

We are delighted to present our 'New Look' Annual Review 2015/16, which tells a compelling story of our achievements this year across our many services and projects – we hope you like it! The new 'infographics' speak for themselves and show our many successes and ventures.



Along with many other charities, we have experienced some external funding challenges this year; however our services for people with disabilities have grown and expanded, our partnership work in adoption and fostering has developed new innovative ways of working to find the right families for children, and our community projects have brought hope to more people than ever. We are proud of all our work, and hope you will enjoy learning more about what we do; but we could not have achieved anything without the support and hard work of our staff team, our many volunteers, funders and benefactors, so our sincere thanks go to you all.

Amanda Forshaw - Chief Executive
Paul Desborough - Chair Of Trustees



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Annual Overview 2015/16

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Adoption



placed with
47 Adopters
children

42 Adoption
orders
granted

29 Support
groups

20 Training
Events

38 Adopters
approved

36 Information
Events

“It's four weeks since Katie came to live with us and our world has changed dramatically, that's what we signed up for! Katie is a breath of fresh air lively, active, smiley, occasionally cheeky and every now and then a little naughty. Hey that's normal right? Her background means there are challenges now and ahead, for us she is the beautiful little girl we met at the activity day and the one we'd longed for years before our partnership with Caritas Care. So yes our world has changed, changed for the better and we wouldn't swap her for anything!

Paula and Andi



Adoption Hub

8,000 miles travelled

101 Visited
810 Locations
with
people engaging

“Caritas Care have given us the opportunity to have an amazing family and made the process very much as smooth as possible. It is clear that everyone who works at Caritas Care who we have dealt with have the interests of everyone involved at their heart. We would not hesitate and have already recommended Caritas Care to anyone who asked for our advice.”

Concurrent Planning



worked with
14 local
authorities
across the North West

17 placed with
Concurrent
Carers
children

9 Adoption
orders
granted

21 Concurrent Carers
approved

“It was reassuring to hear that you are not expected to be 'perfect' and learn practical techniques to support your child and create a physical and emotional bond.”

“I honestly do not know what we would have done without your support, kindness, advice and communication with school. It truly has made a difference at home and school and life in general. We are so grateful and hope you continue for a long time to come.”

Centre for Adoption Support

183 Adoption
support
referrals

25 completed
assessment
of needs
with local authorities

**Attachment & Trauma
Training**
to over 100
schools

76 families accessed
Adoption
Support Fund



Fostering

16 years
longest serving
foster
carers
with our agency

Outcomes for children
OUTSTANDING

27 in
placement
young
people

Average length of
placement
4 years
2 months

70% of our children have
been in
placement
over 2 years

“I have lived with my carers for 11 years now, and we do lots of things together, like camping, canoeing and fishing.”

A fond farewell to Sadie...

I have really enjoyed my time as a Foster Carer with all the challenges and rewards I have experienced. It has been lovely seeing the children developing and growing and moving on whether to independence or to their adoptive parents or back to their birth family. This has been even more rewarding because my family and friends have all been very supportive over the years and accepted the children I have cared for and some of my family remain in touch with K and P still.



Sadie, Foster Carer

“I can't remember life before it. I was involved in redesigning the agency booklets and I have put in an article about my experiences for other birth children to read. I have also been involved in the agency's annual general meeting for the last two years.”

Marlie, Birth Child

88.5 hours
of training
delivered

1,440 minutes of
therapeutic
support
sessions

Learning Disability Services

The FX Project



We are delighted with our exciting new 65" interactive touch screen computer. Our young people now have a resource where they have the opportunity to fully interact and learn using modern technology. Complete with new and exciting Apps, height adjustment function and a tilt facility, the interactive screen is fun to use and accessible to everyone.



Vision in People (VIP)



Meladrama Showcase was a joint initiative between both of the Day Projects. The Tutor worked with both groups to prepare and perform a variety of song and dance to enable everyone to showcase music that showed their personality. An enjoyable afternoon with many laughs and a few tears! The overall programme was titled 'PROUD' and everyone was proud of the work they had done and what they had achieved. The Wheelchair Dance Swan Lake was a memory that will stay with the audience forever!



Supported Living



Gemma, Kerry, Katrina & Sarah were really excited to see the London Eye, Big Ben & Houses of Parliament on their coach trip to London. They visited Buckingham Palace to see Changing the Guard and got to stroke the horses on parade. Gemma was convinced that she saw the Queen looking out of the window, so gave Her Majesty a big wave!



Research in Action (REACT)

In November REACT moved into their new office and training suite at Plungington Community Centre.



"I feel proud that the React team have their own training and meeting room within the local community."
David Wood, Self Advocate



Community Services ACE



"All those things that I want, everything that is important to me, those things I never believed I was capable of doing or capable of being, I am now achieving. What I have learned I can never unlearn and this is life changing for me and it is real for my son, it really is that huge."

"Living at Vincent House helped me move away from my old circle of friends. Staff asked what I was interested in, and always followed things up for me. They supported me to access the services I needed and helped me find accommodation."

Homelessness Vincent House



Children's Day Care Pebbles Nursery



All of the children aged 2 and over went on a trip to Blackpool Zoo in June 2015 over a 4 day period. This was a lovely opportunity for our children to experience.



Bridging the Gap (BTG)



Plungington Community Centre



Volunteers

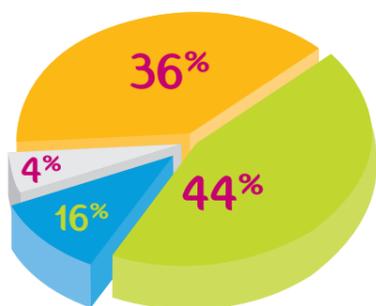


Café Emmanuël



Finance

Total Expenditure of £7,547,815



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"What a lovely lovely venue!
I've lived here all my life, and never been in here, what a space, you could do so much here!
What a brilliant night, thanks for all your help to get our event on, we wouldn't have been able to do it without you."