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Chair of Trustees’ Report

Well, here we are at the end of another year; we have been so busy that the time has flown by. We are continuing to provide all our traditional services as well as developing new ones and meeting some new challenges. The economic climate has caused us some concerns at times, but the work that we do is still valued and in demand. Recent news reports indicate that it is still very much needed!

Our staff team has remained stable this year, which has given us all the chance to consolidate, although we hope to have the opportunity to expand in the coming year. We are sad to report that Shelagh Judge has resigned from the Board of Trustees. Shelagh had been involved with the Ann Craft Trust for many years and her experience and expertise will be very much missed.

We are continuing to lead on a number of issues. In particular this year we are working with the Forced Marriage Unit and the University of Nottingham to provide free training in various venues throughout England and Wales to help practitioners understand forced marriage and how it relates to their practice. We also have a new project, Taking Time, funded by the Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner: Community Safety Fund. The project will support frontline workers across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire’s communities to build up their skills and knowledge around child sexual exploitation (CSE) and safeguarding young people with learning disabilities. We are all aware of how important an issue sexual exploitation is and the Ann Craft Trust has been working to increase knowledge in this area for a long time.

We are still kept busy providing training and the number of requests for this has started to increase again. I would like to thank all our training team for their hard work and their commitment to the Ann Craft Trust. Feedback from those who have received training from ACT demonstrates how useful and valued this continues to be. We have been fully subscribed again for today’s annual seminar and I am sure it will be as well-received as previous ones.

My heartfelt thanks go, as always, to the staff team who have continued to work so hard and with such dedication. Deborah continues to provide inspiration and leadership and Joyce runs the office and finances with the utmost efficiency. Particular thanks must go this year to Sarah and Matt who have held the fort so well over the past weeks during Deborah’s absence, while continuing to do their own work to their usual high standard.

My thanks also go to the Management Committee and Board of Trustees who have also provided support during this difficult time and have helped to ensure that ACT continues to be held in such high esteem. Management Committee meetings are always lively and stimulating and I thank everyone for their commitment and input,
We have maintained our links with the School of Sociology and Social Policy and I wish to express our appreciation to Professor Bruce Stafford, Head of School and the department for their ongoing support which is highly valued.

And, of course, thank you to all our members for your continued interest and support. Together we will continue to work to protect disabled children and adults at risk, now and into the future.

Gwyn Fraser

Chair of Trustees
Chief Executive Officer’s Report

2013/14 has proved to be an exceptionally busy year at the Ann Craft Trust, with an increase in training and consultancy as well as new projects addressing key issues with regard to safeguarding disabled children and adults. Although the financial situation of all charities also impacts on ACT and so we have been unable to develop some areas of work as we had hoped we are optimistic that we will be able to introduce these in the coming year including the appointment of additional staff and the extension of our work across both the UK and into Europe.

Safeguarding

We have seen the introduction of a number of safeguarding initiatives during the year. September 2013 saw the official launch of The Driving Up Quality Code by Care Minister Norman Lamb. The Code states that: "Everyone was shocked about the abuse of people with learning disabilities at Winterbourne View. The government and many other organisations that support people with learning disabilities are taking action to make sure that this never happens again."

The Driving Up Quality Code outlines good fundamental practices and behaviour that organisations that support people with learning disabilities need to be committed to. Signing up to the Code is a public commitment from organisations that they believe in these good practices and are achieving or actively working towards them. The Driving Up Quality Code is a code for providers and commissioners and signing up is a commitment to driving up quality in services for people with learning disabilities.

And in October 2013 the ‘Winterbourne View joint improvement programme - Stocktake of progress’ report was published. The report made a number of conclusions and reflected on concerns raised nationally, the stocktake highlighted the areas for development locally including:

- collaborative work with providers at national, regional and local level to develop alternatives to current provision
- expedite work to improve quality and consistency of care through robust commissioning
- increase the development of, and investment in, service user, family carer and advocacy activity reinforcing the ‘Making Safeguarding Personal’ agenda.

Further to this the Care Act received Royal Assent in May 2014 and there followed the consultation in relation to its draft guidance.

The Act introduces a new duty for authorities to promote wellbeing in all decisions regarding an individual’s care needs, and assessments must consider the whole family. Local authorities will also have to guarantee preventative services which
could help reduce or delay the development of care and support needs. The Act directs public services to provide advice and information, continuity of care and inter-professional working. It puts safeguarding on a statutory footing for the first time, and extends the role of advocacy.

We have also seen the responses from Local Authorities and third sector organisations to the challenge of the ‘new’ definition of Deprivation of Liberty following the Supreme Court ruling back in April. This work is both challenging and ongoing and has initiated much discussion about where DoL’s sits with regard to duty of care and best practice.

There have been a number of news stories in the press that have engendered discussion. In January the Panorama documentary ‘After Savile’ and Keir Starmer’s comments that workers who do not report child abuse should face jail time engendered much debate about whether mandatory reporting would make children safer. ACT responded at the time saying that services should resist any changes for professionals that will foster fear and paranoia and could ultimately make the protection of young people more difficult.

We are concerned that mandatory reporting could impact negatively on already over worked and pressurised professionals. Potentially arresting professionals won’t stop abuse but could possibly create fear across children services.

Safeguarding concerns and headlines nationally have also had an impact during 2013/14. The country was stunned yet again when the shocking abuse experienced by Danial Pelka was reported. A serious case review published in September 2013 said ‘the boy appeared to be invisible to the many professionals who had contact with him but did not step in. The report found that a vast number of professionals had contact with Daniel and his family but nobody put together the full picture of the abuse the boy was suffering at home where he was kept locked in a filthy box-room, denied food and subjected to physical torture. Serious case reviews are always hard to read but it is vital that we start to act upon them.

Another report showed us the degrading treatment of a vulnerable man living in South Yorkshire. The headline ‘family treated vulnerable man as slave’ once again caught the public’s attention and was a further example of the brutality of some against those they consider ‘easy prey’.

The question ‘was this a disability hate crime’ did not receive an answer but certainly the man’s perceived vulnerability made him a target for this abuse.

**Our Work**

This year has been very busy but very rewarding as we continue to work closely with a range of organisations that share our commitment to safeguarding disabled
children and adults at risk. The Safeguarding Network established last year has continued to meet and always enjoys lively debate and discussion about relevant safeguarding issues. Members are all prepared to share their organisation’s new initiatives and hence to impact on improving policy and practice.

We have received further funding from the Forced Marriage Unit to continue, in partnership with the university, the work on forced marriage of people with learning disabilities. This grant is enabling us to co-ordinate six regional free conferences raising awareness of this issue.

We are also working with a local authority to assess the impact of Making Safeguarding Personal – this project looks at the wishes of a sample of alleged victims at the start of the safeguarding process and then again at the end to ascertain if their wishes were taken into account and their desired outcomes achieved.

Further good news is that we have been successful in our funding application for European funding to research services for disabled children across four partner countries. We will bring more news of this work in our next report.

Commissioned training has increased this year and we are, as ever, really grateful to our trainers who work tirelessly with us and facilitate excellent training across the country. We have been less successful with the take up of open training but will reconsider this next year when we will be looking at new training in the light of the Care Act.

Matt has been busy with co-ordinating the hectic training schedule and has also introduced new features to the website as well as managing our marketing strategy and responding to media communications. ACT’s finances are now managed independently of the university and Joyce continues to manage them with great efficiency as well as dealing with membership and the ACT bulletin. Sarah has continued to build up our children’s training and her success speaks for itself as her training has generated huge interest and many bookings. She is also reviewing research opportunities and will be leading on the European project. So as ever huge thanks to all the team for their hard work and their support.

I must also thank our Patrons who continue to support the work we do and also the Trustees and the Management Committee. They have been very supportive this year particularly during my lengthy absence and it is hugely appreciated. I would also like to thank our colleagues in the School who have as ever supported our work.

Deborah Kitson
GIFT WRAP YOUR SUPPORT FOR ACT THIS CHRISTMAS WITH easyfundraising.org.uk

There are so many ways you support our work here at ACT and we really appreciate the support you’ve given over the last 21 years.

However, signing up to easyfundraising.co.uk is the simplest yet and with the holiday season coming up you can make a valuable contribution around improving safeguarding of disabled children and adults at risk in 2015.

Last year 20% of all Christmas shopping was done through our laptops, tablets and smart phones. This year we’re predicted to spend £13billion online and that’s where you can make a difference to ACT with each gift you buy.

Every time you make a purchase online whether it’s a robot T-Rex for the kids, Christmas jumper for the partner or even your supermarket shop, the company you purchase from makes a small donation to ACT.

There’s no cost to you and all you need to do is sign up with easyfundrasing.co.uk once and then browse and click as normal! With more than 2,700 retailers registered with Easyfundraising your online shopping can make a real difference to how ACT protects those most at risk.
ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY 2014
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
Ann Craft Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 July 2014, which are set on the page following.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act") does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(6) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S STATEMENT

In conjunction with my examinations, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act: have not been met; or

(2) To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: -  

Date: - 30/10/2014

Mr R Morgan ACMA
14 Scrivener Close
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## THE ANN CRAFT TRUST

Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 July 2014

### Income and Expenditure Account

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**Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2014**

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**Notes to the Accounts**

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THE ANN CRAFT TRUST

National Association for the Protection from Abuse of Adults and Children with Learning Disabilities

ACT is an association concerned with facilitating the protection of all adults and children with learning disabilities who are vulnerable to abuse.

AIMS:

1. ACT maintains an information exchange network for statutory and voluntary agencies, for professionals and individuals through a national office and

   • the production and circulation of a quarterly bulletin
   • the compilation of a network of members and their specific interests
   • the editing and updating of an annotated bibliography and information sheets on specific topics.

2. ACT works towards raising the general level of awareness of issues relating to the abuse of children and adults with learning disabilities by

   • making links with other relevant organisations (both specialist and mainstream)
   • producing a wide range of publications
   • organisation of, and contribution to conferences, seminars and training events
   • contributing to public debate as appropriate when matters of concern arise locally or nationally.

ACT works to an equal opportunities policy, facilitating protection to all people with disabilities, with attention and respect to race, culture, religion, gender, age and sexual orientation.