



Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Support Project

# Annual Report

2022-2023



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# Chairman's Remarks

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Wolverhampton Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Support Project, I would like to thank everyone involved for your continued support in the many ways you have contributed to our causes. Without you, it would not have been possible for us to continue to provide a service to the communities of Wolverhampton, Walsall and Dudley Areas. We're also supporting families in other localities and we look forward to doing more to benefit those in need.

Another year has gone by, but the work continues as we face new challenges. This report highlights only a small sample of the activities users have experienced. Thanks again for making our existence possible as we move forward.

## Our Impact

The organisation was established in 1990 to support individuals and families affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia- we have maintained our business and have been working alongside healthcare professionals, parents and people living with the conditions to raise awareness of the disorders. Our main aim is to support those living with Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia, empowering them to build resilience to achieve their full potential.

From April 2022-March 2023, we received and processed 568 unusual blood results.

A total of 224 individuals received counselling in Walsall and 344 in Wolverhampton via the Antenatal and Neonatal screening programmes. To learn more about this process, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/pregnancy> and search for screening for sickle.

We have supported Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia clients with their health plans and we have also worked with schools to provide a care plan for 110 children. We have also supported many affected adults, children and their families with their wellbeing through multiple activities and events.

### No. of Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Clients

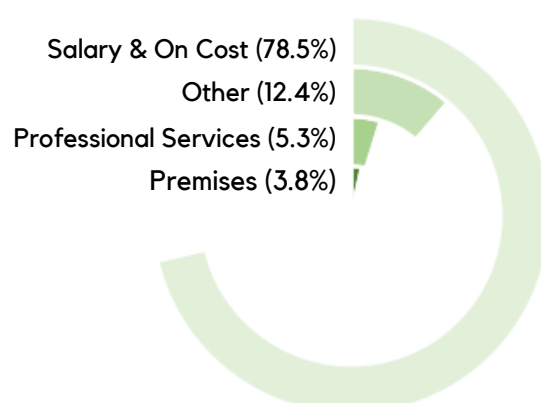
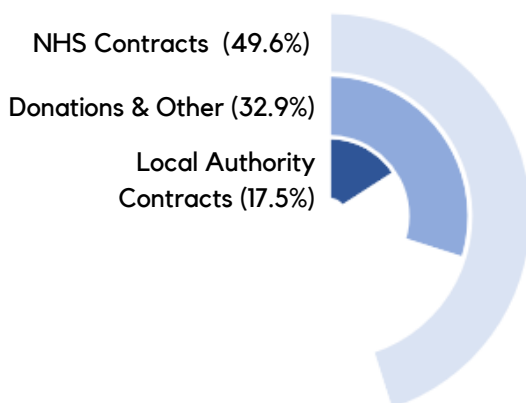
127 Adults

164 Children

### Areas of support

Wolverhampton, Walsall Dudley  
and the surrounding areas

## Finances



## Testimonials

"The project has really supported me ever since I was young. Even now they have been helping and supporting me with transition which is a big change. Thank you." - **Affected young person, Wolverhampton**

"I have always received so much support from the project. They have always been so supportive. They have recently supported me with my DLA application which was stressful for me, but they helped me with that so much"- **Parent of affected child, Walsall**

"I have been struggling for so long at home in my personal relationship, with no recourse to public funds, or housing. the project has supported me so much to ensure me and my children get the right support and to make sure my children and I are safe" - **Parent of affected child, Wolverhampton**

The Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Support Project received funding from the National Grid ([www.nationalgrid.co.uk](http://www.nationalgrid.co.uk)) to support our service users to stay warm through winter. This project ran from January to March 2023 and supported many families affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia blood disorders.

This support was provided through two events. Our 'Staying Warm This Winter' event took place on 31st January 2023. It was attended by Wolverhampton Deputy Mayor Dr Michael Hardacre, Warmer Homes West Midlands and a member of The City of Wolverhampton Council Financial Wellbeing Team. They were able to provide service users with practical advice to stay warm.

This event saw 78 individuals receive free warm packs up to the value of £100 to support them through the cost of living crisis and cold weather.

Following this, our 'Food For Thought' event on Friday 24th March 2023 saw 56 families receive free food parcels to keep families well. Food parcels included items such as cereals, pasta, tinned food and fruit and vegetables. Warmer Homes West Midlands returned for this event to provide further support to families who wanted to keep their homes warm and reduce their energy bills.



## Testimonials

"(The Warm Pack) was really helpful. Most especially this time that things are expensive. It was a great relief support." -Parent of an affected child, Walsall

"It was a fantastic programme in which my kids received warm packets and food that really helped keep my kids warm and happy."- Parent of affected children, Walsall

"The support was used to buy my daughter a warm winter coat, boots, scarf, hat, gloves and a blanket to help keep her warm."- Parent of an affected child, Dudley

# Grantham Yorke Trust

Wellbeing support for young service users

We were successful in receiving funding from the Grantham Yorke Trust to deliver a variety of activities to support the wellbeing of our young service users. The aim of these activities was to encourage self-awareness and confidence and allow young people to socialise with others impacted by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia blood disorders.

Those affected by Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia were classified as clinically vulnerable during COVID-19 by the government and were required to take severe precautions to protect themselves including shielding. This affected the wellbeing of many young people.

We ran several events from August 2022 to February 2023. These included art workshops based on positive futures, sports events and activities such as climbing and archery. We also provided a wellbeing and yoga workshop which included discussions on challenges faced at school and the impact of COVID-19.



## Testimonials

"Absolutely love everything about the events. I love that this initiative is bringing more awareness for people and the warriors feel like they belong in the community."- **Parent of affected child, Wolverhampton**

"I like the activities we get to do. There's always a range of events so you can enjoy different events"- **Young person, Wolverhampton**

"Two of my children attended the event and they loved it. It was their first time at Yoga and archery. They showed me some of the poses they learnt and they were excited to share it with me. I'm happy they had so much fun while experiencing it. We look forward to more. Thanks to the organisers."- **Parent of an affected child, Wolverhampton**

Thank you to our supporters and commissioners.

