

# **Norfolk Disabled Parents Alliance**

Independence and equality for all disabled parents

## **Annual Report 2007**

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**Norfolk Disabled Parents Alliance** is a voluntary group run by and for disabled adults who have dependent children.

**NDPA** works for disabled parents to have the same choices and opportunities for their families as non-disabled parents.

**NDPA** aims to support disabled parents by offering relevant accessible information on a parent-to-parent basis and by representing the views of disabled parents in the community.



## **Our Committee October 2006 – November 2007**

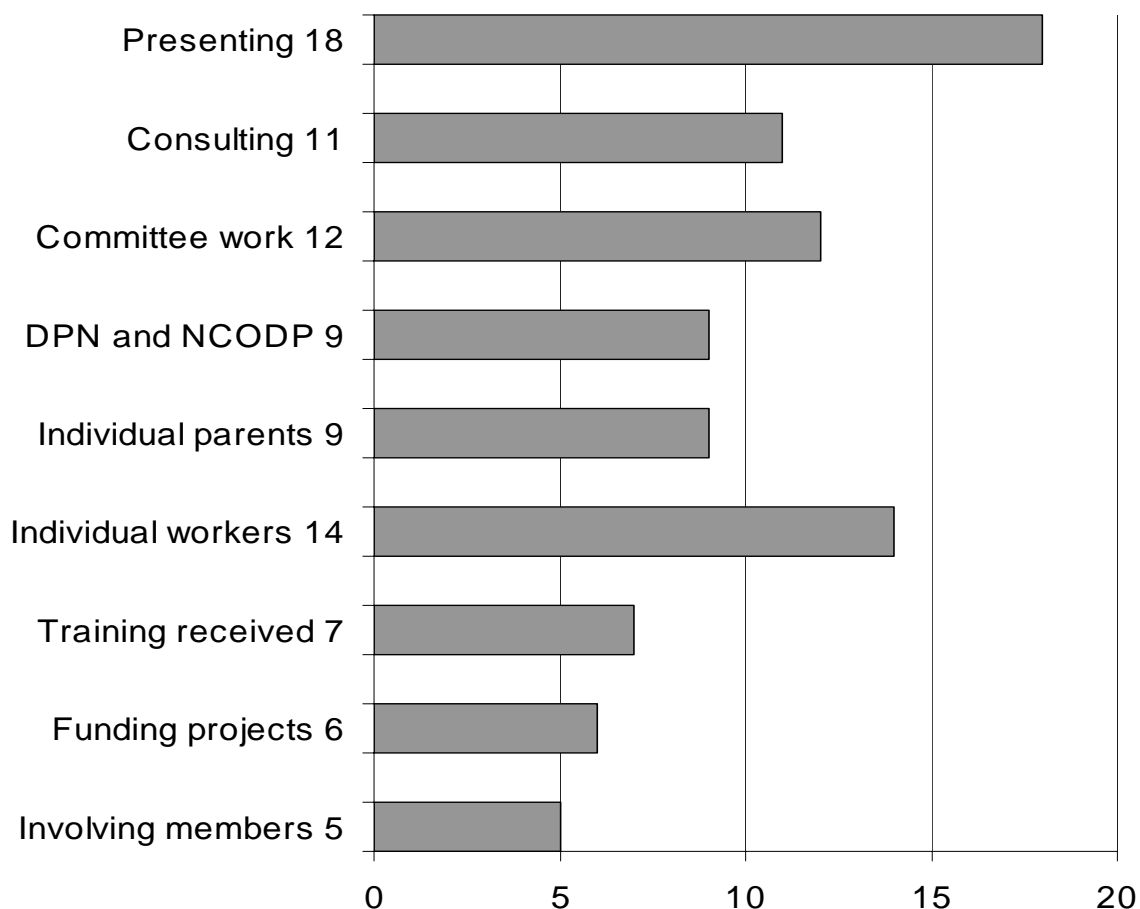
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Kathy Saunders (Chair)  
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### **Advisors:**

Joan Inglis, NCC Project Manager, Supporting Disabled Parents  
Peter de Oude, Coordinator, Norfolk Coalition of Disabled People

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## NDPA activities October 2006 – November 2007



## Highlights of last year's activities



### Presenting to raise awareness

- Multi-agency training on Joint Protocol “Enabling parents with a disability or long term illness”
- Children’s Services Parenting Strategy: parents focus group
- Children’s Centre and family welfare groups
- Disabled Parents Network annual meeting about Norfolk Protocol
- Through DPN: Disability Equality Duty in schools for DfES
- Through NCODP Action on Access week on access to social care for disabled parents



## **Consulting** to give our point of view

- Social Care Institute of Excellence on guidance for supporting disabled parents
- Primary school on their Disability Equality Duty plan.
- Western area Children and Young People's Partnership.
- Images of disabled parents in children's books for "In The Picture"
- Ph.D. student Goldsmiths College



## **Supporting** individuals and **Involving** members

- How to get support as a parent
- Where to find more information
- Contact with other parents
- Feedback to services
- Newsletter started
- Teleconferences
- Meetings

## **Chair's report**

In the past year we adopted our Constitution in a Special General Meeting, and agreed our policies on handling money, protecting vulnerable adults and safeguarding children. We hoped to register as a charity, but we do not handle enough money to be eligible at the moment.

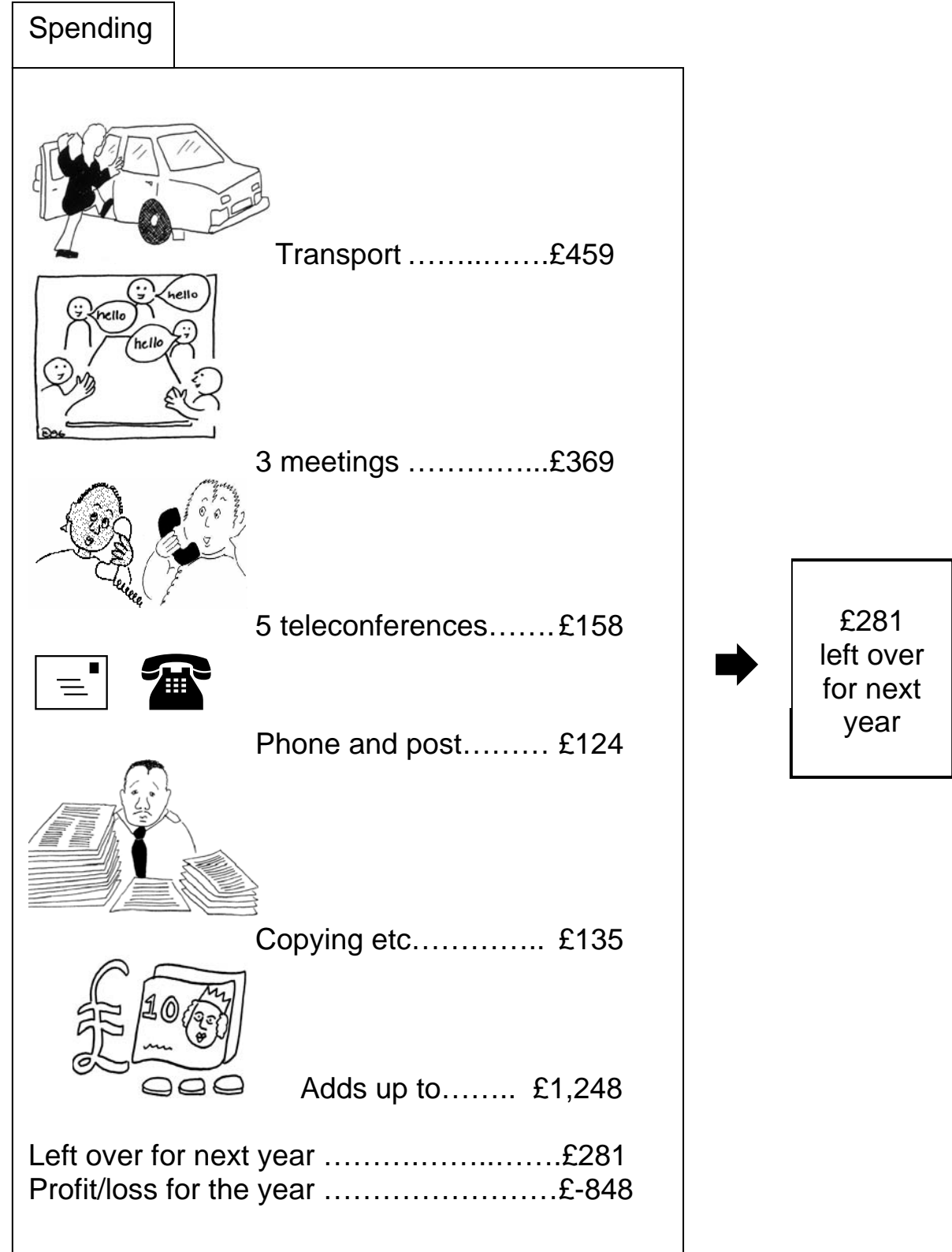
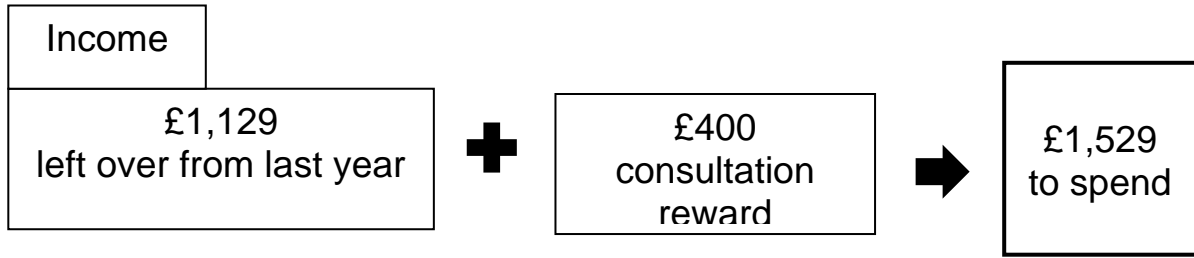
Through Disabled Parent Network, we helped promote the SCIE guidelines on supporting disabled parents, raising national interest in Norfolk's Protocol.

Locally, we lobbied to keep the post of Project Manager for supporting disabled parents to promote the protocol for all disabled parents. Our work in the Focus Group for the Parenting Strategy has helped bring our views to more people in Children's Services.

Thank you to everyone who has encouraged us in so many different ways, but especially to the committee members who have all made suggestions and supported our activities so we can look forward to achieving more next year.

Kathy Saunders, Chairperson.

# Our Money August 2006 - July 2007.



We will be pleased to supply full accounts on request.



## Treasurers Report

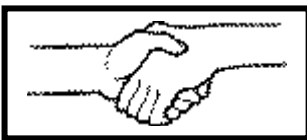
These are the first full year accounts for NDPA.

A consultation reward made up the majority of the income. There was a loss for the year but activities continued due to a carry forward from the previous year. Travelling and meeting expenses were the largest demand on finances.

A fundraising programme started towards the end of the financial year. We successfully obtained funds to continue our basic activities in the coming year, but we need to continue fundraising to give more security in our finances and to fund specific projects.

We are very encouraged by recent grants from Tesco Charity Trust to fund setting up a website and from Norfolk Community Foundation to improve member participation.

Claire Mitchell, Treasurer.



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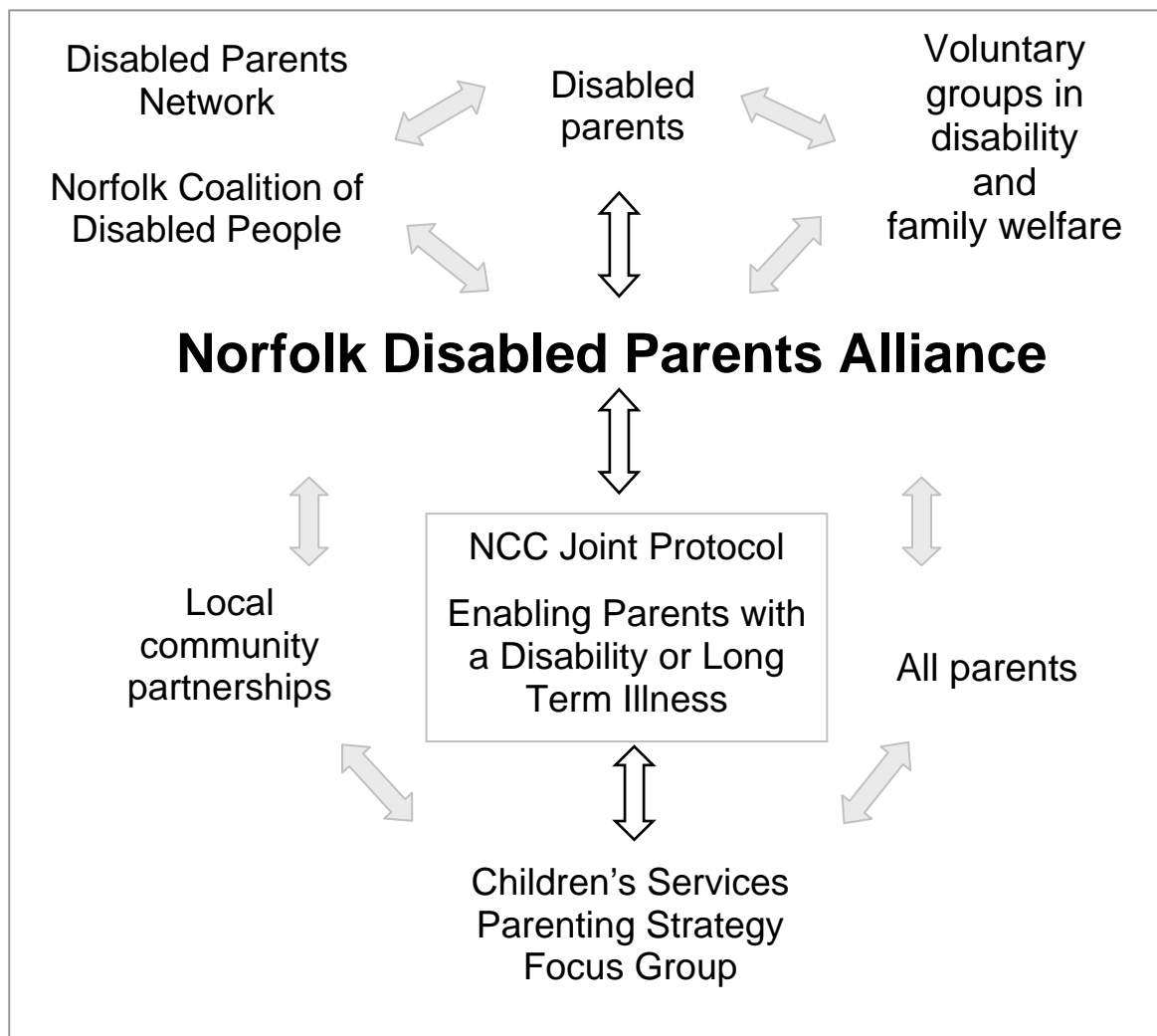
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## NDPA in the community



### Our aims for next year

- Better promotion of information for disabled parents, with a website.
- Find better ways to involve more disabled parents in our activities.
- Better awareness of disabled parents and their families in community services
- Encourage better access to advocacy for disabled parents