

Unique: Case Study

Unique is a charity which aims to inform, support and alleviate the isolation of anyone affected by a rare chromosome disorder. The charity is a membership organisation with members from all over the world. It provides information and support through publications, a comprehensive website, a 24-hour helpline and an annual conference.

Godfrey Wilson were appointed as auditors in 2005. Our core responsibilities as auditors have been to prepare the year end accounts from the charity's bookkeeping records, and to carry out a statutory audit. In addition to this we have performed grant audits for two European funded projects and have advised the charity on the process of transferring from a charitable trust to a charitable company limited by guarantee.

As part of the audit process we have worked with the charity to improve the presentation of their accounts so that they comply with the SORP. This has involved working on the format and content of the trustees' report, the format of the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) and methods of activity-based cost allocations.

Julie Griffin, Finance & Fundraising Executive Officer of Unique, says: "Our relationship with Godfrey Wilson is exactly what we want in a professional service, they are personable and accessible and have added real value to our accounts and governance processes. It is actually a pleasure to be audited."