

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LINKs MEMBERS
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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2008**

December 31st 2008

Company Registration Number: 6598770

National Association of LINKs Members. Registered in England.
Registered office: 6 Garden Court, Holden Road, Woodside Park, London, N12 7DG
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Report and financial statement for the period ended 31st December 2008

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statement for the period from 20th May 2008 to 31st December 2008.

Incorporation

The company which was incorporated on May 20th 2008 under the Companies Act 1985 is a not-for-profit private company limited by guarantee, with no share capital, registered with the name of National Association of LINKs Members. Its Memorandum and Articles of Association are in the model format for a charitable company as issued by the Charity Commission. Its objectives and activities are those of a small unregistered charity, as described more fully in this report. The nature of the company's business is covered by the classification code categories: 8514 - other human health activities, 8531 - social work with accommodation and 9133 - other membership organisations.

Directors and Trustees

The directors of the company are its Trustees for the purpose of Charity law. As provided in the Articles of Association, the directors have the power to appoint additional directors.

The Trustees who have served during the period and subsequently are:

Malcolm Alexander
Michael English
John Larkin
Ruth Marsden

The National Association of LINKs Members comprises members of the public including patients and carers who are members of Local Involvement Networks. The office of National Association of LINKs Members is located in London.

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Objects of National Association of LINKs Members

The Company was formed as a not-for-profit company with exclusively charitable objects. The Company is committed to act for the public benefit through its pursuit of wholly charitable initiatives comprising:

- (i) The advancement of health or the saving of lives, including the prevention and relief of sickness, disease or human suffering; and
- (ii) The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, hardship or other disadvantage, including by the provision of accommodation or care,

and the company is dedicated to the pursuit of its objects as a small unregistered charity with a view to registration with the Charity Commission as and when appropriate.

Vision Statement

The National Association of LINKs Members (NALM) is an unregistered charity which aims to provide a national voice for Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) and help build the capacity of LINKs members to achieve change and improvement in health and social care services at a local, regional and national level. NALM aspires to the involvement of all people in the determination of health and social care policy, especially those whose voices are not currently being heard. NALM actively promotes diversity, inclusivity and equal opportunities in relation to the improvement of health and social care services.

Mission Statement

1. To provide a national voice for LINKs' members;
2. To promote public involvement which leads to real change and the ability to influence key decisions about how care services are planned and run;
3. To promote the capacity and effectiveness of LINKs' members to monitor and influence services at a local, regional and national level and to give people a genuine voice in their health and social care services;

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4. To support the capacity of communities to be involved with and engage in consultations about changes to services, to influence key decisions about health and social services and hold those services to account;
5. To support the involvement of people whose voices are not currently being heard, and to promote inclusivity, diversity and equal opportunities;
6. To promote open and transparent communication between communities across the country and the health service;
7. To promote accountability in the NHS and social care to patients and the public.

Activities and achievements

During the period ended 31 December 2008, the Company was in substantially preparatory mode.

The Company was incorporated following national changes introduced by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, which abolished all statutory Patients' Forums with effect from March 31st 2008 and began the establishment of Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) during 2008.

More than a year before the abolition of the statutory Forums on 31st March 2008, our members who had been members of the National Association of Patients' Forums had already decided to pursue our highly effective work of influencing national policy on health and social care.

Accordingly, since 20th May 2008, duly perpetuated and established as a corporate body in the voluntary sector, we have continued to develop a national representative body of Local Involvement Network Members, liaising with LINKs and LINK members and ensuring that a body of experienced people exists which can be highly effective at influencing national policy on health and social care and can exercise our commitment to supporting and influencing the development of high quality health and social care services across the UK.

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Income and Expenditure Account

For the period ended 31 December 2008

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>			
Grants	-	-	-
Donations	-	3457	3457
Membership fees	-	885	885
Affiliation fees	-	-	-
Investment income	-	-	-
Other	-	500	500
Total incoming resources		4842	4842
<u>Resources expended</u>			
Incorporation expenses	-	40	40
Incidental administrative expenses	-	3150	3150
Professional fees	-	720	720
Total resources expended		3910	3910
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for year	-	932	932
Total funds brought forward	-	996	996
Total funds carried forward		1928	1928

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5. The National Association of LINKs Members is a registered Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital; it is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is an unregistered charity whose income is currently insufficient to fulfil the criteria for compulsory registration with the Charity Commission.

This financial statement was approved by the Trustees on March 31st 2009 and is signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.G. Larkin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Malcolm Alexander
Director/Chair

John Larkin
Director/Company Secretary