

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Foundation
Trustee selection methods	Appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the relief of need for the homeless or vulnerably housed by providing advice, advocacy and support.

Vulnerably housed is taken to include those who struggle to afford their accommodation and so are at risk of falling into rent arrears, those who struggle to manage their tenancy without support, those who live in properties where the physical condition significantly effects the wellbeing of the occupants, those who experience, or are at risk of experiencing abuse or harassment in their home and those where the landlord has not followed due procedures whilst renting out the property. These factors in

turn place the occupants at risk of homelessness or living in unacceptable conditions.

JustUs provides support and advocacy to the adult population of Bedford Borough who are socially excluded. This includes adults with dependent children who will indirectly benefit.

We include within our understanding of socially excluded those people who are living with mental health issues, people with substance misuse problems, people who are homeless or face the threat of homelessness, people who do not enjoy a basic standard of housing, people with learning difficulties, people fleeing violence (domestic or otherwise) and people facing prejudice or discrimination.

Support and advocacy includes anything that helps socially excluded people receive fair and ethical treatment from those that are duty-bound to provide it.

Because of the nature and enormity of social exclusion, we have initially focussed our efforts on homeless people, or those facing the threat of homelessness, and our priorities lie with securing accommodation and getting the wrap-around support that should go with that accommodation for such people. We recognise that homeless people are one of the most marginalised people groups in society and also recognise that the issues that go alongside homelessness often include the other issues mentioned in our objects. Many homeless people are failing to get the legal duty of assistance that is owed to them from Local Authority and other housing providers and are being overlooked when it comes to housing them in independent living accommodation. These individuals are poorly represented and may lack the knowledge around housing law to effectively argue their own case. JustUs challenges the Local Authority and other housing providers to ensure that these individuals are treated according to the law.

The trustees are aware of, and have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

JustUs supported 21 individuals from 15 households between 7th November 2016 and 6th November 2017. 12 were single people and 9 were from 3 families which included 6 children.

12 of these have either been supported into new settled independent accommodation already, or have guaranteed offers of settled accommodation and are currently living in temporary accommodation awaiting a move-in date.

A family of 5 was experiencing domestic abuse and received an offer of accommodation elsewhere but was able to be supported to remain in their own home as a result of the safety measures implemented by JustUs and other supporting professionals.

1 person was offered independent accommodation but chose supported accommodation instead as this person still felt vulnerable living on her own and 1 person was supported to remain in their home as the eviction proceedings were stopped.

2 were only eligible for temporary accommodation so JustUs supported them to access accommodation in the hostel sector.

JustUs received funding from Help the Homeless so we were able to issue vital household items to several clients for their new homes (e.g. kettles, microwaves, furniture, and bedding etc.).

JustUs expanded its fundraising activities and ran a photography course as well another quiz. Several members of the public embarked on fundraising activities such as head-shaving and the selling of artwork.

JustUs also created video training clips on YouTube as a resource for other professionals and members of the public to learn more about homelessness law and to raise awareness of the assistance that is available to people when they're homeless.

JustUs continued its work with local politicians to raise concerns about the way victims of domestic abuse are failed by councils.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	At present JustUs does not have a policy on reserves
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:



- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	R. BAINES	T. WRIGHT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	10.1.18.	