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**AFASIC**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

# AFASIC

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	C Hammond (Treasurer)	
	J Emin (Chair)	
	C Everingham	
	G Drewitt	
	J Butcher	
	R Traviato	(Appointed 22 November 2024)
	K Hodkinson	(Appointed 22 November 2024)
Corporate Management Team	L Lascelles (Chief Executive)	
	M Thompson (Director Fundraising & Support Services)	
Secretary	L Lascelles (Chief Executive)	
Charity number (England and Wales)	1045617	
Charity number (Scotland)	SC039170	
Company number	03036802	
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# AFASIC

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

### Objectives and activities

**Afasic** is a UK parent-led charity, established in 1968, that supports and provides information for families with children and young adults who have Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN), with a focus on Developmental Language Disorder (DLD).

**Afasic's Vision** is that families, through the charity, will gain a greater understanding of the impact of SLCN on their children and young adults, and how to support them. They will become knowledgeable about the term DLD. The Charity will promote information about DLD to enable the general public to understand this term.

**Afasic's core purpose** is to provide information and support for families, parents, other carers and also to health, education and care professionals, to enable them to better understand, help and advocate for children with SLCN, with a focus on DLD; and to enable families to help their children and young adults to develop key skills, improve social integration and gain access to educational and legal entitlements.

### Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### Achievements and performance

#### *Significant activities and achievements against objectives*

A summary of our main areas of work and achievements during the past year is given below.

#### **Training for parents – 'DLD Together'**

These are free online training courses that help parents/carers understand about Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) and how they can better support their child. Courses take place for 1½ - 2 hours on one evening a week for 7 weeks. They are run by a speech and language therapist, along with another trained professional.

The DLD Together courses provide an invaluable resource for parents who may not have even heard of DLD until their child was diagnosed. Many families report feeling very isolated as they do not know other families who have a child with a diagnosis of DLD.

NAPLIC and Afasic have developed a seven-week course that helps parents and carers better understand the condition, support their child at home, and enables them to become effective advocates for their child and meet other parents to build a support network.

Over the past year the DLD Together programme has provided support, advice, information and peer support opportunities to 435 parents/carers.

A total of 30 courses have been run with follow-on support provided by our project officer, local support networks and our helpline. The project officer has also held 10 information/Q&A/Social sessions for families and produced an introductory film about DLD that is available on our website and has been shared through our social media channels. You can view the short film here: <https://www.afasic.org.uk/about-dld/>. We are developing an informal network of parents who are happy to support local families and a further 58 professionals have been trained to deliver the course.

*"It was the first time I felt like people understood what me and my family were facing. Thank you."* Parent to 8yr old.

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*"It has really helped me understand why my son struggles and I've been able to share information with his school so that they can help him more. They are now adapting his homework for me which means he's arguing about it less."* Parent to 9yr old.

*"My husband and myself found the parent online DLD course run by Afasic very helpful, and are just so grateful for the support - anything we can do to support you back is our pleasure. Our third child has DLD, and learning about how to best guide him through life is extremely important to us."* Parent who organised a fundraiser at work for Afasic raising £1,768.

Over the past year parents and professionals have been highlighting to us the need for a similar course that is specifically aimed at young people with DLD aged 16 – 25 as there is nothing like this currently available for them and the prevalence of mental health difficulties in young people with DLD is a current concern to many families, as well as to the young people themselves. We are therefore looking to develop and pilot a course to provide this additional support to young people, as well as continuing to roll out the parents courses across the country.

### **Transition Courses for young people**

Afasic organises a programme of specialist weeklong transition courses for children with persistent speech, language and communication problems facing the key educational move from primary to secondary school.

Last summer a total of eight primary to secondary transition courses were successfully delivered, with 94 children and their families benefiting from these, and positive outcomes for both children and parents.

Courses were successfully delivered in partnership with speech & language therapists (SLT's) and schools in the following locations: Brent, Bridlington, Crawley, Enfield, Newham, Scarborough, Tower Hamlets and Trafford. A few anticipated courses (including Birmingham, Cardiff, Manchester, Maidstone and Whitby) were unfortunately withdrawn mainly due to reduced capacity by the SLT services to deliver them.

In response to the question, *"Did you enjoy the group?"* asked on the final day of the course, all students rated their experience with a 4 ("Yes, I really enjoyed it") or 5 ("I loved it"). Parent workshops were positively received, with many parents feeling more prepared to support their children's transition. These workshops have proven essential in ensuring that parents are engaged and informed, helping to create a support network around the students. When asked, *"Would you recommend this group to other parents/carers?"* all respondents (100%) answered "yes".

In the new financial year, we are looking to expand the reach of this programme by developing and piloting a new 'national' online course that will be able to reach students in remote or under-resourced areas and so increase accessibility for students who may not be able to attend more local face-to-face sessions and the number of young people who can benefit from these courses.

### **Student feedback:**

- *"I enjoyed the course because I made friends and we learned through playing lots of games."*
- *"I learned how to make new friends and what to do if I get lost at school."*
- *"I feel more confident about starting secondary school now. The games we played made learning fun."*
- *"I learned about the maps of the school, how to deal with bullying and how to make new friends and also how to read my timetable."*

### **Parent feedback:**

- *"I really felt that my son was supported with his speech and language, and making friends."*
- *"My daughter has found this very beneficial and helpful; she is more confident in starting school in September."*
- *"The staff are lovely, and my child seemed to enjoy the course and gain confidence from it."*

### **Information, Advice & Support for Parents:**

Providing information and support for parents is at the heart of all that we do and was the driving force behind the establishment of the charity. The Afasic helpline continues to provide an essential source of one to one tailored information, support and advice for parents to enable them to better understand, help and advocate for their child.

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Our website, social media and monthly email updates continue to provide a key point of access to vital information about speech, language and communication needs with a wide range of free downloadable resources available from our website. Our social media officer is successfully growing the reach of our messages and information to new audiences. Printed publications offer more detailed information on accessing benefits, therapy, practical activities for parents to do with their child, and their legal rights. Towards the end of the year we recruited 5 new volunteers to help with the parent support service, and they are currently undergoing training with our helpline manager to ensure they have the right level of knowledge. This will increase our capacity to deal with enquiries moving forward.

- *"I sing the praises of Afasic to others who have children with developmental speech disorders. Keep up the good work."*
- *"Apologies for the delayed response but I just wanted to thank you for your helpful advice."*
- *"Thanks so much for your follow up email to our conversation the other day. You've been a great help to my wife and I."*

### **Collaboration, partnership, and Influencing policy makers:**

As a small UK charity Afasic works in collaboration with several organisations, including the Council for Disabled Children (CDC), the Special Education Consortium (SEC), and the Disabled Childrens Partnership (DCP). The Speech, Language and Communication Alliance (of which we are a member) was recently launched to foster a shared commitment to improving outcomes for affected children and young adults in the UK. We are also a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on speech and language difficulties, set up to help influence policy makers, along with Speech and Language UK (formally ICAN).

We collaborate on specific research initiatives with Bristol University, the University of Limerick and others, and our parent engagement officer and one of our ambassadors sit on a group established by the RCSLT that sets a list of DLD Research priorities.

Each year we support the 'DLD Awareness Day' organised by RADLD (Raising Awareness of DLD) to work in conjunction with others to help raise awareness of this under-recognised condition. Afasic has collaborated with the RCSLT, NAPLIC, Speech and Language UK and UCL Professor Courtenay Norbury to develop a '**vision for people with DLD**' that was launched in October 2023. We continue to hold regular meetings to further this work on the five key visions which helps guide everyone's work. <https://afasic.org.uk/a-vision-for-dld-for-the-uk/>

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### Financial review

This year saw an improved performance compared to the two previous financial years, and we are delighted that total income for the year was £240,600, an increase of £68,106 compared to the previous year. At the same time, we have managed operating costs carefully and these have reduced slightly compared to the previous year to £245,877.

The increase in income was mainly a result of increased funds received from trusts & foundations (£67,000 up), with particular thanks to the Batchworth Trust, Headley Trust, and Postcode Society Trust for their generous support; and fundraising events (£8,000 up) compared to last year.

Unrestricted income was £160,308 (2024: £128,160), and there was unrestricted expenditure of £145,803 (2024: £157,254), leaving a net surplus for the year of £14,505 in the unrestricted general fund (2024: net deficit of £29,094), so a much improved position compared to the previous year.

For restricted funds there was income of £80,253 (2024: £44,334) and expenditure of £66,380 (2024: £75,652), which has resulted in a net surplus of £14,031 for the year in restricted funds after transfers (2024: net deficit of £27,455).

A total of £33,813 has come from the designated funds (2024: £23,973) as the trustees have agreed to use the designated fund to ensure that we can continue to provide and develop our key services and projects for families and children whilst additional funding is obtained in the longer term.

Overall there is a net deficit for the year of £5,277, compared to a net deficit the previous year of £80,522.

General unrestricted funds available for general charitable purposes as at the 31 March 2025 were £132,108, which is within the level of unrestricted funds required by the trustees (see reserves policy below).

This is a much improved performance compared to recent years and we are very grateful to all of our supporters who have helped to make this possible. However, these remain uncertain times and the Trustees will continue to keep a careful watch on the financial position to ensure that the important work of the organisation can continue into the future.

### *Going concern*

These accounts are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that Afasic will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. However, the general economic environment means it is difficult to project with any certainty the likely level of unrestricted funding that will be received over the next 12 months.

The cost of living crisis and economic uncertainty is having a continuing impact but overall the income of the organisation has held up well given all that has happened over the past few years and work undertaken to reduce overheads in previous years means that Afasic is comparatively well placed to sustain its work and support for children and families that need it now more than ever.

### *Reserves policy*

The trustees have an agreed reserves policy that takes into account the main risks to the organisation highlighted through the risk management policy.

The policy of the trustees is to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level sufficient to support the core activities of the organisation for a minimum of six months and up to twelve months. This level of reserves is deemed prudent by the trustees, to ensure that the work and services of the organisation can be planned with some certainty. This policy is reviewed by the trustees on an annual basis.

At the year end, unrestricted reserves (excluding the designated fund) provided 10 months cover for budgeted unrestricted expenditure (previous year 9 months). This is within the level of cover required by the trustees under this policy.

The trustees will continue to monitor the reserves position closely over the coming year.

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### *Principal funding sources*

We are very grateful to the many individuals who have contributed towards the work of Afasic through membership fees, individual donations and taking part in a range of events during the year. These are all vital sources of income for us and help ensure that we can maintain and develop our key services. In addition to these, major funding contributions and significant grants have been very gratefully received during the year from the following:

### **Trusts & Foundations:**

The Andor Charitable Trust, Batchworth Trust, Big Give, Boshier-Hinton Foundation, Britford Bridge Trust, Chapman Charitable Trust, David Family Foundation, Forrester Family Trust, Grace Trust, Haremead Trust, Headley Trust, Hedley Foundation, Kingsgrove Trust, Masonic Charitable Foundation, Orr Mackintosh Foundation, Patricia Routledge Foundation, PF Charitable Trust, Postcode Society Trust, Sir James Roll Charitable Trust, and the Weinstock Fund.

### **Companies:**

Akira Financial Ltd, Berenberg Bank, D & BGM Ltd, Seveer Media Ltd, and Tesco Stronger Starts. We are very grateful to all the staff at Emerald Associates who took on a static cycle challenge for Afasic and between then pedalled over 500 miles, raising £1,768 in sponsorship for us.

### **Individuals & Events:**

We greatly appreciate the continued generous support for our work from our members and individual supporters, without which much of what we do would not be possible. In particular, we greatly appreciate the very kind legacy left to us during the year by long term supporter Mary Thomson.

In December 2024 we had our third 'Big Give Christmas Challenge' where all donations received were doubled. This was to raise funds for our online courses for parents of children with Developmental Language Disorder and we were delighted to reach our target of £10,000! Many thanks to all those who donated, the people who 'matched' their donations and of course the Big Give for the opportunity to take part in their Christmas Challenge Campaign.

We are also very grateful to everyone who took part in one of our fundraising events during the year, including our 'February Madness', our amazing and inspiring London marathon runners, all the cyclists who took part in one of our bike rides during the year, all those taking part in our 'sponsored walk', and everyone 'doing their own thing' to help raise funds for us.

Our thanks also go to Terry Chimes for doing 'An evening with Terry Chimes' in East London, talking about his days with bands like the Clash, Black Sabbath and others, answering questions and signing photos etc., and to Elaine Delmar who did a jazz evening at Pizza Express Live Soho with some musical friends for Afasic. Both were well attended and very entertaining nights that raised much needed funds towards our work.

Thanks to all of you – you are amazing and really do help to make a difference!

As a small specialist charity dealing with a little-known condition, it remains difficult to raise funds to maintain the ongoing delivery of our work, made even more challenging by the continuing cost of living crisis and other more 'visible' and 'urgent' calls for support. Given this, and the uncertain economic climate, the Trustees would like to sincerely thank all of our supporters who have contributed towards our work during the year. This is greatly appreciated and has helped to make a real difference to the daily lives of the children, young adults and families that we help across the country.

### *Investment policy*

The Memorandum and Articles of Association give the charity the power to invest moneys not immediately required for its purposes as it sees fit. The Trustee Board agreed an investment policy in December 2004 that states:

- An amount of cash for working capital of up to £150,000 is to be maintained in the organisation's current and accessible deposit accounts at any one time.
- Balances above this figure that are not required to cover short / medium term liabilities are to be available for investment.
- There are currently no funds held in investments.



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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### *Major risks*

The Board of Trustees adopted a risk management policy in December 2004 and established a risk register, both of which are reviewed and updated as necessary on at least an annual basis. The policy and register have identified the major risks to which the organisation is exposed and outline strategies, systems and procedures to manage these.

Afasic has policies in place including a health and safety policy, child protection policy, equal opportunities policy, and data protection policy as well as procedures laid down in a staff handbook to ensure that all staff and volunteers comply with these.

Financial risk management is an integral part of the operational framework of the business and strategic planning, project management and financial reporting procedures are in place.

### **Plans for future periods**

Our key aims for the coming year include:

- To develop and pilot a new online version of our primary to secondary transition course.
- To review, consult and update methods of delivery of support to parents / carers.
- To further develop the Afasic website to ensure this is as accessible as possible and meets the needs of our users.
- To investigate and consult with young adults and their parents with a view to co-producing an online course for young adults with DLD to help them build resilience and self-advocacy skills.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The organisation is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. The organisation was registered as a charity on 4 July 1968, and incorporated on 23 March 1995. 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, as amended to allow for current governance arrangements on 6 November 2004. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The organisation was registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 under number SC039170.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

C Hammond (Treasurer)

J Emin (Chair)

J Perry

(Resigned 5 July 2024)

C Everingham

G Drewitt

J Butcher

R Traviato

(Appointed 22 November 2024)

K Hodgkinson

(Appointed 22 November 2024)

### *Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

The trustees are all volunteers. The board comprises both elected and co-opted members. In addition to the Honorary Officers, up to six board members can be elected at the AGM.

To ensure that the work of the charity is informed by a mix of business, financial and technical advice, the Board also has four co-opted places designated for individuals with an interest in and the potential to offer valuable contribution to the effectiveness of the organisation. The Chair and Vice Chair must be parents of a child with a speech and language impairment. All members are circulated with invitations to nominate trustees and Honorary Officers prior to the AGM, along with details and nomination forms.

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#### *Organisational structure*

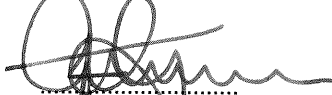
The Board of Trustees, which can have a maximum of 13 members, administers the charity and meets on at least a quarterly basis. The day-to-day management of the organisation is in the hands of the Chief Executive.

#### *Induction and training of trustees*

Each new trustee receives induction from the Chair and / or Chief Executive as to their role and responsibilities and the work of the organisation. They are provided with a copy of "The Good Trustee Guide" published by NCVO, along with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, latest audited accounts and annual review, strategic and business plans, and details of major projects and services.

Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where this will help them in their role, in addition to internal training provided by staff and trustees.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



J Ewin (Chair)  
Trustee

Date: 17.10.25

# **AFASIC**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025***

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The trustees, who are also the directors of Afasic for the purpose 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 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

# AFASIC

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AFASIC

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We report to the trustees on our examination of the financial statements of Afasic (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. You are satisfied that the financial statements of the charity are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied ourselves that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of our examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out our examination we have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

### Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 44(1)(a) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements 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 financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

We 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 financial statements to be reached.

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*22/10/2025*

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Designated fund	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	66,716	39	17,660	84,415	91,702
Charitable activities	3	83,737	-	62,587	146,324	70,512
Investments	4	9,605	-	6	9,611	8,373
Other income	5	250	-	-	250	1,907
<b>Total income</b>		<u>160,308</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>80,253</u>	<u>240,600</u>	<u>172,494</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	6	17,306	-	-	17,306	21,533
Charitable activities	7	128,497	33,694	66,380	228,571	231,452
Other expenditure	13	-	-	-	-	31
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>145,803</u>	<u>33,694</u>	<u>66,380</u>	<u>245,877</u>	<u>253,016</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<u>14,505</u>	<u>(33,655)</u>	<u>13,873</u>	<u>(5,277)</u>	<u>(80,522)</u>
Transfers between funds		-	(158)	158	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	10	<u>14,505</u>	<u>(33,813)</u>	<u>14,031</u>	<u>(5,277)</u>	<u>(80,522)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		<u>117,603</u>	<u>180,262</u>	<u>67,334</u>	<u>365,199</u>	<u>445,721</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>		<u>132,108</u>	<u>146,440</u>	<u>81,365</u>	<u>359,922</u>	<u>365,199</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Designated fund	Restricted funds	Total
	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	75,888	-	15,814	91,702
Charitable activities	3	42,000	-	28,512	70,512
Investments	4	8,365	-	8	8,373
Other income	5	1,907	-	-	1,907
<b>Total income</b>		<u>128,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,334</u>	<u>172,494</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	21,533	-	-	21,533
Charitable activities	7	135,690	20,110	75,652	231,452
Other expenditure	13	31	-	-	31
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>157,254</u>	<u>20,110</u>	<u>75,652</u>	<u>253,016</u>
<b>Net income</b>		(29,094)	(20,110)	(31,318)	(80,522)
Transfers between funds		-	(3,863)	3,863	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	10	(29,094)	(23,973)	(27,455)	(80,522)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>146,697</u>	<u>204,235</u>	<u>94,789</u>	<u>445,721</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2024</b>		<u>117,603</u>	<u>180,262</u>	<u>67,334</u>	<u>365,199</u>

# AFASIC

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		1,395		2,020
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	16	14,634		12,157	
Cash at bank and in hand		350,654		357,152	
		365,288		369,309	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	(6,761)		(6,130)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			358,527		363,179
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			359,922		365,199
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	20		81,365		67,334
Unrestricted funds - general	21		132,108		117,603
Unrestricted funds - Designated fund	19		146,449		180,262
			359,922		365,199

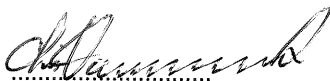
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 20-10-25



C Hammond (Treasurer)

Trustee

Company registration number 03036802 (England and Wales)

# AFASIC

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Afasic is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is St Margaret's House, 15 Old Ford Road, London, E2 9PJ.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

These accounts are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that Afasic will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, however the general economic environment continues to make it difficult to raise unrestricted funds to cover core services and costs. It remains difficult to project what the likely receipt of unrestricted funding will be over the next 12 months.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in note 19 of the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in note 18 of the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Where it is clear that the donor has specified a grant to be related to a fixed period for a specified use, these funds will be treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities to match the related expenditure.



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Resources expended

The accruals basis is applied to all expenditure.

Expenditure has been allocated according to the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and is shown under the appropriate sub-heading. Items of expenditure which involve more than one charitable activity, are allocated appropriately between the charitable activities involved on the basis of estimates made by the charity's management.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% reducing balance
Computers	33.3% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Basic financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any loss arising from impairment is recognised in the profit and loss account in other administrative expenses.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2	Income from donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total	
		general	Designated fund	general	Designated fund	general	Designated fund	general	Designated fund	general	Designated fund	general	Designated fund	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Donations and gifts	56,415	39	17,660	74,114	63,519	-	15,784	79,303						
	Legacies	5,000	-	-	5,000	7,172	-	-	7,172						
	Membership fees	5,301	-	-	5,301	5,197	-	30	5,227						
		66,716	39	17,660	84,415	75,888	-	15,814	91,702						

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Events	29,964	-	29,964	21,688	-	21,688
Literature	1,773	-	1,773	1,612	-	1,612
Grants receivable for charitable activities	52,000	62,587	114,587	18,700	28,512	47,212
	<u>83,737</u>	<u>62,587</u>	<u>146,324</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>28,512</u>	<u>70,512</u>

### 4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable	9,605	6	9,611	8,365	8	8,373

### 5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Royalties	250	332
Managment and administration services	-	1,575
	<u>250</u>	<u>1,907</u>

### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Fundraising and publicity</b>		
Other fundraising costs	2,323	6,552
Staff costs	14,983	14,981
	<u>17,306</u>	<u>21,533</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Information and awareness 2025 £	Parents and families 2025 £	Children and young people 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Information and awareness 2024 £	Parents and families 2024 £	Children and young people 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>								
Staff costs	37,340	60,548	27,670	125,558	47,299	53,683	20,558	121,540
Depreciation and impairment	208	207	210	625	301	301	303	905
Services	2,634	6,443	20,740	29,817	2,834	12,717	16,657	32,208
Property costs	9,302	12,403	9,302	31,007	8,934	11,911	8,934	29,779
Administrative costs	2,467	3,476	2,196	8,139	3,066	4,293	3,980	11,339
Other staff costs	475	995	420	1,890	318	1,838	1,277	3,433
	52,426	84,072	60,538	197,036	62,752	84,743	51,709	199,204
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)</b>								
Support	7,734	10,348	7,826	25,908	8,381	11,060	8,593	28,034
Governance	1,829	1,922	1,876	5,627	1,361	1,449	1,404	4,214
	61,989	96,342	70,240	228,571	72,494	97,252	61,706	231,452
<b>Analysis by fund</b>								
Unrestricted funds - general	45,991	52,488	30,018	128,497	49,910	54,710	31,070	135,690
Unrestricted funds - Designated fund	13,583	18,103	2,008	33,694	20,110	-	-	20,110
Restricted funds	2,415	25,751	38,214	66,380	2,474	42,542	30,636	75,652
	61,989	96,342	70,240	228,571	72,494	97,252	61,706	231,452

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 8 Description of charitable activities

#### Information and awareness

Providing and disseminating information on speech, language and communication needs and raising awareness of this hidden disability.

#### Parents and families

Supporting and empowering parents and families of children and young people with speech, language and communication needs, enabling them to advocate for their child.

#### Children and young people

Enabling children and young people with speech, language and communication needs to develop their communication, social and life skills.

### 9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	19,688	22,306
Computer and internet costs	5,827	5,230
Bank charges	395	498
Governance costs	5,625	4,214
	<u>31,535</u>	<u>32,248</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Information and awareness	9,563	9,742
Parents and families	12,270	12,509
Children and young people	9,702	9,997
	<u>31,535</u>	<u>32,248</u>

### 10 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner:		
- for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,400	2,400
- for other financial services	372	354
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	625	905
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	31
	<u></u>	<u></u>

### 11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but they were reimbursed a total of £0 for travelling expenses (2024 - £263).

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	8	8
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	150,580	150,524
Social security costs	5,920	4,706
Other pension costs	3,729	3,597
	<u>160,229</u>	<u>158,827</u>
	<u>160,229</u>	<u>158,827</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

#### 13 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	31
	<u>-</u>	<u>31</u>

#### 14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 15 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Computers £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	26,770	15,785	42,555
At 31 March 2025	26,770	15,785	42,555
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 April 2024	26,155	14,380	40,535
Depreciation charged in the year	154	471	625
At 31 March 2025	26,309	14,851	41,160
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 March 2025	461	934	1,395
At 31 March 2024	615	1,405	2,020

#### 16 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	7,370	10,122
Prepayments and accrued income	7,264	2,035
	14,634	12,157

#### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	2,506	2,441
Trade creditors	3,841	3,275
Other creditors	414	414
	6,761	6,130

#### 18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	3,479	3,597

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 19 Unrestricted funds - Designated fund

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Legacy income - strategic plan	96,235	-	-	(21,158)	75,077
Parent support service & helpline	11,137	39	(12,646)	5,000	3,530
Summer Transition Courses	38,000	-	-	-	38,000
DLD Together parent training project	13,447	-	(2,858)	-	10,589
Social Media Officer	21,443	-	(18,190)	16,000	19,253
	<u>180,262</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>(33,694)</u>	<u>(158)</u>	<u>146,449</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024 £</b>
Legacy income - strategic plan	133,235	-	-	(37,000)	96,235
Parent support service & helpline	15,000	-	-	(3,863)	11,137
Summer Transition Courses	38,000	-	-	-	38,000
DLD Together parent training project	18,000	-	(4,553)	-	13,447
Social Media Officer	-	-	(15,557)	37,000	21,443
	<u>204,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,110)</u>	<u>(3,863)</u>	<u>180,262</u>



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 20 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
CYMRU	886	-	(11)	-	875
Northern Ireland	231	-	(12)	-	219
Parent Support Service	-	5,998	(707)	-	5,291
Local Groups	28,593	10,783	(12,017)	-	27,359
Summer School	31,563	28,625	(33,658)	-	26,530
Bryony Walker Fund	5,378	-	-	-	5,378
West Midlands	161	-	(319)	158	-
DLD Together	522	34,847	(19,656)	-	15,713
	<u>67,334</u>	<u>80,253</u>	<u>(66,380)</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>81,365</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
CYMRU	897	-	(11)	-	886
Northern Ireland	242	-	(11)	-	231
Parent Support Service	5,402	3,618	(12,883)	3,863	-
Local Groups	24,410	14,351	(10,168)	-	28,593
Summer School	42,456	16,185	(27,078)	-	31,563
Bryony Walker Fund	5,378	-	-	-	5,378
West Midlands	245	-	(84)	-	161
DLD Together	15,759	10,180	(25,417)	-	522
	<u>94,789</u>	<u>44,334</u>	<u>(75,652)</u>	<u>3,863</u>	<u>67,334</u>

Details of certain restricted funds, including income from grants and donations are as follows:

#### Supporting Parents and Professionals:

##### Parent Support Service

This service provides support to parents through a telephone helpline, social media feeds, production and distribution of literature and development of resources on the Afasic website. Support towards the costs of this work has been provided by the David Family Foundation.

##### Local Groups

Members who come together to form groups at a local level to provide mutual support, organise activities for children and young people and work in partnership with local authorities. Funds are raised and spent locally.

##### DLD Together

A programme of remote training courses for parents of a child who has been diagnosed with Developmental Language Disorder. Funding for this highly regarded project has come from a grant over three years from the Headley Trust and donations from the Big Give Christmas Challenge in December 2024.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 20 Restricted funds

(Continued)

#### Supporting Children & Young People:

##### Transition Summer Schools

This is a programme of innovative courses for children facing the move from primary to secondary school. These week long courses aim to prepare the children for this move, arm them with strategies for dealing with things like bullying, and develop their social and language skills. We are very grateful to the main funders for this year's courses, which included: The Weinstock Fund, the Boshier-Hinton Foundation, Hedley Foundation, Tesco Stronger Starts, Patricia Routledge Foundation, Britford Bridge Trust, and the Haremead Trust.

##### Bryony Walker Fund

A fund set up with donations made in memory of our Trustee and Vice Chair Bryony Walker who sadly passed away in 2014 to be used for work with young people.

##### West Midlands Fund

Funds to be used for our work in the West Midlands areas.

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#### Work across the Nations:

##### Cymru

Our projects in Wales came to an end in March 2018 as funding bids were unsuccessful and we were unable to find the funds necessary to maintain and develop our work there beyond this period.

##### Northern Ireland

Previously funded by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund for work with young people in Northern Ireland. This project has now been completed.

Afasic is very grateful to all the donors mentioned above for their support of our work during this period.

### 21 Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	117,603	160,308	(145,803)	132,108
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	146,697	128,160	(157,254)	117,603

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Designated fund	Restricted funds	Total
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
<b>At 31 March 2025:</b>				
Tangible assets	1,395	-	-	1,395
Current assets/(liabilities)	130,713	146,449	81,365	358,527
	<u>132,108</u>	<u>146,449</u>	<u>81,365</u>	<u>359,922</u>
	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds Designated fund	Restricted funds	Total
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
<b>At 31 March 2024:</b>				
Tangible assets	2,020	-	-	2,020
Current assets/(liabilities)	115,583	180,262	67,334	363,179
	<u>117,603</u>	<u>180,262</u>	<u>67,334</u>	<u>365,199</u>

### 23 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).