



Donor-Advised Funds Continue to Grow in the UK

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Every year for the past five years, NPT UK has published the annual [Donor-Advised Fund \(DAF\) Report](#). This year's report examines data from 2015 to 2019 from UK charities that offer donor-advised funds. *Importantly, the data does not include the period of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

The findings in this year's annual DAF Report confirm that DAFs continue to grow in the UK. Both Contributions into DAF accounts as well as and grants from DAF accounts to charities in the UK and worldwide both show an increase over last year's figures. The evidence tallies with our experience of working with private clients at NPT UK. An increasing number of philanthropic families are setting up donor-advised funds as an alternative to their own grant making charitable trust or foundation. Here are some of the highlights from this year's DAF Report:

In 2019:

- Contributions to donor-advised funds increased to £609 million, or a 17 per cent increase compared with prior year's contributions.
- Charitable assets in donor-advised fund accounts total £1.7 billion—an increase of 11 per cent over the prior year.
- The aggregate grant pay out rate from donor-advised funds was 31 per cent in 2019 versus 24 per cent in 2018.
- Grants from donor-advised fund accounts to other charities were £479 million, an increase of 53 per cent over the prior year.

We are delighted to see such positive numbers relating to the use of DAFs by private clients, and very proud that NPT UK has helped contribute to these results. Since every pound in DAF accounts goes to charitable organisations, such increases are always good news. For private client advisors, we hope these figures will continue to encourage conversations with clients about why donor-advised funds can be the right vehicle to manage long-term philanthropic giving.

Download a copy of the Donor-Advised Fund Report [here](#).

For more information about how NPT UK can support your clients' philanthropy, please contact us.

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