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**ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

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# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

**Note:** St. George's House Charity operates as St George's Hub. For the purposes of this report, we will refer to St. George's Hub as SGH.

#### Introduction

St. George's House Charity remains unique in Wolverhampton. We are the only gender specific service for men regionally. We operate an open-door policy, never turning away anyone who comes to us seeking help. We are a safety net for those most socially excluded in our community, and those whose voice is not otherwise heard. Our work specialises entirely on male exclusion and vulnerability, our experience demonstrates that men respond positively to a male centric approach.

As a charity, we are a proudly Psychologically Informed Environment (P.I.E); this means that our services are designed and delivered in a way that considers the emotional and psychological needs of the individuals using them. SGH's mission is to improve awareness of trauma and its impact on our clients, we are mindful daily that the services we provide offer high quality support that does not re-traumatise those accessing or working in services.

The cost-of-living crisis has dragged many more men into a state that they frequently have no experience of. Continuing stubborn levels of inflation and a cost-of-living crisis. We have witnessed a sustained assault on those least able to withstand it. SGH has witnessed at first hand clients who smash the myths that perpetuate contemporary political discourse. SGH is continuing to deliver and develop our male only service, reaching across Wolverhampton to a wider group of men and their families. We continue to adopt a 'Think Family' approach, a primary lever in promoting joined up working. In the last 12 months the numbers of men with families accessing all our services, has increased dramatically.

SGH remains on the frontline of many of the major issues facing men and their families in Wolverhampton. We are also equally adept at working in the key issues where men are disproportionately represented but equally in areas where there are compelling reasons/circumstances to work with a wider cohort of men, such as in the response to a bereavement. The patriarchy can bring advantages to men but equally disadvantages that can lead to stigma, shame and poor outcomes.

#### 'Lived In' experience

SGH was ahead of the curve with 'Lived In' experience. We have a long and embedded history of co-production and supporting clients to lead and define the direction of travel for their own recovery. We are proud to employ former clients in paid positions at the charity; experience of issues from the inside out gives our team a unique perspective. We also have a long-established record of our clients' becoming volunteers, which is valuable for both clients and SGH's development.

Decision making at SGH incorporates the perspective and 'Lived In' experience of service users at every stage. We have a Service User Forum and a Steering Group at SGH. During our Business Planning Consultation session at SGH held in July 2022, our clients were the overarching voice; we had a superb representation from right across our diverse communities, with all our service users offering a considerable range of life experience, offering collective and individual perspectives.

SGH is moving towards full involvement of 'Lived In' experience in decision making, service delivery, training, recruitment, and management. We also have plans to recruit a client to become a client representative onto the SGH Board, giving 'Lived In' experience a role in governance, in addition to delivery.

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### Objectives and activities

The aims and objectives of SGH remain clear and focused:

**Delivering and developing our male only service:** For men who are marginalised, socially excluded, lonely, isolated, or otherwise vulnerable. Reaching across Wolverhampton to a wider group of men and their families. Uniquely, we will continue to deliver a service specialising in the needs of men. We will continue to adopt a 'Think Family' approach.

**Addressing Domestic Violence & Abuse:** By offering a safe space for male victims seeking help and providing support to enable men to gain freedom from, and break the cycle of, abuse. We recognised that men can be victims of Domestic Abuse too and often feel unable to talk about abuse, (support also provided for their children).

**Preventing homelessness:** By offering advice, support, and signposting to accommodation services we will keep men from reaching crisis and sleeping rough. Where rough sleeping occurs, we will provide support to alleviate life on the streets.

**Tackling Poverty:** By ensuring maximum uptake of financial support, building essential life skills, and improving employability. Specialised coaching is offered to clients who are frequently unemployed and who have trouble achieving employment because of other problems in their lives. Financial difficulties are identified and addressed, including trouble accessing welfare benefits because of complex issues clients face.

**Promoting healthier lives and relationships:** By supporting men to deal with mental health, loneliness, dependency on substances, addiction issues and unhealthy lifestyle choices to help make healthier choices for themselves and their families. Help is provided with complex issues including dual diagnosis. We promote positive self-image and recognition of the pressures facing men in the changing roles they play in society.

**Enhancing community safety:** Supporting male victims of crime, however marginalised, promoting safer streets. By providing services to prevent social isolation and vulnerability and working with partners to ensure our clients can access appropriate health and wellbeing care.

**We delivered the following key activities at St. George's HUB, a safe space for vulnerable men and their families, a place where men can if not fully discuss their problems, start to engage with strategies to resolve them:**

**Advice, support, and guidance on:** Homelessness/housing, employment, welfare benefits, debt and budgeting, drug/alcohol issues, mental health issues, contact with children, reconnecting clients with family.

**Prevention of homelessness and rough sleeping:** Support for those vulnerably housed. Housing and homelessness advice, advocacy, and support. Tenancy Sustainment.

**Supporting Recovery:** By providing a 'listening' service for clients with low/medium mental health issues to supplement any treatment they are receiving from mental health professionals.

**Mental health support, advice, and guidance:** Helping men with mental health challenges to access specialist Mental Health professionals Psychiatrist, CPN, Crisis team. Access to Counselling, CBT sessions, Mindfulness, and person-centred support.

**Employment, welfare, benefits advice, and support:** Job club – ensuring Universal Credit compliance and moving towards employability with training on IT and CV writing.

### Debt management

**Addiction:** Including drug, alcohol gambling issues: holistic, peer led 'making positive changes' scheme designed to promote more effective coping strategies for stressful situations.

**An identity building service:** To obtain vital documents so clients can access benefits/housing and employment, Universal Credit (to access mainstream services.)

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**Service to support victims of domestic violence and abuse and their children.**

**Bereavement support service:** also addressing trauma, loneliness, and social isolation.

**Life Skills coaching:** cooking on a budget, gardening, gym, walking, football.

**Casework:** That addresses and coordinates the many strands of complex cases: this can involve housing, benefits, debt, employment, child contact, etc.

**Culturally relevant services:** For example, South Asian Men's Peer Support Group - 'Koshish,' that supports men from diverse BAME communities to address mental health challenges.

**Advice and support for male victims of crime:** reluctant to access conventional services.

The following detail and case studies illustrate the depth of need and interventions carried out by our staff and demonstrate our compliance with Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit:

### Preventing Domestic Violence and Abuse

SGH remains the focal point for male victims of domestic violence and abuse and their children in Wolverhampton. We are continuing to raise the issue and disparity that many male victims face. The form that the abuse takes reflects a wide range of controlling behaviours; with men, coercive control (a pattern of intimidation, degradation, isolation and control with the use or threat of physical or sexual violence) is heightened by the stigma that men face. Many of our clients face untrue allegations made by their abuser in which the victim must prove their innocence. This compounds the abuse. Often this can happen on multiple occasions which is enormously damaging to both physical and mental health. Men in high-risk MARAC cases often feel invisible and that their cases matter less. Engagement with these men is often patchy. SGH is commissioned by WCC to deliver support to low to medium victims of domestic violence and abuse; this has been difficult as risk is not static; it would seem a logical extension of the work to include high risk.

SGH domestic violence and abuse support can include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Coercive control
- Psychological and/or emotional abuse
- Physical or sexual abuse
- Financial or economic abuse
- Harassment and stalking
- Online or digital abuse.

As a charity we have participated in Orange Wolves, the local awareness-raising campaign that is part of the United Nations' international 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls campaign. We also highlight the issue of male victims, including same sex domestic violence and abuse of which there is little coverage in the media. SGH has considerable expertise of working with children in the realm of domestic violence and abuse, the impact of domestic violence and abuse especially on children but also the whole family.

### Case study

Mr. Y was referred by Victim Support, after his ex-partner had started harassing him again, alongside her new partner. The couple had a son, who was suffering with M.S and there were issues with child-contact between them. Mr. Y was physically assaulted by his ex-partner's boyfriend. The child was reluctant to see his mother again. SGH supported Mr Y to obtain an injunction against his ex-partner helping him collect and collate proof of his abuse/ assault, and gave advice on injunctions, as well as how to stay safe, discussing and implementing safety plans for various scenarios. Mr Y had deep depression and was supported to access mental health support. SGH also supported the child to also access mental help. Mr Y had been extremely courageous coming forward and the help he received was life changing.

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### **Addressing Homelessness**

Homelessness remains a stubborn and persistent problem in the city. The pressures on private sector housing, the lack of remaining 'council' housing allied with inflation has meant the price of rents has spiralled. The problem is heightened to the extent that men are regularly only offered housing options far out of area. Such is the starkness of the situation, no irony is seen in offering this as the only choice. The unfortunate consequence is that once a client has left the Wolverhampton area for over six months, it becomes very difficult to return to the local area. There may be entirely reasonable reasons that a move out of area may have failed, but explaining to a man who may have spent most of their life in Wolverhampton that a return will not be possible is difficult.

This has reinforced our commitment to preventing homelessness in the first place. Whether this is via landlord mediation, or a client moving to more suitable accommodation voluntarily, a clear priority has been to prevent rough sleeping occurring. Support with a valid functioning Universal Credit claim has remained key. This is much more complex than some media perception of UC claim. It is interesting to note that we are seeing increased numbers of men with an enviable work history who have either become seriously ill or have had accidents.

It would be positive if we could report that housing and homelessness was less of an issue locally, but unfortunately this is not the case. The reality is that there is no accommodation for those who would be considered the highest of priorities, such as those with multiple children. The solutions to rough sleeping and homelessness are often existential and can only come from a national perspective. We continue to focus on assisting those who are rough sleeping whilst targeting the widest preventative measures that keep men in their homes. We have continued our landlord mediation sessions to intervene and prevent our clients becoming homeless. Often this can be due to misunderstandings between client and landlord that can be resolved once they are sat in a room together. SGH specialises in bringing people together in a safe space.

RSI funding, a mainstay in Wolverhampton's response to fighting homelessness in the city, has changed dramatically. In a complete overhaul of operations, the existing arrangement concluded on the 31st of December 2022. The Tender for the new system involved 3 service elements including a housing initiative based on the 'Everyone In' response to the pandemic. Lead Providers had to bid for all three Lots which consisted of: Lot 1 Navigator. The service combines outreach and floating support with the aim of preventing rough sleeping in Wolverhampton. Lot 2: Single Person's Accommodation Project. This is a Council-owned City Centre based building that has been redeveloped in 26 units of accommodation, made up of four emergency bed spaces and 22 long-term units, and multi-agency office space. This will meet a need for a bridge between supported accommodation and tenancies, allowing people to become independent whilst having the reassurance that arms-length floating support is there if required. Lot 3: Housing First for getting people with complex needs and severe disadvantage a permanent and non-conditional offer of independent accommodation. It provides intensive support to help people to secure and maintain an independent tenancy. SGH negotiated with P3 a large national provider, who successfully secured their Partnership bid as a lead. From April 2023, SGH will deliver financial inclusion support and housing support from SGH and Peter Bilson House. Our expertise in providing services for homeless men remains unparalleled in Wolverhampton.

### **Case study**

Mr. J is a 48-year-old Wolverhampton male, who had spent much of his life caring for his mother who had spent much of her life in and out of mental health institutions. Her death came as a shattering blow. He could not bear to be in their home so informed the landlord he was moving out to flat share with a friend. The landlord of the property took this as a moment to redecorate and substantially increase the rent. Within 6 weeks Mr. J realised that this was a mistake and came to SGH completely bereft. He was supported to find a tenancy with a housing provider, who specialised in mental health. Though he was initially reticent, he had the support of SGH staff who attended all meetings to boost his confidence. It was also apparent that he was not on the correct benefits, and this was also a source of additional anxiety. We were able to support him in this. He has settled wonderfully in his new home and has begun to blog online in mental health.

### **Improving Mental Health**

SGH was a delivery partner with Wolverhampton VCSE to deliver the 2nd round of Mental Health Winter Pressures Programme. This enabled SGH to recruit a Community Engagement Worker to deliver Cost of Living support to vulnerable men either on waiting lists for mental health provision and/or requiring support to aid recovery and requiring assistance between November 2022 until March 2023.

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Advice and support were given on: Cost of living payments, Energy grants, Healthy eating and preparing Economical nutritious meals, Budget planning, Benefits advice and guidance, and practical tips to save money. Finances and the maximisation of finances were a backdrop of the dark days of winter 2022. Fuel costs remained stubbornly high. It is perhaps the first year on record where men have told us that they are out at work all day and the cost of electricity has continued to be high. There have been occasions where men have had to choose between heating or eating. Key to the work was assessing the needs and finances of vulnerable men, particularly older and isolated BAMER men. This group had been largely ignored in the maelstrom of debate that consumed the country as incomes have become squeezed. SGH has always sought to empower those that use the service but the realities we have witnessed over the last 12 months have been a sobering reminder of the gulf that exists in the country.

Support was flexible and ongoing, dependent on the needs of each client. Each client devised their own individual Financial Plan that incorporated support on a raft of issues that were being caused by the cost of living, taking into consideration healthy eating and mental wellbeing. We believe very strongly in budgeting but there have been multiple occasions where this is simply not possible. The soaring hikes in private sector rents have rendered it impossible to find somewhere economical to live. This was particularly challenging for older owner occupiers; being forced to move in old age caused untold stress to already vulnerable people. SGH remains at the frontline of those suffering the worst poverty in Wolverhampton. These people are our experts by experience and their voices are the authentic experience of some of the most deprived in the city.

#### **Case Study**

Mr X is a 68-year-old man of South Asian origin who acts as a carer for his partner. A friend recommended he access SGH as essentially a form of respite. An intensely proud man, he was extremely reluctant to seek help. The effects on his physical and mental health were tangible. He described himself as 'unravelling'. Once he was comfortable in the setting and had developed trusting relationships, he revealed that he was having significant difficulties with pension credits: he didn't know where to turn and this added to his general state of unease. Our support was multi-faceted and holistic, we were able to work through the issues one at a time, which had a massive effect on his morale.

#### **Tackling Poverty**

SGH delivered the Household Support Fund on behalf of WCC helping families across the city. This enabled vulnerable households to receive support with essentials over the winter period. The cost-of-living crisis was nothing if not egalitarian. We have seen record numbers of clients from BAMER groups access SGH, particularly communities long perceived to be suspicious of conventional services. There was a concerted number of men who utilised the service for the first time, these clients could best be described as in an 'iceberg' situation. Though on the service their lives appeared to be functioning normally, below the surface was a myriad of debt or a life collapsing under the weight of financial stresses. We have seen many clients who have to choose between eating or heating, they are invariably living in substandard properties with poor insulation. This is the poverty trap illustrated writ large. We have been able to support men and their families to confront and prioritise what may appear to be thankless situations, but it is extremely challenging.

#### **Case Study**

Mr O is a 50-year-old British Kurd national with 4 children. He has worked as a taxi driver for 4 years and had high hopes of obtaining a mortgage to purchase a home. Unfortunately, the pandemic was followed by bouts of serious ill health. To make ends meet he took on a considerable amount of debt and this threatened to completely consume him. He was referred to us via the local community and was extremely distressed. We were able to both refer him to a national debt reduction charity and work with him to design a realistic budgeting model enabling the family to cope. In addition, we were able to support him to locate school uniforms at a reduced rate, which had a massive boost on his self-esteem. We have been able to support him to apply for Universal Credit. After he has had an operation, he has high hopes of returning to work.

#### **Reducing Social Isolation**

SGH delivered 'Connect' via Know Your Neighbourhood funding, a pilot peer mentoring and volunteering scheme for lonely, vulnerable, and isolated men. Taking place each afternoon, the purpose of this group has been



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multifold: it originated from men in socially isolated BAMER communities suffering social isolation which had a massive effect on their physical and mental health. It complements the work of our 'Koshish' group for South Asian Men. As well as traditional notions that men find it more difficult to develop friendship groups there are also several other reasons causing loneliness and isolation, including: poor health, bereavement, relationship breakdown and family moving to different areas.

The age range of users was predominantly from 18+. Key to the success of the project was the calendar of activities taking place including 'Computers for the Terrified' and 'SmarTech' that is actively reducing digital exclusion. It has been liberating for many of our older clients to liberate the potential of devices that previously they have looked at with a mixture of bafflement and suspicion. This has enabled men to shop online, access council services, contact relatives overseas. SGH client led 'Learning Circle' that enables and encourages experiences to be shared, a chess club and peer led mentoring groups encompassing the diverse communities from across the city; support to build strong mutual support networks among the men. Peer support is based on shared personal experience and empathy. The focus is on the wellbeing of individuals. It was particularly inspiring to capture the boost in self-esteem that came from peers teaching new skills to each other.

A vital element since the inception of 'Connect' in fact a crucial element, has been enabling users to become both volunteers and being the primary drivers of the group. This has massively boosted the confidence and self-esteem of previously isolated men. The 'Connect' group was supported by the Community Engagement Worker, who is fluent in several south Asian languages, her role was to facilitate the group and engage with communities that are traditionally reluctant to access statutory and voluntary services.

#### **Case Study**

Mr. M is a 58-year-old Asian Male. He was forced to leave his job after suffering persistent ill health that doctors were unable to identify. Within six months of this Mr. M suffered a stroke, which left him with speech and balance difficulties. Understandably the effects of this were catastrophic, both physically and mentally. He received support from both Hospital and his G.P but his slide into depression was swift and seismic. His sister called SGH in a distressed state as she did not know where else to turn. Initially we made tentative contact with him, offering support and a listening ear via the phone. After a number of these calls, he decided to visit us at the centre. It was the first time he had left his home with a stick and was an important moment in his recovery. He was able to take part in peer support with men who had life changing experiences: in the intervening time, he has made tremendous progress and now views the future with a degree more optimism and purpose.

#### **Partnership Working**

SGH works with other agencies to provide Partnerships that assist clients, and to work collaboratively. During the last year we have strengthened our Partnerships to target specific help for our clients. There are a number of challenges associated with partnership working, having a clear agreement between partners, recognising if you are the smaller organisation and not so much a partner as an addition. Partnerships between voluntary organisations and statutory organisations always carry some difficulties. Partnerships have to be partnerships and not just for the purpose of funding bids.

#### **Funding**

SGH is working to achieve financial stability. Fundraising is an ongoing and constant activity. The aim being to diversify our funding portfolio. However, much funding remains short term which challenges the stability that we offer to clients. The increasingly competitive nature of funding bids and tenders is problematic as they tend to be designed with larger organisations in mind to the disadvantage of smaller organisations like SGH.

#### **Concluding Comments**

A vital part of SGH's work revolves around addressing stigma and marginalisation. A challenge remains to overcome the prevalent notion that as clients have often played a part in their own circumstances, they are less deserving of help. This ignores the often complex and challenging life histories that these individuals have undergone. Once this is understood, the complex and chaotic behaviour is easier to contextualise. If men are to disclose powerful feelings and emotions, which are often at the heart of their issues, it is essential that they feel that they will not be judged dogmatically.

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SGH is a unique organisation, the only one within West Midlands specialising in addressing the needs of men and their families. Client's needs are at the heart of all services.

Thank you to all staff and volunteers, delivering an excellent service to our clients. Small staff team, experience and commitment providing best service to our clients with often complex needs.

#### Plans for the Future

- To expand Domestic Violence and Abuse provision for men and their children to include high risk threshold cases, and to fund and recruit a male IDVA.
- To continue to have a leading role in the prevention of male homelessness. Statistically rough sleeping is a hugely gendered issue; typically, in Wolverhampton, men make up between 85% to 90% of rough sleepers. SGH and P3 to agree on a Partnership to deliver financial inclusion support to rough sleepers, homeless and the vulnerably housed. As part of P3's contract with WCC, SGH will provide advice and guidance, housing support, bidding, benefit compliance, and offer Family Fridays sessions from SGH.
- To explore partnership opportunities with the Recovery College to reach vulnerable men experiencing mental health inequalities in our most underserved and deprived Black Country areas, and where barriers to accessing mental health services are prevalent. Our sessions will give users the tools to improve their mental health recovery by finding creative means to access support.
- To continue to support efforts to tackle poverty. SGH will be a crucial partner in the essential 'Household Support Fund' work. The cost-of-living challenges are continuing to impact on both individuals and families. Many are lacking basics around the home and the cost of items such as school uniforms is prohibitive. SGH can help and 'join up' services for clients and families.
- To apply for the second tranche of 'Know Your Neighbourhood' funding, building on our Pilot scheme, 'Connect,' to prevent loneliness and isolation in the city. SGH uniquely is a specialist service that works with men across a wide range of issues. The biggest single need identified was a safe space for men, (physically and emotionally). It is vital that this work continues.
- To ensure that all staff receive training in administering Naloxone, the quite literally life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids e.g. heroin, fentanyl and prescription opioid medications. Given the increasing presence of synthetic opioids in the local drug landscape, it is essential that SGH staff and volunteers update their skills and knowledge.
- To develop relationships with public health bodies to address the key health issues, affecting men. SGH is the safe space in which to make this happen. The health of men locally continues to be poor; the gap between national and Wolverhampton healthy life expectancy is 7 years for men. Particularly damning is the number of years that men live in good health: 60.
- To increase representation at all levels at SGH, including at Board level by recruiting trustees from diverse community groups who understand the need to champion men's issues and can bring financial expertise and knowledge. SGH will approach some of our existing supporters, to lend their expertise to the work of the charity.
- To launch an ambassador programme – speaking out for men and boys.
- To renew SGH focus on the families of clients to make help more effective.
- To develop links with local businesses willing to offer support; including sourcing a business to update the website.
- To implement a new branding and marketing strategy, launch a new website, refresh and revise Business Strategy for 2023 - 2026.
- To diversify funding to secure financial resilience and sustainability of core services.

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#### **Financial Review**

Our financial statements show that in the year to 31st March 2023 we operated with a small deficit of £2,615. However, the balance sheet confirms that our overall financial position remained strong. This secure position ensured that the work of SGH continued at a time when, as we have seen, demand for our services has been ever greater.

In the year to 31st March 2023, SGH was successful in securing funding from statutory bodies in addition to most generous support from charitable trusts, and donations from members of the public, either in person or through our Just Giving page.

As has been described earlier in this report, throughout the year, alongside our partners in the city of Wolverhampton, SGH continued to address homelessness, working particularly to support clients who were at risk of becoming homeless, to help them to retain their tenancies and thus to remain in their accommodation. This work was delivered under the Rough Sleepers Initiative funded by DLUHC (Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities). However, the work was being delivered knowing that at the end of 2022, all facets of the city wide fight against homelessness would change significantly. As a result of the scale and scope of the new government funded initiative described earlier, and with Lead Providers required to bid for all three lots, we were all too aware that SGH could only continue to deliver services relevant to this fight and to use our expertise in the support of at risk clients, by working in partnership with a large national provider. SGH successfully negotiated with P3 whose partnership bid as lead was successful. Thus, this very important element of the work of SGH continues; however, the level of funding available is much reduced.

Over many years, one of the main factors in enabling SGH to continue and evolve is the generous and sustained support from the Lloyds Bank Foundation, the Hargrave Foundation, the Eveson Trust, the James Beattie Charitable Trust as well as from smaller charitable trusts, and local businesses and organisations. The trustees and the chief executive once again wish to express sincere gratitude and thanks for this generosity and faith in our organisation.

The Achievements and Performance section of this report illustrates the breadth of the services we deliver; we will be working very hard to seek funding from a wide range of funders, particularly in light of the reduced DLUHC funding coming through to us, to enable SGH to further develop our expertise in diverse, specialist areas of need and thus to increase the reach of our work. However, within this effort, we will also again be turning to those funders who have supported us over the years.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees' primary aim is to set aside in designated funds sufficient reserves such that we would be able to maintain our key services for six months in the event of a short term loss of funding. In this year we have been able to meet this commitment as well as to maintain a fully costed redundancy fund as required. We have also been able to meet our aim to hold a premises fund to ensure that we are able to properly maintain and where appropriate, to improve our premises. We do also aim, if possible, to hold some free reserves to draw on in the event of unforeseen operational costs and at the end of this financial year we have been able to meet this aim.

#### **Risk Management**

During the financial year to 31st March 2023, as the problems encountered by our clients as a result of the pandemic receded, the cost of living crisis was upon us and once again we worked very hard to adapt the delivery of our services to their changing and for our clients, often deteriorating circumstances. Alongside regular team meetings, case management and supervision, the chief executive continued her thorough and careful assessment of the wellbeing of staff members as they worked to help and support clients.

Risk management is at the forefront of both our thinking and awareness and the charity takes a rigorous approach to the management of risk at all levels of the organisation, with trustees having overall responsibility. The chief executive monitors policies and procedures regularly in order to identify internal risks. Any concerns are discussed at staff meetings and in supervision, with risk assessments being undertaken and appropriate measures put in place as required. A risk assessment is carried out for each activity in our programme. In addition, the trustees regularly review policies and procedures at board meetings, and the chief executive

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includes any health and safety issues in the report she presents at each board meeting.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance. SGH recognises that working with higher risk clients raises the safeguarding threshold. The issue is systematically and rigorously monitored and discussed, and any concerns are acted upon.

The identification, assessment and management of risks to all aspects of the organisation is part of our ongoing business planning. Regarding our strategic objectives, we work continually to identify the risks that most seriously threaten our ability to meet the needs of our clients, and the most serious of those risks remains the loss of funding. If we were unable to retain experienced and skilled staff members, we would be at great risk of failing to deliver services to those most in need, whose number and the complexity of whose needs increased both as a result of Covid-19 and more recently the steep and sudden increase in the cost of living, with prices in the key areas of food and fuel remaining stubbornly high. Therefore, we continue to work to diversify our sources of funding to mitigate this risk and in this year with even more focus since, as described in the Financial Review, an element of statutory funding was significantly reduced at the end of December 2022.

#### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, operating as St. George's Hub, and is governed primarily by the Memorandum and Articles of Association as adopted on 23rd February 1996.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

R Ashwell

C Horton

(Resigned 28 April 2023)

T Mountford

L Patel

S Sockett

L Williams

SGH has continued to enjoy the committed support of the board members throughout the year. The trustees attend bi-monthly board meetings; in addition, trustees work with the chief executive on finance, fundraising and HR sub-committees to formulate and scrutinise plans and policies. The chief executive reports directly to the board. She oversees the staff team and volunteers. The chief executive has supervision sessions with all staff members, in addition to holding regular plenary staff meetings. Key to maintaining and improving the relevance and efficacy of our services is to ensure that we are in close touch with the views of our clients, who are at the centre of everything we do. Thus, we hold regular service user forums; clients are encouraged to come along to board meeting should they wish to and their voice is at the heart of our work. On a daily basis, staff and volunteers work one-to-one, (or in small groups) with service users; these less formal settings encourage our clients to give systematic and expansive feedback on all our services.

Our focus when recruiting new trustees is to ensure that their understanding and commitment aligns with SGH aims and objectives. It is equally important that the skills and competencies of the trustees are at a high level and relate to the business needs of the organisation. Trustees bring a diverse range of experience and expertise from across the voluntary, community, public and private sectors. Recruitment to the board is made by a selection process which includes one member of the board together with the chair and chief executive. The latter then makes a recommendation to the full board as to whether to appoint.

In order to comply with the current Disclosure and Barring Service procedures, all board members complete and sign a fit and proper person declaration every two years and the charity has also adopted a code of conduct for its board members.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

# **ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



**R Ashwell**

Trustee

Dated: 27 November 2023

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of St George's House Charity (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

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

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Bache Brown & Co Limited

Swinford House  
Albion Street  
Brierley Hill  
West Midlands  
DY5 3EE

Dated: 27 November 2023

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Notes							
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>							
Donations and legacies	3	2,454	-	2,454	3,103	-	3,103
Charitable activities	4	30,000	131,686	161,686	30,001	137,013	167,014
Investments	5	22	-	22	7	-	7
Grant income	6	16,425	-	16,425	9,605	-	9,605
<b>Total income</b>		<b>48,901</b>	<b>131,686</b>	<b>180,587</b>	<b>42,716</b>	<b>137,013</b>	<b>179,729</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>							
Charitable activities	7	48,256	134,946	183,202	29,696	136,295	165,991
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year/</b>							
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>645</b>	<b>(3,260)</b>	<b>(2,615)</b>	<b>13,020</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>13,738</b>
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		204,693	90,388	295,081	191,673	89,670	281,343
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2023</b>		<b>205,338</b>	<b>87,128</b>	<b>292,466</b>	<b>204,693</b>	<b>90,388</b>	<b>295,081</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		74,701		80,554
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	-		25,484	
Cash at bank and in hand		225,796		194,606	
		225,796		220,090	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	(8,031)		(5,563)	
Net current assets			217,765		214,527
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			292,466		295,081
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	15		87,128		90,388
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	16	149,206		148,395	
General unrestricted funds		56,132		56,298	
			205,338		204,693
			292,466		295,081



# **ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY**

## **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 November 2023



R Ashwell  
Trustee

Company registration number 03163645

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

St George's House Charity is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is St George's Hub, St Mark's Road, Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV3 0QH.

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

##### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	5% on cost
Equipment	20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### *Basic financial liabilities*

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	2,454	3,103
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

All donations are unrestricted

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 4 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Sales within charitable activities	146,686	152,014
Services provided under contract	15,000	15,000
	<u>161,686</u>	<u>167,014</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	30,000	30,001
Restricted funds	131,686	137,013
	<u>161,686</u>	<u>167,014</u>

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Interest receivable	<u>22</u>	<u>7</u>

### 6 Grant Income

	2023 £	2022 £
Unrestricted grant income	<u>16,425</u>	<u>9,605</u>

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 7 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	151,754	132,487
Depreciation and impairment	5,853	5,852
Activity and welfare	8,991	11,975
Property costs	1,866	1,344
Insurance	5,792	5,952
Office expenses	8,946	5,525
	<u>183,202</u>	<u>163,135</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	-	2,856
	<u>183,202</u>	<u>165,991</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	48,256	29,696
Restricted funds	134,946	136,295
	<u>183,202</u>	<u>165,991</u>

### 8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	2022 £	Basis of allocation
Independent examination	-	2,856	2,856	2,856	Governance
Companies house	-	13	13	-	Governance
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,869</u>	<u>2,869</u>	<u>2,856</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	-	2,869	2,869	2,856	
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,869</u>	<u>2,869</u>	<u>2,856</u>	

### 9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	6	6
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	151,754	132,487
	<u>151,754</u>	<u>132,487</u>

The number of employees earning over £60,000 per annum was Nil (2021 - Nil).

### 11 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.

### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2022	114,392	13,238	127,630
At 31 March 2023	<u>114,392</u>	<u>13,238</u>	<u>127,630</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 April 2022	34,320	12,756	47,076
Depreciation charged in the year	5,720	133	5,853
At 31 March 2023	<u>40,040</u>	<u>12,889</u>	<u>52,929</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 March 2023	<u>74,352</u>	<u>349</u>	<u>74,701</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>80,072</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>80,554</u>

### 13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Grants due	-	25,484
	<u>-</u>	<u>25,484</u>

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	2,699	2,432
Other creditors	2,675	697
Accruals and deferred income	2,657	2,434
	<u>8,031</u>	<u>5,563</u>

#### 15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Capital - Hub Purchase	85,792	-	(5,720)	80,072	-	(5,720)	74,352
Identity Building Project	2,062	-	-	2,062	-	-	2,062
WCC Male Domestic Abuse	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
DLUCH Rough Sleepers Initiative	(184)	86,934	(86,934)	(184)	65,201	(64,583)	434
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	25,000	(25,000)	-
Alternative Giving - Branding	2,000	-	(1,363)	637	-	-	637
One City Fund - No Place Like Home	-	2,879	(2,278)	601	-	(600)	1
Winters Pressures Fund	-	7,200	-	7,200	26,485	(24,043)	9,642
	<u>89,670</u>	<u>137,013</u>	<u>(136,295)</u>	<u>90,388</u>	<u>131,686</u>	<u>(134,946)</u>	<u>87,128</u>



# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 15 Restricted funds

(Continued)

#### Capital - Hub Purchase

The balance on Capital funds represents the net book value of assets purchased with grant funding.

#### Revenue

The Identity Building Project funds the provision of the essential documentation required for clients to access mainstream services.

The WCC Male Domestic Violence & Abuse contract enables SGH to respond to any male victim and their children who presents or discloses as a victim of domestic abuse, and to provide on going, comprehensive and appropriate support.

The DLUHC Rough Sleepers Initiative targets the city's most vulnerable rough sleepers; SGH offers advice, support, and activities to tackle rough sleeping.

The funding from Lloyds Bank Foundation enables SGH to directly help male rough sleepers and homeless men, offering advice and guidance, supporting men to move into safe and suitable accommodation.

The Alternative Giving CIO granted funding to SGH for a new sign and branding to clearly distinguish our centre. Often coming to our premises is a critical first step for men in Wolverhampton seeking help. This has improved our visibility, helping to make SGH accessible to both clients and the local community.

The One City — No Place Like Home Fund enabled SGH to expand the provision of breakfast packs to some of the most vulnerable men in the city. This directly targets those suffering poverty and inequality.

The Winter Pressures Fund was set up to help to support people and alleviate the pressures faced by the NHS. SGH provided group and individual support, advice sessions and a peer support programme, enabling clients to improve their mental health.

#### Note:

DLUHC: Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, previously MHCLG: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

WCC: Wolverhampton City Council.

# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE CHARITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 16 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended 31 March 2023	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Service continuity	82,588	7,082	89,670	-	(1,155)	88,515
Premises refurbishment fund	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
Staff redundancy	25,280	8,445	33,725	1,966	-	35,691
	<u>132,868</u>	<u>15,527</u>	<u>148,395</u>	<u>1,966</u>	<u>(1,155)</u>	<u>149,206</u>

#### Designated funds

The service continuity fund represents approximately six months running costs and is to provide for the continuation of services in the event of an unexpected loss of funding.

The premises refurbishment fund is to ensure that we are able to maintain and improve our premises as required.

The staff redundancy fund is fully costed based on the years of service of core staff members.

#### 17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	349	-	74,352	74,701
Current assets/(liabilities)	55,783	149,206	12,776	217,765
	<u>56,132</u>	<u>149,206</u>	<u>87,128</u>	<u>292,466</u>

#### 18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).