Life President and Co-Founder.

Travers, whose childhood experience of stammering was instrumental in setting up a specialist charity for children and young people who stammer, continues to be an influence within our work, as we strive to live up to the legacy he has created.



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