



Sutton Mencap Easy Read Annual Report 2025-26

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The information contained in this easy read report has been extracted from Sutton Mencap's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2026.

The full accounts have been audited by Kevin Fisher from Kingston Burrows.

A full copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements will be available at www.suttonmencap.org.uk or can be requested from Sutton Mencap.

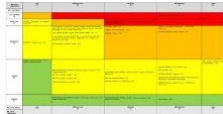
What this report is about

	This report tells you about Sutton Mencap's work from April 2025 to March 2026.
	It tells you who runs Sutton Mencap and how it is run.
	It says what our aims were during the year and what we did to achieve them.
	It tells you about the activities we did between April 2025 and March 2026.
	It tells you where our money came from and how we spent it.

Who runs Sutton Mencap?

	Sutton Mencap is run by the Trustee Board . The members of the Trustee Board during 2025-26 were:		
	Mavis Peart OBE Mavis is Sutton Mencap's Chairman. Mavis is in charge of the Trustee Board meetings.		
	Clare Fionda Clare is Sutton Mencap's Vice-Chairman. Clare is in charge of Trustee Board meetings when Mavis cannot attend.		
	Paul Solomon Paul is Sutton Mencap's Treasurer. Paul helps the Trustees manage Sutton Mencap's money.		
	Titilayo Dairo		Dennis Henstock
	Michele Humphreys		Edwina Morris
	Michelle Perrett		Simon Vines
	Sandra Gillett (joined August 2025)		
	David Hobday is the Chief Executive Officer. Dave attends the Trustee Board meetings. Other staff also write reports for the Trustee Board.		

How is Sutton Mencap run?

	The trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting.
	This means that the members of Sutton Mencap decide who the trustees are.
	People who are interested in becoming trustees meet with the Chief Executive Officer to find out more about the charity and what the trustees do.
	The Trustee Board meets regularly throughout the year.
	The trustees have an important role protecting Sutton Mencap from anything that might damage the charity.
	They put together a risk register, which lists all the things they will do to protect Sutton Mencap.
	They make sure that Sutton Mencap has policies and procedures in place and that they are followed.

Sutton Mencap's strategic plan

	The Trustee Board agreed a new strategic plan for 2026 to 2031, which sets the aims of the organisation.
	The first aim in the strategic plan is all about developing and delivering services.
	We want to keep delivering high-quality services and develop new services so more people can attend.
	The second aim in the plan is all about working with other organisations and with families.
	We want to help families to meet and support each other. We also want to develop strong links people with other organisations that support people with a learning disability.
	The third aim is all about our people, premises and resources.
	We want to make sure that our building and equipment are suitable and that staff are supported to deliver our plans.
	The Trustee Board gets regular reports that show how well Sutton Mencap is doing in achieving these 3 aims.

What we did during the year:

Priority 1: Service Development and Delivery

Services for children

	We supported more children than in the previous year. However, we delivered fewer hours of service.
	In particular, we had fewer children attend our Saturday services.
	Overall, the services lost about £20,000.
	Trustees know how popular the services are and want to keep them going.

Services for adults

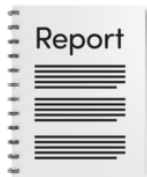
	Our day service is nearly full, but we managed to get a few more people attending.
	We opened a new day service at another venue to allow more people to attend.
	It has cost us quite a lot of money to set the service up, but we think it will be worth it.

	We have more people attending our Breakaways groups.
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Service development

	We are looking at how we can help people develop life skills when they come to our services.
	We will be trying out a new system on our offsite day service.

Safeguarding

	We have systems in place when we recruit and manage staff.
	We have a strong system for identifying possible safeguarding concerns.
	We have a safeguarding log, which records what we do about safeguarding concerns.

Priority 2: Strategic relationships

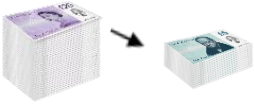
	We continue to meet with service users and parents and carers.
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	We submitted a bid to help set up a Parent Carer Forum for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
	We take part in local partnerships, including helping deliver the council and NHS Learning Disability Strategy.

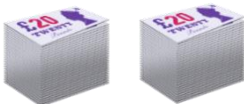
Priority 3: People, premises and resources

	We are a London Living Wage employer. This helps us to recruit new staff and keep them working with us.
	We offer lots of training to staff.
	We have made some improvements to the building and we have plans to do more.
	We bought a trampoline and swing for the playground, which have been very popular.
	We bought another minibus for the offsite day service.

Finance report

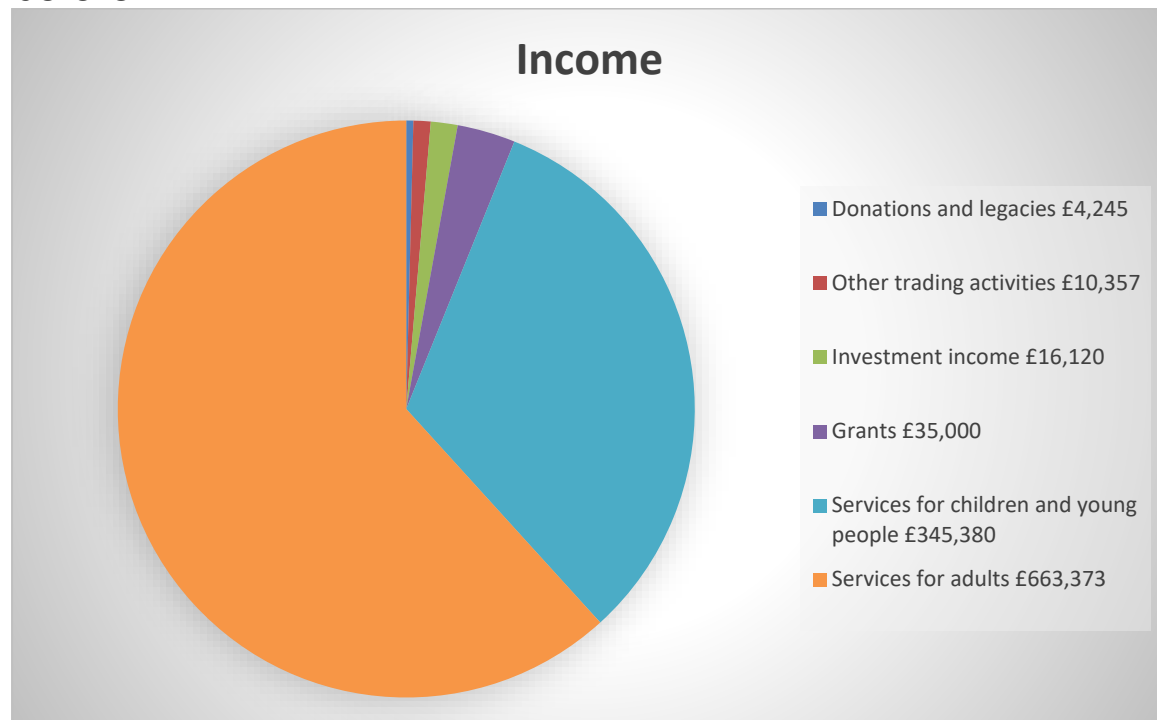
	Our income went down a bit last year, after we stopped the digital paths to inclusion project.
	We had less income from children's services, as children attended less often.
	We had more income from adult services, as more adults attended.
	Our costs increased slightly, mainly from having more staff and pay increases.
	We had less money in our bank account as we spent some on a minibus.
	We have less money set aside for building work.
	We think our finances are healthy.

Sutton Mencap's accounts

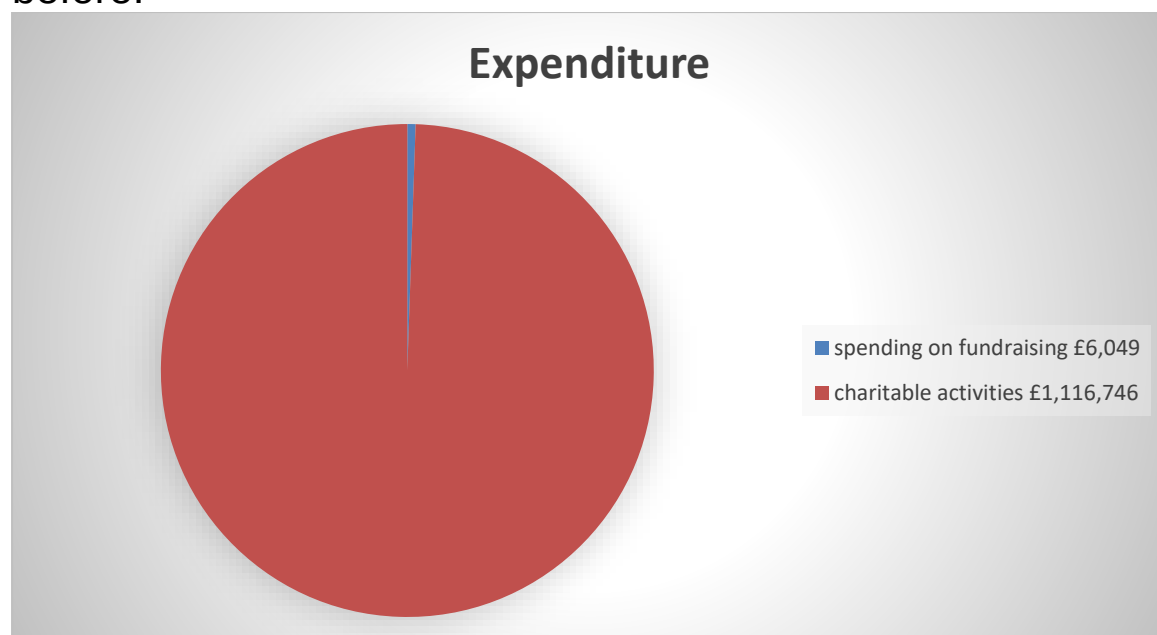
	Our annual report and accounts tell everyone how much money we received, how much we spent, and how much we have left. We compare these figures with the year before.
	We aim to keep some money to one side each year in case we need it. We call this our reserves.
	Kevin Fisher from a company called Kingston Burrowes is our Auditor. Kevin checks our accounts.
	Kevin has reported that there are no problems with our accounts.
Income Spending 	The tables on the next page show how much money we received and how much we spent between April 2025 and March 2026. This is called the Statement of Financial Activities.
	The page afterwards shows how much Sutton Mencap was worth on 31st March 2026. This is called the Balance Sheet.

Statement of Financial Activities: Where did our money come from and how did we spend it?

We received £1,074,475. This was £48,521 less than the year before.



We spent £1,122,795. This was £8,110 more than the year before.



We spent £48,320 more than we received.

Balance Sheet:

How much is Sutton Mencap worth?

	This sheet explains what Sutton owned on the 31st March 2026 and how much it was all worth. This is called the Balance Sheet.
	We had money in our bank account, savings account and investments. Altogether, this came to £608,250.
	We have equipment at Sutton Mencap like our minibus, computers, furniture and sensory room. All together these were worth £87,394.
	Some people owed us money which they will pay us. This came to £134,327
	We also have money which we will need to pay out in the future. This came to £128,183.
	In total, everything Sutton Mencap owns was worth £701,788. This is £48,320 less than in March 2025.

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