

KYP

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ANNUAL REPORT

2025–2026



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KYP has been here for our community for years. Whenever we need help, we know we can come here and someone will listen.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Looking Forward with Confidence

As Chair of KYP, I am proud to introduce this Annual Report and reflect on a year that has demonstrated the strength, resilience and ambition of our organisation.

For 47 years, KYP has stood alongside the people of Rochdale, responding to changing needs whilst remaining true to its founding purpose. This year, the organisation has once again demonstrated its ability to combine community-rooted delivery with innovation, partnership and strategic leadership. From supporting people through financial hardship and helping residents access employment and learning opportunities, to improving health outcomes and strengthening community cohesion, KYP continues to play a vital role across our borough.

What is particularly encouraging is what we are building for the future and not simply what we have achieved. Through investment in our facilities, the development of new services, the growth of strategic partnerships and a clear focus on sustainability, KYP is better positioned to maximise its impact in the years ahead. We are strengthening our foundations whilst remaining ambitious about the opportunities ahead.

As a Board, we remain focussed on providing strong governance and strategic leadership that enable KYP to thrive in an increasingly complex environment. We are committed to ensuring the organisation remains financially sustainable, trusted and responsive, whilst remaining true to our values, as we continue to deliver meaningful outcomes for the communities we serve.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our Chief Executive Officer, Zulf Ahmed, for his leadership throughout the year. I also extend my sincere thanks to our staff, volunteers, partners, funders and supporters. Your commitment, passion and belief in our mission make this work possible.

As we look to the future, I am confident that KYP's best years are still ahead of us. Guided by our values, inspired by our communities and ambitious for what can be achieved together, we will continue creating opportunities, reducing inequalities and building a stronger, more inclusive Rochdale.

Sohail Hussain

Chair, Board of Directors

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Building Opportunity. Strengthening Communities.

This year has been one of growth, impact and ambition for KYP. It has also been a year in which the challenges facing our communities have become increasingly apparent. Rising living costs, economic uncertainty, barriers to employment, pressures on public services and global events have continued to affect local people, resulting in greater demand for support across many of our services. At the same time, voluntary and community organisations have faced significant financial pressures, increasing costs and a highly competitive funding environment.

Against this backdrop, I am incredibly proud of what KYP has achieved. During 2025-26, KYP recorded more than 11,000 engagements across its services, supported residents to secure over £2 million in financial gains, delivered 8,460 learning hours and helped 164 people progress into employment or further training. Behind every outcome is a person, family or household whose circumstances have improved through timely support, practical interventions and new opportunities.

Responding to increased demand has required us to strengthen the organisation itself. During the year, we secured approximately £620,000 in external funding to support service delivery, extend our reach and strengthen our impact. Our Advice & Welfare outreach provision now operates across a growing number of community and healthcare settings, ensuring support is available closer to where people live and access services. We have also continued to invest in learning, employment, health and community programmes that help tackle inequality, build resilience and improve quality of life.

We also invested in our buildings and infrastructure, including significant energy efficiency improvements and the introduction of KYP's first community minibus. These investments will help us improve accessibility, reduce operating costs and strengthen our long-term sustainability and ability to respond to needs in the years ahead.

I am particularly pleased that organisational income exceeded £1 million during the year. In a climate where funding remains uncertain and demand continues to rise, this reflects the confidence that funders, partners and commissioners place in KYP, as well as the commitment and professionalism of our staff team.

None of these achievements would be possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, partners and funders. Their contributions, expertise and belief in our mission continue to drive KYP forward every day.

As we look ahead, we recognise that the challenges facing communities and the voluntary sector are unlikely to diminish. However, we also see significant opportunities. By continuing to innovate, collaborate and invest in our people and services, we will remain a strong, trusted organisation at the heart of our communities.

Our ambition remains clear: to create opportunities, reduce inequalities and support more people to achieve their potential. I am confident that KYP is well positioned to continue making a lasting difference for years to come.

Zulf Ahmed

Chief Executive Officer

OUR STORY

1979
Founded as the Kashmir Youth Association, in a Rochdale terraced house attic.

1982
KYA secures a grant from the Manpower Services for the Kashmir Advice Bureau.

1986
Purchased site on Belfield Road, a former printing workshop.

1989
HRH The Prince of Wales visits KYP, recognising its community impact.

1998
Achieves ISO 9001 Quality Assurance standard.

2000
Launches Day Care service, Apna Ghar.

2007
Moves into the £3.2m refurbished Unique Enterprise Centre.

2010
Purpose-built Day Care and Community Facilities opened (Unity House/Apna Ghar)

2011
KYP founder Qurban Hussain awarded peerage – Baron Hussain of Luton

2012
KYP founder Mohammed Habeebullah awarded OBE

2012
Rochdale Diversity Awards established

2024
KYP celebrates 45 years of its ongoing dedication to community service

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

For 47 years, KYP has worked alongside the communities of Rochdale to break down barriers, build confidence, and open doors to opportunity.

Established in 1979, KYP is a leading community and voluntary organisation dedicated to the development and economic regeneration of communities in Rochdale and Greater Manchester. What began as a small, volunteer-led response to the local Kashmiri community has grown into one of the borough's most trusted charities — supporting people from all backgrounds through advice and welfare, learning and skills development, employment support, health and wellbeing, ESOL, childcare, elder care and community development.

Today, from our home at the Unique Enterprise Centre, we provide an on-site nursery, elders' day care service, community pantry, café and affordable managed workspace for local businesses — all under one roof, in line with our founding purpose.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

VISION

To provide innovative solutions that empower people to achieve their potential, enhance their prosperity, and live sustainably.

MISSION

Engaging, Empowering, Educating.

CORE VALUES

- We hold ourselves to one standard — excellence.
- We act with integrity, responsibility and cultural sensitivity.
- We actively strive to empower and improve communities.
- We are committed to working in partnership for our communities.

"Investing in People, Developing Skills" — since 1979

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KYP's IMPACT 2025–26

Across advice and welfare, learning and skills, health and wellbeing, employability, childcare and community support, KYP touched thousands of lives across Rochdale this year — real financial, educational and social value behind every service we deliver.

11,259

Total engagements & visits

Across all KYP services

54%

People accessing more than one KYP service

Joined-up support across KYP

80+

Organisations & agencies worked with

200+ community events & activities delivered

£2m

Financial gain secured for residents

3,526 client interventions

8,460

Learning hours delivered

164 supported into further training & employment

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5 tonnes of fresh produce shared via the Pantry

~£18,300 saved for local households vs. shop prices

Service User Feedback



87%

Increased Confidence



83%

Improved Wellbeing



97%

Would Recommend KYP

These figures represent more than activity — they represent people across Rochdale who found support, learned new skills, secured work or simply felt less alone this year. As KYP heads into its next chapter, this scale of reach across every department remains the clearest evidence of why our work matters.

STRATEGY & PARTNERSHIPS

Over the past year, KYP's Strategy and Partnerships work has focused on strengthening the organisation's profile, influence and sustainability while ensuring that community priorities are represented across local, regional and Greater Manchester systems.

This has included strategic representation, partnership development, advocacy, organisational development and income generation, all aligned to KYP's mission to provide innovative solutions that empower people to achieve their potential, enhance their prosperity and live sustainably.

KYP is represented across a wide range of strategic networks and partnerships, including RECN (which it leads and facilitates), GMECN, GMCA, VSNW, GM Live Well, Action Together, PCN Neighbourhood Teams, Our Rochdale, and other networks and forums. Through this work, KYP has advocated for community cohesion, community safety, anti-racist approaches, culturally responsive services and action to address inequalities, prevention of VAWG, health inequalities and inclusive system change.

Partnership development has been a key priority, with strengthened relationships across local and Greater Manchester stakeholders and partners. Through partnership work, we have supported the development of inclusive and culturally appropriate services, such as mental wellbeing, substance use support, women's empowerment, community cohesion and anti-poverty action.

Health and wellbeing partnerships have increased with strengthened connections with Christie Cancer Research, Macmillans, Carers Support, Neighbourhood Health Teams, as well as community engagement in research and better referral pathways.

This work has supported organisational growth, quality improvement, the development of outreach welfare advice, arts, culture, heritage, and supported inclusive research across the borough.

A major achievement during 2025–26 has been the securing of diverse funding opportunities to support KYP's sustainability and enabling new activities, such as the development of the community cinema, arts and heritage work, capital improvements and transport capacity.

Overall, this work has increased KYP's visibility, strengthened trust and collaboration with partners, diversified income streams and expanded opportunities for local communities. It has also supported staff capacity, improved links into health and wellbeing pathways, and helped ensure that the voices and priorities of Rochdale's diverse communities are represented within wider strategic systems.

KYP has continued to coordinate and develop the Rochdale Ethnic Communities Network (RECN), where organisations work together strategically to challenge inequalities and improve opportunities for all.



QUALITY & SAFETY COMPLIANCE REPORT

KYP maintains a robust quality management and health & safety framework — covering everything from ISO certification, policy governance, building safety and incident monitoring across Unity House and the Unique Enterprise Centre.

ISO 9001	34	13	3
Recertified 27 Aug 2025	Policies & Procedures Reviewed & Audited	Accident Reports (All Minor)	Fire Drills & Evacuations

> ***"It is evident that audit objectives have been achieved and therefore Certification is to be continued to this ISO standard. A great deal of effort has gone into the infrastructure of this company which shows in the buildings, staff and workforce and excellent commitment at all levels."***
>
> **— ISOQAR Audit Report (August 2025)**

QUALITY MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Business Plan Reviewed** — 2025–26 KYP Business Plan developed & approved
- **Risk Register Updated** — Current operational & strategic risks reviewed
- **Disability Confident** — Level 2 held; progressing towards Level 3
- **SWOT Analysis** — Completed Jan 2026; reviewed at Planning Day

POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEWED — BY CATEGORY

14	11	4
Quality Management	Governance & Policy Statements	Learner Services
4	**1**	**0**
Staff & HR	Building & Security	Major Non-Conformances

HEALTH & SAFETY REVIEW

- **Risk Assessments — Unity House & UEC** — No major concerns or significant risks identified
- **Emergency Preparedness Updated** — Bomb, fire, lockdown & safety check procedures
- **Training & Facilities Reviewed** — All mandatory staff training confirmed compliant
- **Ongoing Monitoring** — Weekly fire alarm tests & water temperature checks

ACCIDENTS & FIRE DRILLS

13 Accident Reports — All Minor, Treated On-Site

3 Building Evacuations

AREAS FLAGGED FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Some tenants had not signed in or signed out of the building during the day
- Reminders have been issued to reinforce compliance with sign-in and sign-out procedures



ROCHDALE DIVERSITY AWARDS

Rochdale came together in a powerful celebration of unity and community spirit at Rochdale Town Hall for the Diversity Awards 2025 — now in its 13th year.

The evening brought together civic leaders, local businesses and community organisations, with speeches from Janet Emsley (Mayor of Rochdale), Neil Emmott (Leader of Rochdale Borough Council) and Rt. Hon. Paul Waugh MP. Entertainment was provided by the SAWN Choir, and funds were raised for Springhill Hospice.

> ***"Being British is more than holding a passport — it's about everyday moments, growing up in a diverse community, and standing up for fairness."***
>
> **— Isa Ahmed, Law Student**

> ***"Rochdale has a rich history of welcoming people from all over the world and wonderful diversity throughout our community."***
>
> **— Neil Emmott, Leader of Rochdale Council**

WITH THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Rochdale Borough Council, Your Trust Rochdale, Rochdale Boroughwide Housing, Altus Education Partnership, Molesworths, Rochdale Council of Mosques, Community Carelines, Hopwood Hall College & Rochdale Training.



WATCH THE VIDEO

The 2025 Winners

Seven awards were presented this year, celebrating the people and organisations working hard to make Rochdale more inclusive, compassionate and connected.



BREAKING BARRIERS AWARD

Rochdale Connections Trust

Presented by Fiona Main, Rochdale Training



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN DIVERSITY

Liz Holt, Rochdale Council

Presented by Greg Scully, Hopwood Hall College



DIVERSITY IN PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP

IAG & ICSP

Presented by Richard Ronksley, Altus Education



DIVERSITY IN HEALTH AWARD

Asma Bibi

Presented by Amanda Newton, RBH



COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY & FAITH SECTOR

Altus Education Partnership

Presented by Estelle Rowe, Your Trust



COHESION AWARD

GMP — Operation Ramadan

Presented by Kitsa Efthymiadis, Molesworths



EDUCATION & APPRENTICESHIPS AWARD

KYP — Learning & Skills Team

Presented by Rochdale Council

Nominations for the 2026 Awards Are Now Open

Scan to nominate someone today

Rochdale Diversity Awards

ADVICE & WELFARE

For over 45 years, KYP's Advice & Welfare Service has been supporting local residents, with our daily drop-in at KYP, a trusted first point of contact for those seeking advice and support.

The drop-in remains the heart of the service, providing free, confidential and independent advice on benefits, housing, debt and other welfare issues — continuing KYP's long-standing commitment to supporting the community it was established to serve.

Over the past year, we supported **1,267 people with 2,093 issues**, with our advisers delivering **3,526 client interventions**—an increase of **44.6%** in advice provision compared to the previous year, with the expansion of our outreach services contributing to this growth.

IMPACT
2025/26

1,267
Individuals Supported

2,093
Issues Addressed

3,526
Client Interventions

£2m
Financial Gain

436
Referrals Received

379
Applications Completed

£33.40 value generated for every £1 invested into the Advice & Welfare service.

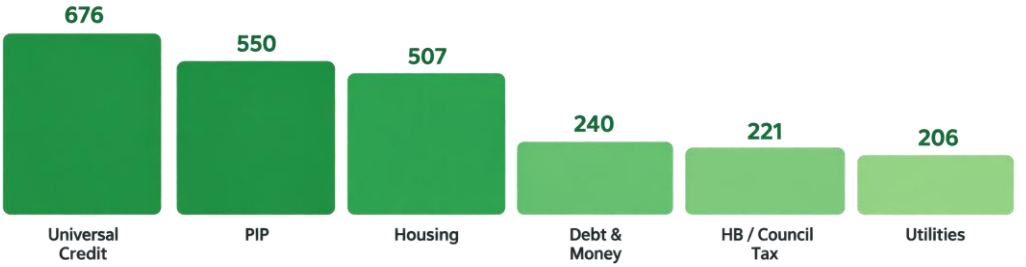
Financial gain is an important measure of our impact, but client feedback shows the wider difference trusted advice can make.

91%	93%	98%	84%	88%	98%
Felt Less Stressed	More Confident to Cope	Felt Listened To & Respected	Understood Options	Felt More in Control	Would Recommend

Based on 152 completed feedback forms

THE ADVICE WE PROVIDE

Clients often present with multiple, interconnected issues — totals exceed the number of clients seen, as many receive advice across several areas.

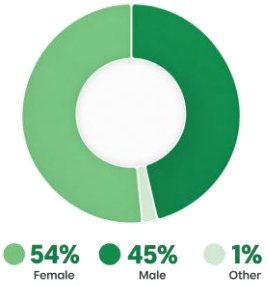


THE PEOPLE WE SUPPORT

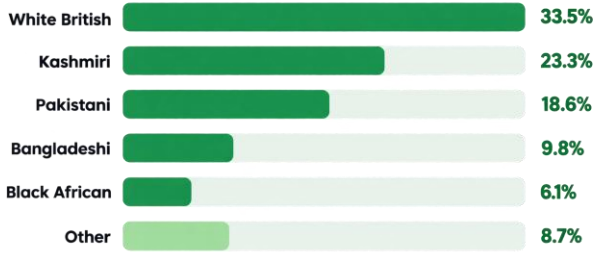
Our client profile reflects the diverse and often complex circumstances of the residents accessing our service — demonstrating the breadth of need advisers respond to every day.

51%	59%	72%	68%	45%	36%
Multiple Health Conditions	English Not First Language	Economically Inactive	Ethnically Diverse Communities	Households with Children	Live in Social Rented Housing

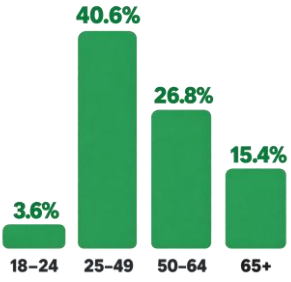
GENDER OF CLIENTS SEEN



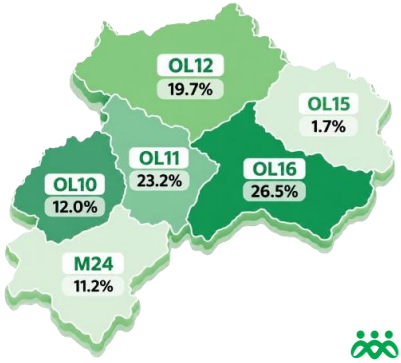
ETHNICITY OF CLIENTS SEEN



AGE GROUPS OF CLIENTS SEEN



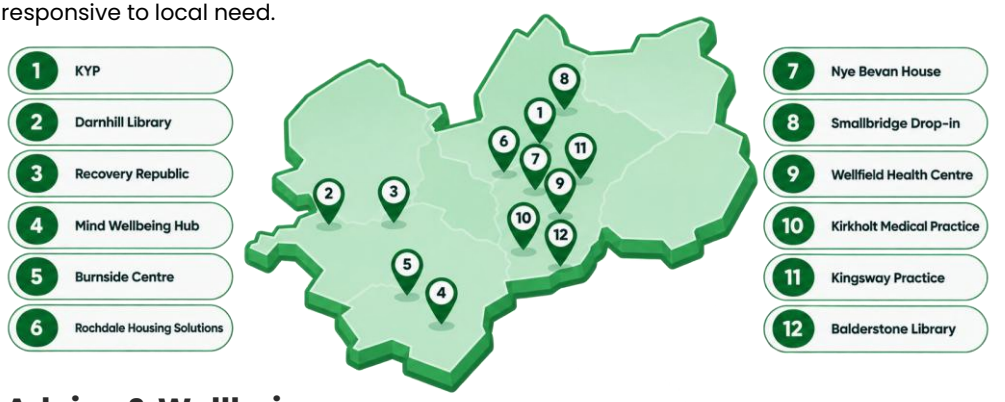
CLIENTS SEEN BY POSTCODE



ADVICE & WELFARE - OUTREACH

During 2025/26, KYP reviewed and significantly expanded its Advice & Welfare outreach provision, growing from five to eleven locations across the borough.

The expansion has enabled KYP to extend its reach to a substantially different population that the traditional service was not getting to, with 57% of clients seen through Outreach identifying as White British. Our presence across different settings has also strengthened relationships with organisations throughout Rochdale, with an increasing number turning to KYP when their service users require specialist advice. From community venues to healthcare settings, our outreach model allows us to reach people where they already live, work and seek help, making KYP's Advice & Welfare service more accessible and responsive to local need.



Advice & Wellbeing

Our Advice & Wellbeing service was launched in September 2025 and has become an important part of KYP's wider advice offer, embedding specialist welfare advisers across four GP practices — Nye Bevan House, Kirkholt Medical Practice, Wellfield Health Centre and Kingsway Practice — where they work alongside healthcare professionals to support patients with welfare, housing and debt issues.

356	500+	£410,993	60%
Patients Supported	Appointments Delivered	Financial Gain	Returned for Follow-up

> ***"The service is friendly, professional & completely confidential. We couldn't do the work we do without KYP — they have become an essential part of our practice community."***
>
> **— Disha Shah, Social Prescriber, Kirkholt Medical Practice & The Kingsway Practice**

ENERGYWORKS

Our partnership with Energyworks provides a regular drop-in at KYP delivered by Groundwork's Green Doctors team, helping residents reduce household energy costs through tariff advice and energy-saving support.

CASE STUDIES

Rebuilding After Domestic Abuse

A client who had left an abusive relationship needed to separate her Universal Credit claim from her former partner's. Our adviser split her claim, secured the housing element and arranged a work-related easement. To date we have secured £18,538.52 in financial gain and are supporting her daughter's PIP claim.

Preventing a Crisis Becoming a Catastrophe

A client was referred to KYP after sleeping rough for six months, recently discharged from hospital with no income. Our adviser completed a Duty to Refer, a full benefit check, a Universal Credit advance, and signposted him to the Bond Board for a private tenancy — reducing the risk of prolonged rough sleeping.

Turning Energy Arrears Into a Manageable Plan

A client attending outreach was struggling with energy arrears. Our adviser negotiated an affordable repayment plan and a better tariff, provided Household Support Fund vouchers, and referred her to Energyworks for a smart meter — helping her regain control of her finances.

Names and identifying details have been changed throughout to protect client anonymity.

WHAT OUR PARTNERS SAY

> ***"Having the resource to refer into and work more closely with KYP has been invaluable...I am pleased to have them beside us in the trenches helping make Rochdale a better place."***
>
> **— Tim Royales, Focused Care Practitioner, Kirkholt Medical Practice**

> ***"Working with KYP has been a positive experience. Their support assists claimants in resolving issues efficiently, which helps reduce stress. The service is a valuable resource within the community."***
>
> **— Asifa Ahmed, Disability Employment Adviser, DWP Jobcentre**

> ***"KYP provides an excellent and much-needed service for residents across the borough. Their advice sessions are highly valued by our service users."***
>
> **— Teresa Bond, Housing Team Manager, Housing Solutions**

> ***"KYP are always extremely helpful when I make referrals to them. They respond quickly and consistently go above and beyond."***
>
> **— Siobhan Roach, Customer Service Team Leader, Rochdale Council**

LOOKING AHEAD

ADVICE DEVELOPMENT

Nearly **1 in 5 PIP cases** progressed to Mandatory Reconsideration or Appeal. This highlights the continuing need for skilled advice and advocacy.

IMMIGRATION ADVICE

Demand has risen with **100+ immigration queries** this year. We are working towards IAA regulation to begin providing regulated immigration advice in-house.

DIGITAL INCLUSION

Advisers completed more than **200 online applications** for residents unable to navigate digital services independently, highlighting digital inclusion as a key development priority.



COMMUNITY PANTRY

The KYP Community Pantry was established in response to the dual crises of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing cost-of-living challenge — and the lack of culturally appropriate food support in Rochdale.

Unlike traditional food banks, KYP's Pantry was designed to meet the dietary needs of diverse communities. Alongside the weekly Pantry service, KYP operates a discreet referral system for emergency food parcels. In January 2026 we also launched a new slot booking service to reduce stigma.

CLIENT STORIES

A Lifeline After Surgery — Mr McC

Mr McC contacted the newly established Pantry service after major surgery, needing food support for himself and those in his care. The team arranged a collection time that felt comfortable — providing practical support with dignity and compassion.

Emergency Support After a House Fire — Ms L

Following a house fire near her home, Ms L and her son were placed in temporary accommodation with very limited access to food. An appointment was arranged for the very next day to provide emergency assistance, delivered with kindness and compassion.

PARTNERSHIPS & SUSTAINABILITY

In 2026, KYP continued as members of the FareShare food supply chain — enhancing our ability to sustain the Pantry and share fresh produce with other pantries as a goodwill gesture.

A huge thank you to Altus Education Partnership for their continued support and generous donations throughout the year. Their support has helped KYP provide over 200 emergency food parcels to individuals and families facing food insecurity, ensuring vital food support is available to those who need it most.



PANTRY
Impact, 2025–26

Beyond registrations and visits, the Pantry's real impact shows up in pounds saved, food redistributed and pressure taken off household budgets across Rochdale.

516
Registered households

118
New registrations this year

61
Average monthly visitors

5t
Fresh produce shared via FareShare

200+
Emergency Food Parcels provided

£18.3k
Estimated total saving (Average £25 saving per visit)

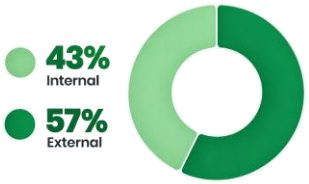
732 pantry visits delivered this year — with an average of 61 households accessing support every month, all year round.

HOUSEHOLDS REGISTERED — GROWTH THIS YEAR



Registrations grew 30% this year alone — a clear sign of how far cost-of-living pressure now reaches into households who never needed this kind of support before.

WRAPAROUND SUPPORT – SIGNPOSTING / REFERRALS



The Pantry provides a vital first door into support, connecting people in crisis to wider help — from KYP Advice & Welfare to external partners such as Rochdale Council and local GPs, the Pantry provides wraparound support that goes beyond food.

Every pantry visit is more than a food parcel — it's a household with a little more breathing room in their weekly budget, and a little less worry about what's in the cupboard.



LEARNING & SKILLS

Across our partnerships with Ingeus, WEA and Hopwood Hall College, KYP delivered accessible, confidence-building courses that helped hundreds of local people take their next step into learning, volunteering or employment.

418	32	3	8,460	87%	97%
Learners Engaged	Courses Delivered	Partner Programmes	Learning Hours Delivered	Progressed to Learning or Work	Learner Satisfaction

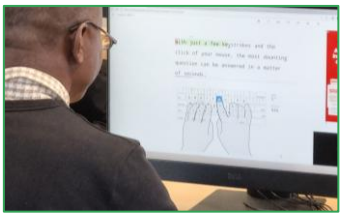
Learning hours calculated using Ofqual learning principles.

1 Ingeus Restart Programme

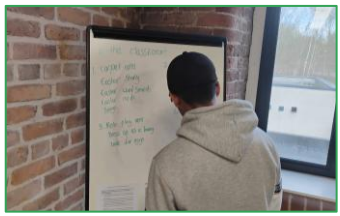
We worked with Ingeus on the Restart programme to deliver non-accredited ESOL courses across Greater Manchester, helping people improve their English for everyday life, work and employment.

- **10 classes delivered**
- **93 learners successfully completed the courses**
- **Delivered in Wigan, Bury, Rochdale, Tameside & Manchester**
- **6 further classes commissioned in April 2026**

> ***The ESOL course helped me feel more confident speaking English. I can now speak better and feel more confident when speaking to other people.***
> **— Ingeus ESOL Learner**







2 WEA Essential Skills Programme (Phase 2)

Following the success of Phase 1, we delivered Phase 2 from July 2025 to January 2026 — short, accessible taster courses helping learners build essential life skills and confidence.

The Literacy, ICT and Sewing classes built practical skills and confidence.

253 Learners	133 Learners	75 Learners	45 Learners
	Literacy & Life Skills (8 classes)	ICT (5 classes)	Sewing (3 classes)

The taster format was particularly valuable for learners out of education for some time or needing confidence before their next step into work or further learning.

> ***I enjoyed the sewing course because I learnt new skills and it gave me more confidence — it has helped me think about what I would like to do next.***
> **— WEA Sewing Course Learner**



3 Hopwood Hall College — Introductory Short Courses

Funded by Hopwood Hall College, we delivered 12-week introductory courses in Childcare and ICT/Digital Skills, giving learners the confidence to progress onto Level 1 courses at the college.

72 Learners	24 Learners	48 Learners
	Childcare	Digital Skills







- Across three partner-funded programmes, KYP gave 418 local people a confidence-building, accessible route back into learning — strengthening relationships with Ingeus, WEA and Hopwood Hall College.

4 Welcome Refugee Programme

The Welcome Refugee Programme supported refugees and asylum seekers to improve their English, build confidence and become more involved in their local community.

40+	4	~10	R2
Refugees & Asylum Seekers Engaged	Progressed into Volunteering	Parents Attending ESOL Weekly	Funding Secured April 2026

We engaged over 40 refugees and asylum seekers — providing ESOL support and opportunities to build confidence. Four people have since moved into volunteering, with others attending our Job Club for CV support.

Key Activities

- **Weekly Parent & Child ESOL sessions**
- **Participants supporting our HAF sessions**
- **Integration visit to the Christmas Markets**
- **Round 2 funding secured in April**

Learner Success Story — R

R came to the UK in 2025 on a carer visa, but his sponsor later withdrew their sponsorship, and he was granted asylum status. He came to us for support with his English and attended our Job Club and volunteered at our HAF sessions. With this support, R has now secured a job with Florry Care.

> ***The support I received helped me improve my English, build my confidence and prepare for work. I am very happy to have now secured a job with Florry Care.***
> **— R, Welcome Refugee Programme Participant**

5 RSMP Project

The Regional Strategic Migration Partnership (RSMP) project provided informal, non-accredited ESOL support for Afghan refugees and Ukrainian people — helping participants develop their English, build confidence and feel more connected to their local community.

80+ people attended our Cross-Cultural Christmas event in December — bringing people from different backgrounds together to meet, share experiences and take part in activities.

KEY MILESTONES

- **DEC 2025** Cross-Cultural Christmas event held, bringing together more than 80 people from different backgrounds.
- **JAN 2026** ESOL delivery began at the Ukrainian Centre, with around 7–10 people attending each session.
- **ONGOING** A weekly Ukrainian Arts and Crafts Club began, with around 10 people attending regularly.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL PROJECT

KYP received Round 3 funding for our Home from Hospital project — supporting older people returning home from hospital, and those at risk of re-admission.

The project provides a wraparound service — helping older people stay active, manage their health and access support before problems become more serious. We have built strong links with GP practices, NHS teams, Living Well, Public Health and the Rochdale Carers Hub.

IMPACT SINCE THE PROJECT STARTED

60	3	15	30	5
People Positively Impacted	Supported Following Hospital Discharge	Have Avoided Hospital Admission	Sessions Delivered	Unpaid Carers Supported

2 **people attend, on average, at every Home from Hospital session delivered — small, personal groups that let advisers give real one-to-one time to each participant.**

THE WRAPAROUND SERVICE



KEY PARTNERS

This service is delivered in partnership with GP practices, NHS & health teams, Living Well, Public Health, the Rochdale Carers Hub and cancer support services.

- By reaching people earlier, Home from Hospital is helping older residents stay independent for longer, while easing pressure on local health and social care services.



JOB CLUB

The Job Club provides a welcoming, inclusive environment for people who need help entering employment, returning to work, improving their job search skills or preparing for career progression — recognising barriers like low confidence, limited digital skills, gaps in employment history, language needs and caring responsibilities.

127	10	18	127	12
Active Participants Supported	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Gained Employment	Registered on Digital Skills	Progressed to Voluntary Work

KEY SUPPORT PROVIDED

- Job search support, including local & remote vacancies
- CV & cover letter guidance
- Interview preparation & mock interviews
- Skills development workshops & training
- Motivational support to stay focused & resilient
- Signposting to wider KYP & partner services

Success Stories 2025–26

These examples show the impact of combining Job Club, Digital Skills, volunteering and reference support — helping motivated participants take the final step into work.

N — Job Club, Digital Skills & volunteering → employed at Marland Hill Primary

D — Job Club & Digital Skills → event security at Rochdale Football Club

Z — Job Club, Digital Skills & volunteering → TA bank list & part-time at Tesco

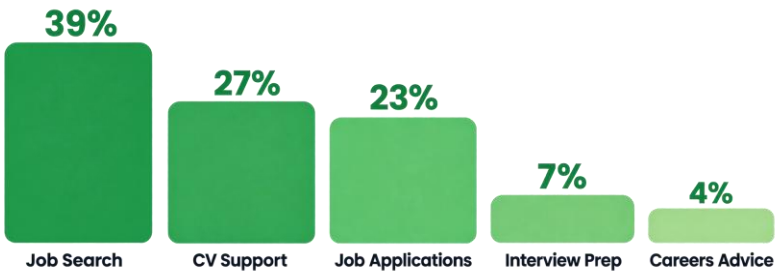
S — Job Club & Digital Skills → employed as a carer

I — Job Club → employed as a warehouse worker

K — Job Club, Digital Skills & volunteering → employed as a nurse in Huddersfield

Names have been changed to protect participant anonymity.

Session Activity

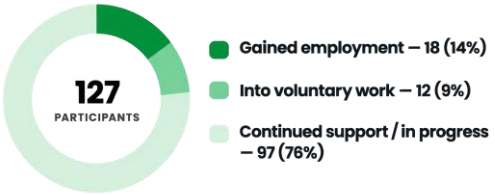


Job Club can make a real difference when participants are motivated and supported through practical help, skills development and volunteering.

£473,346

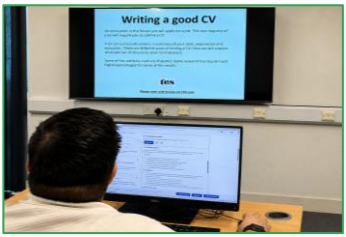
Estimated economic and public value generated by supporting **18** people into employment, calculated using the GMCA Unit Cost Database. This reflects the wider economic and public benefits associated with employment outcomes, based on GMCA's established unit cost methodology.

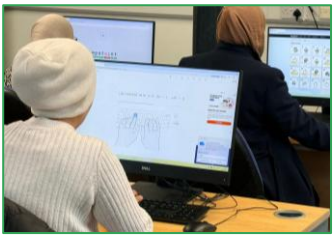
Participant Outcomes



Supporting Partners

The Job Club maintains strong referral links with Jobcentre Plus and is developing joint working with Hopwood Hall College and Positive Steps around NEET-focused provision.







CHALLENGES FACED

- Low confidence among many participants
- Digital exclusion limiting job search
- Limited access to suitable local vacancies
- Language barriers for some participants

PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

- Raise awareness among unemployed residents
- Strengthen links with local employers
- Prioritise and attract more unemployed 18–25-year-olds and NEET young people into Job Club
- Link participants to KYP's wider services



COMMUNITY HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

During 2025–26, the Community Health Development Programme continued to strengthen its role as a trusted link between local communities, health services and partner organisations — reducing health inequalities through prevention and meaningful engagement.

Adult Day Care has been particularly important, providing a consistent environment where health promotion sits alongside social connection and practical support. Community participation in research, volunteering and partnership work has continued to grow.

40+	2000+	14	9
Health-Focused Events	Individuals Supported	Volunteers Trained	Unpaid Carers Supported

1 Reducing Health Inequalities

Health clinics, vaccination activity and health checks help bring prevention closer to communities. £10,000 was secured through South Asian Health Inequalities COVID-19 funding for monthly clinics, vaccinations and health sessions. During mobile clinics, two people were identified with high cholesterol, one with diabetes, and one supported into smoking cessation.

2 Health Promotion & Prevention

Health promotion this year covered cancer, vaccination, sexual health, mental health, smoking, dementia and healthy lifestyles. The KYP Summer Health Fair brought together 22 health service stalls and attracted more than 150 visitors. Pink Chai Day attracted 70 women and raised £350 for breast cancer charities.

HEALTH PROMOTION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Summer Health Fair**
  22 health service stalls · 150+ visitors
- **Pink Chai Day**
  70 women attended · £350 raised
- **Sexual Health Focus Groups**
  17 women & 8 men — barriers & trusted communication
- **Men's Health Activity**
  Blood pressure checks, vaccination info & cancer screening

3 Adult Day Care for Men & Women

Adult Day Care has been one of the most important platforms for sustained community engagement. Its strength lies in relationships that develop over time — people return not only for activities, but to maintain friendships and have conversations about their health in a setting where they feel comfortable. Big Pan healthy cooking is now an established part of the offer.

68	~50	36	~20
Women Registered	Women Attending Weekly	Men Registered	Men Attending Regularly

> ***People return not only to take part in activities, but to maintain friendships, access support and have conversations about their health in a setting where they feel comfortable.***
> **— Community Health Development Programme, 2025–26**

4 Community Engagement & Participation

Community relationships remain the foundation of the programme, with engagement through regular groups, events, consultations and outreach. A session at Spotland Primary School resulted in 22 parents signing up for the Health and Harmony WhatsApp group. Events included the Summer Health Fair, a Christmas event for families in need, community Iftar and Chaand Raat, and a Day of Action around health, young people and housing.





5 Research & Community Insight

The programme's contribution to health research continued to grow, covering cancer, diabetes, weight management, maternity care, sexual health and genomics. The Christie NHS Foundation Research for All project was completed, recruiting 6 South Asian participants to support more inclusive clinical trials. A maternity focus group enabled 7 women aged 22–34 to share their experiences of antenatal care.

6	10+	25+	7
Participants — Christie NHS Trial	Weight Management Interviews	Heart Health Tracker Interviews	Women in Maternity Focus Group

6 Volunteers & Community Capacity

14 volunteers were registered and trained this year — 7 completed blood pressure check training and 12 received Big Pan champion certificates. Volunteers have since carried out blood pressure checks at KYP events; on one occasion a significantly high reading was identified and the individual supported to seek urgent medical attention.

7 Older People & Unpaid Carers

Adult Day Care continues to give older residents regular social connection and health information. The new Carers Hub introduced monthly coffee and chat sessions for unpaid carers from ethnically diverse communities — 6 carers registered initially, with a further three joining through outreach.







8 Partnership Working & Influence

Relationships with Public Health, NHS organisations, Primary Care, Adult Care Services, Universities and Community Groups have supported joint delivery, research, referrals and service development throughout the year.

Public Health **Living Well** **Peaches Trust** **Groundwork** **Wellfield Health Centre**

Primary Care Network **RBC Adult Care Services** **Christie NHS Foundation** **Kirkholt Medical Practice**

9 Funding & Sustainability

Funding secured this year supported health inequalities work, vaccination and health checks, HAF provision and healthy cooking. The Health Inequalities COVID vaccination project and the GM Equal Health and Harmony sessions were both completed successfully, strengthening the programme's foundation for future development.

LOOKING AHEAD

The programme will continue focusing on reducing health inequalities and improving access to prevention and support. Adult Day Care will remain a key platform for health education and social connection, alongside continued growth of the Research Hub and volunteer training.

- 2025–26 has been a year of continued growth for the Community Health Development Programme — with trusted relationships remaining at the heart of everything it does.



HAF PROGRAMME

We delivered our first HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme in April 2025, successfully running both the Easter and Summer programmes across Rochdale.

We secured 480 places for children eligible for free school meals, giving them a safe place to learn and try new activities. Where places were not filled by eligible children, we opened the remaining spaces to the wider community.

HAF AT A GLANCE

480	12	98%	465
Places Secured	Sessions Delivered	Attendance Recorded	Hot Meals Provided

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- Cinema Trips
- Creative Activities
- Sports & Games
- Nature Walks
- Gardening
- Cooking
- Nutrition & Healthy Eating Talks
- Music & Dance

MORE FROM HAF







With two successful holiday programmes behind us, HAF is fast becoming a trusted fixture for local families, whatever their circumstances.



LITTLE GEMS

Over the past year, Little Gems has experienced a busy and rewarding period of growth, positive change and new developments. We have continued to develop our provision, welcome new families, enhance our learning environments and broaden the services we offer. We have also held open days, giving parents and families the opportunity to meet the Little Gems team, visit the nursery and find out more about the provision.

52	20	60	Ofsted
Children on Roll April 2025	Transitioned to School Sept 2025	Children on Roll April 2026	Good Provider

Throughout the year, Little Gems has enjoyed a range of memorable events and activities, including our annual Graduation Ceremony, Christmas and Eid celebrations. These provided valuable opportunities for children and families to come together while promoting an understanding and appreciation of different cultures and traditions. Children also took part in The Growing Project, where they had the opportunity to grow their own strawberries, supporting their social and personal development while encouraging a sense of community.

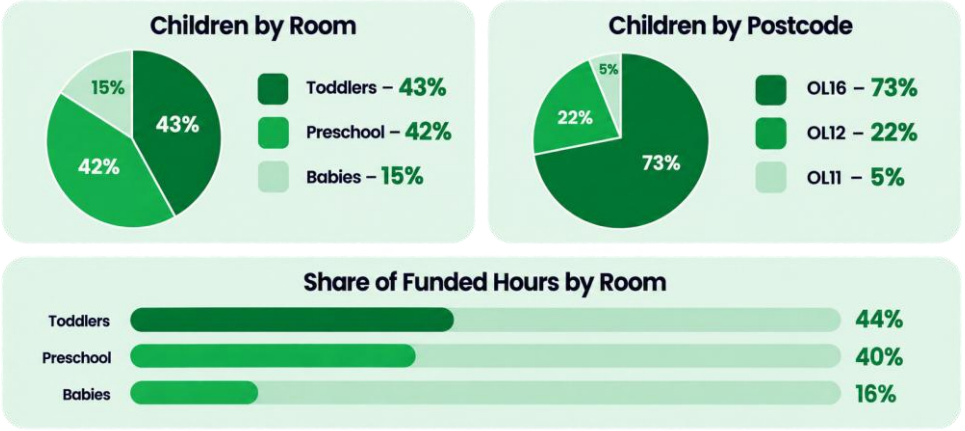
The nursery has also welcomed a new manager and new practitioners during the year. The team has worked together to provide a nurturing environment for children, while building strong relationships with parents and families. Communication with parents has also been strengthened through the introduction of the Famly app, providing parents with greater opportunities to engage with the nursery and see their child's activities and development.







LITTLE GEMS – 2025/26



NEW THIS YEAR

Our New Baby Room

This year we opened a brand-new baby room, giving our youngest children a dedicated, nurturing space designed around their specific needs – supporting settling-in, sensory play and early development from the very start of their journey with Little Gems.



Introducing the Famly App

Before the summer, we introduced the Famly App to enhance communication and partnership with parents. Families can now follow their child's day and development in real time, with strong, positive feedback from parents so far.



Our New Sensory Room

We also introduced a dedicated Sensory Room this year, offering children a calm, engaging space to explore texture, light and sound at their own pace – supporting emotional regulation and giving every child a place to unwind when they need it.





UNITY HOUSE (APNA GHAR)

Unity House (Apna Ghar) continues to be a cornerstone of Rochdale's community — a welcoming, inclusive venue for cultural celebrations and professional development.

The venue accommodates a wide range of functions, including a large hall for up to 100 guests, the option to divide the hall into two smaller rooms, and a separate dining area with a fully equipped kitchen.

129	95	100
Cultural & Community Events	Professional Events Hosted	Guest Capacity (Main Hall)







HOSTED THIS YEAR

- Fundraising Events
- Wedding Functions
- Family Gatherings
- Team Away Days
- Birthday Celebrations
- Graduation Parties
- Seminars & Conferences
- Training Sessions
- Mehndi Ceremonies
- Engagement Ceremonies
- Networking Meetings

COMMUNITY IFTAR

KYP was proud to host a special Community Iftar on 6th March 2026, bringing together people from across our borough to break the fast and celebrate the spirit of Ramadan. The evening welcomed members of the community from a wide range of ethnic, cultural, and faith backgrounds, creating a warm and inclusive space to share a meal and meaningful conversation.





UNIQUE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

The Unique Enterprise Centre continues to play a vital role in supporting local economic growth — providing affordable, flexible workspace where businesses can establish themselves and thrive.

9	350+	110+	15+
Businesses & Organisations Based Here	Staff Employed Collectively	Bookings This Year	External Organisations Hosted

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS — WHO'S BASED HERE

H.M Properties · **Practice Plus Group** · **Rochdale Boroughwide Housing** · **Bia's Café** · **POCA Criminal Defence** · **Honeyman Development** · **Aperio Law & HR Ltd** · **Footprint Design**

The Centre provides fully serviced office accommodation with flexible lease arrangements. Alongside our managed offices, we also hire out conference, meeting and training rooms to external partners — from a conference room seating up to 20, to training rooms accommodating up to 25 delegates.







NEW THIS YEAR

Our First Community Minibus

This year KYP took delivery of its first ever community minibus — a brand-new, KYP-branded vehicle allowing us to reach more people, access more communities and deliver support where it's needed most.





ENERGY EFFICIENCY UNIQUE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

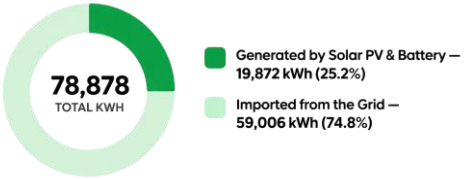
The Unique Enterprise Centre secured £90,000 funding through the Key Fund — a 50% loan and 50% grant — to deliver a major energy efficiency and building improvement project.

The project was designed to improve environmental performance, reduce long-term operating costs and create a sustainable working environment — delivered between April 2025 and March 2026.

SCOPE OF WORKS

- **Advanced Heating Controls**
  Improved energy management & efficiency
- **Solar PV & Battery Storage**
  Renewable generation installed on-site
- **LED Lighting Replacement**
  Modern, energy-efficient lighting throughout
- **New Third-Floor Ceiling**
  Part of the wider building improvement programme

ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION, APRIL 2025 – MARCH 2026



The newly installed solar PV and battery system generated 19,872.30 kWh — electricity that would otherwise have been purchased from the grid.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Improved Heating Management
- Lower Carbon Emissions
- Renewable Solar Generation
- Reduced Grid Reliance
- Energy-Efficient LED Lighting
- Improved Comfort for Tenants

LOOKING AHEAD

- Continue monitoring energy consumption & generation
- Identify further sustainability opportunities
- Measure annual savings & carbon reduction
- Continue investing in high-quality facilities

FINANCE

Detailed P&L Account, Year Ended 31 March

	2026 £	2025 £
SALES		
Grants and Donations	320,255	153,918
Project Income	298,562	308,046
Diversity Awards Income	14,950	11,000
Nursery Grants	304,264	214,395
Nursery Income	7,741	3,750
Rental Income	146,004	173,523
	1,091,776	**864,632**
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Nursery Costs	3,233	5,755
	3,233	**5,755**
EMPLOYEE COSTS		
Wages and Salaries	605,308	485,445
Pensions	18,097	10,840
Staff Training and Welfare	1,593	2,135
Travel and Subsistence	1,674	897
	626,672	**499,317**
PREMISES COSTS		
Rent	—	—
Utility	6,300	4,094
Light and Heat	42,873	42,466
Cleaning and Sundries	18,956	17,736
Health & Safety	596	4,906
	68,725	**69,202**
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Telephone	6,210	6,723
Stationery and Printing	8,727	9,369
Bank Charges	240	241
Insurance	9,763	10,001
Equipment Hire	1,563	1,284
IT & Software	9,347	23,330
Repairs and Maintenance	39,700	60,697
Depreciation	13,353	5,521
Functions and Catering	15,546	12,963
Donations	—	—
	104,449	**130,129**
LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL COSTS		
Project Costs	139,169	6,139
Accountancy Fees	1,800	2,326
Subcontractor Costs	5,090	1,821
Accreditation Fees	—	—
Diversity Awards	20,505	14,763
Other Legal and Professional	966	—
	167,530	**25,049**
	970,609	**729,452**
Net Outgoing Resources for the Year	**121,167**	**135,180**
Add Interest Received	6,134	6,150
Less Loan Interest Paid	10,421	10,833
	116,880	**130,497**
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1 April 2025	1,114,467	983,970
Total Funds Carried Forward at 31 March 2026	**1,231,347**	**1,114,467**

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

Thank You

None of the work in this report would have been possible without the dedication, generosity and support of so many people and organisations. To everyone who gave their time, funding, expertise or trust to KYP this year — thank you! We couldn't do this without you.

...to our staff

Every service in this report happens because of the KYP staff team behind it. They are, quite simply, the unsung heroes of this organisation — the people who open the doors every morning and keep KYP running without ever asking for recognition. This organisation would be nowhere without them.

...to our volunteers

To every volunteer who has given their time freely this year — whether supporting a Job Club session, helping at the Community Pantry, or assisting at the Rochdale Diversity Awards — thank you! Your generosity multiplies everything KYP is able to achieve.

...to our Board of Directors

To our Board of Directors, who generously give their time, expertise and guidance throughout the year on a voluntary basis — thank you! Your oversight, wisdom and commitment to KYP's mission provide the steady foundation that allows our staff and volunteers to focus on delivering for the communities we serve.

Thank you to our partners

We are proud to work alongside such a wide network of funders, statutory bodies, schools, charities and community organisations.

Action Together
Altus Education Partnership
Alzheimer's Society
Arif Cash & Carry
Association of Ukrainians (GB)
BACP
Better Youth Spaces
BM Technologies
British Red Cross
Business in the Community
Cartwheel Arts
Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)
Charity Bank
Citizens Advice Bureau
Comic Relief
Community Arts Northwest
Community Health Partnerships
DWP Jobcentre Plus
Falinge Park High School
FareShare GM
For Generations to Come
Glass Eye Films
GM=EqAl
GMEC Network
Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Greater Manchester Police Rochdale
Groundwork
Hope Citadel Healthcare
Hopwood Hall College & University Centre
Ingeus
Just Psychology
Key Fund
Living Well
M6 Theatre
Macmillan Information and Support Service
Madina Catering Limited
Morrisons
National Autistic Society
NHS / NHS GM / Primary Care Board
Oaklands Residential Care
Ofsted
Our Future Health
Petrus
Positive Steps
RBC Early Help and Schools
RBC Public Health Team
RBC Work & Skills Team
Recovery Republic
Refugee Action
Regional Strategic Migration Partnership
Rochdale & District Mind
Rochdale AFC
Rochdale Borough Council
Rochdale Boroughwide Housing
Rochdale Carers
Rochdale Community Centre Consortium
Rochdale Council of Mosques
Rochdale Ethnic Communities Network
Rochdale Foodbank
Rochdale Sixth Form College
Rochdale Training
Royal Exchange Theatre
S & M Cash & Carry
Skylight Circus Arts
Social Enterprise Support Fund
Springhill Hospice
Sunshine Sweets
The Bond Board
The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
The Phoenix Way
The University of Manchester
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