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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1034188

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025
for
Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd**

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Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd

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for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 5th April 2025 which are prepared to meet the requirements for a director's report and accounts for Companies House.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities

Mission

There is no place for domestic abuse, sexual violence or any other forms of violence against women and girls in our community

Purpose

We believe that life can be different. We are dedicated to supporting survivors to create transformative, lasting change in the Vale of Glamorgan Community.

Values

Curiosity, Kindness, Reflective, Inclusivity, Collaborative, Dedicated

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

Objectives and activities

Strategic Goals & Priorities 2024-25

This year, we went through the National Quality Standards Scheme (NQSS) process, carrying out a full review and implementation of policies and protocols across the organisation. In May 2025 we were proud to be awarded accreditation. It was a moment of recognition for the quality of our services, but also a reminder of how much our strength lies in listening to survivors and responding to what they tell us.

We know the challenges survivors are facing are getting tougher:

- a housing crisis that keeps families in unsafe homes or stuck in temporary accommodation
- the rising cost of living, which forces impossible choices and prolongs dependence
- delays in the courts, leaving people in limbo and at risk
- growing levels of trauma and complexity that make recovery harder without the right support

Our response has been to double down on trauma-informed, strengths-based practice, embed ourselves more deeply in the community, and keep raising awareness of the barriers survivors face. Everything we did this year was guided by our four pillars.

Pillar 1 - Inspire

Survivors told us they need communities that understand and believe them. We focused on being more present and visible - in schools, workplaces, community spaces, and online. Survivors need to know we are here, and communities need to understand the realities they face.

- We deepened ties with local WI groups and community organisations, building champions for change across the Vale.
- Our involvement with South Wales Chambers of Commerce created new opportunities to reach businesses and employers, making them part of the solution.
- We also built on our links with statutory organisations and partner charities, joining conversations where policy and practice decisions are made.

This mix of grassroots and strategic engagement helped us raise awareness, challenge stigma, and create the kind of community where survivors feel seen and supported.

Pillar 2 - Respond

Demand rose sharply again this year, around 30% more referrals and 22% more clients supported. Behind the numbers are survivors navigating housing crises, financial pressures, and complex trauma.

- Our frontline teams walked alongside survivors day in, day out, providing safety planning, advocacy, and practical support.
- We built stronger links with statutory agencies so that safeguarding concerns could be acted on quickly and effectively.
- Services for children and young people expanded, with schools and families working alongside us to strengthen emotional wellbeing and safety.

Pillar 3 - Rebuild

Recovery is never straightforward, but it's made possible by community, connection, and confidence.

- We offered therapeutic groupwork, skills courses, and wellbeing activities that gave survivors a chance to breathe, reflect, and grow.
- Feedback told us that these spaces helped build confidence, health, and resilience.
- Where drop-offs and barriers made engagement harder, we adapted - offering gentler entry points like coffee mornings to make support feel less daunting.

Pillar 4 - Strengthen

We also invested in strengthening ourselves as an organisation, so that we can keep standing strong alongside survivors.

- Staff wellbeing remained a priority, with a stable team and good retention despite the pressures of the sector.
- Two new trustees were recruited, bringing fresh perspectives and strengthening our governance.
- Policies were reviewed and updated to ensure they remain fit for purpose and aligned with best practice.
- Work began on improving how we share and store information, making it easier for staff and trustees to access what they need.
- Financial sustainability continued to be a key focus, with new fundraising targets and plans set for the year ahead.
- We also began exploring future premises needs, so that survivors and staff alike have safe, suitable spaces for support and recovery.

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for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

Objectives and activities

In March, we proudly hosted our inaugural International Women's Day Gala Dinner at The Bear, Cowbridge. The event brought together supporters, community leaders, and partners to celebrate women's achievements and raise vital funds for our services. Thanks to the generosity of attendees, sponsors, and donors, we raised much-needed funds to support our Thrive recovery service. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ruth Dodsworth, whose support and presence helped make the evening truly special, and to all our sponsors for their commitment to creating safer futures for women and families in the Vale. Our headline sponsors included The School of Healing Mastery, Cardo Group, The Angel Collective, and Hensol Castle Distillery, alongside valued supporters such as the Waterloo Foundation and many others whose contributions made this event possible. Your support ensures we can continue delivering life-changing services.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

Charitable activities

This year, more survivors than ever reached out to us - a reflection both of the need in our community and of the trust placed in our services.

- **Helpline:** 587 survivors turned to us for information, safety planning, and a first listening ear. For many, this was the first step in breaking their silence.
- **Refuge and Accommodation:** 62 adults and their children found safety in our refuge, second stage, and dispersed accommodation. These spaces continue to provide stability at the most critical moments.
- **Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA):** 503 survivors at high risk of serious harm were supported, with our IDVAs working closely alongside safeguarding and justice partners to improve safety and outcomes.
- **Tenancy Support:** 100 survivors received practical help to manage housing and build independence - a vital step towards recovery when the housing crisis continues to trap many in unsafe homes.
- **Thrive (Therapeutic Group Work):** 207 women took part in group programmes these spaces gave them both tools and hope.
- **TABW Service:** 107 survivors of police-perpetrated abuse were supported through this specialist service, which has seen significant growth and increasing recognition of its importance.
- **Children and Young People:** 113 children and young people engaged with us through one-to-one and group programmes, giving them space to recover from trauma and build healthier futures.

Across all of these services, survivor feedback reminded us of the importance of being trauma-informed, flexible, and consistent. For some, the greatest achievement was finding immediate safety. For others, it was the first steps back into confidence, connection, and hope.

Financial review

Financial position

This year, the charity achieved a small surplus, reflecting the positive impact of our ongoing efforts to strengthen financial sustainability. The surplus arose despite continued strategic investments in our services and staff to ensure we deliver high-quality support to survivors of domestic abuse. These investments have positioned us well to meet the growing and increasingly complex needs of those we serve, while also improving our financial position compared to the previous year.

Despite these challenges, we remain committed to careful financial management and are actively working to secure new funding streams to support the sustainability of our services in the coming year. Our priority continues to be providing essential support while maintaining a strong financial foundation.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding streams remained stable in 2024/25

Refuge, Dispersed, Tenancy Support, IDVA Service	-Welsh Government Housing Support Grant administered by Vale of Glamorgan County Council-South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner-Welsh Government/VAWDASV
CYPS Service	-South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner-Ministry of Justice-Welsh Government/VAWDASV-MOJ via Welsh Womens Aid CADA Grant
Therapeutic Group Work	-Waterloo Foundation
TABW Service	-South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner-Gwent Police & Crime Commissioner
Other	-National Lottery (Awards for All)-Glamorgan Voluntary Service-B&Q-Pearn Family Charity

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

Strategic report

Financial review

Reserves policy

The Charity understands the need to maintain reserves levels to enable it to meet current and future requirements. These reserves are required to cover services should a future reduction in funding be encountered.

The charity has recently conducted a review of its reserves policy, considering its current funding position. Vale Domestic Abuse Services aims to have reserves at a level which would ensure that the core organisational activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. This is currently estimated to range between £309,926 and £600,780.

Total reserves to 5 April 2025 were £493,108, all of which are unrestricted free reserves, therefore the charity considers the current level of reserves to be sufficient for its level of expenditure. The Trustees also acknowledge the need to regularly monitor available reserves to ensure that they are sufficient to enable the Charity to continue to provide its services and support.

Future plans

As we look ahead to 2025-26, our focus is on building on what works while also challenging the systemic barriers survivors continue to face. Each of our four pillars will guide how we strengthen, adapt, and grow.

Inspire

- Continue growing our community presence, working with WI groups, schools, businesses, and local partners through South Wales Chambers to create more champions for survivors.
- Deliver the Ask Me programme across the Vale ensuring that more of the community are able to respond to disclosures of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Use our digital platforms and campaigns to raise awareness of the realities survivors face, ensuring their voices are heard and their experiences shape local understanding.
- Strengthen survivor networks, giving people who have moved forward the opportunity to influence and inspire others.

Respond

- Strengthen the helpline so it remains accessible and responsive as demand rises.
- Sustain and grow refuge and accommodation options, seeking solutions to the housing crisis and exploring new premises opportunities.
- Develop the IDVA service further, ensuring survivors at highest risk receive the right mix of safety planning, advocacy, and partnership working with statutory services.
- Maintain our tenancy support, recognising housing stability as the cornerstone of long-term safety.
- Build on our work with children and young people, expanding early intervention programmes in schools and ensuring CYP have safe, dedicated spaces for recovery.

Rebuild

- Expand the Thrive programme so more women can access therapeutic group work, focusing on resilience, recovery, and peer connection.
- Co-create new recovery pathways with survivors, including practical tools and wellbeing activities that fit with busy, complex lives.
- Continue developing creative entry points - like coffee mornings and community-based groups - to help survivors overcome barriers to engagement.

Strengthen

- Invest in staff development and wellbeing to keep our workforce resilient and equipped to deliver trauma-informed, strengths-based support.
- Embed stronger governance processes, including digital systems for trustees, to improve efficiency and transparency.
- Achieve and retain accreditation, securing contracts and diversifying income to safeguard services.
- Improve impact evaluation and data collection, telling the story of survivors' journeys more powerfully.
- Deepen partnerships with statutory organisations, charities, and local community groups - recognising that no single agency can meet survivors' needs alone.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Company Secretary are elected by the trustees. The remaining trustees have worked hard to ensure proper governance and provide the direction for the organisation. A new recruitment drive was successful in recruiting a new trustee this year.

Vale DAS' trustees have distinguished careers in a wide range of areas and are selected based on their skills, experience, and expertise. There is an expectation that trustees will add significant value to the work of the charity and its long-term governance. They do not receive any remuneration for their roles as trustees.

Declaration of Interests

All interests are required to be declared and signed in the Trustees Declaration of Interests pro forma. A conflict of interest register is kept and updated annually or when appropriate. In addition, all trustees are asked to declare any interest in relation to the agenda at all Board Meetings.

There were no conflicts of interest recorded in 2024/25.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees undergo an induction programme, which may include:

- A visit to the Holton Road Office to meet with the Chief Executive Officer and staff
- Site visits to the services provided by Vale DAS
- Induction and governance guidance
- Training which may have been identified in the skills audit.

An induction pack is given to all new trustees which includes policies and procedures such as Declaration of Interest, Equal Opportunities and Confidentiality.

All trustees have completed online domestic abuse awareness training.

The Board of Trustees administers the charity and sets the overall mission, direction, and strategies of Vale DAS. It scrutinises performance in order to secure effective implementation of strategy. Details of implementation and execution of which, are the responsibility of the senior management team led by the Chief Executive Officer. This ensures that:

- The organisation stays focused on its mission and strategy
- Key strategic and policy decisions are made by the Board

Support and constructive challenge are given by the trustees to the senior management team, in particular the Chief Executive officer.

The Board meets monthly.

Key management remuneration

Salary for the Chief Executive Officer is determined by the full Board. All other staff salaries are allocated to pay scales which are approved by the Chief Executive Officer and by the Board.

Partnerships

Vale DAS shares its aims and objectives with Welsh Women's Aid (to which we are affiliated) and other likeminded providers of specialist services to women and families impacted by VAWDASV. It is also part of a wider network of domestic abuse specialist service providers in Wales and the UK.

We continue to work in close partnership with Cyfannol Women's Aid to deliver the TABW service, supporting survivors of police-perpetrated abuse across the South Wales and Gwent Police force areas. This collaboration allows us to combine expertise, share learning, and ensure survivors affected by this complex and sensitive form of abuse receive specialist, trauma-informed support.

Vale DAS play an active role in several multi agency partnerships locally including the Housing Support Grant Regional Provider Forum. Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), MARAC Steering Group, South Wales Police And Rime Commissioner's Collaborative Partnership Board, Specialist Domestic Violence Court Steering Group, Drive Steering Group, Cardiff & Vale Regional VAWDASV Executive Group, Families First Providers Forum, VAWDASV Research Network Wales.

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Structure, governance and management

Related parties

Vale DAS has a management agreement with United Welsh Housing association, who own the refuge and 2nd Stage accommodation and with Newydd Housing who are landlords of the dispersed accommodation. UWHA and Newydd each carry out regular reviews of these projects.

Funding from Housing Support Grant is administered by Vale of Glamorgan CBC and funding for the IDVA service through the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner. Regular monitoring visits, reviews and detailed reports are provided.

Risk management

Vale DAS takes appropriate risks in an increasingly challenging environment. The trustees are committed to ensuring effective risk management and internal controls are in place. The risk register is reviewed at Board every three months, and mitigating action where possible, is put in place.

One of the biggest financial risks at present to Vale DAS in the future year will be the re-tendering of the majority of our services and the increased demand on our services which continues to grow. We endeavour to mitigate the risk by:

- Ensuring we are tender ready
- Continue to apply for other funding streams in particular to develop our work with children and those affected by sexual violence
- Improving our management and performance information
- Demonstrate value for money
- Deliver effective services that are delivering positive outcomes
- Identifying new ways of working and ensuring practice is up to date and effective
- Keep our costs as competitive as possible.

Public benefit

In line with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity Commission for England and Wales issued guidance on the criteria it uses to determine whether or not a charity provides public benefit. We have considered the guidance and are satisfied we provide considerable public benefit as detailed in this report. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives for the year ended 5 April 2025.

The direct benefits flowing from Vale DAS purposes. The focus on the relief of those in need is achieved through the provision of our services for women, children, young people and men impacted by domestic violence and abuse. Support is provided through building on the strengths of survivors and their families. As well as trying to break the cycle of abuse, by working with perpetrators and those with concerns. The need for the service is evidenced by the continued development within the organisation, the continuing referrals to our services and the increased role of volunteers and placements.

Acknowledgements to Vale Domestic Abuse Services staff

The Trustees would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the staff and volunteers at Vale DAS, who have worked tirelessly over the course of the year to protect women and children, and to promote gender equality across the Vale of Glamorgan and beyond.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Company number

02794241 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1034188

Registered office

198 Holton Road
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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

Trustees

Trustees

C E Williams

L Griffiths

S L Erickson

M E Matthews

K Conlon (appointed 1.7.24)

K Ashworth (appointed 13.2.25)

Auditors

Menzies LLP, Statutory Auditors

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Key Management Personnel

V Friis - Chief Executive Officer

L Ware - Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Operations

J Lawrence - Finance & Facilities Manager

C Archibald - Fundraising and Engagement Manager

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd

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Kings Hill

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

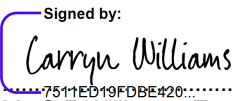
Auditors

The auditors, Menzies LLP, Statutory Auditors, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

FINALLY

Whilst much has been accomplished, we have much to do in the coming year. As with everything we do, is Vale Domestic Abuse Services on a path of continuous improvement. We want to be able to respond to the needs of our service users and to encourage those women and their families who are living with domestic violence /abuse to seek help as early as possible.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on20-Dec-2025..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

Signed by:

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Ms C E Williams - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 5 April 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 5 April 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our planning procedures identify the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the operations and financial statements of the company. These are reviewed internally with the audit team including relevant industry experience and expectations as well as externally with the client management. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were the UK Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, UK GAAP FRS 102 and relevant tax legislation.

Once identified, we assess the risks of material misstatements in relation to the laws and regulations, irregularities, including fraud and adjust our testing accordingly. Our audit procedures include:

- Discussing with Trustees and management which areas of the business they believe to be more susceptible to fraud, and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraudulent activities;
- Obtaining an understanding of the key controls put in place by the company to address risks identified, assessing the effectiveness of those and discussing how these are maintained and monitored internally;
- Assessing the risk of management override and review and testing of journal entries made into the accounting system;
- Discussing with Trustees and Management the legal and regulatory obligations of the business and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of non compliance.


Despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularities likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentation, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by:



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23-Dec-2025

Date:

Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	10,075	-	10,075	3,645
Charitable activities	4				
DV Prevention		276,048	890,434	1,166,482	1,011,332
Investment income	3	8,332	-	8,332	7,188
Total		<u>294,455</u>	<u>890,434</u>	<u>1,184,889</u>	<u>1,022,165</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5				
DV Prevention		<u>241,470</u>	<u>925,680</u>	<u>1,167,150</u>	<u>1,121,700</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		52,985	(35,246)	17,739	(99,535)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		440,123	35,246	475,369	574,904
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>493,108</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>493,108</u></u>	<u><u>475,369</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

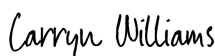
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Statement of Financial Position
5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11	4,914	-	4,914	6,410
Current assets					
Debtors	12	81,576	-	81,576	111,500
Cash at bank and in hand		462,257	-	462,257	403,488
		<u>543,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>543,833</u>	<u>514,988</u>
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(55,639)	-	(55,639)	(46,029)
		<u>488,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>488,194</u>	<u>468,959</u>
Net current assets					
		<u>488,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>488,194</u>	<u>468,959</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>493,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>493,108</u>	<u>475,369</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>493,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>493,108</u>	<u>475,369</u>
Funds	15				
Unrestricted funds				493,108	440,123
Restricted funds				-	35,246
Total funds				<u>493,108</u>	<u>475,369</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20:Dec:2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:



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C E Williams - Trustee

Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd

Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	53,335	(189,065)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		53,335	(189,065)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,898)	(7,058)
Interest received		8,332	7,188
Net cash provided by investing activities		5,434	130
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		58,769	(188,935)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		403,488	592,423
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		462,257	403,488

The notes form part of these financial statements

Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

1. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	17,739	(99,535)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	4,394	2,262
Interest received	(8,332)	(7,188)
Prior year adjustment	-	64,718
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	29,569	(89,849)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	9,965	(59,473)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>53,335</u>	<u>(189,065)</u>

2. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 6.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 5.4.25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	403,488	58,769	462,257
	<u>403,488</u>	<u>58,769</u>	<u>462,257</u>
Total	<u>403,488</u>	<u>58,769</u>	<u>462,257</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Statutory information

Vale Domestic Abuse Services is an incorporated charity, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

Income

Voluntary income including donations and grants provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measure with sufficient reliability.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support programme activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance and support costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

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| Fixtures and fittings | - 25% on reducing balance |
| Computer equipment | - 50% on cost |

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity with all activities being for its primary purpose and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

1. Accounting policies - continued

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are initially recognised at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. Donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	10,075	3,645

3. Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	8,332	7,188

4. Income from charitable activities

	Activity	2025	2024
		£	£
Lottery - Community Grant	DV Prevention	-	10,000
Pearn Family Charity	DV Prevention	10,000	-
WWA Emergency Fund	DV Prevention	500	4,250
MOJ Variation Fund	DV Prevention	28,145	28,145
Rental income	DV Prevention	294,531	290,333
Charity Gala Dinner	DV Prevention	10,869	-
Victims & Vulnerable Grant			
PCC	DV Prevention	76,872	79,322
Welsh Government -			
VAWDASV	DV Prevention	445,761	377,900
VAWDASV Dispersed			
Domestic Abuse Services	DV Prevention	-	36,421
GVS	DV Prevention	2,986	-
B&Q Funds	DV Prevention	10,000	-
WWA CADA	DV Prevention	77,425	75,127
Waterloo Foundation	DV Prevention	20,713	14,713
WG VDAS Underspend	DV Prevention	67,147	-
Training income	DV Prevention	4,200	5,171
VOG Families First	DV Prevention	-	15,000
Moondance	DV Prevention	37,403	-
CCC NTF Fund	DV Prevention	22,980	18,000
CCC Regional Grant			
(CHIDVA)	DV Prevention	29,950	29,950
OPP IDVA Uplift	DV Prevention	27,000	27,000
		1,166,482	1,011,332

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5. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
DV Prevention	1,107,135	60,015	1,167,150

6. Support costs

	Finance £	Human resources £	Governance costs £	Totals £
DV Prevention	632	52,663	6,720	60,015

7. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Auditing of the accounts	4,674	4,112
Other non-audit services	2,046	2,056
Depreciation - owned assets	4,394	2,262

8. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2025 nor for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Trustees' expenses

During the year expenses of £nil (2024 - £nil) were paid to the trustees of the charity. The expenditure related to the reimbursement of travel expenses for meetings.

9. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	720,270	694,456
Social security costs	62,293	65,516
Other pension costs	20,089	18,063
	802,652	778,035

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Charitable activities	23	22
Management staff	4	4
	27	26

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

During the year Vale Domestic Abuse Services paid key management remuneration totalling £194,486 (2024: £154,192). Key management are considered to be 4 individuals who directly impact upon the strategic direction of the Charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

10. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	3,645	-	3,645
Charitable activities			
DV Prevention	295,504	715,828	1,011,332
Investment income	7,188	-	7,188
Total	<u>306,337</u>	<u>715,828</u>	<u>1,022,165</u>
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
DV Prevention	<u>418,738</u>	<u>702,962</u>	<u>1,121,700</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(112,401)	12,866	(99,535)
Transfers between funds	<u>(74,557)</u>	<u>74,557</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(186,958)	87,423	(99,535)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward			
As previously reported	627,082	14,963	642,045
Prior year adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>(67,141)</u>	<u>(67,141)</u>
As restated	<u>627,082</u>	<u>(52,178)</u>	<u>574,904</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>440,124</u></u>	<u><u>35,245</u></u>	<u><u>475,369</u></u>

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Cost			
At 6 April 2024	9,951	26,360	36,311
Additions	<u>2,205</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>2,898</u>
At 5 April 2025	<u>12,156</u>	<u>27,053</u>	<u>39,209</u>
Depreciation			
At 6 April 2024	8,939	20,962	29,901
Charge for year	<u>617</u>	<u>3,777</u>	<u>4,394</u>
At 5 April 2025	<u>9,556</u>	<u>24,739</u>	<u>34,295</u>
Net book value			
At 5 April 2025	<u><u>2,600</u></u>	<u><u>2,314</u></u>	<u><u>4,914</u></u>
At 5 April 2024	<u><u>1,012</u></u>	<u><u>5,398</u></u>	<u><u>6,410</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	60,474	88,594
Other debtors	750	-
Accrued income	6,993	13,646
Prepayments	13,359	9,260
	<u>81,576</u>	<u>111,500</u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	28,265	16,191
Social security and other taxes	11,628	21,995
Other creditors	7,200	7,843
Accrued expenses	8,546	-
	<u>55,639</u>	<u>46,029</u>
Deferred income brought forward	-	36,421
Amounts released to incoming resources	-	(36,421)
Amounts deferred in the year	-	-
Deferred income carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Deferred income relates to grants received in advance at the end of each year.

14. Leasing agreements

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	13,385	12,500
Between one and five years	37,474	46,875
	<u>50,859</u>	<u>59,375</u>

15. Movement in funds

	At 6.4.24	Net movement	At
	£	in funds	5.4.25
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	440,123	52,985	493,108
Restricted funds			
Waterloo Foundation	12,366	(12,366)	-
Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Services Contract	16,222	(16,222)	-
Lottery Community Fund	6,658	(6,658)	-
	<u>35,246</u>	<u>(35,246)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>475,369</u>	<u>17,739</u>	<u>493,108</u>

Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

15. Movement in funds - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	294,455	(241,470)	52,985
Restricted funds			
Glamorgan Voluntary Services	2,986	(2,986)	-
Moondance Foundation	37,403	(37,403)	-
Waterloo Foundation	20,713	(33,079)	(12,366)
Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Services Contract	409,340	(425,562)	(16,222)
Police & Crime Commission	103,875	(103,875)	-
MOJ Variation Fund - CYP	28,145	(28,145)	-
WWA CADA - CYP	77,425	(77,425)	-
CCC Regional Grant	29,949	(29,949)	-
NTF IDVA	22,980	(22,980)	-
Lottery Community Fund	-	(6,658)	(6,658)
VASDASV Dispersed Domestic Abuse Services	69,972	(69,972)	-
Pearn Family Charity	10,000	(10,000)	-
B&Q	10,000	(10,000)	-
Cardiff Council VDAS WG Underspend	67,146	(67,146)	-
WWA Emergency Fund	500	(500)	-
	890,434	(925,680)	(35,246)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,184,889	(1,167,150)	17,739

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.23 £	Prior year adjustment £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 5.4.24 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	627,082	-	(112,402)	(74,557)	440,123
Restricted funds					
Waterloo Foundation	14,963	-	(2,597)	-	12,366
Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Services					
Contract	-	(67,141)	16,222	67,141	16,222
Police & Crime Commission	-	-	(365)	365	-
MOJ Variation Fund - CYP	-	-	(1,367)	1,367	-
VOG Families First	-	-	(736)	736	-
WWA CADA - CYP	-	-	(2,175)	2,175	-
CCC Regional Grant	-	-	(1,321)	1,321	-
NTF IDVA	-	-	(1,452)	1,452	-
Lottery Community Fund	-	-	6,658	-	6,658
	14,963	(67,141)	12,867	74,557	35,246
TOTAL FUNDS	642,045	(67,141)	(99,535)	-	475,369

Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

15. Movement in funds - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	306,337	(418,739)	(112,402)
Restricted funds			
Waterloo Foundation	14,713	(17,310)	(2,597)
Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Services Contract	377,900	(361,678)	16,222
Police & Crime Commission	106,322	(106,687)	(365)
MOJ Variation Fund - CYP	28,145	(29,512)	(1,367)
VOG Families First	15,000	(15,736)	(736)
WWA CADA - CYP	75,127	(77,302)	(2,175)
WWA Change that Lasts - Women's Well-being Centre	4,250	(4,250)	-
CCC Regional Grant	29,950	(31,271)	(1,321)
NTF IDVA	18,000	(19,452)	(1,452)
Lottery Community Fund	10,000	(3,342)	6,658
VASDASV Dispersed Domestic Abuse Services	36,421	(36,421)	-
	<u>715,828</u>	<u>(702,961)</u>	<u>12,867</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,022,165</u></u>	<u><u>(1,121,700)</u></u>	<u><u>(99,535)</u></u>

The Charity held free reserves (unrestricted funds excluding tangible fixed assets) at the year end totalling £488,195 (2024: £433,713).

Vale Domestic Abuse Services funding can be broken down into these main functions:

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Services Contract

- Delivery of the IDVA, Tenancy Support Services and Refuge Services Across the Vale, funded by Vale of Glamorgan CC and Police & Crime Commissioner this is an individual contract

VAWDASV Dispersed Domestic Abuse Services

- Provides dispersed Housing scheme this is an additional contract as per above

South Wales & Gwent Police & Crime Commissioner

- Delivery of the Tabw, the Police Perpetrated VAWDASV service across South Wales and Gwent

MOJ Variation Fund

- Grant funding via South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner for the provision of CYP Worker

CADA

- Grant funding form Ministry of Justice via Welsh Women's Aid to contribute towards delivering children service and parent advocacy work.

CCC Regional Revenue Grant

- The provision of a Children's Young People IDVA, Adult IDVA and contributing to the National Training Framework.

Vale Domestic Abuse Services Ltd

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 5 April 2025**

15. Movement in funds - continued

Glamorgan Voluntary service

- Funds for providing welcome packs and activities for women and children accessing emergency accommodation

Moondance Foundation

- Grant funding to provide a staff member to offer training and development and group work

Pearn Family

- Grant funding to provide trips and activities for women and children that have experienced domestic violence

Vale of Glamorgan

- Funding from offering student social workers training and development and experience.

Welsh Government

- Provide extra training costs, and repairs and renewals to update the accommodation provision

B&Q Funding

- To refurbish the drop in facility at the offices to provide a safe and comfortable space for women and children to access our services

Waterloo Foundation

- Delivery of Group Work and Well-being activities for Survivors

NTF IDVA

- Funding to provide training around the National Training Framework across Cardiff and the Vale.

Cardiff Council VDAS WG Underspend

- To cover training costs, groupwork and outreach and counselling services.

16. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 5 April 2025 or the year ended 5 April 2024.

17. Ultimate controlling party

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

18. Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.