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The Legal Advice Centre (University House)

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Legal Advice Centre (University House)

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Reference and administrative information

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Trustees

Trustees, who are also directors under company law, served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Charles Henry Bennett
Sally Elizabeth Twigger (Chair)
Alexander Hutton
Joannie Ann Andrews
Boin Cheong
Shalina Rahman
Foyez Ahmed Rahim (Secretary)
Mazidur Rahman
Jemma Louise Thorogood (Treasurer from 9.9.2024)
Martin Steven Griffiths (Retired as Treasurer from 9.9.2024)
Rachel Morris
Robert Wheal
Camilla Sadler
Ali Ahmed

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Charity number

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are also directors under company law, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees confirm that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Purposes and aims

The Charity's objectives are:

- i. To relieve poverty by providing legal advice and assistance to needy persons in the East End of London or elsewhere within England & Wales if provided via special projects, and in the furtherance of this object and ancillary thereto to institute conduct and defend any proceedings before any court or tribunal or for any purposes or in any other forum in which legal advice or representation may be required on behalf of persons seeking the assistance of the charity.
- ii. For that purpose, to carry on the activities hitherto carried on by the charitable trust commonly known as the Legal Advice Centre (University House) and to receive such assets as may be made over to it by such charitable trust as may be appropriate on such terms as the trustees of the charity shall think fit.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have read, understood, and adhere to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

A great deal of our work is project-based. Amongst our projects are the following:

Special Support Project

This project aims to define a new model of advice and advocacy for our users with complex health and social needs. Some of our users repeatedly call upon services such as ours for help on a wide range of matters. Through this project we provide front-loaded support to targeted individuals over a number of months, in order to help resolve problems which contribute to them reaching crisis point on a regular basis.

Advocacy Project

This project is based around volunteer law students and pro bono minded lawyers. Through the project we are supporting appointed 'advocates' to undertake disability benefits appeal casework and to provide advocacy at First-tier tribunal appeals. Our work in this area has really expanded. We now take on large numbers of disability benefit appeals.

Family Law Clinic

We now run thrice weekly Family Law clinics. The clinics are a collaboration between ourselves and a large number of international law firms. Typical casework includes helping Domestic Abuse victims obtain non-

molestation orders. As part of this work, we have developed an Exceptional Casework Funding (ECF) project, which runs in tandem with our clinics. ECF applications are made on behalf of individuals whose matter is strictly not within the scope of Legal Aid. We, in effect, petition the Legal Aid Agency stating that the individual is sufficiently vulnerable and the matter is sufficiently complicated for public funding to be justified. Presently, we are achieving an 80% success rate with our ECF applications.

Housing Clinic

This clinic was set up in order to help with the growing housing crisis in London. It is a weekly morning clinic to reflect the working patterns of the three USA law firms that are providing the majority of the volunteer lawyers who staff the clinic.

Medico-Legal Partnership Project

In recent years, there has been the development by GPs and other clinical staff of what is commonly now known as *Social Prescribing*, whereby patients can be referred to non-clinical sources of support within the community. Whilst this work is of benefit, there is a growing need to provide community-based medical practitioners with more potent tools to help combat systemic discrimination of the unwell within our society. Central to our work in this space was the establishment of a legal clinic providing free specialist employment law advice in health settings. Outcomes are demonstrating the benefits of early expert legal advice. As part of this work, we have established a partnership with the world-renowned Maudsley Hospital.

West Country Access to Justice Project

This project has been running for over ten years now, and involves us providing remote legal advice to 'advice deserts'. This often includes the provision of remote supervision to community advice workers in these locations.

Advice Portal

In 2022, we secured substantial funding from the Community Fund in order to provide access to our Portal England-wide. Our experience in providing remote advice was at the heart of its development. The Portal is principally aimed at supporting generalist advice agencies to undertake specialist legal casework. Users must register to access the Portal. This allows us to target the Portal where it is needed most.

Legal Expenses Insurance (LEI)

Since 2012, we have developed workaround legal expenses insurance (LEI) in order to help fund tribunal and court work. Quite often, our users do not know that they have such a cover. We have for some years argued for a form of micro-LEI to be developed in order to provide coverage to the most vulnerable in society. The main idea is not to expect people of limited means to buy such insurance, but instead to press upon key stakeholders, such as housing associations, to buy it on their behalf.

The SQE and the Apprenticeship Levy

The SQE pathway to becoming a solicitor can be packaged as an apprenticeship. This, together with the recent rule changes to the Apprenticeship Levy, provides opportunities for commercial law firms to, in effect, donate a proportion of their Levy to fund apprenticeships in the free advice sector. Since September 2020, we have supported a number of solicitor apprentices both directly and remotely. This initiative is linked to our Advice Portal, and both projects are part of our efforts to help address the skill shortages in our sector.

Consultancy

In recent years, we have provided consultancy support to a number of organisations, including the SRA and the London Legal Support Trust.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year ended 31 March 2025 are given in the Statement of Financial Activities. The assets and liabilities are given in the Balance Sheet. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with the related notes. The trustees regard the financial position of the charity at 31 March 2025 to be satisfactory, and they are content that the current unrestricted reserves position leaves it with a sound base from which future activity can be built.

In summary, total income amounted to £1,096,420 (2024: £926,686) and total expenditure amounted to £922,366 (2024: £873,979), resulting in a net surplus of £174,054 (2024: £52,707). Full details of income and expenditure are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Reserve policy

The charity is currently dependent on donation income in order to maintain its core activities. Earned income alone would not allow it to continue operating. Following risk analysis, the trustees consider that there is a moderate risk of a need for reserves for the organisation, as well as the potential of other operational risks, based on challenges in the wider policy context.

The trustees aim to maintain unrestricted reserves that will provide sufficient funds to cover at least 3 months' support and governance costs, but the trustees are aiming for reserves to eventually reach 6 months' support and governance costs. Unrestricted free reserves at the end of this period cover these running costs for the foreseeable future.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees (who are also directors of a charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report 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 which 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 these 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.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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Trustees' Annual Report

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 March 2025 was £13 (2024: £13). The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Auditor

Goldwins Ltd was appointed as auditor for the 2024-25 financial year.

Statement as to Disclosure to our Auditors

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.

Small Company Exemptions

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf by;

.....
Charles Bennett– Trustee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of
The Legal Advice Centre (University House)
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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Legal Advice Centre (University House) (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, 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, including [Financial Reporting Standard 102](#): The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity 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 charity'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 directors 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 auditor's report 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

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inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) have 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 Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees 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 they 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 Charity'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 Charity 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 an auditor's report 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.

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Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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 auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the Charity'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 Charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 Charity and the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anthony Epton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Goldwins Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and grants	2	300,855	716,760	1,017,615	191,433	671,691	863,124
Other trading activities	3	78,805	-	78,805	63,562	-	63,562
Total income		379,660	716,760	1,096,420	254,995	671,691	926,686
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	43,993	-	43,993	45,463	-	45,463
Charitable activities	5	161,613	716,760	878,373	156,825	671,691	828,516
Total expenditure		205,606	716,760	922,366	202,288	671,691	873,979
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year	6	174,054	-	174,054	52,707	-	52,707
Net movement in funds	15	174,054	-	174,054	52,707	-	52,707
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		373,127	-	373,127	320,420	-	320,420
Total funds carried forward		547,181	-	547,181	373,127	-	373,127

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet

Company no. 03324062

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets	11		<u>7,814</u>	<u>2,495</u>
			7,814	2,495
Current assets:				
Debtors	12	600		40,750
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>565,072</u>		<u>336,652</u>
		565,672		377,402
Liabilities:				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(26,305)</u>		<u>(6,770)</u>
Net current assets			<u>539,367</u>	<u>370,632</u>
Total net assets			<u><u>547,181</u></u>	<u><u>373,127</u></u>
The funds of the charity:	15			
Restricted funds			-	-
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds			<u>547,181</u>	<u>373,127</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>547,181</u></u>	<u><u>373,127</u></u>

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

Charles Bennett
Trustee

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash provided by operating activities	a		238,260		14,121
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchase of fixed assets		(9,840)		(3,762)	
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities			<u>(9,840)</u>		<u>(3,762)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	b		228,420		10,359
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			336,652		326,293
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year			<u>565,072</u>		<u>336,652</u>
a) Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities					
			2025		2023
			£		£
Net income / (expenditure) for the year			174,054		52,707
(as per the statement of financial activities)					
Depreciation			4,520		2,966
Increase in debtors			40,150		(24,350)
Increase/ (decrease) in creditors			19,536		(17,202)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities			<u>238,260</u>		<u>14,121</u>
b) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents					
			At 1 April 2024	Cash flows	At 31 March 2025
			£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand			336,652	228,420	565,072
Total cash and cash equivalents			<u>336,652</u>	<u>228,420</u>	<u>565,072</u>

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1 Accounting policies

Statutory information

The Legal Advice Centre (University House) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office address is 104 Roman Road, Bethnal Green, London, E2 0RN.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of providing legal advice and assistance undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	Straight line over 3 years
Computer equipment	Straight line over 3 years

Allocation of support costs

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned on basis of staff time.

Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account. Cash balances exclude any funds held on behalf of service users.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Notes to the financial statements

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2 Income from donations and grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Access to justice	-	12,499	12,499	-
Action for bow	-	32,250	32,250	43,000
Big Lottery	-	254,281	254,281	142,000
East End Citizens Advice Bureau	-	75,619	75,619	88,903
Legal Aid Agency	125,348	-	125,348	79,767
Legal Education Foundation	-	-	-	12,264
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	-	18,400	18,400	-
London Legal Support Trust	3,771	255,084	258,855	224,397
Real DPO Ltd	-	4,634	4,634	19,435
South Hackney Parochial	-	12,999	12,999	13,000
Corporate Donations	171,736	-	171,736	189,836
Trust for London	-	50,994	50,994	50,522
	300,855	716,760	1,017,615	863,124

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Consultancy and other income	71,859	-	71,859	54,142
Settlement agreement income	2,650	-	2,650	6,770
Training & fee income	4,296	-	4,296	2,650
	78,805	-	78,805	63,562

4 Local and Government and Housing Act 1989

The charity received financial assistance from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. As required by Section 37 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the following information is given.

Amount of £nil (2024: £nil) was received for the provision of legal advice services.

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5 Analysis of expenditure

	Cost of raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (Note 7)	38,776	691,419	-	730,195	693,453
Partnership costs	-	51,788	-	51,788	57,955
Legal aid disbursements	-	29,825	-	29,825	16,788
Training & practicing certificate	-	8,095	-	8,095	5,260
Books and subscriptions	-	4,220	-	4,220	2,395
Other general office costs	-	-	15,594	15,594	11,358
Premises costs	-	-	49,203	49,203	65,473
Accountancy	-	-	9,744	9,744	7,971
Audit Fee	-	-	6,000	6,000	-
Independent examination	-	-	-	-	900
Office supplies & refreshments	-	-	2,194	2,194	3,252
Professional fees	-	-	8,776	8,776	3,881
Travel costs	-	-	2,212	2,212	2,327
Depreciation	-	-	4,520	4,520	2,966
	38,776	785,347	98,243	922,366	873,979
Support costs allocation	5,217	93,026	(98,243)	-	-
Total expenditure 2025	43,993	878,373	-	922,366	873,979

Of the total expenditure, £205,606 was unrestricted (2024: £202,288) and £716,760 was restricted (2024: £671,691).

Analysis of expenditure - prior year

	Cost of raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	2024 £
Staff costs (Note 7)	39,891	653,562	-	693,453
Partnership costs	-	74,743	-	74,743
Training & practicing Certificate	-	5,260	-	5,260
Books and subscriptions	-	2,395	-	2,395
Other general office costs	-	-	11,358	11,358
Premises costs	-	-	65,473	65,473
Accountancy	-	-	7,971	7,971
Independent examination	-	-	900	900
Office supplies & refreshments	-	-	3,252	3,252
Professional Fees	-	-	3,881	3,881
Travel costs	-	-	2,327	2,327
Depreciation	-	-	2,966	2,966
	39,891	735,960	98,128	873,979
Support costs allocation	5,572	92,556	(98,128)	-
Total expenditure 2024	45,463	828,516	-	873,979

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6 Net income/ (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging / crediting:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Audit fee (excl VAT)	5,000	-
Independent examination (excl VAT)	-	750
Depreciation	4,520	2,966

7 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	630,789	602,933
Social security costs	56,307	56,392
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	43,099	34,128
	730,195	693,453

The following number of employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension) during the year between:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
£60,000 - £69,999	2	1

The total employee benefits, including pension contributions and employer NI contribution, of the key management personnel were £147,700 (2024: £142,875).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2024: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £nil).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Average staff	18	16

8 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for the year (2024: none).

9 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

10 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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11 Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At the start of the year	4,328	19,496	23,824
Additions in year	4,985	4,855	9,840
At the end of the year	9,313	24,351	33,664
Depreciation			
At the start of the year	3,368	17,962	21,330
Charge for the year	2,408	2,112	4,520
At the end of the year	5,776	20,074	25,850
Net book value			
At the end of the year	3,537	4,277	7,814
At the start of the year	962	1,533	2,495

12 Debtors	2025 £	2024 £
Debtors	-	30,000
Accrued income	-	10,750
Other debtors	600	-
	600	40,750

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	828	744
Taxation and social security	5,171	3,746
Accruals	7,800	2,280
Deferred Income	12,506	-
	26,305	6,770

Deferred income comprises of grants received in advance for the next year.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds	General unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	7,814	-	7,814
Net current assets	539,367	-	539,367
Net assets at the end of the year	547,181	-	547,181
Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)			
Tangible fixed assets	2,495	-	2,495
Net current assets	370,632	-	370,632
Net assets at the end of the year	373,127	-	373,127

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15 Movements in funds

	At the start of the year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery	-	254,281	(254,281)	-	-
East End Citizens Advice Bureau	-	75,619	(75,619)	-	-
Access to Work	-	4,634	(4,634)	-	-
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	-	18,400	(18,400)	-	-
Legal Support	-	255,084	(255,084)	-	-
Action for Bow	-	32,250	(32,250)	-	-
TFL Central Fund	-	50,994	(50,994)	-	-
South HPC	-	12,999	(12,999)	-	-
Access to Justice	-	12,499	(12,499)	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	716,760	(716,760)	-	-
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	373,127	379,660	(205,606)	-	547,181
Total funds	373,127	1,096,420	(922,366)	-	547,181

Movements in funds (prior year)	At the start of the year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery	-	142,000	(142,000)	-	-
East End Citizens Advice Bureau	-	88,903	(88,903)	-	-
Legal Aid	-	79,767	(79,767)	-	-
Access to Work	-	19,435	(19,435)	-	-
Legal Support	-	222,800	(222,800)	-	-
Legal Education Foundation	-	12,264	(12,264)	-	-
Action for Bow	-	43,000	(43,000)	-	-
TFL Central Fundation	-	50,522	(50,522)	-	-
South HPC	-	13,000	(13,000)	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	671,691	(671,691)	-	-
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	320,420	254,995	(202,288)	-	373,127
Total funds	320,420	926,686	(873,979)	-	373,127

16 Operating lease and other future commitments

Future minimum lease commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

Operating lease of equipment payable:	2025 £	2024 £
Less than one year	1,366	1,366
1-2 years	1,366	2,732