

# Action for Stammering Children



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## **ACTION FOR STAMMERING CHILDREN**

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# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

## **Trustees**

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## **Company Registered Number**

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## **Charity Registered Number**

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## **Company Status**

A company limited by guarantee

## **Registered Office**

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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Action for Stammering Children ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2013. 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 the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In 1993, Action for Stammering Children (ASC) supported the establishment of a national speech and language therapy centre, the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children, to provide treatment and support for children who stammer and their families. This work continues today and has grown to provide ever more effective support to larger numbers of children and young people who stammer. In 2011 ASC supported the opening of the Stammering Support Centre in Leeds.

ASC commissions and supports services to meet the following overarching objectives:

1. To support children and young people who stammer. This objective is pursued directly by the commissioning of assessments and therapy for children and indirectly through the training of therapists in this area of specialist need. Support is provided not only to the children but also to their families and their local therapists.
2. To carry out research into the most effective treatment of stammering in children, so as to validate and improve the therapy that is provided, and to disseminate the results of such research for the benefit of the public.

## 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 and as a charity on 21 March 1989.

The principal object of the Charity is to help children and young people who suffer from stammering from any part of the UK and to support a full training programme for therapists.

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.

### Memorandum and Articles of Association

The Trustees conducted a review of the governing documents and in April 2012 revised Articles were filed with Companies House and the Charity Commission. The objects of the Charity remain unchanged.

### Organisational Structure

There is a Board of Trustees which meets at least six times per annum. At present the Board has ten members from a variety of professional backgrounds many of whom have experience of the disability of stammering, either personally or through a family member. We aim to have at least one parent of a child attending one of the Centres on the Board of Trustees. 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 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 but inclusive body. A Trustee sub committee has been established in the year to review the current mix of skills and drive recruitment of new Trustees.

During this financial year the Board was pleased to welcome Gerald Grattoni, whose family has direct experience of the Stammering Support Centre in Leeds, as a new Trustee.

Potential new Trustees visit the Centres to observe at first hand the work being carried out with children and young adults. 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 1.

The members of the charitable company are the Trustees and some former Trustees. 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 the Related Parties**

The work of ASC is, at present, largely achieved through our relationship with NHS Whittington Health and its Speech and Language Therapy Department in London and with NHS Leeds Community Health Care. Representatives from NHS Whittington Health and NHS Leeds Community Health Care are invited to attend most board meetings. ASC commissions the provision of specific services from both Centres for children and young people who stammer, for delivery by the respective NHS Trusts. Specifically, we commission expert assessments, consultations, treatment, 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. This is a very productive relationship and a good method of working. It ensures the most effective use of our resources in pursuit of our charitable objectives.

We are aware of the major changes that are taking place in the structure and methods of work of the National Health Service but we are confident that the relationships we have will be preserved within new structures as they emerge. We remain actively engaged with the National Health Service to ensure that this is the case.

### **Risk Policy**

The Trustees regularly assess the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the Charity and its finances. Systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the Charity faces and a formal risk register is maintained.

### **Public Benefit**

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

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Following the move of the Michael Palin Centre to newly refurbished premises and the establishment of our support for the new Stammering Support Centre in Leeds during 2011, this last financial year has been a period of growth and consolidation, ensuring these major initiatives are well established to provide a basis for future developments. This has been achieved despite a very tough economic climate and during a period of major change in the NHS.

Last year we set ourselves the following specific goals:

1. To increase the delivery of charitably funded clinical services at the Michael Palin Centre in London.
2. To support the development of the Stammering Support Centre in Leeds and increase the delivery of charitably funded clinical services from this Centre.
3. To support the training of more speech and language therapists in order to reach more children who stammer.
4. To fund and promote research in support of the delivery and impact of therapy for children who stammer.

We have made excellent progress with all these objectives and the detail of that achievement is described in the reports from the two Centres below.

It is, however, worth outlining a small number of highlights in what has proved to be another very important year for ASC.

### Twenty Years

In March 2013 we marked the Michael Palin Centre's twentieth anniversary. In the course of those twenty years thousands of children who stammer have been helped along with their families; thousands of therapists have been trained to support more children who stammer across the country; much significant research has been published and many have supported our work with their generous donations. Everyone in the team contributed their time and considerable talent, making the Michael Palin Centre the internationally-renowned centre of excellence it is today.

A celebration of this special anniversary was held in the Speaker's Residence at the House of Commons. This unique and historical setting was generously made available by the Speaker, The Rt Hon John Bercow MP. The celebration was attended by Michael Palin, Travers Reid, co-founder of the Charity, Jane Fraser, President of the Stuttering Foundation, The Rt Hon Ed Balls MP, children who have attended the Centre, past and present staff of the Centre, past and present trustees of Action for Stammering Children, many funders, our NHS colleagues and other supporters of the Centre over the years.



The star of the show was Sean Ryan, aged 12 (pictured above), a young person who stammers, who, standing on a chair, gave a speech addressing the assembled 125 guests with a confidence and panache that brought the house down. Sean demonstrated all that the Centre seeks to achieve – that children who stammer have a voice, that they have something to say and that it is our role to make it possible for each individual to fulfil their potential. It was uplifting to be able to celebrate that, to thank so many people who have contributed to the Centre's first twenty years and to look forward.

### Two Years

With a slightly briefer period of history behind it, 2013 saw ASC enter its second year of support for the Stammering Support Centre in Leeds, extending the reach and availability of specialist help for children and young people who stammer. We look forward to continuing our work with the excellent team in Leeds and to supporting ever more children and families as a result.

### Funding

In a challenging economic climate, we have maintained a very strong focus on fundraising and on minimising administrative costs. Thanks to our donors, our supporters and our funders, we have raised sufficient funds to maintain our activities at the Michael Palin Centre and to grow the level of activity in the Stammering Support Centre in Leeds. We have remained within budget and our administrative costs remain competitively low.

## Expansion Plans and Legacy

The Charity was very privileged to be remembered in the last will and testament of the late Andrew Fowler of Cornwall. Mr Fowler had a stammer as a child and wanted his entire estate to go towards helping children and young people get the support that he was unable to access. The legacy received in the financial year was £225,000.

We have recently gained planning consent to build an extension to the current training and group therapy room at the Michael Palin Centre. The new extension will give us a further 40.5m<sup>2</sup>. The Trustees believe using this special donation towards the new extension represents a lasting and highly appropriate legacy that reflects the spirit and wishes of Mr Fowler. This will help us to train more speech and language therapists as well as increasing the facilities available for children, young people and their families.

The legacy will be held in a designated fund which is being established to contribute towards the extension and improvements to the building to enable us to fulfil our objectives of helping more children and young people who stammer.

## An Evening with Michael Palin

In December 2012, Michael Palin, actor, writer and ASC Vice President, hosted an 'Evening with Michael Palin' at London's Playhouse Theatre to raise funds in support of the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children.

This was an outstanding success and we thank Michael for a wonderful evening, Eric Idle for his surprise appearance and everyone who attended, who supported, who contributed to the souvenir programme and who made a donation. As always, there was a special group of people behind the scenes who worked tirelessly to make it all happen, to raise a considerable sum and to spread the word.



## Marathon Achievements

We are very grateful to all our supporters who ran marathons in support of the Charity, in particular The Rt Hon Ed Balls MP who ran the London Marathon in April 2012. Driven by his own very personal experience of what it is like to have a stammer, Ed has been engaged with the Charity and its work across the two Centres for a number of years. We are very grateful to him for all his support, for raising the incredible amount of just under £32,000 for ASC and also for the increased profile and awareness that he has brought to the challenges faced by children and young people who stammer.

## Colin Firth, ASC Vice President

The Trustees were delighted that Colin Firth agreed to become a Vice President of the Charity in February 2013. His portrayal of George VI in *The King's Speech* has done a huge amount to provide greater insight and awareness of the impact a stammer can have.

Colin has been actively interested in our work over the last two years, having met children, families and staff at both the Michael Palin Centre in London and the Stammering Support Centre in Leeds. We are very excited to welcome Colin to the charity and look forward to working with him for many years to come.



The following sections provide a more detailed insight into the specific work of the Charity with the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children in London and the Stammering Support Centre in Leeds.

### Assessment and Therapy

The Charity has continued to commission specialist services for stammering children and young people delivered at the Michael Palin Centre by NHS Whittington Health. This is an efficient and economic use of charity funds, ensuring the provision of a service of quality and UK-wide reach that would not otherwise be available.

A specialist assessment service is provided free of charge for any child or young person in the UK, aged 2-18, who stammers. 268 children and young people were referred to the Centre this year, up 10% on the previous year, by parents, GPs and speech and language therapists, often after they have been unable to receive effective support through their local services. Both parents attend with their child where possible, so that their stammer can be fully assessed in the context of each individual family. Whenever possible, the child's local speech and language therapist also attends. These assessments are 100% funded by the Charity. Typically, two of the Centre's specialist therapists spend four hours with the child and their parents, during which time they can identify and fully understand the factors underlying the child's stammer. This detailed assessment is the cornerstone of each child's therapy programme and greatly increases the chances of a successful outcome, while the parents are equipped with the knowledge and skills to support their child.



The parents' and children's experience of these assessments is monitored on an ongoing basis, and the results of this audit indicate that our users are highly satisfied with the service provided.

From the father of Josh aged 9 years:

*"Excellent. The whole experience was superb. The therapists were charming and obviously extremely competent."*

From the mother of Nita aged 12 years:

*"Environment – relaxing, comfortable to talk, quiet. Therapist – extremely professional and compassionate. Assessment – very thorough, really gets a picture of the child and family. I would like to thank Alison as I feel relieved about what to do next!"*

From Tom aged 8 years:

*"I was able to feel confident as Kevin was polite & friendly. Using a fun environment made me feel relaxed."*

In approximately one-third of cases the local therapist, close to the child's home, will carry out the Centre's recommended therapy programme. Additional support is available in the form of charitably-funded review sessions that are offered to each family and the local therapist six months after the assessment, to ensure that progress is being made as expected. This is a very practical use of charitable funds in identifying the needs of each individual child, while the local NHS service accepts the responsibility for carrying out the therapy programme based on the Centre's specialist advice. The quality of this service has established a reputation for the Centre as a centre of excellence that is both national and international.

In the remaining two-thirds of cases, where a young person's needs are more complex or where no local service is available, a specialist therapy programme at the Centre is recommended. NHS funding is always sought for therapy at the Centre. Service level agreements have been established with a number of London NHS trusts, guaranteeing funding for children who stammer to attend the Centre for therapy. Other trusts have agreed to fund on a cost-per-case basis. Sometimes funding applications are made to Exceptional Treatment Panels, with varying success. In cases where funds are not available, ASC considers funding for therapy on a case-by-case basis.



With the recent cuts in NHS funding, NHS reorganisations and reforms, there appears to be a significant decrease in the availability of local specialist therapy for children who stammer across the UK, resulting in the above increased need for therapy to be delivered at the Centre.

ASC supported two intensive group therapy programmes for eighteen children aged 11-14 experiencing particular difficulties, together with their parents. This one year programme consists of an initial intensive two-week course, attended by the child and both parents, followed by a year of home support with regular group follow-up days and any individual input as necessary.



Parents of Aine, aged 12

*"This course has had a massively positive impact on our daughter personally and on our whole family. I find it hard to describe in a short letter the relief and joy that we have all experienced in finding such a wonderfully professional and able group of therapists as those at the Michael Palin Centre. They have helped us to completely change our outlook and our daughter has made more progress in two short weeks than she has in the preceding seven years.*

*"Our daughter's confidence has been transformed, relatives have immediately noticed that she is engaging more socially and chatting a great deal more. We now have a confident daughter who is speaking rather than a withdrawn and isolated little girl."*

ASC also supported the running of two intensive group therapy programmes for twenty young people aged 15 – 18.

Throughout this year the Centre has also been able to widen access to clinical services by offering 'out of hours' sessions to families as well as assessment and therapy services via technology when they are unable to travel to the Centre.

## Training

ASC is committed to extending the availability of expert specialist help for children and young people across the UK. Speech and language therapists receive little training in stammering during their undergraduate training and current pressures on NHS resources mean that many practising therapists are not given leave or financial support to attend courses. ASC subsidises the training costs for students and qualified therapists, thus building the knowledge and skills of the workforce.

The team from the Michael Palin Centre held 28 courses, 14 of which were in the Centre. The state of the art technology in the training room also enabled remote access to these courses, with a capacity for live streaming of the training to an 'overflow' room at the Centre, as well as Skype technology to enable distance learning. The demand for places on courses continues to grow and the planned further increase in capacity of the training room will enable the Centre to meet this need. External courses were held in Lewisham, Oxford, Dublin, Cork, Ipswich, Plymouth, Cardiff, Manchester, Canada, Sweden and Oslo. Almost 750 course participants were trained during the year, potentially reaching approximately 3,000 children who stammer.

The reach of the Centre's training programme was extended in September 2012 with the introduction of a weekend course, which enabled therapists who were not granted study leave to access the training.

The range of courses offered was also developed during 2012/13. Three new courses were held which were study days on Down's Syndrome and Stammering, Selective Mutism and Stammering and Perfectionism and Stammering. Additional courses were introduced for student therapists who are in their final year, to receive training in Palin Parent Child Interaction therapy. This will ensure that more therapists will enter the workplace with the skills to manage early childhood stammering.

Feedback forms are used to evaluate the effectiveness of the Centre's training programme, gathering participants' comments. The feedback was universally positive.

*"Thank you so much for the last three days; I have really enjoyed the course. I have to say you are a brilliant course facilitator, in my 15 years as a therapist I can honestly say I have never been on a course with anyone as good at maintaining such a positive attitude and getting the maximum out of their audience as you, so thank you very much. With some of our stupid questions there wasn't even a heavenward glance from you!! You really are very good at what you do and MPC as a whole has such a positive and supportive attitude it is so refreshing and gives us all something to aspire to."*

*"Great pace, gave many opportunities for people to input and ask questions. All questions and inputs were addressed without feeling rushed at all. It was useful to see videos too to see how it works in reality".*

*"I have had a long career and have attended many courses re: stammering throughout three decades. This course has been very reassuring for me as I have consolidated the diverse information gained from several sources and the course has drawn it all together for me in a very practical and relevant way so that I feel I can gain more control and practice of certain skills when I leave and draw on most relevant therapy tools for individual clients and groups".*

## Research

ASC has continued to contribute to the funding of the programme of research at the Michael Palin Centre, which aims to investigate the nature of stammering and the efficacy of the therapy methods used at the Centre.

- Ongoing studies have continued to evaluate the children's intensive courses, as well as the impact of stammering on parents and children under seven years old.
- The Palin Parent Rating Scales (Palin PRS) is a tool to measure the impact of stammering on parents and children, as well as parents' knowledge about stammering and confidence in managing it. An online Palin PRS tool has been developed with the support of the London School of Economics.
- An audit of Palin Parent Child Interaction therapy outcomes has also been maintained.
- A new study in collaboration with the University of East Anglia has commenced into anxiety and stammering.
- A project to explore the users' experience of telehealth is being developed to help clinicians refine and improve the telehealth services provided at The Centre and to inform the development of a larger scale study.

The Centre's therapists have published articles in peer-reviewed journals, as follows:

- Millard, S.K. (2012). Special Edition of the Oxford Dysfluency Conference. *Journal of Fluency Disorders*, 37,(4), 213
- Onslow, M. & Millard, S.K. (2012). Palin Parent Child Interaction Therapy and the Lidcombe Program: Clarifying some issues. *Journal of Fluency Disorders*, 37, 1-8.

ASC also supported the writing of a book for parents and the commission from sales of this popular book have contributed to charity funds.

- Kelman, E. & Whyte, A. (2012) *Understanding Stuttering and Stammering*. Jessica Kingsley Publishing.

The Centre's therapists were also invited to present at international conferences on stammering in Italy and France in May and June 2012.

Two of the Centre's therapists have been involved in studies for master's degrees, one in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy and one in Language and Communication and another therapist has undertaken training in NeuroLinguistic Programming.

## Other MPC Events in 2012/13

The Centre has contributed to the Stuttering Foundation's Parent Video Project by preparing video clips for inclusion in the DVD and participating in the editing committee.

Michael Palin has continued to support the work of the Centre by regularly visiting to meet the young people and their families. Colin Firth and the Rt Hon Ed Balls MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, also visited the Centre in April 2012 and February 2013 to meet groups of children and their parents. These visits made a lasting impact on the children and parents.

From the mother of Frieda, aged 13:

*"This meant a HUGE amount to Frieda, who was elated all evening. It has given her something big and cool she can take back to school and (hopefully!) talk about. She was especially thrilled that she got to ask Colin a question, which he answered at length.*

*"I KNOW you never forget this, but these kids so often find themselves (in their eyes) as the uncoolest in the class; the ones never chosen for anything who stop volunteering because there is no point. This has been a gift for Frieda... It was a precious day neither of us will forget."*



Willie Botterill, clinical manager of the Centre, retired in March 2013 after over three decades of service during which she made a lasting contribution to the work of the Centre and its style. All were delighted when she was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. This and other recent recognition of her work was richly deserved. Under Elaine Kelman's leadership, the team has now been reconfigured with the senior therapists taking on more management responsibility and the recruitment of three new therapists who are developing their specialist expertise in stammering. The Centre now has twelve therapists, making it one of the largest specialist centres in the world which is dedicated to the treatment of stammering.

### The Emily Hughes-Hallett Foundation

In December 2011 Frances Cook and Diana de Grunwald retired from the Centre and their exceptional contribution was marked by Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallett with the award of a fund of £15,000 per year for five years. This fund was used in 2012/13 to provide three charitably-funded two-day Palin PCI training courses in Manchester, Cardiff and Plymouth in March 2013. In addition four therapists are receiving bursaries to be trained and supervised as Palin PCI Therapists. An innovative circus skills workshop was organised for the children attending the Easter 2013 intensive course which gave them a unique insight into how to manage their feelings of anxiety and to take brave steps outside their comfort zones. This fun and creative context provided valuable learning opportunities to help the young people to build their confidence and apply their learning to how they manage their stammer in everyday life. The first year of this award has provided much needed help to over 350 children and young people.

### Helpline

The helpline continues to be much in demand. ASC funds the Michael Palin Centre's telephone helpline to provide information, advice and support to parents, doctors, teachers and speech and language therapists. Office staff deal with preliminary queries and therapists take calls from anxious parents or therapists who are seeking advice on how to manage a child who stammers. Some calls result in a referral to the ASC-funded specialist assessment service. For others, the advice and support given may be sufficient to allay anxiety and no further input is required. Parents have often commented that they felt they had reached a safe haven where they knew they would be listened to and where they would be in safe hands.

### Web Site

ASC's web site, [www.stammeringcentre.org](http://www.stammeringcentre.org), continues to provide an invaluable resource for children, teenagers, parents, teachers and speech and language therapists, as well as a source of information about the charity and its fundraising activities.



Co-Founder Travers Reid with Elaine Kelman

## THE STAMMERING SUPPORT CENTRE REPORT

After its opening in April 2011, 2012/13 saw the second year of work at the Stammering Support Centre in Leeds. A team of five highly-skilled therapists is now in place resulting in 25% more referrals received and the Centre's caseload increasing by 27%. This represents an encouraging increase in capacity at this early stage of the Centre's life.



### Clinical Activity

During this year the Stammering Support Centre delivered nineteen assessments and sixteen consultations to children and young people thereby helping these families understand the nature of their child's stammer and providing a detailed review and set of recommendations for help and support.

Mother of Rosie, aged 14:

*"Many thanks for this meeting. Rosie gained much from it and seems more open and relaxed about her stammer. She mentions it in front of friends and they've all been very accepting. Rosie has periods of fluency now too"*

Parents of Izaak, age 5:

*"Very relaxed informative and reassuring"*

Mother of Oliver, age 9:

*"Our first appointment was very positive. Claire was really understanding and made us all feel very at ease. Oliver very quickly felt the environment was 'safe' and 'secure' and he opened up and was very honest in his responses. We feel the support is fabulous"*

The team has developed and delivered additional clinical packages in this second year. The team is on course to develop a total of fourteen new packages by March 2014, including packages for parents, managing psychological issues, and fluency skills.

The summer was an especially busy period in Leeds with intensive and non intensive courses running most weeks in the holidays. During this time approximately 60 children and young people attended therapy courses run by the Centre.

The Centre ran a residential programme in November. This was made possible by charitable funding from Children in Need. Sixteen teenagers attended this course and there were excellent outcomes, some of which are illustrated by the comments below:

*"The last one and a half days I have been here have been wonderful, I have had a new experience, new friends, new teachers. I've learned about stammering and the fears I can overcome"*

*"Before this my confidence was not that good but now I feel it has improved"*

*"It has truly built my confidence, without it my life would be a massive hesitation"*

ASC has committed to support this programme during 2013/14.

### Training

Training at the Stammering Support Centre has grown in the last financial year. There was an overall increase of 22% in training places provided during this year.

ASC commissioned courses on Solution Focused Brief Therapy and Clinical Supervision that were well received by a total of 31

speech and language therapists from across the Yorkshire and Humber region.

## Marketing and Awareness

The clinical lead with responsibility for marketing joined the team in Leeds in the middle of 2012 and, despite limited time, has been able to initiate a number of significant developments in the marketing of the Centre. In times of substantial NHS reorganisation and continued financial pressure, raising awareness of the new Centre is an important function.

Children and young people who stammer and their families came together to create a three minute DVD to promote the Stammering Support Centre. The DVD, 'What does the SSC mean to you?' features clients expressing their personal views on the importance and impact of the Centre.

Children, young people, adults who stammer, their families and speech and language therapists contributed to the development of the Stammering Support Centre postcards. These are left with commissioners, generalist therapists, clients and families and provide a summary of services and the Centre's contact details.

Two articles were written for national awareness of the Stammering Support Centre - one for the British Stammering Association (BSA), the other for SIGNAL, the national Special Interest Group for speech and language therapists working in stammering.

The Centre's monthly bulletin 'Getting the Word Out', continues to be distributed to clients, families, professionals and other interested parties. There has been an increase of almost 50% of names added to the distribution list since it began and it is hoped this circulation will continue to grow.



## Research

Whilst ASC does not currently fund research at the Stammering Support Centre, this is an area that continues to expand, with additional collaborative relationships developed, numerous conference presentations delivered and support networks established.

Examples of current research projects include:

- The SSC Situation Radar method: a computer-based method facilitates exploration of the situational variables which impact on overt and covert stammering features, particularly speech-associated anxiety.
- Residential analysis: Analysis of the 'Talking Out' residential course for teenagers is being carried out. 6 months post-course data is to be collected.

The team at the Centre has been called upon to give presentations at a number of conferences including the 7<sup>th</sup> International Fluency Associated World Congress of Fluency Disorders in Tours, France (July 2012), September 2012's British Stammering Association (BSA) conference in Lincoln, European Clinical Specialisation in Fluency advanced practitioner training, Dr Trudy Stewart's 'Maintenance or management of change' held in March 2013 and also in March the Norwegian SLT association's annual conference in Oslo where Dr Stewart gave a key note presentation 'Bridges: reflections on the client clinician relationship'. The conference also included two workshops delivered by Dr Stewart entitled 'Working with groups'.

During the previous year the Trustees conducted a major strategic review. Our plans for 2013/14 reflect this review and are, in essence, to develop and use the capacity which we have now established. To support this we have three key goals:

1. To increase the delivery of charitably-funded clinical services, not deliverable by the NHS, at both the Michael Palin Centre and the Stammering Support Centre.
2. To support the training of more speech and language therapists in order to reach more children who stammer.
3. To fund and promote research in support of the delivery and impact of therapy for children who stammer.

As part of developing ASC's strategy, a further goal - To improve understanding and awareness - was reviewed and it was agreed that this campaigning should not be a specific goal for ASC. It was recognised that our revised web site, PR coverage and films such as *The King's Speech* all have a positive impact on awareness and understanding but for ASC this is a welcome side effect rather than a core purpose. Our focus remains on funding service delivery, directly and indirectly, and achieving practical outcomes for children and young people who stammer. We are content that other organisations should lead the wider campaign for greater awareness and understanding.

The delivery of our strategy will require, above all, the securing of diverse income streams which will guarantee our ability to ensure that these services can continue to be delivered to the highest standard.

With the right level of funding our work with the Centres in London and in Leeds will continue to be the primary method of achieving our charitable goals. An insight into each Centre's plans for this coming year is outlined below.

### **Michael Palin Centre Specific Plans for 2013/2014**

The Michael Palin Centre has specific plans in support of ASC's overall goals including;

- Continued delivery of charitably funded clinical packages.
- On-going promotion of the services provided at the Centre in order to facilitate referrals. There is an unmet need for help for children who stammer but changes in the NHS have made it more difficult for families to negotiate the system in order to access the Centre's services. With ASC's support, the Centre will introduce new pathways to address this problem.
- Marketing the Centre's services in order to facilitate NHS funding for services to children who stammer. NHS commissioners will be made aware of the services available to young people who stammer. The costs of therapy will be presented, together with the positive outcomes of this intervention on the child's emotional, social and educational well-being.
- Development of more local speech and language therapists across the UK who have the knowledge, skills and experience to treat children who stammer. This programme will provide training and on-going supervision in the management of early childhood stammering, together with support in undertaking research into the treatment outcomes.

### **Stammering Support Centre Specific Plans for 2013/2014**

The Stammering Support Centre has specific plans in support of ASC's overall goals including;

- Growth in the delivery of charitably funded clinical packages.
- Further refinement of the care packages and training materials previously developed and the development of additional care packages in line with the capacity plan for children including group work and support for parents.
- The development and running of a number of training courses for generalist and specialist therapists. These will include a course on working with early dysfluent children, a third annual study day and a joint symposium for researchers, clinicians and users.
- Continuing development of marketing materials to promote the work of the Centre to commissioners and specialist speech and language therapy departments, especially targeting referral sources outside the immediate area.
- Continuing work on small scale research projects, including the situation radar and the auditing of evaluations and outcomes.

## SUPPORTERS

The Charity is now in a position to have a greater impact on the lives of children and young people who stammer than at any time in its history. It should prove possible to transform the lives of thousands more children and teenagers – for the rest of their lives. We can only do so thanks to the part played by many individuals. We are indebted to the dedication and commitment of the expert speech and language specialists in both Centres supported by small administrative teams.

The extent of the work done by ASC, the Michael Palin Centre and the Stammering Support Centre is only made possible by the generous support of our donors and the collaborative support we are given by our colleagues at NHS Whittington and Leeds.

The Stuttering Foundation and its President, Jane Fraser, continue to provide us with very significant support for which we are most grateful. It is our policy not to list names of all our donors, some of whom wish to remain anonymous, but we greatly appreciate the generous support of all of them, large and small. It would, however, be unthinkable not to pay tribute to the continuing practical and moral support we receive from Michael Palin. His commitment continues, unflagging.



Jane Fraser and Michael Palin

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total incoming resources amounted to £682,113, compared to £946,352 in the year to 31 March 2012. Donations in 2011/2012 included £302,820 to support the establishment of the Stammering Support Centre in Leeds. In 2012/2013 we received a £225,000 legacy from the late Andrew Fowler and an award from the Garfield Weston Foundation of £25,000. Unrestricted funding amounted to 7% of total income; we hope to increase this proportion in the next financial year.

We have again benefitted from multi year restricted funding in excess of £20,000 from The Henry Smith Charity (£30,000) and the City Bridge Trust (£30,000), unrestricted funding from The Gerald Ronson Foundation (£25,000), together with major on-going support from the Stuttering Foundation. Restricted funding amounted to 40% of total income. We are very grateful to all our funders.

Total resources expended amounted to £580,436 compared with £583,128 in the year ending 31 March 2012. Our expenditure on the Stammering Support Centre will be increasing in the coming year as we build our capacity in Leeds.

Expenditure of £508,235 was spent on charitable activity in the Michael Palin Centre and Stammering Support Centre for public benefit, representing 88% of total resources expended.

The net movement in funds in the year ended 31 March 2013 was an increase of £101,677. Total funds at the period end amounted to £1,063,446.

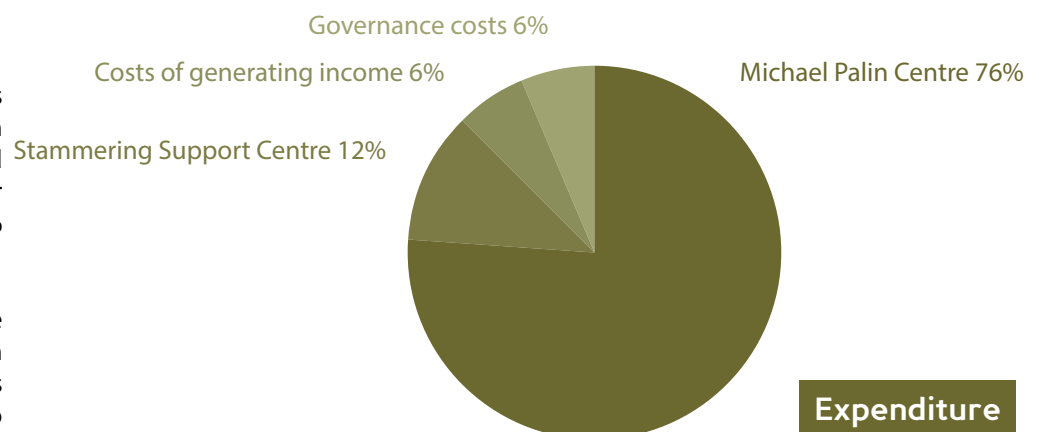
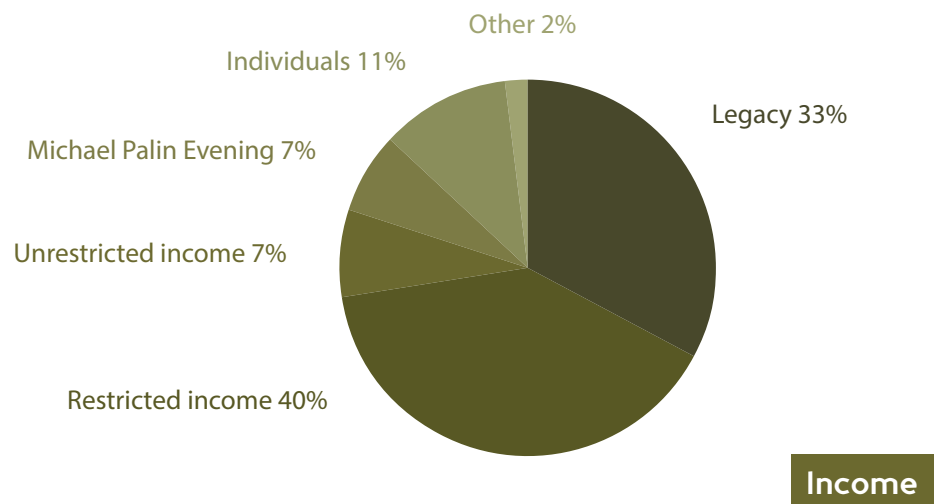
### Reserves Policy

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 to respond immediately to a reasonable range of unforeseen adverse circumstances, before remedial plans can be implemented. Currently, unrestricted free reserves for the Michael Palin Centre represent approximately six months expenditure.

Reserves for the Stammering Support Centre are held in restricted reserves and represent amounts raised in 2011/2012 to fund the start-up and development over the initial two to three years.

### Investment Policy

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





## 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' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company and charity 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. 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;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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.

### Provision of Information to Auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any information needed by the charitable company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

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 25 June 2013 and signed on their behalf, by:



**Bryan Dutton, Chairman**

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ACTION FOR STAMMERING CHILDREN

We have audited the financial statements of Action for Stammering Children for the year ended 31 March 2013 set out on pages 19 to 29. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## Scope of the Audit of the Financial Statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

## Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2013, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Opinion on Other Matter Prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## Matters on Which We Are Required to Report by Exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Report.



Gary Miller (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of  
**Price Bailey LLP**

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Date: 2 July 2013

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

		<b>Restricted funds 2013 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2013 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2013 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2012 £</b>
	<b>Note</b>				
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	271,043	400,394	671,437	937,791
Activities for generating funds	3		2,623	2,623	2,792
Investment income	4		8,052	8,052	5,769
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		271,043	411,070	682,113	946,352
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Costs of generating funds					
Cost of generating voluntary income	5	-	36,696	36,696	30,907
Charitable activities	6	332,180	176,055	508,235	514,881
Governance costs	7	5,021	30,484	35,505	37,340
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		337,201	243,235	580,436	583,128
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR</b>		(66,158)	167,835	101,677	363,224
Total funds at 1 April 2012	15	331,881	629,888	961,769	598,545
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2013</b>		£265,723	£797,723	£1,063,446	£961,769

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements

**ACTION FOR STAMMERING CHILDREN**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER 2328627**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2013**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	12	366,607	367,755
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	13	55,970	52,527
Cash at bank		850,989	727,857
		906,959	780,384
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	(210,120)	(186,370)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		696,839	594,014
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		£ 1,063,446	£ 961,769
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>			
Restricted funds	15	265,723	331,881
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds	15	210,270	262,133
Designated funds	15	587,453	367,755
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		£ 1,063,446	£ 961,769

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 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25 June 2013 and signed on their behalf, by:



Bryan Dutton, Chairman

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

### 1.2 Company Status

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. 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 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the 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 Resource expended

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 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the Charity in respect of goods and services supplied during the year.

## 1.7 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 is considered to have a very long useful economic life and the expected residual value of the asset is not considered to be materially different from its carrying value; as a result depreciation is not considered to be material and therefore has not been charged in the year.

## 1.8 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.

## 2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2013 £	Unrestricted funds 2013 £	Total funds 2013 £	Total funds 2012 £
Donations	271,043	174,394	445,437	937,791
Legacies		226,000	226,000	-
<b>Total donations</b>	<b>£ 271,043</b>	<b>£ 400,394</b>	<b>£ 671,437</b>	<b>£ 937,791</b>

Legacy income includes a legacy from the late Andrew Fowler of £225,000 to be held in designated funds to help fund the extension of the Michael Palin Centre training room.

## 3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2013 £	Unrestricted funds 2013 £	Total funds 2013 £	Total funds 2012 £
<b>Charity trading income</b>				
Books and DVD sales	-	2,623	2,623	2,792
<b>Net income from trading activities</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 2,623</b>	<b>£ 2,623</b>	<b>£ 2,792</b>

## 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted funds 2013 £	Unrestricted funds 2013 £	Total funds 2013 £	Total funds 2012 £
<b>Bank interest received</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 8,052</b>	<b>£ 8,052</b>	<b>£ 5,769</b>

## 5. COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2013 £	Unrestricted funds 2013 £	Total funds 2013 £	Total funds 2012 £
Events and fundraising	-	12,603	12,603	1,902
Voluntary income staff costs	-	24,093	24,093	29,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 36,696</b>	<b>£ 36,696</b>	<b>£ 30,907</b>



## 6. EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

SUMMARY BY FUND TYPE	Restricted funds 2013 £	Unrestricted funds 2013 £	Total funds 2013 £	Total funds 2012 £
Michael Palin Centre (MPC) - London	265,981	176,055	442,036	513,914
Stammering Support Centre (SSC) - Leeds	66,199	-	66,199	967
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 332,180</b>	<b>£ 176,055</b>	<b>£ 508,235</b>	<b>£ 514,881</b>

EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY	SSC £	MPC £	2013 £	2012 £
Assessments	16,075	220,000	236,075	209,967
Reviews and therapy		28,000	28,000	32,300
Therapy/Teenage relapse programme		81,000	81,000	75,000
Research programme	-	20,000	20,000	122,627
Advisory services	-	38,250	38,250	29,225
Education and training	20,556	34,894	55,450	10,000
Service development and management	29,568	-	29,568	-
	<b>66,199</b>	<b>422,144</b>	<b>488,343</b>	<b>479,119</b>

Direct support costs	-	19,892	19,892	35,762
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 66,199</b>	<b>£ 442,036</b>	<b>£ 508,235</b>	<b>£ 514,881</b>

## 7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted 2013 £	Unrestricted 2013 £	Total 2013 £	Total 2012 £
Auditors remuneration		4,740	4,740	4,050
Auditors non audit costs		260	260	894
Travel costs	521	471	993	717
Miscellaneous		335	335	
Bank charges		73	73	90
Staff costs	4,500	24,605	29,105	31,589
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 5,021</b>	<b>£ 30,484</b>	<b>£ 35,505</b>	<b>£ 37,340</b>

## 8. DIRECT COSTS

	2013 £	2012 £
NHS Whittington Health	422,145	478,152
Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust	66,199	967
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 488,344</b>	<b>£ 479,119</b>

## 9. SUPPORT COSTS

	<b>Commission Costs</b>		<b>Total 2013</b>		<b>Total 2012</b>
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Depreciation of assets	12,915		12,915		9,022
Staff expenses	82		82		155
Communication			-		209
Professional fees	5,004		5,004		2,033
Equipment and repairs	477		477		22,057
Other	1,415		1,415		2,286
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 19,892</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>19,892</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>35,762</b>

## 10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

		<b>2013</b>		<b>2012</b>
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
This is stated after charging:				
Depreciation	£	12,915	£	9,022
Auditors' remuneration	£	4,740	£	4,054

Trustees did not receive remuneration, benefits in kind, reimbursement of expenses in 2013 or 2012

## 11. STAFF COSTS

		<b>Total 2013</b>		<b>Total 2012</b>
		<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries		48,598		54,966
Social security costs		4,601		5,628
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>53,198</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>60,594</b>

Average monthly number of employees during the year		<b>Total 2013</b>		<b>Total 2012</b>
		<b>No.</b>		<b>No.</b>
Average number of staff		2		2

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year

## 12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property		Office equipment		Total 2013		Total 2012	
	£		£		£		£	
<b>Cost</b>								
Brought forward	350,000		28,186		378,186		359,007	
Additions	-		11,767		11,767		26,045	
Disposals	-		-		-		(6,866)	
Carried forward	£	350,000	£	39,953	£	389,953	£	378,186
<b>Depreciation</b>								
Brought forward	-		10,431		10,431		8,275	
Charged	-		12,915		12,915		9,022	
Disposals	-		-		-		(6,866)	
Carried forward	£	-	£	23,346	£	23,346	£	10,431
<b>Net book value</b>								
At year end	£	350,000	£	16,607	£	366,607	£	367,755
Previous year	£	350,000	£	17,755	£	367,755	£	732

## 13. DEBTORS

	2013		2012	
	£		£	
Other debtors	£	55,970	£	52,527

## 14. CREDITORS

	2013		2012	
	£		£	
Other creditors	140,237		119,538	
Accruals and deferred income	69,883		66,832	
Total	£	210,120	£	186,370

## 15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	<b>1 April 2012</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>31 March 2013</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Freehold Pine Street	350,000				350,000
Net Book Value Fixed Assets	17,755			(1,148)	16,607
Extension to MPC		225,000		(4,154)	220,846
<b>General funds</b>					
General funds - all funds	262,133	186,070	(243,235)	5,302	210,270
	<b>629,888</b>	<b>411,070</b>	<b>(243,235)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>797,723</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Assessments	15,000	88,000	(85,317)		17,683
Telehealth	5,000	-	(5,000)		-
Training		15,000	(10,144)		4,856
MPC clinical activity		158,753	(158,753)		-
Stammering Support Centre	302,820	-	(71,220)		231,600
Capital projects	1,031	1,190	(1,031)		1,190
Therapy programme		8,100			8,100
Other	8,030	-	(5,736)		2,294
	<b>331,881</b>	<b>271,043</b>	<b>(337,201)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>265,723</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	£ 961,769	£ 682,113	(£ 580,436)	£ -	£ 1,063,446

<b>SUMMARY OF FUNDS</b>	<b>1 April 2012</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>31 March 2013</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	367,755	225,000		(5,302)	587,453
General funds	262,133	186,070	(243,235)	5,302	210,270
	<b>629,888</b>	<b>411,070</b>	<b>(243,235)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>797,723</b>
Restricted funds	331,881	271,043	(337,201)	-	265,723
<b>Total funds</b>	£ 961,769	£ 682,113	(£ 580,436)	£ -	£ 1,063,446

## **Purpose of restricted funds**

Assessments	These funds are used to pay for specialist consultations at the Michael Palin Centre.
Telehealth	These funds are used to provide the latest technology at the Michael Palin Centre in London to support children who stammer and their families who are geographically remote.
MPC clinical, research and teaching activity	These funds are to pay for specialist clinical, research and teaching activities at the Michael Palin Centre, funded by the Stuttering Foundation.
Stammering Support Centre	These funds are used to support the provision of specialist speech and language therapy for children and young people who stammer at the Stammering Support Centre in Leeds.
Equipment and programmes	These funds were donated for the purpose of additional equipment and funding of programmes in the Help a Capital Child Group Therapy Room in the Michael Palin Centre in London.
Training	These funds were donated for the purpose of supporting innovative activity which the charity would otherwise be unable to afford for the Michael Palin Centre in London.
Other	These funds were donated for the purpose of purchasing resources that the charity would otherwise be unable to afford for the Michael Palin Centre in London.

## **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 principal 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 principal objectives.
Transfer of funds	<p>The transfer of £1,148 was made from the designated fixed asset fund to general funds being the net movement on fixed assets .</p> <p>The transfer of £5,302 was a transfer of funds from designated funds to general funds being the costs associated with the extension.</p>

## 16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<b>Restricted funds 2013 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2013 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2013 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2012 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets		366,607	366,607	367,755
Current assets	265,723	641,235	906,959	780,384
Creditors due within one year		(210,120)	(210,120)	(186,379)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 265,723</b>	<b>£ 797,723</b>	<b>£ 1,063,446</b>	<b>£ 961,760</b>

## 17. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

	<b>Total 2013 £</b>	<b>Total 2012 £</b>
NHS Whittington Health	412,125	412,000
Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust	95,309	122,038
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 507,434</b>	<b>£ 534,038</b>



# ACTION FOR STAMMERING CHILDREN

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