

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03548114 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1073769

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**

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DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03548114)**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**Objectives and aims**

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are to;

Promote for the public benefit, the provision of services directed towards the prevention of domestic violence and the relief and support of persons who are in danger of suffering such violence, to advance the education of the voluntary and statutory agencies and the public in all aspects of domestic violence, its causes and prevention.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of our activities and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Significant activities - The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be to seek to alleviate the suffering experienced by anyone affected by domestic abuse and violence and to raise awareness within the community to promote early intervention, prevention and resilience building. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- Providing a range of services which are responsive to client needs and address the potential problems related to domestic abuse.
- Focussing upon limiting the harm which comes with domestic abuse, not only for the individual but also their family and friends and the wider community of the Wigan Borough.
- Working in partnership with other agencies to provide an holistic network of support that reduces the risk of harm and addresses client needs.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on providing advice and support to anyone affected by domestic abuse to reduce the risk of harm and promote recovery from their experiences and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities - Local context

In the 12 months ending March 2023:

- There were 8033 reports of Domestic Abuse reported to the police in Wigan & Leigh. This is an increase of over 400 from the previous year.
- The most prevalent areas for Domestic Abuse crime and victim's residence were Platt Bridge, Abram, Scholes, Hindley and Ince (PASHI Neighbourhood).
- Domestic Abuse was most significant in victims aged 25 - 40, with this age bracket making up for more than 55% of our client cases.
- The majority of victims reporting Domestic Abuse to the police were female.
- The most common age for offenders was consistent with the victims, being 25-40.

The most prevalent areas for Domestic Abuse are in some of the more deprived areas in the Borough, however it is acknowledged that the rate may be higher in the more deprived areas due to underreporting in more affluent areas.

Our monitoring suggests those that we provided support to broadly reflect these statistics.

Who used and benefited from our services?

During the financial year we assisted over 825 clients who were directly impacted by domestic abuse, which again, increased on the previous year. In line with our objectives and funding all service users resided within the Wigan and Leigh Borough.

Our helpline received over 7139 calls during the reporting period, which is a significant increase on the previous year when we received just over 5700 calls. Callers ranged from direct victims of abuse, concerned family and friends and professionals.

The usual main areas of charitable activity are the provision of drop in's, community outreach, helpline, counselling, group support programmes, healthy relationship sessions for children and young people and training and awareness sessions.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

We continue to deliver community Domestic Abuse services on behalf of Wigan Council, the contract is delivered in partnership with another local charity and includes drop in's, community outreach, helpline, healthy relationship sessions in schools, group recovery programmes, adult counselling and training and awareness programmes. Our contract began on 1st October 2020 and can be renewed annually for up to 3 years. We also continued to receive some uplift funding to support the increased demand for medium risk cases and to provide support for anyone affected by sexual abuse and/or assault.

We have continued to deliver children's counselling and therapy sessions as a subcontractor of Child Action North West (CANW), who deliver the Lancashire County Council early help and wellbeing contract.

Thank you to Wigan Sorooptimists for their generous donations to support our work.

Additionally, thank you to all that have made personal donations to our charity throughout the past 12 months.

A further acknowledgement of thanks to the following, for their kind donations/support:

British Womens Club Dusseldorf

Robyn Howard.

WASPI

Multisol Group

St James' Church, Wroughtington

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Our reserves policy is reviewed annually in line with Charity Commission Guidance. Our target is with the intention of covering the necessary costs of dissolution and to provide the necessary funds to continue to offer our support and counselling services should some funding sources not be retained, whilst new sources are secured.

There has been a slight decrease in our Reserves during this accounting year, however the combined net movement in Reserves for the two years to 31 March 2023 is an increase, this overall increase is deemed prudent and necessary as we continue to be in a period of national financial uncertainty.

Note from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees would like to thank staff, funders, stakeholders and donors for their support during the financial year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03548114 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1073769

Registered office

Suite 38 2nd Floor
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Mrs E Tyrrell Deputy Registrar

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Adviser to the Board of Trustees

Andrew Taylor

Chief Officer

Gemma Braithwaite

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 December 2023 | 16:15 GMT and signed on its behalf by:

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**



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T J Smith - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dias - Domestic Violence Centre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 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 examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



Louise Webster BSc BFP ACA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 15 December 2023 | 08:44 GMT

DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	33,602	35,971
Charitable activities	4		
Mainstream activities		468,087	485,182
Other		72	120
Investment income	3	131	29
Total		<u>501,892</u>	<u>521,302</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
Mainstream activities		<u>512,412</u>	<u>454,753</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(10,520)	66,549
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>284,295</u>	<u>217,746</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>273,775</u></u>	<u><u>284,295</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03548114)**BALANCE SHEET**
31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	38,306	45,390
Cash at bank and in hand		257,172	259,644
		<u>295,478</u>	<u>305,034</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(21,703)	(20,739)
		<u>273,775</u>	<u>284,295</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>273,775</u>	<u>284,295</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>273,775</u>	<u>284,295</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>273,775</u>	<u>284,295</u>
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		<u>273,775</u>	<u>284,295</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>273,775</u>	<u>284,295</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 December 2023 | 16:15 GMT and were signed on its behalf by:



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T J Smith - Trustee

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DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(2,603)	76,166
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(2,603)	76,166
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		131	29
Net cash provided by investing activities		131	29
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(2,472)	76,195
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		259,644	183,449
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		257,172	259,644

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DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023****1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM
OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2023 £	2022 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(10,520)	66,549
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(131)	(29)
Decrease in debtors	7,084	21,277
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	964	(11,631)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(2,603)</u>	<u>76,166</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	259,644	(2,472)	257,172
	<u>259,644</u>	<u>(2,472)</u>	<u>257,172</u>
Total	<u>259,644</u>	<u>(2,472)</u>	<u>257,172</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	15,393	1,640
Grants	14,000	15,000
Donated services and facilities	4,209	19,331
	<u>33,602</u>	<u>35,971</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wigan Council	6,000	-
Greater Manchester Combined Authority - Extraordinary Funding for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Support Services - Ref 31085543	8,000	10,000
Screwfix Foundation - Accommodation refurbishment costs	-	5,000
	<u>14,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>

DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023****3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	131	29
	<u>131</u>	<u>29</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2023	2022
		£	£
WC - Medium Risk Funding	Mainstream activities	50,054	29,166
CANW - Children's			
Counselling	Mainstream activities	18,033	31,016
WC - Domestic Violence			
Support	Mainstream activities	400,000	400,000
WC - Sexual Violence			
Project	Mainstream activities	-	25,000
Other	Other	72	120
		<u>468,159</u>	<u>485,302</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 6)	Totals
	£	£	£
Mainstream activities	492,630	19,782	512,412
	<u>492,630</u>	<u>19,782</u>	<u>512,412</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Administration	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Mainstream activities	15,003	3,579	1,200	19,782
	<u>15,003</u>	<u>3,579</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>19,782</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023****8. STAFF COSTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	278,830	210,421
Social security costs	19,458	13,056
Other pension costs	4,732	4,628
	<u>303,020</u>	<u>228,105</u>

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

	2023	2022
Fundraising	1	1
Charitable Activities	10	8
Governance	1	1
	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>

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

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	33,405	40,546
Prepayments	4,901	4,844
	<u>38,306</u>	<u>45,390</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	14,915	14,562
Social security and other taxes	4,729	4,357
Other creditors	859	620
Accrued expenses	1,200	1,200
	<u>21,703</u>	<u>20,739</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	284,295	(10,520)	273,775
	<u>284,295</u>	<u>(10,520)</u>	<u>273,775</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>284,295</u>	<u>(10,520)</u>	<u>273,775</u>

DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023****11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	501,892	(512,412)	(10,520)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>501,892</u>	<u>(512,412)</u>	<u>(10,520)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	217,746	66,549	284,295
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>217,746</u>	<u>66,549</u>	<u>284,295</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	521,302	(454,753)	66,549
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>521,302</u>	<u>(454,753)</u>	<u>66,549</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	217,746	56,029	273,775
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>217,746</u>	<u>56,029</u>	<u>273,775</u>

DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023****11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,023,194	(967,165)	56,029
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,023,194</u>	<u>(967,165)</u>	<u>56,029</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Mr Tim Smith a trustee of DIAS - Domestic Violence Centre since 2013 is a related party.

The office premises are rented from ALG Investments (Wigan) Ltd (since 1985) of which Mr Tim Smith is a director (since 1995).

An annual rent of £9,515 was paid during the year to 31 March 2023 (£8,987 - 2022), the rent is subject to annual review and is currently approximately £4,209 (£4,051 2022) below market rental value. The market value rent has been recorded as a cost with the discounted amount of £4,209 (£4,051 2022) reported in the Statement of Financial Activities as Donated services and facilities.

During the year ALG Investments (Wigan) Ltd recharged £173 to the company for water rates and sewerage charges.