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## ASYABI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



## Membership Subscription Application

Select the type of membership which best suits your organisation:-

### Patient Membership

- ❖ £10 for annual subscription
- ❖ Only free for patients with Sickle Cell Disorder or Anaemia (SCD) with low income or no paid job.

### Individual Membership

£20 for annual subscription

open to:-

- Parents and relatives;
- Volunteers (those who are not directly involved with sickle cell but wish to support);

### Board Membership in the Advisory Capacity

- ❖ Free subscription. But from ASYABI AGM starts in 2016, an annual donation will be applied to these members. These members are defined as individuals with a huge experience and knowledge in their field such as: doctors, lawyers, etc. who on the free bursary and when required advice the charity on some issues in their field of expertise. These members are also often asked to come along to ASYABI events to share their expertise. Sometimes a fee can be applied for such requests. Often they advise with no charge. They are not required to take part to all meetings hosted by the Trustees Board of ASYABI. However, they must take part to AGMs and have the right to vote or to nominate themselves as all members.

## Association of Sickle Cell Sufferers of Yorkshire and Africa and Basic Information AKA "ASYABI"

### About us

Founded in Leeds in the United Kingdom in June 2008, ASYABI became a registered charity in July 2012. It is led by volunteers and people affected by Sickle Cell Anaemia and Thalassaemia aiming to



provide self-support and information, advice and other helps needed to people and their families affected by sickle cell and thalassaemia.

## Supporting

ASYABI is currently seeking funds from Grants Scheme including fundraising activities to launch by 2015 a long run project titled '**Raising Awareness and Reaching Marginal Community with Sickle Cell Disease or Anaemia (SCD) for a Change of Perception**'. There are 95 patients (adults) who live with sickle cell in Leeds. According to our research on the ground, most of these patients suffer from social exclusion, isolation, even when they are hospitalized at St. James Hospital for sickle cell crisis (pain in the bones). They are totally isolated without any social support because of the lack of a self-help patient group like ASYABI which takes into account all these aspects and as patients; we can understand their feelings and needs. This painful and chronic genetic condition that thousands of children and adults like us suffer in the UK lead most of us to feel different from other children and as a result of this huge stigma associated to social exclusion 'across the UK despite the fact there are more than 15,000 of sufferers but less than 300 of patients take part to social events, conferences and seminars on their own condition'. In Leeds, less than 3 patients out of 40 take part to public events on Sickle Cell because they do not want to be identified as sufferers. Our work is aiming to help them for a change of perception and self-believe through this proposal. Support and advice is provided by telephone, email and will be expanded through home visits. Face to face meeting and support are also given to ASYABI main office based in Leeds. This proposal from time to time will have a nationwide impact to strength Patient Groups initiatives.

## Campaigning

Since 2009, our self-help patient group also known as "ASYABI" has been able to provide conferences, leaflets, etc. on this issue to raise awareness of sickle cell disorder in Leeds and Yorkshire. These events are often attended by other representatives of Charities in the field and other patients across the UK.

## Mission Statement

The Association of Sickle Cell sufferers of Yorkshire and Africa and Basic Information (ASYABI) was founded in Leeds in the United Kingdom in June 2008. It is a registered charity led by volunteers and people affected by Sickle Cell Anaemia and Thalassaemia aiming to provide self-support and information, advice and other helps needed to people and their families affected by sickle cell and thalassaemia.

## Our Objectives

ASYABI seeks to **promote awareness** and **understanding** of **this painful genetic condition known as Sickle Cell** through a wide range of activities including: -

- To promote the relief of people suffering from sickle cell and thalassaemia disorders.
- To advance education of the public in order to increase knowledge and understanding of sickle cell and thalassaemia disorders.



- To promote research into the nature, prevalence treatment and the prevention of sickle cell and thalassaemia disorders and disseminate and publish the useful results thereof.

## Member Benefits

Membership is open to all individuals.

There are many benefits to joining ASYABI including:

- Raising awareness of this condition to support patients and families affected.
- Using your skills and experiences to help shape the future of this genetic disorder.
- Regular communication with ASYABI team.
- Opportunities to work with ASYABI and even volunteering in the common months at our office in Leeds in the voluntary capacity as receptionist or any role available.
- ASYABI is regularly invited to take part to seminars, conferences and training opportunities which bring in different skills and knowledge such as: administration and accountancy including fundraising etc. Any member who is keen to support ASYABI work as a Trustee or a Volunteer Member can be given these opportunities.

As a member of ASYABI you will receive regularly e-mails providing you with updates on the work that we are doing and opportunities for you to attend events related to sickle cell and thalassaemia.

You will have the opportunity to take part in projects and research that we undertake.

All members and details through this membership form are kept confidential and are only used for ASYABI purposes.

You will be invited to participate at all ASYABI conferences, seminars and the AGM.

Members may nominate themselves to stand for election to ASYABI Board of Trustees and vote at annual general meetings. However, all members who would like to stand as Trustees are required to get first involved on the issue as to gain the basis knowledge about this condition.

Based on the Charity Commission Laws adopted by ASYABI in July 2012, 'a Trustee Board Member shall not act as such a member and takes any paid role within the Charity in order to be accountable to the Trustees Board'. Therefore, the current Chair of ASYABI will be stepping down. During the past six and half years, his huge experience and determination both as a sufferer of sickle cell and the chairperson has led ASYABI to become a Registered Charity. Based on his experience and capacity; he has been appointed to take over the role of Project Manager for the next coming years and in the voluntary capacity (no paid) as the charity is very young. This role is also defined as a Chief Executive or Executive Director. See more details in the ASYABI Business Plan available in the website:

[www.asyabi.co.uk](http://www.asyabi.co.uk)

Please note that prior to stand for a Trustee nomination, a Criminal Record Check is required to make sure that this individual is not disqualified to act as such a member in the UK or England.



Membership fees are reviewed annually.

## Membership Application

### Membership for patients

Forename:

Surname:

Type of Sickle Cell:

Occupation:

Address:

Post code:

Telephone:

E-mail:

### Individual Membership Details

Name of Individual:

Are you a carrier of sickle cell gene Or a Parent: Yes  No

Address:

Post code:

Telephone:

E-mail:

### Membership for Board Member in the Advisory Capacity

Forename:

Surname:

Type of Sickle Cell:

Occupation:

Address:

Post code:

Telephone:



E-mail:

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## Individual Membership Application

Type of Member	MEMBERSHIP FEE (Per Annum)	Please tick only one box
Patient Membership	£10	
Free membership for patients with SCD in no paid job (please ASYABI may need to see a proof)	£0.00	
Individual Membership	£20	

## Membership Payment Options

### ASYABI Account details:

**Account Name:** ASYABI  
**Bank Details:** HSBC Bank  
**Account No:** 54721349  
**Sort Code:** 40-27-15

### Cheque

Please make cheques payable to 'ASYABI'.

**Once payment has been received a letter confirming your membership will be issued and send to you either by post or email.**

Membership applications can be sent via post to:

**Membership**  
**ASYABI**  
 c/o 25 Woodview Mount  
 Leeds, LS11 6LG  
 Tel.: 00(44)7450173201

Or by e-mail to: [asyabiyorkshirescd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:asyabiyorkshirescd@yahoo.co.uk)  
 ASYABI site: [www.asyabi.co.uk](http://www.asyabi.co.uk)  
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