

General & Governance

1. The Association of Mental Health Providers (“**The Association**”) is a registered charity and carries out all business in accordance and compliance with the Charities Commission.
2. The Association is governed by a board of trustees, all of whom play a vital role in ensuring the proper procedures and policies are in place to manage its resources effectively and to protect its reputation and values.
3. The Board shall be responsible for ensuring that this policy is complied with, and for reviewing it on a biennial basis, making any amendments it considers appropriate.

Fundraising Practice

4. The Association does not conduct its own fundraising activities but does accept grants and donations from private sector companies and individuals for programmes and projects (hereafter, “**Fundraising**”).
5. The Association strives for the highest standard of integrity in all its Fundraising, in line with its core strategic priorities of:
 - a) ensuring the sustainability of the mental health sector.
 - b) seeking whole-system approaches to provide joined-up care; and
 - c) aiming for prevention of mental ill-health.
6. The Association respects the privacy and contact preferences of all donors, and endeavours to respond promptly to any requests or complaints.
7. The Association abides by the law which requires it, in deciding whether to accept or refuse a donation, to consider which action is in the charity’s overall best interests.
8. The Association exercises independent and objective judgment which does not consider any personal, political, religious, ethical, or commercial interests or issues that are not directly related to its overall charitable purpose. Any decisions and judgments reflect only the objectives of The Association [and its membership] and not the beliefs or values of any individual.
9. The Association does not accept donations from the following excluded (“**Red**”) sectors:
 - a) Companies engaged in the manufacture of weapons.
 - b) Companies engaged with producing and distributing pornography.
 - c) Companies engaged with the production of alcohol or tobacco.
 - d) Companies engaged with gambling.
 - e) Companies engaged in the pharmaceutical supply chain.

- f) Companies and individuals with a history of and links to discrimination of any kind against someone because of protective characteristics as defined under the Equality Act 2010, or a track record of non-inclusivity; and
 - g) Companies and individuals with a history of human rights abuses, to the extent they have failed to address such past events.
10. The Association considers donations from the following ‘proceed with caution’ (“**Amber**”) sectors on a case by case basis:
- a) Companies engaged in the extractives sector.
11. In the case of donations from individuals, The Association considers each on a case by case basis and seeks to identify illegal donations or Tainted Charity Donations which it will always refuse.
12. Decisions on whether to decline any donation will be promptly made by the following bodies:
- a) The Association’s executive team, which may, if it considers appropriate, consult relevant partner representatives (but shall not be bound by their views);
 - b) The Board of Trustees; or
 - c) The Governing Body of a particular programme or project, which may in turn delegate responsibility for making a recommendation on the matter to a suitably composed committee.
13. The Association’s executive team will report regularly to its Board of Trustees and any relevant Governing Body on decisions made under paragraph 11(a) above.

Use of funds

14. The Association will only use funds for purposes which are charitable under English and Welsh law.
15. The Association will only use funds for the purposes for which they were given, i.e. for delivery of a specific programme or project, unless the donors explicitly agree that the funds can be used for a different purpose, and will ensure transparency of reporting and accurate monitoring.
16. The Association will report to the Board on a quarterly basis on the receipt and use of funds and will conduct annual audits of the same.
17. The Association will not use funds, directly or indirectly, whether pursuant to a future or prior commitment to:
- a) induce or encourage violations of law or public policy or to cause any improper private benefit to occur.
 - b) support political campaigning or lobbying activities, except as permitted by the law of England and Wales and as a means of supporting its charitable purposes.
 - c) to take any other action inconsistent with The Association’s governing documents or the charity or tax laws of England and Wales.
18. The Association respects the rights of its supporters to accurate and transparent information on its work and is committed to openly reporting on the use of any cash or in-kind donations.