

Annual Report 2018/19



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Key achievements for the year

In April 2018 we began to move forward from the funding difficulties we'd experienced. We strengthen our financial situation and invested in a Fundraising Manager who started in April 2019. We have launched our new service model and excitingly this meant reopening to referrals for our Early Years Service.

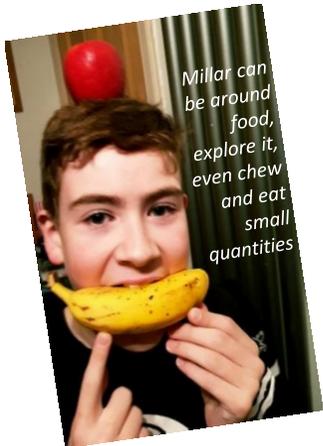
This year we have delivered **1768 appointments** and **34 events** with **371 beneficiaries** from **114 households**.

The new outcome measuring software we've implemented this year has so far captured evidence of **179 skills being achieved and 134 progressed**.

Our contribution to Getting It Right For Every Child

82% of our families said their child was more safe
70% of our families said their child was healthier
91% of our families said their child had increased their achievements
80% of our families said their child was more nurtured
73% of our families said their child was more active
80% of our families said their child was more respected
69% of our families said their child was more responsible
90% of our families said their child was more included

96% of Tailor Ed parents say they are more confident in parenting their child with autism through support from Tailor Ed.



Millar can be around food, explore it, even chew and eat small quantities



Debbie has learned to sign and said her first words



Adam can use pictures to share his wants and needs with his family



Max can have dental checks and treatment



Jamie has enjoyed attending a football match and a family party

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Finances

Annual accounts August 2017-18	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Income			
Training		£6,367	£6,367
Donations		£58,985	£58,985
Investment		£56	£56
Grants	£194,336		£194,336
total income	£194,336	£65,408	£259,744
total expense	£132,144	£69,680	£201,824
Balance for the year	£62,192	- £4,272	£57,920

Key achievements include the incredible fundraising efforts and generous donations from Tailor Ed families and friends during our funding challenges. We also secured funding from KP4E, The Robertson Trust, Children's Lottery and Better Breaks. With Fundraising Manager now in place our focus next year will be to implement our refreshed Fundraising Strategy. We have also changed our financial year end to be in line with our project year.

"We have more confidence in helping our son grow into a happy healthy boy. We are happier ourselves, knowing that we have someone to turn to when we need to talk through a new challenge, who has a wealth of experience, information and who knows and cares about us and our son. Being part of the Tailor Ed community of parents and carers is also very important - knowing that we are not alone and that we can share ideas and knowledge of services when things are challenging."

Looking ahead

We're excited to be accepting our next round of referrals in to our Early Years Service which will begin in August 2019. Our recent success with a bid to Better Breaks will also allow us to make our Support Services that bit more accessible to families this year. We can now supplement the cost of our ASN friendly soft play sessions at Time Twisters and offer transport to family events for those who would otherwise be unable to attend.

As ever, Tailor Ed is committed to fulfilling it's vision for as many families as possible and will therefore be considering ways to sustainably increase our reach and help more families.

This year is particularly special for Tailor Ed as we will hit the significant milestone of our 10 year anniversary. Plans are beginning for celebrations towards the end of 2019. This will also provide an opportunity for us to reflect on the last decade and look at the lasting impact that our services have had for children with autism and their families.

"My child can now communicate and speak. More than that I am more confident and less stressed about my son"

"Our daughter is able to communicate her needs and is less frustrated. We now have activities that she loves to do with us and these include the rest of the family. In the main her comprehension and happiness has increased dramatically."