Our Annual Report
2025-26

This report is about the things we did between April 2025 and March 2026.

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About CASBA

We help people with learning disabilities to speak up, make decisions and have the life they want. This type of help is called **advocacy**.

We are based in Selly Oak.
We work across South Birmingham.

For some of our projects we work across the city.

People called **advocates** work for us.

Advocates get to know people well, find out what they want, and help them to change things in their lives.

Our trustees

Trustees are people who make sure CASBA runs well.

They are volunteers.
This means they do not get paid.

It is their job to make sure that CASBA does the work it is supposed to do.

They must also make sure that CASBA's money is looked after properly.

This report tells you about CASBA's work and the difference CASBA has made in 2025 to 2026.

Our trustees' names are:

Jackie Pountney
Jackie is the chair of the trustees

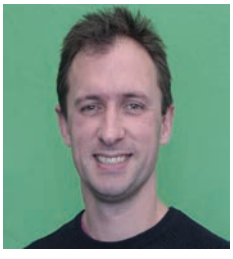
Sior Coleman
Sior is the vice chair

Martyn Spooner

Stella Plisner

Janet Kane

Melina Tsui



Andy Hopkins

Our senior management team is:

Ginny Cullen: Chief Executive Officer

Halema Khan: Operations Manager

Our charity number is:
701365

Our work this year

Advocacy

Our team of 3 advocates helped 193 people.

We helped a lot of these people more than once.

We helped more people this year than we did last year.

We **closed** 75 cases.

We **close** a case when our work with a person is finished.

This means the person got everything they needed this time.

Because we have been so busy, we need more advocates.

We will have them soon.

We will have a new Programme Manager soon, to support our advocates.

Our projects

Staying Healthy

We work with other organisations to help people with learning disabilities to stay healthy.

More people are getting Annual Health Checks.

More people are on the learning disability register now than before this project started.

Businesses

We have 2 businesses:

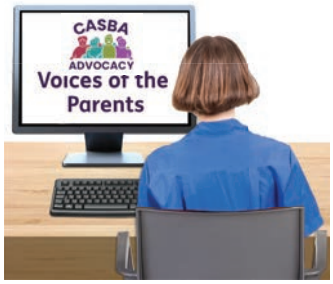
- Training

- Easy Read

Organisations pay us for this work.

The money we get from selling these services helps us to run CASBA and help more people.

Voices of the Parents



This is online training for student social workers and other professionals.

We teach people about what it is like to be a parent with a learning disability.

We show them how to work well with parents who have learning disabilities, so that people get better support.

We have sold more courses this year.

Easy Read translation

Easy Read helps people with learning disabilities to understand information.

We now have 11 people working on our checking panel.

The panel looks at our Easy Read work and helps us to make it better.

The people on the panel all have learning disabilities.

They know what it is like to need information in Easy Read.

They get training to do their job.
They are paid for their work.

Stories about our citizens

Project: Link 18-25

Danielle

When I started at CASBA, I felt very worried.

I was just learning about my autism.

I did not know how to speak up for myself.

Staff at CASBA gave me help and support.

Now I am more confident.
I can speak up for myself.
I understand myself better now.

CASBA's partner, the Mason Foundation taught me new skills.

Now I volunteer at a shop in Harborne.

Project: My Money Matters

Zohra

Zohra was confused about a new Child Benefit law.
She did not know how to get the benefit for her 3rd child.

Her advocate, Rohan, looked into it for her. Rohan found out how to get the Child Benefit and Universal Credit.

This could save Zohra £931 every year. This will make a big difference for her family.

Without CASBA, Zohra felt that she was on her own in life.

Now she feels supported, and her mental health is much better.

Project: Pregnancy to Parenthood

Chloe

Chloe's partner treated Chloe badly. Her children were really upset by what they had seen.

Chloe did not have much support from her family. Her lawyer made her feel stressed and upset.

Chloe's advocate at CASBA listened to her. They helped her to get a new lawyer.

They helped her to get extra money to help her stay safe at home.

Because of her advocate Chloe felt supported and like someone believed her.
She is calmer and is coping better.

Project: Staying Healthy

A CASBA Advocate's story

I supported someone with their Annual Health Check. They had pain in their hip and knee.

Before the check, I explained what would happen. I helped them to tell the doctor about the pain.

The GP checked their blood pressure and did blood tests. They sent them for physiotherapy to help the pain.

An X-ray showed they have arthritis. They got medicine for the pain.

The person felt that they had been listened to.

They feel happier and more confident with support by their side.

Our money

Our income is: £297,000

This is 2 hundred and 97 thousand pounds.
Income means the money that other people and organisations gave to CASBA.

This is more than last year, because we were given more donations.

Money we spent: £315,000

This is 3 hundred and 15 thousand pounds.

This is less than last year, mainly because we spent less on staff wages.

Our reserves are: £91,000

This is 91 thousand pounds.
Reserves are a bit like savings.

The trustees can decide to spend reserves on anything to do with the charity's work.

We have less money in reserves than we had last year.

This is an Easy Read of a longer report.
You can read the full report at our **Annual General Meeting**.
This meeting is called **AGM** for short.

Chief Executive Officer's report

Ginny Cullen is our Chief Executive Officer.
She is in charge of CASBA.

Ginny says:

People with lived experience are at the heart of CASBA's work.

We plan all our services together with people who use them.

This helps us to offer services that people want and need.

Our staff and citizens have worked really hard together this year to support more people.

More people with learning disabilities are working at CASBA.

We are proud of all our work this year.

Next year we will have more advocates and another manager.

This will help us do even more good work.

Chair of the trustee's report

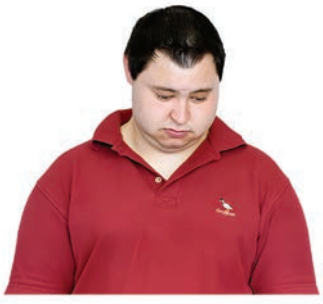
Jackie Pountney is the chair of the trustees at CASBA.

Jackie says:

I hope you have enjoyed reading this report.

You can see that more people are asking CASBA for help.

This shows that people trust us.



It also shows that life is getting harder for people with learning disabilities.

We have supported a lot of people this year.
There is still more work we can do.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked for or with CASBA this year.

Your support helps CASBA to keep making a real difference in people's lives.

Thank you

Lots of organisations and people give us money.

This is so we can help people and run our projects.

We want to say a big thank you to everyone who supports us.

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