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STRATEGIC REPORT, REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
AXIS COUNSELLING
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Axis continues to support survivors of sexual abuse aged 5 and above through a number of services:

- An Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) service which provides advocacy, practical, emotional and criminal justice support,
- a counselling service, which provides one-to-one counselling and group work; and a telephone listening service and
- a Complex Care Pathfinder, which supports survivors with complex mental health needs, through a combination of advocacy, psychoeducation (both in a group and one-to-one), peer groups support, counselling and access to an NHS clinical psychologist.

Axis received 1174 referrals during the year 23-24, and supported 1929 clients.

In addition to supporting survivors directly, Axis also provides training for professionals and education for students, through a variety of training/ education packages. During the year- 23-24, 1890 delegates received training/ education.

Axis rebranded during the reporting year, utilising input from survivors and staff, and have rolled out the new branding which is focused on hope for the future.

Axis has over 50 employees who are all specially trained in supporting survivors of sexual abuse at varying levels depending on their role.

During the year 23-24, Axis not only retained all of its existing accreditations:

- Lime Culture Quality Standards for Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (both ISVA and ChISVA)
 - Lime Culture and Male Survivors' Partnership Quality Standards for supporting Male Victims and survivors of sexual violence (Both ISVA and Counselling)
 - Cyber essentials and Cyber essentials plus accreditations.
- but added to them, by achieving:
- The Survivors' Trust National Service Standards for delivering services supporting victims/ survivors of sexual violence and/or Childhood Sexual Abuse

These accreditations evidence the commitment to work to the highest sector standards, and to continuously assess, and improve:

Principle risks are:

- Funding - Almost 98% of Axis' funding comes from the public purse, which is a risk if the government cuts funding. To mitigate this, Axis has been building up the training department, with the future vision of it not only sustaining itself, but also creating an income that can be channelled back into the front-line services.
- Staffing - Attached to the risk of funding, is the risk to staffing. Employees are heavily invested in, in terms of training, knowledge and experience. Employee's who feel at risk of losing their job, will seek more stable employment elsewhere. The loss of knowledge and experience is one risk. The financial implications of having to re-invest in new staff is another.

Axis grows year on year in terms of turn-over and staffing, with both being higher in this financial year, than at any other point within the 30-year history of Axis.

Development has been greatest within Axis' training/ education department during the year, with a substantial increase in numbers of delegates trained/ educated compared to the previous year. Much of this is funded work, but one product does create income.

Axis is always looking for ways to improve the service(s) provided to survivors. Following client consultation, a monthly drop-in session was implemented to allow those on the waiting list and in service to attend one of our offices, to seek information, support and connect with other survivors.

At year-end Axis have secured all existing funding for the next financial year, plus additional funding, securing all services, and employment for the coming year.

Axis has either met, or had a mitigation plan, for all financial KPI's:

- Increase in income from previous year - Met with a 3.4% increase on the previous financial year
- Decrease % of income from public purse - Plan in place to increase income from other sources (such as Training and Donations)

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- Increase in income from training - Plan in place to alter the way that courses are advertised, by moving to 'Eventbrite', and offering National on-line Training
- Retain or increase donation growth - Fell by 54% compared to 22/23. Plan in place to improve website to make it easier to donate, and then promote.
- Grant/ tender Win Rate of 60% or over - Met with 100% win rate.

Axis has created Environmental KPI's for measurement from the next financial year and has a carbon reduction plan in draft.

Measurements will be in relation to Direct Impacts such as Greenhouse Gases (vehicle fuel, Business Travel - Rail, Hotel stay, and working from home); Waste (Landfill, recycling); and indirect impacts such as Greenhouse gases (Energy use) and Water (supplied water), where figures are available for Axis only.

Employee KPI's are also under construction, including measurements for Employee satisfaction; Employee retention rate; Volunteer growth rate; and Absenteeism.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bryans', is written over a horizontal line.

J Bryans - Trustee

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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 2024. 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

Principle activities

AXIS COUNSELLING SERVICE 2023/2024

Axis delivers services to people aged 5+ who have experienced any form of sexual abuse at any time in their life, including (but not limited to):

- o Childhood sexual abuse
 - o Childhood sexual exploitation
 - o Sexual assault, sexual violence, rape.
 - o Technology assisted sexual abuse
- (This list is not exhaustive)
- o In addition, we support family members of victims/survivors of sexual trauma.

The counselling team offers a wide range of therapeutic support services including a Trauma Informed Online Self-Help Programme (Taste of Recovery with Axis), an Initial Assessment (to establish the most appropriate therapeutic intervention for the survivor). These may include Long-term and short-term sexual Trauma Focused Counselling, Pre-Trial therapy to support survivors through the criminal justice system, LINK counselling for family members and loved ones and Parenting support for parents/guardians/carers of 5-10yr olds. Within these therapeutic interventions, we offer additional services tailored specifically for survivors with Learning Disabilities, Children and young people from 11 to 17 and 5-10yr olds, Older survivors and LGBTQIA+ survivors. Whilst waiting for therapy, survivors can access a range of waiting list support services including Listening therapy (Hear4You), OOA's (One off appointments) Psychoeducational Workshops and Groupwork.

The counselling service also expanded in August 2023 to accommodate a Trainee Counsellor Placement programme for which a new Recovery Focused Therapy was developed (Centre10).

Additionally, Axis Counselling provides a contracted counselling service within HM Prison at Stoke Heath and Fast Track Counselling for the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC).

The ISVA Team offers a wide range of support including advocacy, support through the Criminal Justice System, providing impartial and independent advice, guidance, and information to survivors to help them to make informed decisions that are right for them. This covers a wide variety of areas of their life which has been impacted by the abuse such as mental and physical health and wellbeing; financial; accommodation; support networks; coping mechanisms; education and employment; harm from others; Safeguarding; and immigration and residence.

The Pathfinder offers a range of interventions for adult survivors with complex mental health needs, in the form of advocacy, psychoeducation, peer groups, one-to-one counselling and biopsychosocial assessments, as well as training for professionals.

The training Centre delivers training courses and awareness raising to professionals, members of the community and in schools.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have considered and have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and a full description of the charities activities is given in the CEO Report.

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Achievement and performance

AXIS COUNSELLING 2023/24

The counselling service received 574 referrals, which was a decrease of 17% on the previous year. We were able to affect a 21% decrease in the waiting list on the previous year and have sustained less than a 19 week wait for access to therapy, a reduction of 41% on the previous year (it is recognised: allocations are based on clients' individual requests for specific days/times/deliver and location and assessed priority.)

Counselling delivery was adapted to provide remote coverage due to COVID, however the service now continues to offer a blended approach of both face-to-face and online/telephone counselling which now has an equal split as delivery preference. This flexibility has seen a higher percentage of attended appointments.

Continued targeted funding from the PCC/MOJ allowed us to recruit a learning disability/Neuro Diverse counsellor, additional men and boys counselling support and critical support resources to target the waiting list together with a part time children's counsellor which has enabled us to continue opening up our service to 5-10yr olds.

With a commitment to supporting clients whilst on our waiting list, and canvassing clients directly to involve them in the design of our support services, we have launched our coffee and connect groups offering and continue to provide our HEAR4You listening service. Our online resource, 'Taste of Recovery with Axis' has 85% take up from waiting list clients. The programme helps clients to identify the effects of sexual trauma and to develop coping strategies and to improve emotional wellbeing.

Referrals are mainly via self-referrals (37%) although the majority of these are signposted in from GP's and community mental health services and as a result of Axis promotional materials (predominantly web search and website), followed by Axis ISVA Service (28%) up and SARC (10%).

Axis Counselling now supports people of all genders from the ages of 5 upwards. The majority of our clients, 774 of whom received a service (12% decrease), 87% were female, and the main age range of our clients was 25-44yrs (44%).

The current geographical areas of operation are Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and surrounding areas.

AXIS ISVA SERVICE 2023/24

The ISVA team have supported 1142 clients over the period of April 2023 to March 2024 with 587 new referrals received, being able to contact 554 of these clients and offer a service.

Of the 1142 clients supported, 554 of these were new referrals received during the year, the rest were existing clients. The ISVA team handled 1726 face to face appointments with clients over this period and provided a total of 15,306 interventions of all other methods.

The majority of our clients are female - 1010/1142 and our adult clients (those over the age of 18) represent our largest group of ISVA clients.

Of our new referrals the largest referral source was the police at 49% with the rest of our referrals coming from other services and self-referrals.

The ISVA service continues to offer a range of options for support including face-to-face office appointments, outreach to schools and colleges, video and phone support if this is what best suits the individual.

The ISVA team continues to look for new and innovative ways to support our clients. We have piloted workshops for our young people and drop-in sessions for the clients on our waiting list. Plans are in place for the future for further drop ins, walks and talks and groups for peer support.

Under the ISVA contract we have delivered training to 1749 individuals, mainly other professionals in the past year on the impact of sexual abuse/violence as well as the legal implications of sexual violence, consent and language to students.

COMPLEX CARE PATHFINDER

The NHS Long Term Plan published on 7th January 2019 set out the ambition to expand service provision to ensure survivors of sexual assault are offered integrated therapeutic mental health support and access to specialist services. This is also outlined in the Strategic Direction for Sexual Assault and Abuse Services 2018-2023.

Hereford and Worcester ICB, in conjunction with Axis and Midland Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT) in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin; and West Mercia Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (WMRSASC) and Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust in Herefordshire and Worcestershire, were successful in achieving funding from NHS England to provide a 2-year pilot Pathfinder project. Funding for the project began in November 2023.

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The Pathfinder is a need-led service for adult survivors (18+) of sexual assault and abuse with complex trauma related mental health needs and/or comorbid factors that may result in their presentation being more complex, preventing them from processing their trauma.

The service delivers stabilisation support, non-criminal justice advocacy and psychosocial education that is grounded in a trauma informed and strength-based approach.

Services are client led and focused on empowerment, survivorship, resilience, and self-esteem and providing information to enable survivors to make informed choices.

To create and improve pathways and partnership working for the benefit of individuals with complex trauma related mental health needs associated with sexual assault and abuse.

The key objectives of the Pathfinder are:

- o To create and improve pathways and partnership working for the benefit of individuals with complex trauma related mental health needs associated with sexual assault and abuse.
- o To improve access to professionals trained in the identification of, and appropriate response to, complex trauma related mental health needs associated with sexual assault and abuse.
- o To reduce complex trauma related symptoms and improve quality of life (improve individual wellbeing, reduce mental health symptomology, minimise harm and re-traumatization, improve functioning (including social and occupational) and support healing and recovery).
- o To encourage establishment of trauma-informed systems that have impact beyond this service.
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The Pathfinder offers a range of services:

- o 1 to 1 stabilization work with our practitioner, advocacy support and practical advice and Psychoeducation on a one-to-one basis.
- o Group work, 3 separate group work offerings dependent on clients' specific needs and presentations.
- o Building connections, 8 week peer support group offering client led conversations on topics related to trauma, aimed at building connections with others in a safe and supported environment.
- o Building resilience, 6-week Psychoeducation group program focusing on building resilience and identifying strengths and positive coping strategies.
- o Sexual violence recovery toolkit. 12-week Psychoeducation program aimed to recover from Sexual violence related trauma.
- o 1:1 stabilization counselling (6-8 sessions)
- o Psychological assessments, formulations and therapy.
- o Consultations with other professionals
- o Specialist training for individuals working with survivors of sexual trauma. Following the principles of the transforming psychological trauma framework Tiers 1-4.

Following successful recruitment of a service manager, one to one practitioner, counsellor, group facilitator and a trainer, the service went live in November 2023. Following a 2-month implementation period, the service formally launched on February 1st following a soft launch from January 1st.

The pathfinder service joint working between Axis and Midland Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT), who employ the Psychologist. The psychologist joined the team in March and spent a month preparing to launch the psychological side of the service from April.

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This is a unique opportunity for us to be able to bring together our expertise of working with victims/ survivors of Sexual violence and abuse, and MPFT's expertise in mental health, enabling the services to learn from each other and share good practice and ideas. The pathfinder enables Axis to work with a cohort of clients who would previously have sat outside our criteria, meaning that they went back into mental health services, potentially faced long waiting lists or in some cases, fell between the gaps in services.

Since the service launched in January, to the end of March we have received 13 referrals. 12 of these were from within Axis counselling and ISVA service and 1 was from within the Mental health team.

We are working hard to continue to raise awareness of our service to maximize the appropriate referrals into the service.

SAFER STREETS

This is a new project that started in December 2023 and was in the development stage during the latter part of the year. The deliverables will take place during the coming year. This project will offer training and support to members of the community in the form of Train the trainer bystander training; and training and support in schools in the form of ambassador training for students and train the trainer teacher training.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Axis continues to provide excellent support for clients through our services. It is a learning organisation using relevant research and practice models to enhance the success and relevance of its services. Axis is ably assisted by its Trustees, Staff and volunteers who are all very committed, passionate and optimistic in providing the very best services to enhance the wellbeing and health of its clients.

OBJECTIVES AND YEAR AHEAD

This year has seen us expand our range of offers, not only to survivors, but also in terms of training opportunities for professionals, members of the community and ambassadors in schools. We have also been able to offer Counsellors in Training the opportunity to complete their mandatory counselling hours with us, enabling them to become qualified counsellors.

For clients' we have implemented a Pathfinder service for survivors with complex mental health needs, in partnership with the NHS, which will help to ensure that survivors who previously fell between the gaps in services, can now receive specialist support. This support is in the form of peer support groups, psycho-educations groups, advocacy and one-to-one stabilisation counselling to this client group, as well as specialist training for professionals, ranging from bystander training for all workers in every profession, right up to specialist training for workers who have a specific remit to provide specialist interventions or therapies for people known to be affected by sexual abuse with complex needs.

This year we have achieved accreditation through the National Service Standards for Delivering Services Supporting Victims/ Survivors of Sexual Violence and/ or Childhood Sexual abuse, through The Survivors' Trust. We have also been re-accredited with the Quality Standards for Services Supporting Male Victims and Survivors of Sexual Violence. In addition, we have achieved re-accreditation of Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus, ensuring that the data security we have in place is robust.

This year has seen Axis build upon the previous years' initial steps into becoming a training centre. The numbers of courses and variety of topics, as well as intended audience has continued to grow throughout the year. We have delivered training to over 1890 professionals this year, which is a 530% increase on the previous year.

We have continued to respond to the needs of under-represented groups by growing the number of members of staff across our services who specialise in championing the needs of specific under-represented groups, to ensure that we are doing everything we can to reduce the barriers to them accessing our services and increase the knowledge of all staff in order to better support the specific cohorts. This year we have added CSE and homelessness specialists to our existing pool of specialists within the organisation.

In the coming year, we aim to expand the number of placements we can offer to Counsellors in Training; continue to increase our training opportunities; and provide specialist CSE support to survivors' and their families, both in terms of therapeutic support, and advocacy.

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With almost all of our current funding contracts falling for renewal at the end of the coming year, the year ahead will be looking to secure further long-term funding. We are also working towards a certain degree of self-sustainability by means of our training arm, albeit this will take some time to generate sufficient funds to be able to divert to other services within the organisation.

Becky Jones
CEO

CHAIR OF THE TRUSTEE REPORT

Axis Counselling continues in its objective help people across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse, sexual assault, exploitation and rape, and to educate on the impact this has on people's lives and the lives of their families. This year we supported almost two thousand clients through our services. Our clients remain at the centre of everything we do.

The Axis team have continued in their ambition to innovate and to grow the charity, and this has allowed us to support more people than ever before over the last year. Notably this year Axis launched a new Pathfinder Project in February, funded by the NHSE, to support clients with more complex trauma related mental health needs associated with sexual assault and abuse. This allows Axis to work with clients who previously we would not have been able to support. Another new initiative is the Safer Streets project through which we provide important training, education and support in the community, including working within schools.

The professional and dedicated team of staff and volunteers remains underpinned by an exceptional leadership team. The Trustees and I would again like to recognise and thank all staff and volunteers, as well as the highly effective and supportive leadership team at Axis. The commitment, collaboration and ambition of all staff for the vital work of Axis continues to drive our success in supporting every one of our clients.

We continue to be immensely grateful to our funders and supporters, including the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, The Ministry of Justice, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin ICB, and NHS England. Their support this year has allowed us to help people in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin through our Counselling, ISVA and Pathfinder services and to provide training and education to almost 1,900 professionals in the region.

The quality of Axis' services and operations has been further recognised with new accreditations, including from The Survivors Trust, as well as renewed accreditations including, Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus. This is vital in giving our funders confidence in the services we offer as well as in how the charity is managed.

The Trustees remain one of Axis' greatest assets. I would like to thank each of them for giving their time, energy and ideas for the benefit of the organisation, ensuring supportive and robust governance. They have once again been a valued and consistent support to myself and the leadership team.

J. Bryans
Chair of Axis Trustees

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is a policy of the Management Committee to maintain a designated contingency reserve that would mitigate against the risk of loss of funding or of a funding delay from a major service contract or funding source. Axis has no major assets or ability to seek loans to maintain the service if in financial crisis. Access to reserves would be essential if the organisation failed in part or completely, in attracting sufficient funds to continue its work and had to close down its operations in part or full. If there was a significant future funding shortfall there would still be the need to operate services for a period of time, which could be some months, and manage through to a conclusion the service users that were progressing through their therapy. The Trustees aim to maintain a minimum of £100k of free reserves as a contingency reserve and £70k held in reserve against possible redundancy payments should there ever be a need to close down part or all of the organisation's operation. Maintaining a contingency reserve provides a degree of confidence that the organisation is secure in the medium term and is therefore able to plan and manage for its future needs.

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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.

Management

A Board, which normally meets quarterly, oversees the management and direction of the organisation. The Board is made up of the Directors/trustees and representatives of each Service, as well as the CEO, Finance Officer, and Company secretary.

Feeding into the Board meetings is a Strategic Senior Leadership Team (Strategic SMT) which meets monthly. This is made up of the CEO, Head of Operations, Service Managers and Finance Officer.

Feeding in to the Strategic SMT, is an Operational Senior Management Team (Operational SMT) which meets bi-monthly. This is made up of the CEO, Head of Operations, Service managers, Finance officer, Service Seniors and Service Leads.

The Chief Executive Officer plans and oversees the provision of services as directed by the Board.

Each Service comprises of a Service Manager who is supported by either a Lead or Seniors. The Counselling Manager is supported by the Counselling lead (who has responsibility for Ethical practice). The ISVA Manager is supported by a Senior Adult ISVA and Senior ChISVA (Children's ISVA). The Pathfinder Manager, who also oversees training, is supported by a Lead Trainer. Each manager report directly to the Head of Operations, who reports to the CEO), and are responsible for the day to day running of their respective services and welfare of their staff.

Counselling Services are provided to the clients by Counsellors, with the support of Counselling Support Officers who have their work monitored and continually evaluated by Clinical Supervisors and are managed by the Counsellor Lead and/ or Counselling Manager.

The Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Services are provided to clients by the ISVA's, who are also monitored and continually evaluated by Clinical Supervisors and are managed by their respective Senior and/ or the ISVA Manager.

The Pathfinder services are provided by a small team comprising of a Practitioner, counsellor, Groups Facilitator, Trainer and Clinical Psychologist (who is employed by the NHS), who are monitored and evaluated by a clinical supervisor, and managed by the Pathfinder Manager.

Risk Management Policy

A comprehensive Risk Assessment has been completed and presented to the Board identifying and assessing the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular, these risks relate to its operations, finance and data collection and retention. The Board are satisfied that identified risks have been assessed for the impact they may have, and, where considered high, systems are in place to mitigate exposure.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Axis Counselling for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

AUDITORS

The auditors, D.R.E. & Co. (Audit) Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J Bryans - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF AXIS COUNSELLING

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Axis Counselling (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF
AXIS COUNSELLING**

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF AXIS COUNSELLING

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

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

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the client's operating sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- reviewing the client's system notes and internal controls.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 3 were indicative of potential bias;
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

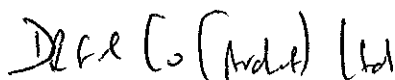
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AXIS COUNSELLING**

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



D.R.E. & Co. (Audit) Limited

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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24 October 2024

AXIS COUNSELLING**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	18,224	1,468,122	1,486,346	1,411,834
Investment income	4	<u>10,311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,311</u>	<u>3,276</u>
Total		<u>28,535</u>	<u>1,468,122</u>	<u>1,496,657</u>	<u>1,415,110</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Charitable Activities		<u>(6,807)</u>	<u>1,402,130</u>	<u>1,395,323</u>	<u>1,245,159</u>
 NET INCOME		35,342	65,992	101,334	169,951
Transfers between funds	16	<u>65,992</u>	<u>(65,992)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		101,334	-	101,334	169,951
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>634,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>634,290</u>	<u>464,339</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>735,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>735,624</u>	<u>634,290</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

AXIS COUNSELLING**BALANCE SHEET**
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	48,397	-	48,397	55,382
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Debtors	14	126,628	-	126,628	210,102
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>587,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>587,285</u>	<u>394,332</u>
		714,913	-	714,913	605,434
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(27,686)	-	(27,686)	(26,526)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>687,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>687,227</u>	<u>578,908</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>735,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>735,624</u>	<u>634,290</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>735,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>735,624</u>	<u>634,290</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				<u>735,624</u>	<u>634,290</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>735,624</u>	<u>634,290</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.


The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

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 audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Bryans - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

AXIS COUNSELLING**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>207,059</u>	<u>44,203</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>207,059</u>	<u>44,203</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(24,417)	(17,224)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	1,692
Interest received		<u>10,311</u>	<u>3,276</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(14,106)</u>	<u>(12,256)</u>
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		192,953	31,947
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>394,332</u>	<u>362,385</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>587,285</u>	<u>394,332</u>

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AXIS COUNSELLING

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	101,334	169,951
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	31,402	25,071
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	11,985
Interest received	(10,311)	(3,276)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	83,473	(142,723)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>1,161</u>	<u>(16,805)</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u>207,059</u>	<u>44,203</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>394,332</u>	<u>192,953</u>	<u>587,285</u>
	<u>394,332</u>	<u>192,953</u>	<u>587,285</u>
Total	<u>394,332</u>	<u>192,953</u>	<u>587,285</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

2. 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.

The financial statements are for the individual entity only.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£), rounded to the nearest £1.

Company Status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity

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.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Income from grants and donations is only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants are only included in the SoFA once the related goods and services have been delivered. When donors specify that donations and grants are for a particular restricted purpose, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

Gift in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustee's annual report.

Investment income is included in the accounts when it is receivable.

AXIS COUNSELLING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Costs include the original purchase price, costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to its working condition for its intended use, dismantling and restoration cost and borrowing costs capitalised.

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

Property improvement	- 4% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance
Equipment	- 25% reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objective of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise 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 accounts.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charges against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out on the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate funds.

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.

Financial instruments

Basic financial assets, including trade and other debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially recognised at transaction price, 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.

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, 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 receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

AXIS COUNSELLING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Gifts, donations and grants	<u>1,486,346</u>	<u>1,411,834</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>10,311</u>	<u>3,276</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

		Direct Costs £
Charitable Activities		<u>1,395,323</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	31,402	25,071
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>11,985</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	982,947	894,598
Social security costs	88,618	77,968
Other pension costs	<u>18,100</u>	<u>15,990</u>
	<u>1,089,665</u>	<u>988,556</u>

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

The average monthly number of employees in the year was 40 (2023: 36).

Remuneration paid during the year in respect of those classed as key management personnel totalled £176,158 (2023: £176,571).

AXIS COUNSELLING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9. MATERIAL TRANSFERS

The transfer of restricted funds to unrestricted funds in the year represents the release of surplus balances where the donor's conditions for the use of the income have been met.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	27,430	1,384,404	1,411,834
Investment income	<u>3,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,276</u>
Total	<u>30,706</u>	<u>1,384,404</u>	<u>1,415,110</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	<u>11,615</u>	<u>1,233,544</u>	<u>1,245,159</u>
 NET INCOME	19,091	150,860	169,951
Transfers between funds	<u>150,860</u>	<u>(150,860)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	169,951	-	169,951
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>464,339</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>464,339</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>634,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>634,290</u>

11. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Fees payable to the charity's auditors and their associates for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>8,190</u>	<u>7,800</u>
 Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	<u>7,423</u>	<u>8,479</u>
 Total fees payable	<u>15,613</u>	<u>16,279</u>

AXIS COUNSELLING**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2023	9,333	16,471	29,585	58,264	113,653
Additions	-	1,472	900	22,045	24,417
At 31 March 2024	9,333	17,943	30,485	80,309	138,070
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2023	747	4,302	18,524	34,698	58,271
Charge for year	373	1,364	3,436	26,229	31,402
At 31 March 2024	1,120	5,666	21,960	60,927	89,673
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2024	8,213	12,277	8,525	19,382	48,397
At 31 March 2023	8,586	12,169	11,061	23,566	55,382

13. STOCKS

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Stocks	1,000	1,000

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade debtors	27,220	660
Other debtors	-	55,977
Prepayments and accrued income	99,408	105,219
	126,628	161,856

DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Prepayments and accrued income	-	48,246
	-	48,246

AXIS COUNSELLING**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	29	-
Social security and other taxes	18,947	23,337
Accruals and deferred income	<u>8,710</u>	<u>3,189</u>
	<u>27,686</u>	<u>26,526</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	634,290	35,342	65,992	735,624
Restricted funds				
ISVA	-	38,490	(38,490)	-
HM Prison Stoke Heath	-	7,606	(7,606)	-
Counselling	-	(9,464)	9,464	-
Safer Streets	-	12,570	(12,570)	-
Pathfinders	-	16,790	(16,790)	-
	-	<u>65,992</u>	<u>(65,992)</u>	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>634,290</u>	<u>101,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>735,624</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,535	6,807	35,342
Restricted funds			
ISVA	789,085	(750,595)	38,490
HM Prison Stoke Heath	11,040	(3,434)	7,606
Counselling	548,277	(557,741)	(9,464)
Safer Streets	25,360	(12,790)	12,570
Pathfinders	94,360	(77,570)	16,790
	<u>1,468,122</u>	<u>(1,402,130)</u>	<u>65,992</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,496,657</u>	<u>(1,395,323)</u>	<u>101,334</u>

AXIS COUNSELLING**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	464,339	19,091	150,860	634,290
Restricted funds				
ISVA	-	139,588	(139,588)	-
HM Prison Stoke Heath	-	1,079	(1,079)	-
Counselling	-	10,193	(10,193)	-
	-	150,860	(150,860)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>464,339</u>	<u>169,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>634,290</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,706	(11,615)	19,091
Restricted funds			
ISVA	857,818	(718,230)	139,588
HM Prison Stoke Heath	11,040	(9,961)	1,079
Counselling	515,546	(505,353)	10,193
	1,384,404	(1,233,544)	150,860
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,415,110</u>	<u>(1,245,159)</u>	<u>169,951</u>

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

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	464,339	54,433	216,852	735,624
Restricted funds				
ISVA	-	178,078	(178,078)	-
HM Prison Stoke Heath	-	8,685	(8,685)	-
Counselling	-	729	(729)	-
Safer Streets	-	12,570	(12,570)	-
Pathfinders	-	16,790	(16,790)	-
	-	216,852	(216,852)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>464,339</u>	<u>271,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>735,624</u>

AXIS COUNSELLING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

16. 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	59,241	(4,808)	54,433
Restricted funds			
ISVA	1,646,903	(1,468,825)	178,078
HM Prison Stoke Heath	22,080	(13,395)	8,685
Counselling	1,063,823	(1,063,094)	729
Safer Streets	25,360	(12,790)	12,570
Pathfinders	94,360	(77,570)	16,790
	<u>2,852,526</u>	<u>(2,635,674)</u>	<u>216,852</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,911,767</u>	<u>(2,640,482)</u>	<u>271,285</u>

Designated Fund

This is a contingency fund to mitigate against the risk of loss or delay of funding.

Counselling Shropshire/Telford & Wrekin

Funds from Integrated Care Services - Shropshire/Telford & Wrekin and Ministry of Justice cover counselling costs in the area of Shropshire/Telford & Wrekin for anyone over the age of 5 years, who have suffered sexual abuse, either historical or present. Axis works with a specific therapy that all counsellors are specially trained in.

NB: Counselling is now combined - under ICS (Integrated Care Services) - no longer Shropshire/Telford and Wrekin

Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA)

Funding is provided by the PCC to work with anyone who has been a victim of sexual trauma. ISVAs work with the client from the initial trauma through to the courts. Sometimes a court case is not appropriate, and the client will be "held" by the ISVA, and then signposted to the Counselling side of Axis.

H M Prison Stoke Heath

Axis provides counselling to inmates who have experienced historical sexual trauma, as well as generic counselling.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

AXIS COUNSELLING**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts, donations and grants	1,486,346	1,411,834
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>10,311</u>	<u>3,276</u>
Total incoming resources	1,496,657	1,415,110
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	982,947	894,598
Social security	88,618	77,968
Pensions	18,100	15,990
Rent	41,341	38,919
Insurance	6,302	4,934
Utilities	4,189	5,667
Telephone	23,139	19,771
Postage and stationery	13,636	15,582
Advertising	1,195	-
Sundries	6,445	214
Travel, parking etc	9,495	8,382
Administrative and IT	60,089	24,359
Training	54,581	36,860
Clinical supervision	18,915	16,621
Professional fees	7,114	20,871
Room hire	5,500	1,718
Repairs and renewals	6,642	9,298
Accountancy fees	7,423	8,479
Bank charges	60	72
Audit fees	8,190	7,800
Depn of improvements to property	373	374
Depn of plant & machinery	1,364	1,353
Depn of fixtures & fittings	3,436	4,155
Depn of computer equipment	26,229	19,189
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>11,985</u>
	<u>1,395,323</u>	<u>1,245,159</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,395,323</u>	<u>1,245,159</u>
Net income	<u><u>101,334</u></u>	<u><u>169,951</u></u>

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