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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE/AIMS/OBJECTIVES POLICY DSDT

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Charity aims and objectives are to:

- Provide bespoke support services to children and young people with DS and their families, locally, nationwide and worldwide to improve lives and enable optimum individual potential and personal success.
- Maintain our charity as a flexible, adaptable, self-funding, non profit organisation, ensuring that our activities are accessible to all.
- Create good examples to other organisations by developing pathways in society, models of best practice and ensuring sustainability so that the work we do can continue into the future.

Aims for our children and young people with Down syndrome and their families: We strive for the optimal health, development, potential and equality of every person with DS. Our charity's aims are to continue to provide high quality service, improve well-being and expand opportunity in people's lives. We support our immediate local community and also further afield. Wherever possible we seek to expand further so that we can reach out to many more people. We aim to continue to develop and expand our high standard of delivery. Services include:

- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (indoor, outdoor, water based sports, forestry, equine therapy, cycling, farm visits, camping). Young people are often able to access these independently away from their families as we provide a high number of support staff and a minibus service.
- MUSIC lessons (online currently)
- SOCIAL AND COMMUNICATION support groups for all ages (live and online)
- EMPLOYMENT & LIFE SKILLS (providing employment and career training for young people with DS and increasing skills for the workplace).
- ADVICE AND SUPPORT: on legal matters, health, education etc
- SUPPORTING EDUCATION (DS-specific tutoring, speech and language, occupational therapy both online and live)
- TRAINING: For teachers, parents, university students working in social care or education.
- RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT of new and future projects, supported housing; a Personal Assistant (PA) Service model.

The charity's future aims: We aim to continue to build and increase our infrastructure to manage more participants and programmes. We will do this by hiring additional skilled staff, develop and expand a range of opportunities and start new projects such as our PA service, Social and Learning Provision and housing.

The charity's immediate aims are to:

- Deliver more services to more people.
- Sustain and expand our offer.

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