



## **Media information**

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### **INDEPENDENT OPTIONS CHOOSES HURST TO BOOST ITS GROWTH**

A Stockport-based charity which provides support for disabled people and their carers has chosen North West based accountants and business advisors HURST to help achieve their strategic objectives.

Independent Options shortlisted three accountants before choosing HURST to carry out its audit work and statutory accounts, and provide strategic support and advice. The not-for-profit organisation previously employed BDO Stoy Hayward.

Independent Options provides a range of innovative options for child and family support, short breaks and long-term accommodation for people of all ages who have learning disabilities and/or mental health needs.

HURST's role will be to help Independent Options achieve the organisation's strategic objectives by using its financial and management systems more effectively, become more efficient, and achieve maximum benefit from its annual £2 million income.

Independent Options' director of finance Madeleine Hennessy said: "We want to take Independent Options up to the next level of its development and we're confident HURST will give us the support and guidance we need. We were impressed with HURST's positive attitude, pro active approach and their flat management structure which gives us direct access at partner level.

"Their long experience in the charity and not-for-profit sectors was also an important factor in our decision."

HURST partner Helen Besant-Roberts commented: "Increasingly, not-for-profit organisations are benefiting from professional help in order to increase their business efficiency and open up new income streams."

HURST carries out strategic and accountancy work for a large number of not-for-profit, mutual and charity organisations across the North West region including the National Association of Co-operative Officials, Business Support Solutions, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Greater Manchester Police and Liverpool Crossroads Caring for Carers.

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