

Advocacy in Greenwich



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Vision Statement



Our vision is for all people with a learning disability to be full and equal members of society.

Our mission is to empower people with a learning disability to bring about change for individuals, and in society, and to make sure we provide independent advocacy to anyone who needs it.

We do this through:

- One to one advocacy.
- Positively encouraging self-advocacy and promoting people with learning disabilities as leaders.
- Raising awareness among groups and individuals in the community about the issues affecting people with a learning disability.
- Offering people with learning disabilities paid and voluntary roles within our organization.
- Empowering people with learning disabilities to bring about positive change in services, and in the community.

Trustee Board Statement

This has been another hard year for many voluntary sector organisations including our own.

We have asked many funders for money to keep our projects going and to start new projects.

We moved to a smaller office in Woolwich and are now part of an exciting Equality Community Hub sharing office space with the Volunteer Centre Greenwich and Metro. We were already working in partnership with both organisations and we hope that the move will open up new opportunities for working together.

With the support of the Lloyds Bank Foundation we have worked hard this year to make our Trustee board stronger. We worked with a consultant who has helped us to change some policies and to write new important policies so that we can find new trustees. Trustees have been doing essential training and making sure that the board has the right skills to support the organisation.

We have changed our governing document and we have been working towards becoming a charitable company. This means that we can work in different ways to meet the advocacy needs of people with learning disabilities.

We will continue to strengthen the board by recruiting new trustees with the right skills and experience.

Our Advocacy Quality Mark expired this year and we are currently going through the assessment process. If we are successful, we will have achieved the quality mark for the third time.

We now have 5 year funding from City Bridge Trust to support our work with young people in transition. We also have 5 year funding from the lottery for a Quality Checking project.

Advocacy in Greenwich will continue to develop new working partnerships and to look for funding and staff to continue to deliver quality advocacy services and to improve services for people with a learning disability.



James Olorode



Eveline Peates



Barbara Harris



Kimmi Das

What we did this year



We moved to Equitable House in Woolwich. People who visit us and people who work for us have said that they like our new offices and that sharing with the Volunteer Centre Greenwich and Metro means that our offices are more welcoming.



We have been spending less money on rent, hiring rooms and telephones.



We have been given money by the lottery for a project to quality check different services, like health services, community services or cinemas.



We have also been given money by City Bridge Trust to help young people to plan for their future when moving on from school or college.

These are both projects that will have money for 5 years.

We have worked hard to:

Carry on making Greenwich a safer place for people with learning disabilities.



Make sure more people with learning disabilities know about and sign up to the Safe Places Scheme.



Make sure that people with learning disabilities know how to keep healthy and what to do if they feel unwell.



Make sure that people with learning disabilities can be involved in making services better.



Work more closely with different organisations like Lewisham Speak Up to look for money for joint projects.



Find more paid opportunities for people with learning disabilities in Advocacy in Greenwich.



Provide advocacy groups for 52 people and to provide one to one advocacy for 96 people.

What we will do next year



We will find a new Self Advocacy Worker to support the Quality Checking Project.



We will find and train more people with learning disabilities to check the quality of services.



We will support more young people moving on to find out about keeping safe, jobs and training, community and leisure services, keeping healthy and housing.



We will work in partnership with more organisations.



We will look for money for advocacy and continue to spend less money on the things that aren't services.



Anita Rickard
Director
December 2019

Safe Places



In the last year the Safe Places Team have signed up 8 new Safe Places:

- Starbucks - Charlton
- Tesco Extra – Woolwich
- Travelodge – Greenwich
- Travelodge – Woolwich
- Cutty Sark – Greenwich
- National Maritime Museum – Greenwich
- Royal Naval College – Greenwich
- Carers Centre - Charlton



We have 77 people with a learning disability signed up as members.



The team have been part of Adult Safeguarding month in November and have been out around the borough telling people about Safe Places.



“Safe Places is a great scheme for keeping people with a learning disability safe. We are all very proud of the scheme and want to keep it going and sign up more places to be Safe Places to go to.”

Numbers

96

Number of advocacy partnerships

260

Number of hours of support for MPs

52

Number of people we have worked with in groups

16

Number of election roadshows and places that people could vote

1481

Number of hours of one to one advocacy

52

Number of people who attended groups

113

Number of voters in the elections for the Greenwich People's Parliament

31

Number of events or meetings that the new MPs and Assistants have attended since the election

1485

Number of views of our new website since July

45

Safe Places in Royal Greenwich



Advocacy in Greenwich moved offices from The Forum to Equitable House.



Debbie went to the Health Sub Group. They spoke about planning a Big Health Check event.



The Safe Places Team trained staff from the National Maritime Museum, Naval College and Cutty Sark. They also trained staff at the Carers Centre.



The London Regional Forum met at the Maritime Museum. Jackie Collins from London ADASS came and gave an update about Transforming Care.



Robert went to the London Learning Disability Mortality Review Steering Group. They talked about how to stop people with a learning disability dying too young.





<p>MPs went to the Cabinet meeting at the Woolwich Centre.</p>	
<p>Robert went to the London Transforming Care Board to talk about how people with a learning disability can be supported in the community and not in hospital.</p>	
<p>Carrie Ann went to the Jobs and Activities sub group meeting. They talked about planning another Jobs, Activities and Volunteering event.</p>	
<p>The MPs and Assistant MPs got together for a planning day to plan the next 3 Citizen Forum meetings.</p>	
<p>A group were working on the Health Film about Black Books, Annual Health Checks and Hospital Passports.</p>	



<p>MPs went to the Partnership Board at the Woolwich Centre. MPs told the Big Bosses what people had said at the Citizen Forums.</p>	
<p>The Employment Ambassadors delivered Learning Disability Awareness training to the staff at GLLaB.</p>	
<p>MPs held a Citizen Forum at Equitable House. They talked about Hospital Passports and the NHS Long Term Plan.</p>	
<p>Advocacy in Greenwich, Metro and Volunteers Centre Greenwich launched the Equalities Community Hub at Equitable House.</p>	
<p>The Safe Places Team trained staff at the Woolwich Travelodge and Greenwich Travelodge.</p>	
<p>Debbie and Robert went to the TfL Big Day. They talked about how TfL are making streets better for people not cars.</p>	



The London Regional Forum met at the National Maritime Museum. GP Nikki Payne came and spoke about 'Dying for a Poo'.



Debbie and Robert went to an event about Brexit at the Houses of Parliament.



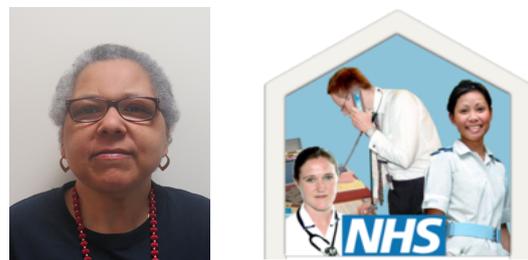
Robert went to the Learning Disability Mortality Review London Steering Group. Robert fed back what the London Forum had said about Annual Health Checks.



Debbie chaired a one day conference about Transforming Care at the Holiday Inn in Camden. They talked about the NHS Long Term Plan.



Debbie went to the Learning Disability Health Sub Group. Debbie gave an update about the Health Film



We started planning for the MP elections.





Debbie and Denise went to Lewisham People's Parliament for an event about Health.



The staff team had a meeting to talk about how we tell people about Advocacy in Greenwich and our Vision Statement.



MPs went to the cabinet meeting at the Woolwich Centre. They planned the agenda for the next Partnership Board.



We started visiting people in day services and at other events to tell people about the elections and being an MP.



The Health group did lots of work on the film about Black Books, Hospital Passports and Annual Health Checks.



The Advocacy in Greenwich Trustees did some work to make the Trustee Board stronger.



Advocacy in Greenwich



MPs went to the Learning Disability Partnership Board. The MPs gave their updates about Choice and Control, Health and Housing.



We had an information day for people who were interested in finding out about becoming an MP – 17 people came to the day.



Robert went to the Transforming Care Board. They talked about why Annual Health Checks are important.



Candidates started work on their films and statements ready for the election roadshows.



The roadshows started with visits to Abbey Wood, Lodge Gardens, Sherard Road and Charlton Park Rugby Club.





The London Regional Forum met at Equitable House. People at the meeting wrote a statement and made a film to say what they think about the abuse at Whorlton Hall.



The roadshows for the election carried on. We went to Riverwood, Charlton Assembly Rooms, Arnold House, Boyle House and more.



The Safe Places Team had a stall at the Day Opportunities Fun Day at Charlton House. We also took along the ballot box so that people could vote.



The MPs final election day and vote count took place at Charlton Assembly Rooms. The council's election team announced the new MPs and Assistant MPs.



A group were working on the Health Film about Black Books, Annual Health Checks and Hospital Passports.





Julie started work with us as the Self Advocacy Worker.



Eveline and Vicky gave presentations about working well with parents with a learning disability and advocacy to 350 social work students at Warwick University.



The MPs and Assistant MPs had their induction day. They learnt more about their new jobs.



The new MPs had their first cabinet meeting at the Woolwich Centre.



The new MPs and Assistants had training about Safeguarding and Keeping Safe.



Robert went to the Transforming Care Board and read out the statement from the London Forum and played the film of how people feel about what happened at Whorlton Hall.





<p>The new MPs had their first Partnership Board since the election.</p>	
<p>The MPs and Assistant MPs had a planning day to plan for the next 3 Citizen Forums.</p>	
<p>Robert went to the Learning Disability Mortality Review London Steering Group. They talked about how they make sure that reviews are finished in good time.</p>	
<p>Denise went to a meeting with the Safeguarding Adults Board to help make an easy read leaflet about Abuse.</p>	
<p>The MPs had a training session about being assertive.</p>	
<p>We were working towards the Advocacy Quality Performance Mark.</p>	



Robert co chaired the London Regional Forum meeting with Maria from Hackney. People spoke about Annual Health Checks.



MPs and Assistant MPs took part in a Brexit Focus Group with Harrow Mencap. They plan to tell politicians how people feel about Brexit and how they think it might affect them.



The Safe Places Team trained staff at Starbucks in Charlton to be a Safe Place.



MPs and Assistant MPs had training about 'Your Rights at Work'



Denise did more work with the Safeguarding Adults Board on the easy read leaflet about abuse.





Tesco Extra in Woolwich joined the Safe Places scheme.



MPs and Assistant MPs held a Citizen Forum at Sherard Road. They spoke to people about the changes happening to day services and about Health.



Lorraine went to the jobs and activities sub group. They talked about planning another Jobs, Activities and Volunteering event.



MPs held a Citizen Forum at Riverwood. They spoke about Health.



Safe Places and MPs went to the Keyring coffee morning to tell people about Safe Places and the Citizen Forums.



Safe Places had a stall at the Big Health Check Up Day. The Health Group showed the Health Film and got feedback.





Debbie, Denise and Robert gave a presentation at the Safeguarding Adult Board's event at Charlton House.



The Safe Places Team had a stall at Woolwich Library and at Eltham Library as part of Safeguarding Adults month.



Robert went to the London Transforming Care Board. They talked about the NHS Long Term Plan.



MPs went to the Partnership Board at the Woolwich Centre. Debbie Co Chaired the meeting.



MPs held a Citizen Forum at Charlton Assembly Rooms. They spoke about Jobs and Activities and Housing.



Some of the MPs and Assistant MPs went to Learning Disability Today at Earls Court.



London Regional Forum



This year members of the London Regional Forum have talked about Transforming Care, the Learning Disability Mortality Review and the NHS Long Term Plan.



GP Nikki Payne came and spoke about 'Dying for a poo'. The mortality review has found that people with a learning disability have died from constipation – no one should ever need to die from constipation.



Forum members watched some of the Panorama programme about the abuse at Whorlton Hall. They made a film about how they feel about what happened. You can watch the film here:

<https://advocacyingreenwich.org.uk/london-forum/>

Greenwich People's Parliament



This year we held elections for the Greenwich People's Parliament.

The MPs are:



Debbie – MP for Health



Leon -MP for Housing



Lorraine – MP for Jobs and Activities



Mark – MP for Choice and Control



Ravi – MP for Moving On



Tommy – MP for Keeping Safe

The Assistant MPs are:



Denise



Rachel



Richard



Robert



Leon

"I was elected as MP for Housing this year. I have found being an MP good. It is hard work and enjoyable. I like finding things out from other people with a learning disability."



Debbie

"I was re-elected as MP for Health. I enjoy doing my job as an MP and like speaking to people about Health. I like going to subgroups with council workers and speaking up for people with a learning disability."

Trustees

Trustee Board

Barbara Harris	Re-elected 28 th November 2018
James Olorode	Re-elected 28 th November 2018
Eveline Peates	Re-elected 28 th November 2018
Kimmi Das	Co-opted 28 th September 2019

Staff Team Members

Staff working at Advocacy in Greenwich



Anita Rickard
Director



Vicky Tantony
Manager



Alice Francis
Self Advocacy
Development Worker



Julie Burns
Self Advocacy Worker



Hafsa Haque
Advocate



Colin Fancy
Sessional Group Worker



Kay Perry
Sessional Advocate

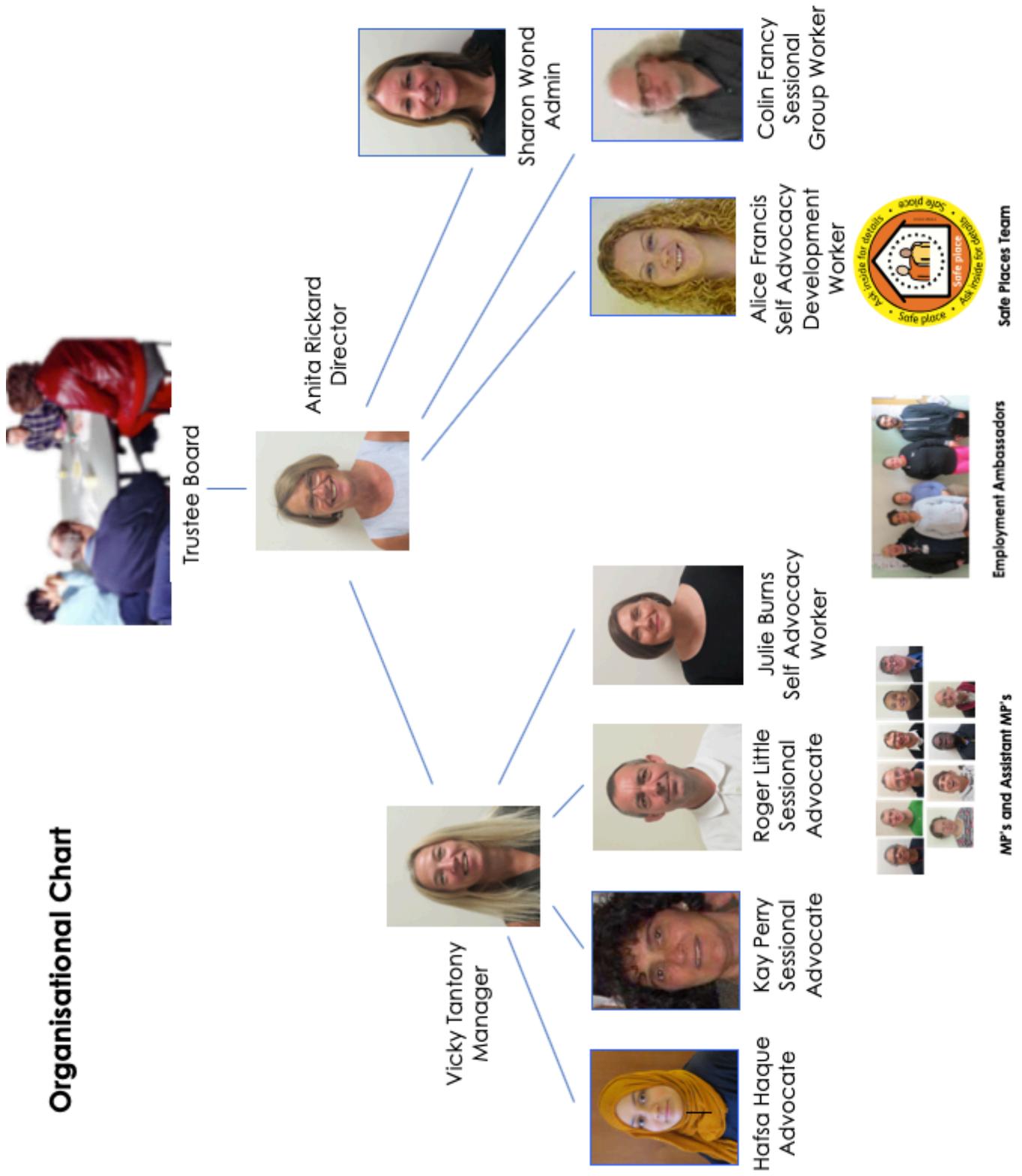


Roger Little
Sessional Advocate



Sharon Wond
Admin

Organisational Chart



Thank you to everyone who gave us money this year



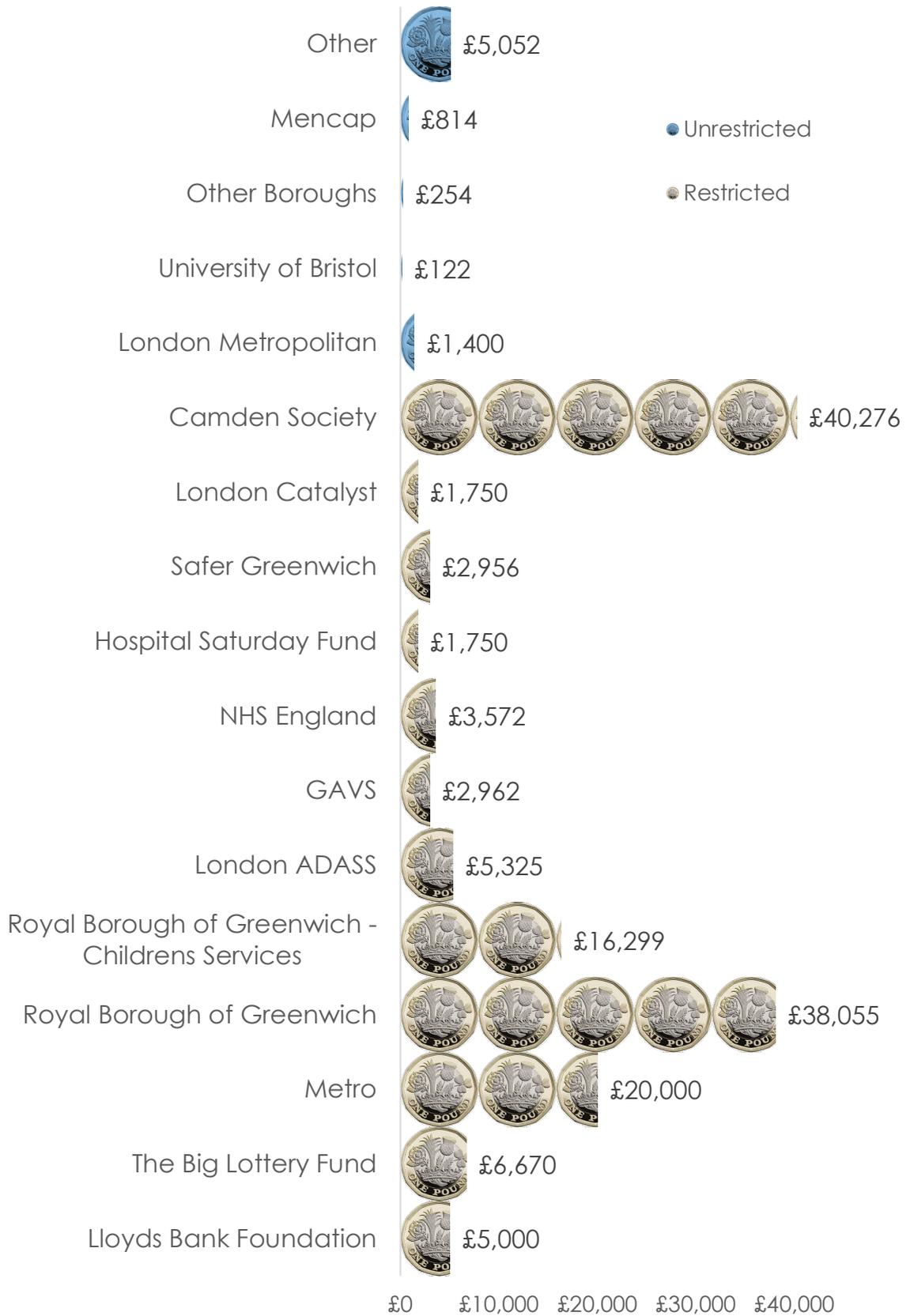
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Summary of Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2019

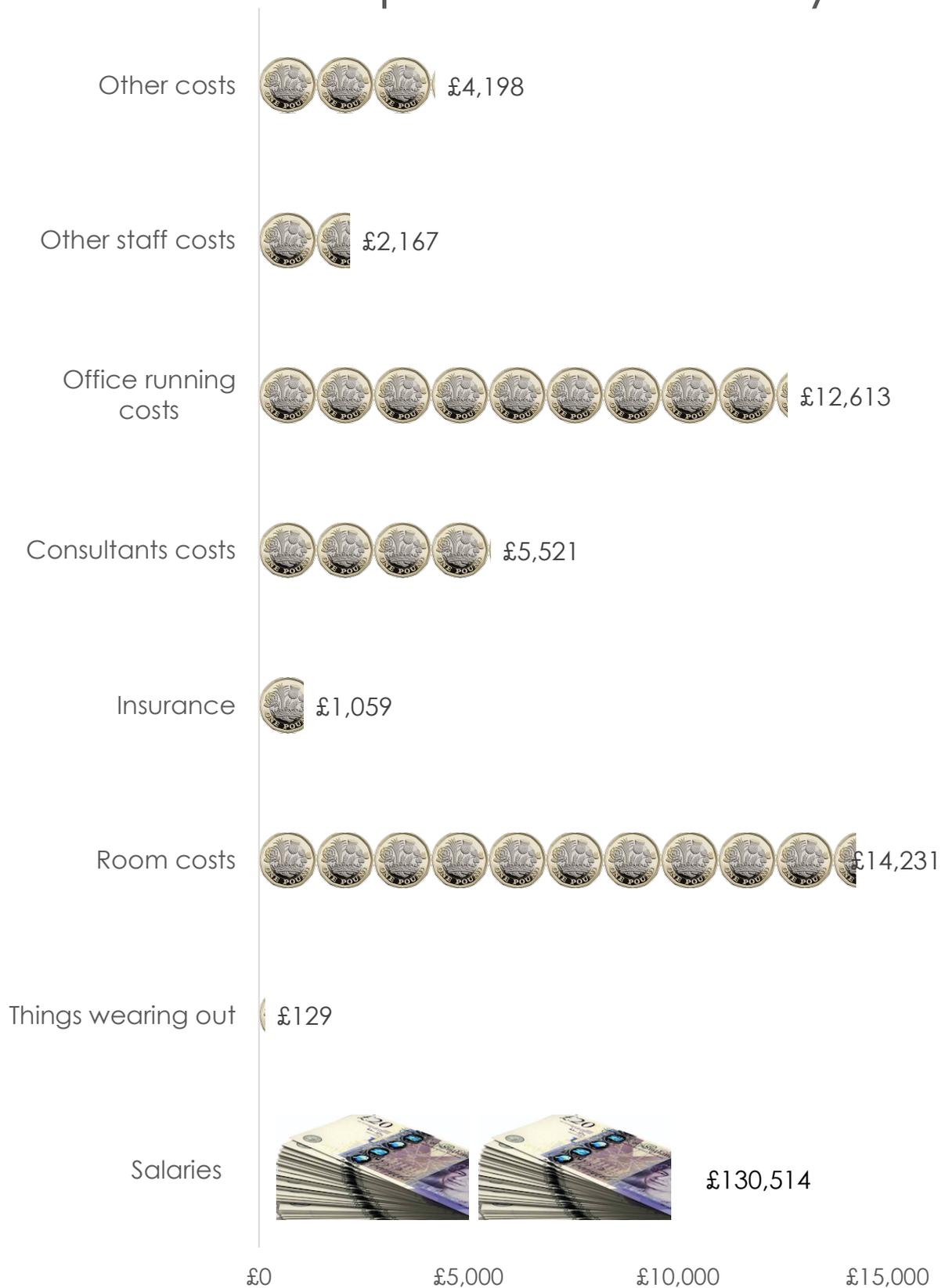
Income	2019	2018
Restricted		
Lloyds Bank Foundation	5,000	-
CCG Greenwich	-	35,221
The Big Lottery Fund	6,670	9,180
Inclusion North	-	193
Metro	20,000	20,000
Income from Charitable Activities		
London Metropolitan	1,400	1,400
University of Bristol	122	386
Other Boroughs	254	2,670
Mencap	814	715
Other	5,052	5,210
Restricted		
Royal Borough of Greenwich	38,055	18,735
Royal Borough of Greenwich – Children's Services	16,299	17,304
London ADASS	5,325	5,735
Shooters Hill	-	3,870
GAVS	2,962	3,249
NHS England	3,572	8,156
Hospital Saturday Fund	1,750	-
Safer Greenwich	2,956	-
London Catalyst	1,750	-
Camden Society	40,276	40,276
Bank Interest	-	-
Total Income	152,257	172,300

Money Spent	2019	2018
Cost of Raising Money		
Salaries	-	-
Cost of the Work we do		
Salaries	130,514	157,798
Volunteer costs	-	79
Consultant costs	5,521	9,361
Office running expenses	12,613	10,603
Other staff costs	2,167	5,105
Other costs	4,198	150
Support Costs		
Room Costs	14,231	26,205
Insurance	1,059	2,148
Things wearing out	129	171
Cost of Governing Advocacy in Greenwich		
AGM and Annual Report	-	-
Independent Examiner Fee	950	950
Total Money spent	171,382	212,570
What was left over this year	-19,125	-40,270
What was left over from last year	89,993	130,263
What was left over at the end of the year	70,868	89,993

Money we were given



How we spent our money



Money we had left

