

## South Liverpool Domestic Abuse Services - Treasurer Report for the Year ended 31 March 2023

### Overview of results for the year ended March 2023

During year ended March 2023 ('2023'), SLDAS had a strong year. We secured some new funds including the Ellie Trust, meaning we were able to appoint a new role, the Projects and Engagement Worker, to further develop our outreach services, and from ROSA, allowing us to start recruiting for a director to oversee the services and strategic direction of the charity. Police and Crime Commissioners Ministry of Justice also awarded us a three year fund towards services and running costs, which as a gradual step towards building up future resilience.

Unrestricted funding has dropped year on year, as we have seen a 73% decline in online donations.

*Restricted funds are funds that must be spent for a particular purpose as set out by the funder. Each fund has a budget allocated, and typically this fund cannot be transferred or carried over unless agreed by the funder.*

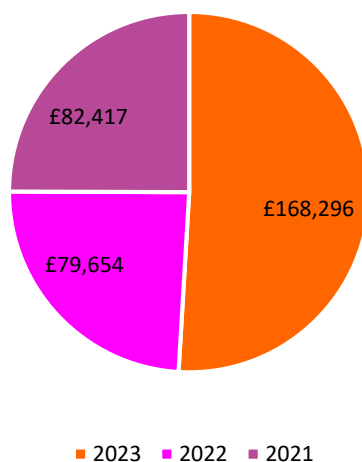
*Unrestricted funds are usually other donations, or certain funds that do not state a specific purpose, and therefore we can allocate them as they see fit towards the running of the charity.*



Expenditure has increased over 100% compared with the previous year, which is partly to do with prepaid rent and rates for 2024 that was paid out of 2023 funding. Our wages and salaries spend also contributes to the overall increase in expenditure, including the project engagement worker new post as of May 2022, inflationary pay scale increases, and increased sessional worker fees.

The remainder of the cost increases is largely inflationary.

## Expenditure on Charitable activities



Expenses for the year ended March 2022	2023	Movement	2022	Movement	2021
Volunteer/Trustee Expenditure	£6,242	55%	£4,038	34%	£3,007
Beneficiaries' Expenditure	£2,223	124%	£993	2107%	£45
Insurance	£1,483	27%	£1,165	2%	£1,141
Rent & Rates at Bridge Chapel	£38,509	100%	-	-100%	£30,227
Wages and Salaries including taxes and pension	£88,033	57%	£56,232	10%	£51,007
Staff & Volunteers CRB Checks	£232	61%	£144	3%	£140
Recruitment and advertising costs	£199	100%	-	0%	-
Interpreting and translating	£40	100%	-	0%	-
Equipment/Resources/Provisions	£3,438	21%	£2,833	-61%	£7,310
Staff Travel, Expenses & Training	£2,739	291%	£701	-1%	£708
Sessional Staff & Clinical Supervision	£14,526	160%	£5,582	354%	£1,229
Consultancy fees	£917	83%	£500	-33%	£750
Staff Mobile phones	£965	-15%	£1,132	-27%	£1,548
Software expenses	£578	7%	£538	-6%	£570
Postage & Stationery	£596	51%	£395	-2%	£405
Telephone/Internet at Bridge	£5,318	-6%	£5,677	15%	£4,948
Membership Fees	£35	-88%	£291	147%	£118
Bank charges	£63	5%	£60	33%	£45
Governance Accounts & Professional Fees	£2,160	1%	£2,136	0%	£2,136
	<b>£168,296</b>		<b>£82,417</b>		<b>£105,334</b>

<b>BALANCE SHEET at March 2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Fixed Assets	£839	£6
Debtors	£100	£100
Cash at bank and in hand	£130,832	£102,708
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£130,932</b>	<b>£102,808</b>
Creditors	£26,579	£5,589
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£105,192</b>	<b>£97,225</b>
<b>General fund</b>	<b>£31,790</b>	<b>£23,142</b>
Designated funds	£31,424	£30,224
Restricted funds	£41,978	£43,859
<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>£105,192</b>	<b>£97,225</b>

Our unrestricted 'general' fund has increased slightly to £31,790. Ideally we aim to bring these reserves up to between £40,000 to £50,000, which would allow the Charity to continue unfunded and pay three month's worth of committed costs. This is stated as our reserve policy in the annual accounts.

Our unrestricted 'designated' fund is reserves that are set aside in the budget for running costs of the Charity, and our restricted funds are funds from donors that must be spent for a restricted purpose in a limited time frame as agreed with each funder.

As you can see, our reserves 'balances' to the net assets of the Charity, that is mostly cash in the bank, net of any other fixed assets, debtors or creditors.

Fixed assets are items the Charity has acquired and are used in the charitable activities over a period of years (for example IT equipment).

Debtors are amounts the Charity has paid in advance for services that will happen in the future (for example insurance).

Creditors are amounts the Charity owes for services already received (for example payroll taxes and pension contributions) that have not yet been settled with cash.

### Funding

On behalf of SLDAS I would like to thank all of our funders for their continued support.

Continuation of our core services would not be possible without the financial support of the ROSA fund, Liverpool City Council City Safe and Police and Crime Commissioners Fund. We were grateful for additional covid funding from Police and Crime Commissioners during the year, as well being awarded a three year fund towards services and running costs, which as a gradual step towards building up future resilience.

We were delighted to secure new funding from ROSA during 2023, which will be spent on developing our services and strategy, and improving governance. This funding has since year end March 2023 enabled us to recruit Beckie Radcliffe into the director role.

We would also like to thank Women's Aid for their continued support in working towards the WA Accreditation, as well as development of the Oasis database.

	2023	2022	2021
City Safe	29,800	29,800	38,500
Police Crime Commissioner Covid 19	54,218	20,404	27,704
Police Crime Commissioner	50,000	-	-
Ellie Trust	-	19,375	-
P H Holt Foundation	-	10,000	10,000
ROSA Fund	24,996	8,000	10,000
Liverpool City Council	5,000	5,000	5,000
Women's Aid	1,500	1,500	13,500
SLDAS GP Film Project		3,000	-
Bridge Chapel Centre In Kind Premises Support and Services	-	-	10,584
Mayoral Inclusive Growth Fund	-	-	6,900
	<b>£165,514</b>	<b>£97,079</b>	<b>£122,188</b>



Registered number: 3568979

Charity number: 1071552

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**South Liverpool Domestic Abuse Services**

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**INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

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**ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/03/2023 .

The Trustees intend that this Annual Report also serves as the Statutory Directors' Report. The Directors of the Charitable company (the Charity) are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout the report are collectively referred to as the Trustees.

Reference and administrative details are provided in the company information section of these accounts at page 1.

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and the 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2016).

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Charity in the year under review was to support women and children in South Liverpool who have experienced domestic abuse .

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

1. To relieve women and children, particularly those residing in the Speke, Garston and South Liverpool areas of Liverpool, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress as a result of domestic violence.
2. To educate the public in matters of community safety and particularly issues of domestic violence and violence against women and children.
3. To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be conveniently or advantageously carried out in conjunction with the objects set out in sub clauses (1) and (2) above.

AIM: To challenge the impact of domestic abuse on women and children.

OBJECTIVE 1: To support women and children in South Liverpool who have experienced domestic abuse.

OBJECTIVE 2: To provide volunteering opportunities to women who are concerned about the issues of domestic abuse experienced by women and children.

OBJECTIVE 3: To raise public awareness of domestic abuse of women and children in local communities.

The Charity has three main strands of activity to achieve our objectives as well as to contribute generally to the public benefit:

**MAIN ACTIVITIES**

1. The Charity provides supportive responses to women seeking services, with information, a range of services and activities, signposting to specialist providers, advocacy, opportunities for group work and counselling to women addressing experiences of violence and abuse;

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2. The Charity recruits, trains and supports as volunteers, local women concerned about the issues to underpin the range of services to beneficiaries, as a progression route for volunteers, giving work experience, access to educational opportunities and personal development; and

3. The Charity delivers sessions of domestic abuse awareness training to frontline service providers, community and voluntary organisations, public sector bodies, and interested private sector organisations.

Organisationally, the Charity engages in local, citywide and regional strategic planning as and when possible to bring issues of violence against women and girls to current policy arenas. In this way, the specific work of the Charity to address domestic abuse is brought into the public arena for public benefit.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT**

In setting objectives and policies to achieve them, the Trustees give due consideration to guidance issued by the Charities Commission to ensure that such policies achieve the requirement to give public benefit.

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

Company information is shown on page 1 of these accounts.

**STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Charity (registered charity number 1071552) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 22 May 1998 (registered company number 3568979). The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the Charity and is governed under its Articles of Association.

A board of at least four Trustees meet bimonthly and administer the Charity. Sub-committees are also attended by a representation of Trustees, which meet as required.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law and who served during the year, were: Nina Doran (Chair); Naomi Frisch; Helen Knibb (resigned 11 September 2023); Louise Gilston; Danielle Freedman-Hampson (resigned 22 November 2022); Rachel Yates; Rachel Burgess (Treasurer); Alexandra Guy and Rose Harvey (resigned 2 January 2023).

**STAFF TEAM**

The Charity employs the following staff: Jacqueline Gordon (finance / administration); Assia Bibi (job share services co-ordinator); Frances Stewart (job share services co-ordinator); Elizabeth Prescott (project engagement manager); and Rebecca Radcliffe (director, appointed April 2023).

**PAY POLICY FOR STAFF**

The pay of staff is linked to the NJC Pay Scales. Each role reflects the level of responsibility, skill, experience and knowledge required, and remuneration levels in the sector. Roles are reviewed and revised periodically.

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**GOVERNANCE**

The Trustees plan to meet bimonthly for board meetings to review the running of the Charity, to oversee planning and development, and to monitor the overall work of the Charity.

SLDAS are delighted to be working towards the Women's Aid Quality Standard.

The names of the present Trustees, and of all who held office during the period, are shown on page 1 of these accounts. No remuneration is paid to any trustee for their services as a Trustee. No Trustee had a material interest in any of the Charity's contracts during the period.

In accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting the following Trustees retire from office by rotation, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election: Naomi Frisch and Nina Doran.

**TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of South Liverpool Domestic Abuse Services for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the 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 Charity 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 for that period. In preparing the 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 judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING**

Induction of new Trustees takes place informally through attendance at Board meetings, ad hoc enrolment in the Charity's accredited Volunteer Domestic Abuse Awareness Training, attendance at Charity planning events, participation in the ongoing work of the Board, and through specific sessions on identified topics led by expert providers as and when needed. All Trustees are regularly offered opportunities for training to look at specific areas of Management Committee responsibility, governance or topics related to the nature of the Charity's services.

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**RISK MANAGEMENT**

Domestic abuse prevention is an area of work inherently concerned with risk management on a personal level for the client group, from a Health and Safety point of view for staff and volunteers, and from a Community Safety outlook for local residents and women generally citywide. The Charity has continued to review and revise policy in the course of this financial year to strengthen all policies and procedures. Risk Assessment is carried out as part of initial assessment and at times of change with all beneficiaries. Child and Adult Safeguarding training is completed by all staff and volunteers to at least OC Level 1. All staff and some volunteers have completed Level Two OC Safeguarding. The Services Co-ordinators have structured time in their work schedules for Peer Review of cases, and the staff team regularly discuss practice and problem-solve as a team. The Charity utilises the national standards for domestic abuse prevention developed by CAADA and implemented Merseyside-wide through the MERIT risk assessment tool. Individual clients' risk assessments are reviewed regularly to measure risk and support needs. Safety procedures in respect of the Charity's public premises are reviewed annually with the aim of reducing risk and maintaining safety for all members of the Charity while at SLDAS.

A full Business Continuity Risk Management Plan was drafted and adopted with assistance from Liverpool Charities and Voluntary Services.

The impact of austerity has highlighted the risk to women and girls subject to abuse of being unable to access support of any kind. Many refugees previously affiliated to the national Women's Aid Federation have lost accommodation contracts to provide refuge in favour of generic housing providers who offer homeless accommodation to mixed gender groups which are highly unsuitable for women escaping abuse. Women's organisations have been especially hard-hit by funding cuts. In Liverpool, the number of reported incidents of domestic abuse far outstrips the number of women who manage to access support of any kind. It is now recognised that, in addition to the two women per week murdered by violent partners, another two women per week take their own lives as a result of the destructive impact of domestic abuse upon them.

**FINANCIAL RISK**

A key risk is insufficient income to operate the service, as the Charity relies mainly upon short-term restricted funds. The Charity has a business planning process that addresses the need for ongoing fundraising for future operating costs of running the service, and it considers the risks to which it is exposed. Following the appointment of new Trustees, the board of Trustees formed a Financial Planning and Fundraising Committee for this purpose. The Financial Planning and Fundraising Committee is made up of three Trustees, plus the director and the finance / administration worker. The overall funding strategy is to secure staffing and programmes for all beneficiaries through a combination of one, two three year or longer grants from charities, statutory sources and local sources.

The Trustees monitor actual income and expenditure against budget on a quarterly basis, and implement changes to the budgets and plans if required to mitigate the financial risks faced by the Charity. The Charity's computerised accounts system monitors specific funds and the attributable spend, thereby assisting in control.

The Reserves Policy of the Charity is to maintain a level of reserves for salary support in the event of gaps between funds. If by short-term use of reserves the Charity is able to retain staff pending outcomes of funding applications, this mitigates the disruption and distress caused when posts receive no further funding. In the year concerned, the Trustees acted within the bounds of financial policy to retain members of staff for limited periods beyond funding in order for key pieces of work to be completed.

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**VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are key to every aspect of the Charity. Trustees provide governance of the Charity as unpaid volunteers. Trained volunteer support workers and volunteer counsellors are the main frontline service providers, under supervision by paid staff. This enables support to be open-ended and flexible according to the direction given by the service user. Volunteers give the Charity its capacity to respond. Volunteers providing services are also eligible to become Trustees. The Charity welcomes and encourages beneficiaries of services to become volunteers as and when appropriate, and to be involved in service and organisational planning at any point in their contact with the Charity.

All participants of the Charity are encouraged to become company members with the aim of having a voice in the development and direction of the Charity. Membership entitles members to a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

With funding from Liverpool City Council Community Resource Grants and PH Holt, 9 local women undertook volunteer training with SLDAS in the year ended 31 March 2023, all completing Open Awards Level 1 DV awareness Level 2 Volunteer Support Worker training at SLDAS.

8 trained volunteers were actively volunteering during the year. Volunteers covered a range of tasks including Drop-ins/coffee mornings, website referrals, telephone enquiries/referrals, co-facilitating Freedom Programmes, Boundaries group and Recovery Toolkit as well as providing 1:1 support, advocacy, and administration.

The hours of volunteering time given to the Charity over the year amounted to over 1,400 hours with some volunteers giving two full days per week to the service.

**BENEFICIARY ANALYSIS**

781 referrals for support came from agencies such as; police, housing and MASH team, self-referrals, family and friends.

This resulted in 1,311 active cases receiving domestic abuse support, of which, 533 were new cases, the remainder ongoing.

From the 781 new referrals, a total of 916 children were involved in the cases.

1,275 hours of ongoing 1-1 support sessions were provided, in addition to 520 hours providing advice and information, and 170 hours of advocacy services.

310 women were signposted and referred to Citizens Advice, housing, refuge, benefits and legal advice.

117 referrals were made for women with mental health support needs.

187 women were supported in reporting the abuse to police.

As a result of the Charity's support, 1,064 women reported feeling less isolated, had built resilience and felt they were able to cope moving forward. 309 women reported improved mental health.

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5 women accessed the 24 hour National domestic abuse helpline.

Clients came from across the city to access help: L1; L2; L3; L4; L5; L6; L7; L8; L9; L10; L11; L12; L13; L14; L15; L16; L17; L18; L19; L20; L21; L23; L24; L25; L26; L27; L28; L30; L31; L32; L34; L35; L36; as well as Wirral, North Wales, Warrington, Lancashire and Northwich, St. Helens and Widnes.

SLDAS received 5 enquiries from agencies or individuals looking for services for men, which were signposted to respect for perpetrator programmes or Mankind.

Clients whereby English is not their first language included; Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, Mandarin, Farsi (Persian), Hindi, German, Estonian, Polish, Tamil and Urdu, Spanish, Somali, Russian, Romanian and Czech.

The racial profile of SLDAS 781 referrals consisted of: 590 White British; 60 Asian women; 62 Black women; 29 women from mixed race backgrounds; 16 women from other white backgrounds; and 24 of unknown racial background.

Ages range from under 16 up to over 79 years, with 83 aged 18-24, 229 aged 25-34, 190 aged 35-44, 189 aged 45-54, 44 aged 55-64, 34 aged 65-74, and 11 aged 75 and over, and 1 unknown.

Religious beliefs held by the Clients during the year were as follows: 277 Christian; 77 Muslim; 1 Jewish; 4 Sikh; 10 Hindu; 4 Buddhist. A further 170 women had no religious beliefs, 167 women were unsure, and 71 declined to answer.

Of the 781 women referred to the Charity during the year: 644 clients identified as heterosexual; 3 bisexual; 1 Asexual; 17 Gay/lesbian; 2 Transgender woman; with 114 preferring not to declare their sexual orientation.

In respect of disability: 265 women advised they had a disability: 3 reported a hearing impairment; 16 declared learning difficulties; 23 suffered with long term illness; 153 identified mental illness needs; 68 had physical disability; and 2 had sight impairment.

The outcomes achieved through group work are significant as this is often the first time women experiencing domestic abuse really break their isolation by meeting with others who have experienced similar issues. They gain insight and knowledge about the impacts and effects of domestic abuse on themselves and on their children. They can recognise strength in others before feeling it in themselves. Beneficiaries also learn what their options are and how to put any plans into action with support from experienced staff and trained volunteers. Women-only spaces and gender-aware practices are vital for naming, understanding and overcoming the impact of violence and abuse against women and girls. Group work such as the happy home programme that can be delivered in community languages to make the benefits of groups available despite language barriers is a priority in a city like Liverpool.

Counselling is a major element of available services for women recovering from the impact of abuse. SLDAS offers both person-centred counselling and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy delivered by qualified counsellors who do this as their volunteering at SLDAS. The range of issues women address in counselling include low self-esteem, confusion and inability to focus, emotional support to face court hearings, perpetrators due to leave prison, historic sexual abuse and feeling suicidal. Many come with mental health issues and/or substance issues.

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The Charity's capacity as a service is limited by the number of paid staff supervising trained, experienced volunteers. Fewer staff reduces the number of initial assessments that can be booked in. Initial assessments are essential to take stock of the risks clients are facing at this point in their relationships. Qualified staff carry out the risk assessments and safety planning to mitigate the risks.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Trustees met six times via Zoom, and once in person in the year ended 31 March 2023. Some of the Trustees provide ad hoc administration support and management of the Charity.

Through funding from Women's Aid, the Charity's current policies and practice were reviewed. Feedback was very positive in respect of take-up of services and the Charity's equality policy. As a next step, the review recommended utilising social media including the SLDAS website to promote the Charity's positive-action approach, and the opportunities available through volunteering. The Women's Aid funded equality work is continuing.

Trustees continue to fundraise continuously, whilst several of the Trustees attend a Bids and Funding Committee. During the year the Charity recruited a Projects and Engagement Worker to work with trained volunteers in outreach venues, offering a full range of services. Thanks to ROSA funding, the Charity was able to appoint a director to oversee the strategic development of the Charity's objects, who joined the Charity in April 2023 shortly after the year in review.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The results for the year and the Charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements. Total incoming resources were £176,263 (2022 £113,532) and total outgoing resources were £168,296 (2022 £82,417) with net incoming resources of £7,967 (2022 £31,115) being net incoming resources of £9,848 (2022 £13,690) on the unrestricted fund and net outgoing resources of £1,881 (2022 net incoming resources £17,425) on the restricted funds. The Charity has designated £1,200 of the net incoming unrestricted funds. The total funds on the Balance Sheet are £105,192 (2022 £97,225) being £31,790 (2022 £23,142) unrestricted general funds, £31,424 (2022 £30,224) designated funds and £41,978 (2022 £43,859) restricted funds.

**RESERVES**

The Charity is run on a not-for-profit basis, but for prudent management the Board of Trustees would wish to maintain a level of free reserves to establish a sustainable entity and guard against contingencies. The current level of free reserves, (that is, those funds not tied up in fixed assets, designated and restricted funds) is £30,951 (2022 £23,136). The Trustees acknowledge that the ideal level of free reserves would represent three months' running costs including salaries and potential redundancy costs (approximately £50,000). However, maintaining such an ideal level of reserves has never been possible for the Charity, that to date receives mainly restricted funds with limited income streams from which to build a free reserve. This ideal level of free reserves would allow the Charity to sustain itself over a period such as when one funding stream ends before another begins. The Charity continues to fundraise aiming to develop the reserves.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Independent Examiners, Harvey Guinan (Julie Guinan FCCA) have indicated their willingness to remain in office.

A resolution will be proposed for their re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The Charity's immediate priority continues to be the medium to long-term funding of the Charity and its core costs, in order to retain permanent staff, develop and attract volunteers, and continue to prioritise service delivery. The Charity uses pilot projects and development work to initiate innovation and demonstrate value. Following the recent appointment of a director, the Trustees and the Charity are excited to develop and enhance the service, improve governance and reporting. Since the year in review, the director has already demonstrated value in building on key strategic partnerships. However, the core of staffing, volunteering and service delivery remains the immediate priority.

**APPROVAL**

The report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 05/12/2023 .



Rachel Burgess (Treasurer)  
Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH LIVERPOOL DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/03/2023 .

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

As the Charity's Trustees of the Company (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

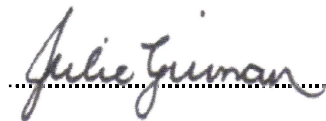
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



..... Julie Guinan FCCA Independent Examiner

Date: 05/12/2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31/03/2023**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Income from generated funds				
Donations	10,506	-	10,506	16,447
Income from Investments	243	-	243	6
Income from charitable activities	-	165,514	165,514	97,079
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,749</b>	<b>165,514</b>	<b>176,263</b>	<b>113,532</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Charitable activities	901	167,395	168,296	82,417
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>167,395</b>	<b>168,296</b>	<b>82,417</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>9,848</b>	<b>(1,881)</b>	<b>7,967</b>	<b>31,115</b>
<b>Net movement in funds:</b>				
<b>Net income for the year</b>	<b>9,848</b>	<b>(1,881)</b>	<b>7,967</b>	<b>31,115</b>
Total funds brought forward	53,366	43,859	97,225	66,110
<b>Net funds carried forward</b>	<b>63,214</b>	<b>41,978</b>	<b>105,192</b>	<b>97,225</b>

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31/03/2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	4	839	6
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	5	100	100
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>130,832</u>	<u>102,708</u>
		130,932	102,808
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>26,579</u>	<u>5,589</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		104,353	97,219
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>105,192</u>	<u>97,225</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	8		
General fund		31,790	23,142
Designated funds		31,424	30,224
<b>Restricted funds</b>	9	<u>41,978</u>	<u>43,859</u>
		<u>105,192</u>	<u>97,225</u>

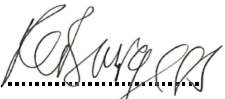
For the year ending 31/03/2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

**Approved by the board of trustees on 05/12/2023 and signed on their behalf by**



.....  
Rachel Burgess (Treasurer)  
Trustee

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1a. Basis Of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**1b. Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**1c. Resources Expended**

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.

**1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs**

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

**1e. 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.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for the specific future purposes or projects.

**1f. Depreciation**

Fixed assets are shown at historical cost.

Depreciation is provided, after taking account of any grants receivable, at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures And Fittings	straight line 25 %
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**1g. Pension Costs**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

**1h. Turnover**

Turnover represents the Incoming Resources comprising grants and donations received and receivable, earned income from services and training provided and bank interest. The Charity is not registered for value added tax.

**1i. Basis Of Preparing The Accounts**

At the time of preparing the accounts, the Trustees have reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees therefore continue to operate the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts.

The Trustees are dependent on securing sufficient funds to cover its activities in the foreseeable future. Based upon business plans, current fundraising, a policy of maximising income and minimising costs and the availability of a reserve the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that adequate funds will be available to run the service and on that basis the accounts are prepared on going concern basis. The Trustees have considered a period of at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved.

**1j. Debtors Policy**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discount due.

**1k. Policy For Income Recognition**

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all the following are met: (1)The charity has entitlement to the funds; (2) Any performance conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity; (3) There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and (4) The amount can be measured reliably.

### **1l. Cash At Bank And In Hand Policy**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

### **1m. Policy For Creditors And Provisions**

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

### **1n. Policy For Financial Instruments**

The Charity 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.

## **2. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES**

Particulars of employees (including directors) are shown below:

Employee costs during the year amounted to:	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	83,948	55,091
Social security costs	2,346	-
Pension costs	1,739	1,141
	<u>88,033</u>	<u>56,232</u>

During the year there were 4 employees.

The Trustees do not receive remuneration.

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**3. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Pension contributions	1,739	1,141
	<u>1,739</u>	<u>1,141</u>

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Fixtures and Fittings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 01/04/2022	3,772	3,772
Additions	1,020	1,020
Disposals	(975)	(975)
At 31/03/2023	<u>3,817</u>	<u>3,817</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 01/04/2022	3,766	3,766
Disposals	(975)	(975)
For the year	187	187
At 31/03/2023	<u>2,978</u>	<u>2,978</u>
<b>Net Book Amounts</b>		
At 31/03/2023	<u>839</u>	<u>839</u>
At 31/03/2022	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

**5. DEBTORS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	100	100
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	21,975	-
Other creditors	4,282	5,589
	<u>26,257</u>	<u>5,589</u>

**7. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member gives a guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £1, to the company should it be wound up. At 31/03/2023 there were 7 members.

**8. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<b>Brought forward</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Outgoing resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Carried forward</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General fund	23,142	10,749	(901)	(1,200)	31,790
Designated Beneficiary Fund	1,061	-	-	1,200	2,261
Continuity and Development Fund	29,163	-	-	-	29,163
	<u>53,366</u>	<u>10,749</u>	<u>(901)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,214</u>

**Designated Beneficiary Fund**

Donations for supporting our beneficiaries.

**Continuity and Development Fund**

Funds designated from unrestricted general funds to ensure the continuity and development of services and activities for beneficiaries during transitional funding periods.



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### 9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
John Moores Foundation	771	-	(771)	-	-
Police and Crime Commissioner Ministry of Justice Fund	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	-
Holt Resilience	9,595	-	(5,650)	-	3,945
ROSA Fund	-	24,996	(511)	-	24,485
Liverpool City Council Community Resource Grant	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Liverpool City Council Mental Health Fund	-	54,218	(54,218)	-	-
City Safe	-	29,800	(29,800)	-	-
Women's Aid	4,335	1,500	(4,958)	-	877
Steve Morgan Foundation	2,079	-	(2,079)	-	-
Ellie Trust	19,375	-	(10,160)	-	9,215
P H Holt Foundation	4,704	-	(4,248)	-	456
GP Film Project	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
	<u>43,859</u>	<u>165,514</u>	<u>(167,395)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,978</u>

#### John Moores Foundation

Funds for Volunteer expenses in support of the young peoples' awareness raising.

#### Police and Crime Commissioner Ministry of Justice Fund

Funds for working with women who have experienced domestic abuse.

#### Holt Resilience

Funding for outreach services.

#### ROSA Fund

Funds for provision to overcome barriers for women seeking support who have experienced domestic abuse.

#### Liverpool City Council Community Resource Grant

Funds to support volunteer training and work experience.

#### Liverpool City Council Mental Health Fund

Funds to support women who have experienced domestic abuse.

#### City Safe

Funds for specialist support services for women and children who have experienced domestic abuse.

#### Women's Aid

Funds to strengthen the organisation and the staff team while working towards the WA Quality Standard.

#### Steve Morgan Foundation

Funds for domestic abuse awareness raising with young people.

#### Ellie Trust

Funding for a Projects and Engagement Worker to develop domestic abuse awareness and delivery of outreach support.

**P H Holt Foundation**

Funds for volunteer training and work experience supporting women who have experienced domestic abuse.

**GP Film Project**

Funds for film project of domestic abuse awareness targeted for practitioners and professionals.

**10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year 3 Trustees were reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses of £363, 2 were reimbursed for training and conference fees of £294 and 2 for software, postage and other sundry costs of £271.

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**11. INCOMING RESOURCES ANALYSIS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Miscellaneous Unrestricted Income	10,506	16,447
Bank Interest Receivable	243	6
Liverpool City Council - Community Resource Grant	5,000	5,000
ROSA Fund	24,996	8,000
Liverpool City Council - Mental Health Fund	54,218	-
Police and Crime Commissioner	50,000	20,404
Women's Aid	1,500	1,500
City Safe	29,800	29,800
Holt Resilience	-	10,000
Ellie Trust	-	19,375
GP Film Project	-	3,000
	<hr/> 176,263 <hr/>	<hr/> 113,532 <hr/>

**12. NET ASSETS BY FUND**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Tangible Assets	839	-	839
Net Current Assets	62,375	41,978	104,353
	<hr/> 63,214 <hr/>	<hr/> 41,978 <hr/>	<hr/> 105,192 <hr/>

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### 13. RESOURCES EXPENDED

The direct costs include beneficiary and volunteer costs and all costs directly associated with providing training including accredited volunteer training, self-esteem and creative course therapy, anger management, well-being and women's health education, survivors' facilitated groups, staff training and development and recruitment costs.

Running costs included in support costs comprise accounts, insurance, membership, internet fees, photocopying, stationery publicity and telephone costs.

	Basis of allocation	Support Services	Governance	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>Costs directly allocated to Activities</b>					
Beneficiary costs	Direct	2,223	-	2,223	993
Staffing costs	Direct	86,294	-	86,294	55,091
Volunteer Costs	Direct	6,242	-	6,242	4,038
Equipment Resources	Direct	3,251	-	3,251	2,833
Pension Costs	Direct	1,739	-	1,739	1,141
Professional Fees	Direct	2,500	2,160	4,660	2,136
Staff Expenses, Sessional Workers, Training and Consultancy	Direct	16,647	-	16,647	7,915
<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>					
Finance Costs	Transactions	63	-	63	60
Administration Costs	Usage	6,572	-	6,572	6,216
Running Costs	Usage	2,096	-	2,096	1,994
Premises	Area/usage	38,509	-	38,509	-
		166,136	2,160	168,296	82,417

### 14. COMPANY STATUS

The Company is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. No taxation has been provided due to the company's charitable status.

Corporation Taxation: The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

South Liverpool Domestic Abuse Services company number: 3568979 is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. Its registered office is Bridge Chapel Centre, Heath Road, Liverpool, Merseyside L19 4XR.

Registered number: 3568979

Charity number: 1071552

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**INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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Nina Doran (Chair)  
Naomi Frisch  
Helen Knibb (resigned 11/09/2023)  
Danielle Freedman-Hampson (resigned 22/11/2022)  
Rachel Burgess (Treasurer)  
Rachel Yates  
Alexandra Guy  
Rose Harvey (resigned 02/01/2023)

**SECRETARY**

Jacqueline Gordon

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

Bridge Chapel Centre  
Heath Road  
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Merseyside  
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**COMPANY NUMBER**

3568979

**CHARITY NUMBER**

1071552

**BANKERS**

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**ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/03/2023 .

The Trustees intend that this Annual Report also serves as the Statutory Directors' Report. The Directors of the Charitable company (the Charity) are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout the report are collectively referred to as the Trustees.

Reference and administrative details are provided in the company information section of these accounts at page 1.

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and the 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2016).

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Charity in the year under review was to support women and children in South Liverpool who have experienced domestic abuse .

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

1. To relieve women and children, particularly those residing in the Speke, Garston and South Liverpool areas of Liverpool, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress as a result of domestic violence.
2. To educate the public in matters of community safety and particularly issues of domestic violence and violence against women and children.
3. To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be conveniently or advantageously carried out in conjunction with the objects set out in sub clauses (1) and (2) above.

AIM: To challenge the impact of domestic abuse on women and children.

OBJECTIVE 1: To support women and children in South Liverpool who have experienced domestic abuse.

OBJECTIVE 2: To provide volunteering opportunities to women who are concerned about the issues of domestic abuse experienced by women and children.

OBJECTIVE 3: To raise public awareness of domestic abuse of women and children in local communities.

The Charity has three main strands of activity to achieve our objectives as well as to contribute generally to the public benefit:

**MAIN ACTIVITIES**

1. The Charity provides supportive responses to women seeking services, with information, a range of services and activities, signposting to specialist providers, advocacy, opportunities for group work and counselling to women addressing experiences of violence and abuse;



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2. The Charity recruits, trains and supports as volunteers, local women concerned about the issues to underpin the range of services to beneficiaries, as a progression route for volunteers, giving work experience, access to educational opportunities and personal development; and

3. The Charity delivers sessions of domestic abuse awareness training to frontline service providers, community and voluntary organisations, public sector bodies, and interested private sector organisations.

Organisationally, the Charity engages in local, citywide and regional strategic planning as and when possible to bring issues of violence against women and girls to current policy arenas. In this way, the specific work of the Charity to address domestic abuse is brought into the public arena for public benefit.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT**

In setting objectives and policies to achieve them, the Trustees give due consideration to guidance issued by the Charities Commission to ensure that such policies achieve the requirement to give public benefit.

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

Company information is shown on page 1 of these accounts.

**STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Charity (registered charity number 1071552) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 22 May 1998 (registered company number 3568979). The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the Charity and is governed under its Articles of Association.

A board of at least four Trustees meet bimonthly and administer the Charity. Sub-committees are also attended by a representation of Trustees, which meet as required.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law and who served during the year, were: Nina Doran (Chair); Naomi Frisch; Helen Knibb (resigned 11 September 2023); Louise Gilston; Danielle Freedman-Hampson (resigned 22 November 2022); Rachel Yates; Rachel Burgess (Treasurer); Alexandra Guy and Rose Harvey (resigned 2 January 2023).

**STAFF TEAM**

The Charity employs the following staff: Jacqueline Gordon (finance / administration); Assia Bibi (job share services co-ordinator); Frances Stewart (job share services co-ordinator); Elizabeth Prescott (project engagement manager); and Rebecca Radcliffe (director, appointed April 2023).

**PAY POLICY FOR STAFF**

The pay of staff is linked to the NJC Pay Scales. Each role reflects the level of responsibility, skill, experience and knowledge required, and remuneration levels in the sector. Roles are reviewed and revised periodically.

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**GOVERNANCE**

The Trustees plan to meet bimonthly for board meetings to review the running of the Charity, to oversee planning and development, and to monitor the overall work of the Charity.

SLDAS are delighted to be working towards the Women's Aid Quality Standard.

The names of the present Trustees, and of all who held office during the period, are shown on page 1 of these accounts. No remuneration is paid to any trustee for their services as a Trustee. No Trustee had a material interest in any of the Charity's contracts during the period.

In accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting the following Trustees retire from office by rotation, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election: Naomi Frisch and Nina Doran.

**TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of South Liverpool Domestic Abuse Services for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the 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 Charity 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 for that period. In preparing the 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 judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING**

Induction of new Trustees takes place informally through attendance at Board meetings, ad hoc enrolment in the Charity's accredited Volunteer Domestic Abuse Awareness Training, attendance at Charity planning events, participation in the ongoing work of the Board, and through specific sessions on identified topics led by expert providers as and when needed. All Trustees are regularly offered opportunities for training to look at specific areas of Management Committee responsibility, governance or topics related to the nature of the Charity's services.

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**RISK MANAGEMENT**

Domestic abuse prevention is an area of work inherently concerned with risk management on a personal level for the client group, from a Health and Safety point of view for staff and volunteers, and from a Community Safety outlook for local residents and women generally citywide. The Charity has continued to review and revise policy in the course of this financial year to strengthen all policies and procedures. Risk Assessment is carried out as part of initial assessment and at times of change with all beneficiaries. Child and Adult Safeguarding training is completed by all staff and volunteers to at least OC Level 1. All staff and some volunteers have completed Level Two OC Safeguarding. The Services Co-ordinators have structured time in their work schedules for Peer Review of cases, and the staff team regularly discuss practice and problem-solve as a team. The Charity utilises the national standards for domestic abuse prevention developed by CAADA and implemented Merseyside-wide through the MERIT risk assessment tool. Individual clients' risk assessments are reviewed regularly to measure risk and support needs. Safety procedures in respect of the Charity's public premises are reviewed annually with the aim of reducing risk and maintaining safety for all members of the Charity while at SLDAS.

A full Business Continuity Risk Management Plan was drafted and adopted with assistance from Liverpool Charities and Voluntary Services.

The impact of austerity has highlighted the risk to women and girls subject to abuse of being unable to access support of any kind. Many refugees previously affiliated to the national Women's Aid Federation have lost accommodation contracts to provide refuge in favour of generic housing providers who offer homeless accommodation to mixed gender groups which are highly unsuitable for women escaping abuse. Women's organisations have been especially hard-hit by funding cuts. In Liverpool, the number of reported incidents of domestic abuse far outstrips the number of women who manage to access support of any kind. It is now recognised that, in addition to the two women per week murdered by violent partners, another two women per week take their own lives as a result of the destructive impact of domestic abuse upon them.

**FINANCIAL RISK**

A key risk is insufficient income to operate the service, as the Charity relies mainly upon short-term restricted funds. The Charity has a business planning process that addresses the need for ongoing fundraising for future operating costs of running the service, and it considers the risks to which it is exposed. Following the appointment of new Trustees, the board of Trustees formed a Financial Planning and Fundraising Committee for this purpose. The Financial Planning and Fundraising Committee is made up of three Trustees, plus the director and the finance / administration worker. The overall funding strategy is to secure staffing and programmes for all beneficiaries through a combination of one, two three year or longer grants from charities, statutory sources and local sources.

The Trustees monitor actual income and expenditure against budget on a quarterly basis, and implement changes to the budgets and plans if required to mitigate the financial risks faced by the Charity. The Charity's computerised accounts system monitors specific funds and the attributable spend, thereby assisting in control.

The Reserves Policy of the Charity is to maintain a level of reserves for salary support in the event of gaps between funds. If by short-term use of reserves the Charity is able to retain staff pending outcomes of funding applications, this mitigates the disruption and distress caused when posts receive no further funding. In the year concerned, the Trustees acted within the bounds of financial policy to retain members of staff for limited periods beyond funding in order for key pieces of work to be completed.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

**VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are key to every aspect of the Charity. Trustees provide governance of the Charity as unpaid volunteers. Trained volunteer support workers and volunteer counsellors are the main frontline service providers, under supervision by paid staff. This enables support to be open-ended and flexible according to the direction given by the service user. Volunteers give the Charity its capacity to respond. Volunteers providing services are also eligible to become Trustees. The Charity welcomes and encourages beneficiaries of services to become volunteers as and when appropriate, and to be involved in service and organisational planning at any point in their contact with the Charity.

All participants of the Charity are encouraged to become company members with the aim of having a voice in the development and direction of the Charity. Membership entitles members to a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

With funding from Liverpool City Council Community Resource Grants and PH Holt, 9 local women undertook volunteer training with SLDAS in the year ended 31 March 2023, all completing Open Awards Level 1 DV awareness Level 2 Volunteer Support Worker training at SLDAS.

8 trained volunteers were actively volunteering during the year. Volunteers covered a range of tasks including Drop-ins/coffee mornings, website referrals, telephone enquiries/referrals, co-facilitating Freedom Programmes, Boundaries group and Recovery Toolkit as well as providing 1:1 support, advocacy, and administration.

The hours of volunteering time given to the Charity over the year amounted to over 1,400 hours with some volunteers giving two full days per week to the service.

**BENEFICIARY ANALYSIS**

781 referrals for support came from agencies such as; police, housing and MASH team, self-referrals, family and friends.

This resulted in 1,311 active cases receiving domestic abuse support, of which, 533 were new cases, the remainder ongoing.

From the 781 new referrals, a total of 916 children were involved in the cases.

1,275 hours of ongoing 1-1 support sessions were provided, in addition to 520 hours providing advice and information, and 170 hours of advocacy services.

310 women were signposted and referred to Citizens Advice, housing, refuge, benefits and legal advice.

117 referrals were made for women with mental health support needs.

187 women were supported in reporting the abuse to police.

As a result of the Charity's support, 1,064 women reported feeling less isolated, had built resilience and felt they were able to cope moving forward. 309 women reported improved mental health.

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5 women accessed the 24 hour National domestic abuse helpline.

Clients came from across the city to access help: L1; L2; L3; L4; L5; L6; L7; L8; L9; L10; L11; L12; L13; L14; L15; L16; L17; L18; L19; L20; L21; L23; L24; L25; L26; L27; L28; L30; L31; L32; L34; L35; L36; as well as Wirral, North Wales, Warrington, Lancashire and Northwich, St. Helens and Widnes.

SLDAS received 5 enquiries from agencies or individuals looking for services for men, which were signposted to respect for perpetrator programmes or Mankind.

Clients whereby English is not their first language included; Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, Mandarin, Farsi (Persian), Hindi, German, Estonian, Polish, Tamil and Urdu, Spanish, Somali, Russian, Romanian and Czech.

The racial profile of SLDAS 781 referrals consisted of: 590 White British; 60 Asian women; 62 Black women; 29 women from mixed race backgrounds; 16 women from other white backgrounds; and 24 of unknown racial background.

Ages range from under 16 up to over 79 years, with 83 aged 18-24, 229 aged 25-34, 190 aged 35-44, 189 aged 45-54, 44 aged 55-64, 34 aged 65-74, and 11 aged 75 and over, and 1 unknown.

Religious beliefs held by the Clients during the year were as follows: 277 Christian; 77 Muslim; 1 Jewish; 4 Sikh; 10 Hindu; 4 Buddhist. A further 170 women had no religious beliefs, 167 women were unsure, and 71 declined to answer.

Of the 781 women referred to the Charity during the year: 644 clients identified as heterosexual; 3 bisexual; 1 Asexual; 17 Gay/lesbian; 2 Transgender woman; with 114 preferring not to declare their sexual orientation.

In respect of disability: 265 women advised they had a disability: 3 reported a hearing impairment; 16 declared learning difficulties; 23 suffered with long term illness; 153 identified mental illness needs; 68 had physical disability; and 2 had sight impairment.

The outcomes achieved through group work are significant as this is often the first time women experiencing domestic abuse really break their isolation by meeting with others who have experienced similar issues. They gain insight and knowledge about the impacts and effects of domestic abuse on themselves and on their children. They can recognise strength in others before feeling it in themselves. Beneficiaries also learn what their options are and how to put any plans into action with support from experienced staff and trained volunteers. Women-only spaces and gender-aware practices are vital for naming, understanding and overcoming the impact of violence and abuse against women and girls. Group work such as the happy home programme that can be delivered in community languages to make the benefits of groups available despite language barriers is a priority in a city like Liverpool.

Counselling is a major element of available services for women recovering from the impact of abuse. SLDAS offers both person-centred counselling and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy delivered by qualified counsellors who do this as their volunteering at SLDAS. The range of issues women address in counselling include low self-esteem, confusion and inability to focus, emotional support to face court hearings, perpetrators due to leave prison, historic sexual abuse and feeling suicidal. Many come with mental health issues and/or substance issues.

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The Charity's capacity as a service is limited by the number of paid staff supervising trained, experienced volunteers. Fewer staff reduces the number of initial assessments that can be booked in. Initial assessments are essential to take stock of the risks clients are facing at this point in their relationships. Qualified staff carry out the risk assessments and safety planning to mitigate the risks.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Trustees met six times via Zoom, and once in person in the year ended 31 March 2023. Some of the Trustees provide ad hoc administration support and management of the Charity.

Through funding from Women's Aid, the Charity's current policies and practice were reviewed. Feedback was very positive in respect of take-up of services and the Charity's equality policy. As a next step, the review recommended utilising social media including the SLDAS website to promote the Charity's positive-action approach, and the opportunities available through volunteering. The Women's Aid funded equality work is continuing.

Trustees continue to fundraise continuously, whilst several of the Trustees attend a Bids and Funding Committee. During the year the Charity recruited a Projects and Engagement Worker to work with trained volunteers in outreach venues, offering a full range of services. Thanks to ROSA funding, the Charity was able to appoint a director to oversee the strategic development of the Charity's objects, who joined the Charity in April 2023 shortly after the year in review.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The results for the year and the Charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements. Total incoming resources were £176,263 (2022 £113,532) and total outgoing resources were £168,296 (2022 £82,417) with net incoming resources of £7,967 (2022 £31,115) being net incoming resources of £9,848 (2022 £13,690) on the unrestricted fund and net outgoing resources of £1,881 (2022 net incoming resources £17,425) on the restricted funds. The Charity has designated £1,200 of the net incoming unrestricted funds. The total funds on the Balance Sheet are £105,192 (2022 £97,225) being £31,790 (2022 £23,142) unrestricted general funds, £31,424 (2022 £30,224) designated funds and £41,978 (2022 £43,859) restricted funds.

**RESERVES**

The Charity is run on a not-for-profit basis, but for prudent management the Board of Trustees would wish to maintain a level of free reserves to establish a sustainable entity and guard against contingencies. The current level of free reserves, (that is, those funds not tied up in fixed assets, designated and restricted funds) is £30,951 (2022 £23,136). The Trustees acknowledge that the ideal level of free reserves would represent three months' running costs including salaries and potential redundancy costs (approximately £50,000). However, maintaining such an ideal level of reserves has never been possible for the Charity, that to date receives mainly restricted funds with limited income streams from which to build a free reserve. This ideal level of free reserves would allow the Charity to sustain itself over a period such as when one funding stream ends before another begins. The Charity continues to fundraise aiming to develop the reserves.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Independent Examiners, Harvey Guinan (Julie Guinan FCCA) have indicated their willingness to remain in office.

A resolution will be proposed for their re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The Charity's immediate priority continues to be the medium to long-term funding of the Charity and its core costs, in order to retain permanent staff, develop and attract volunteers, and continue to prioritise service delivery. The Charity uses pilot projects and development work to initiate innovation and demonstrate value. Following the recent appointment of a director, the Trustees and the Charity are excited to develop and enhance the service, improve governance and reporting. Since the year in review, the director has already demonstrated value in building on key strategic partnerships. However, the core of staffing, volunteering and service delivery remains the immediate priority.

**APPROVAL**

The report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 05/12/2023 .



Rachel Burgess (Treasurer)  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH LIVERPOOL DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/03/2023 .

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

As the Charity's Trustees of the Company (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

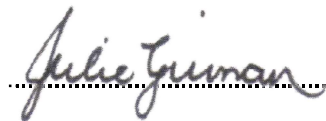
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



..... Julie Guinan FCCA Independent Examiner

Date: 05/12/2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31/03/2023**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Income from generated funds				
Donations	10,506	-	10,506	16,447
Income from Investments	243	-	243	6
Income from charitable activities	-	165,514	165,514	97,079
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,749</b>	<b>165,514</b>	<b>176,263</b>	<b>113,532</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Charitable activities	901	167,395	168,296	82,417
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>167,395</b>	<b>168,296</b>	<b>82,417</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>9,848</b>	<b>(1,881)</b>	<b>7,967</b>	<b>31,115</b>
<b>Net movement in funds:</b>				
<b>Net income for the year</b>	<b>9,848</b>	<b>(1,881)</b>	<b>7,967</b>	<b>31,115</b>
Total funds brought forward	53,366	43,859	97,225	66,110
<b>Net funds carried forward</b>	<b>63,214</b>	<b>41,978</b>	<b>105,192</b>	<b>97,225</b>

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31/03/2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	4	839	6
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	5	100	100
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>130,832</u>	<u>102,708</u>
		130,932	102,808
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>26,579</u>	<u>5,589</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		104,353	97,219
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>105,192</u>	<u>97,225</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	8		
General fund		31,790	23,142
Designated funds		31,424	30,224
<b>Restricted funds</b>	9	<u>41,978</u>	<u>43,859</u>
		<u>105,192</u>	<u>97,225</u>

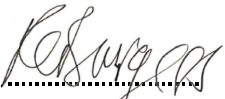
For the year ending 31/03/2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

**Approved by the board of trustees on 05/12/2023 and signed on their behalf by**



.....  
Rachel Burgess (Treasurer)  
Trustee

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1a. Basis Of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**1b. Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**1c. Resources Expended**

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.

**1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs**

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

**1e. 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.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for the specific future purposes or projects.

#### **1f. Depreciation**

Fixed assets are shown at historical cost.

Depreciation is provided, after taking account of any grants receivable, at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures And Fittings	straight line 25 %
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#### **1g. Pension Costs**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

#### **1h. Turnover**

Turnover represents the Incoming Resources comprising grants and donations received and receivable, earned income from services and training provided and bank interest. The Charity is not registered for value added tax.

#### **1i. Basis Of Preparing The Accounts**

At the time of preparing the accounts, the Trustees have reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees therefore continue to operate the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts.

The Trustees are dependent on securing sufficient funds to cover its activities in the foreseeable future. Based upon business plans, current fundraising, a policy of maximising income and minimising costs and the availability of a reserve the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that adequate funds will be available to run the service and on that basis the accounts are prepared on going concern basis. The Trustees have considered a period of at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved.

#### **1j. Debtors Policy**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any discount due.

#### **1k. Policy For Income Recognition**

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all the following are met: (1) The charity has entitlement to the funds; (2) Any performance conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity; (3) There is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and (4) The amount can be measured reliably.

### 1l. Cash At Bank And In Hand Policy

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

### 1m. Policy For Creditors And Provisions

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

### 1n. Policy For Financial Instruments

The Charity 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.

## 2. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Particulars of employees (including directors) are shown below:

Employee costs during the year amounted to:	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	83,948	55,091
Social security costs	2,346	-
Pension costs	1,739	1,141
	<u>88,033</u>	<u>56,232</u>

During the year there were 4 employees.

The Trustees do not receive remuneration.

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**3. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Pension contributions	1,739	1,141
	<u>1,739</u>	<u>1,141</u>

**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Fixtures and Fittings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 01/04/2022	3,772	3,772
Additions	1,020	1,020
Disposals	(975)	(975)
At 31/03/2023	<u>3,817</u>	<u>3,817</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 01/04/2022	3,766	3,766
Disposals	(975)	(975)
For the year	187	187
At 31/03/2023	<u>2,978</u>	<u>2,978</u>
<b>Net Book Amounts</b>		
At 31/03/2023	<u>839</u>	<u>839</u>
At 31/03/2022	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

**5. DEBTORS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	100	100
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	21,975	-
Other creditors	4,282	5,589
	<u>26,257</u>	<u>5,589</u>

**7. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member gives a guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £1, to the company should it be wound up. At 31/03/2023 there were 7 members.

**8. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<b>Brought forward</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Outgoing resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Carried forward</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General fund	23,142	10,749	(901)	(1,200)	31,790
Designated Beneficiary Fund	1,061	-	-	1,200	2,261
Continuity and Development Fund	29,163	-	-	-	29,163
	<u>53,366</u>	<u>10,749</u>	<u>(901)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,214</u>

**Designated Beneficiary Fund**

Donations for supporting our beneficiaries.

**Continuity and Development Fund**

Funds designated from unrestricted general funds to ensure the continuity and development of services and activities for beneficiaries during transitional funding periods.

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### 9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
John Moores Foundation	771	-	(771)	-	-
Police and Crime Commissioner Ministry of Justice Fund	-	50,000	(50,000)	-	-
Holt Resilience	9,595	-	(5,650)	-	3,945
ROSA Fund	-	24,996	(511)	-	24,485
Liverpool City Council Community Resource Grant	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Liverpool City Council Mental Health Fund	-	54,218	(54,218)	-	-
City Safe	-	29,800	(29,800)	-	-
Women's Aid	4,335	1,500	(4,958)	-	877
Steve Morgan Foundation	2,079	-	(2,079)	-	-
Ellie Trust	19,375	-	(10,160)	-	9,215
P H Holt Foundation	4,704	-	(4,248)	-	456
GP Film Project	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
	<u>43,859</u>	<u>165,514</u>	<u>(167,395)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,978</u>

#### John Moores Foundation

Funds for Volunteer expenses in support of the young peoples' awareness raising.

#### Police and Crime Commissioner Ministry of Justice Fund

Funds for working with women who have experienced domestic abuse.

#### Holt Resilience

Funding for outreach services.

#### ROSA Fund

Funds for provision to overcome barriers for women seeking support who have experienced domestic abuse.

#### Liverpool City Council Community Resource Grant

Funds to support volunteer training and work experience.

#### Liverpool City Council Mental Health Fund

Funds to support women who have experienced domestic abuse.

#### City Safe

Funds for specialist support services for women and children who have experienced domestic abuse.

#### Women's Aid

Funds to strengthen the organisation and the staff team while working towards the WA Quality Standard.

#### Steve Morgan Foundation

Funds for domestic abuse awareness raising with young people.

#### Ellie Trust

Funding for a Projects and Engagement Worker to develop domestic abuse awareness and delivery of outreach support.



**P H Holt Foundation**

Funds for volunteer training and work experience supporting women who have experienced domestic abuse.

**GP Film Project**

Funds for film project of domestic abuse awareness targeted for practitioners and professionals.

**10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year 3 Trustees were reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses of £363, 2 were reimbursed for training and conference fees of £294 and 2 for software, postage and other sundry costs of £271.

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**11. INCOMING RESOURCES ANALYSIS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Miscellaneous Unrestricted Income	10,506	16,447
Bank Interest Receivable	243	6
Liverpool City Council - Community Resource Grant	5,000	5,000
ROSA Fund	24,996	8,000
Liverpool City Council - Mental Health Fund	54,218	-
Police and Crime Commissioner	50,000	20,404
Women's Aid	1,500	1,500
City Safe	29,800	29,800
Holt Resilience	-	10,000
Ellie Trust	-	19,375
GP Film Project	-	3,000
	<hr/> 176,263 <hr/>	<hr/> 113,532 <hr/>

**12. NET ASSETS BY FUND**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Tangible Assets	839	-	839
Net Current Assets	62,375	41,978	104,353
	<hr/> 63,214 <hr/>	<hr/> 41,978 <hr/>	<hr/> 105,192 <hr/>

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### 13. RESOURCES EXPENDED

The direct costs include beneficiary and volunteer costs and all costs directly associated with providing training including accredited volunteer training, self-esteem and creative course therapy, anger management, well-being and women's health education, survivors' facilitated groups, staff training and development and recruitment costs.

Running costs included in support costs comprise accounts, insurance, membership, internet fees, photocopying, stationery publicity and telephone costs.

	Basis of allocation	Support Services	Governance	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>Costs directly allocated to Activities</b>					
Beneficiary costs	Direct	2,223	-	2,223	993
Staffing costs	Direct	86,294	-	86,294	55,091
Volunteer Costs	Direct	6,242	-	6,242	4,038
Equipment Resources	Direct	3,251	-	3,251	2,833
Pension Costs	Direct	1,739	-	1,739	1,141
Professional Fees	Direct	2,500	2,160	4,660	2,136
Staff Expenses, Sessional Workers, Training and Consultancy	Direct	16,647	-	16,647	7,915
<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>					
Finance Costs	Transactions	63	-	63	60
Administration Costs	Usage	6,572	-	6,572	6,216
Running Costs	Usage	2,096	-	2,096	1,994
Premises	Area/usage	38,509	-	38,509	-
		166,136	2,160	168,296	82,417

### 14. COMPANY STATUS

The Company is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. No taxation has been provided due to the company's charitable status.

Corporation Taxation: The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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