STOCKPORT WITHOUT ABUSE

England & Wales · Charity number 1079291

Details

Other names	STOCKPORT WOMEN'S AID
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03890735
Registered	2000-02-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: A)TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR WOMEN AND MEN IN NECESSITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES WHO HAVE BEEN CONSTRAINED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES AS A RESULT OF ACTUAL OR APPREHENDED INJURY TO THEIR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH BY REASON OF DOMESTIC ABUSE, SUCH FACILITIES BEING EXTENDED WHERE NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE CHILDREN OF SUCH INDIVIDUALSB)TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND TO GIVE ADVICE AND INFORMATION ABOUT DOMESTIC ABUSE, ITS IMPLICATIONS, EFFECTS AND SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS

Activities: Refuge and dispersed property accommodation for victims of domestic abuse including women, men and children. Floating Support Service, Community Support, Children and Young Peoples Service, Education and Training.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED BUT IN PRACTICE STOCKPORT
- Stockport

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£762,110	£826,801	£540,621	20
2024-03-31	£778,349	£786,854	£605,312	22
2023-03-31	£874,798	£706,280	£613,817	21
2022-03-31	£700,611	£734,671	£445,299	24
2021-03-31	£908,931	£789,629	£479,359	24

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Janet Flynn	Chair	2021-01-01
JULIA JANE BOWDEN		
Katherine Sophie Barker		2020-09-08
Lucy Elizabeth Eatough		2019-09-11
Sandra Burke		2024-05-20
Susan Gledhill		2018-04-26
Susan Westwood		2023-01-27

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Accounts

Stockport Without Abuse

2024-2025

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2025







Reference and administrative information for the year ended 31 March 2025

Company number 3890735
Charity number 1079291

Registered office and operational address
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street, Manchester M4 6JG

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

Janet Flynn	Chair	
Susan Gledhill	Deputy Chair Company Secretary	Appointed 27 January 2025
Julie Isted	Company Secretary	Resigned 31 December 2024
Katharine Barker	Treasurer	
Julia Bowden		
Lucy Eatough		
Lynda Dodd		
Susan Westwood		
Sandra Burke		Appointed 20 May 2024

Key management Personnel:

Samantha Higginbottom	
Amy Gough	Resigned 04 October 2024
Jessica Mills	
Zara Hasan	Resigned 28 February 2025

Bankers

Co-operative Bank
1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

Independent examiner

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA, Slade & Cooper Limited
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street, Manchester M4 6JG

Objectives and Activities

The board of trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Stockport Without Abuse (SWA) believes that everyone has a right to live in safety and to have a future without fear of Domestic Abuse.

SWA's overall aim is to provide support for our service users, through specialist interventions to facilitate their journey to safe independent living and to provide education, awareness and prevention services across the borough of Stockport.

The company's objects and principal activities are:

- To provide temporary safe accommodation in the form of refuge and dispersed property accommodation for women, men and their children who have left home due to domestic violence and abuse.
- To provide emotional and practical support, safeguarding interventions, information, advice and advocacy to women, children and men affected by domestic violence and abuse living in the community and in the Refuge
- To raise awareness, educate and inform public opinion and to provide advice and information in furtherance of the above

Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

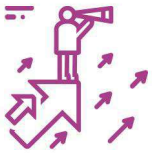
Serving as the leading agency for domestic abuse safeguarding and support in Stockport, SWA is at the forefront of delivering a diverse array of responsive services to address the complex and evolving needs of domestic abuse victims and their children.



Our Vision, Mission and Aims

Stockport Without Abuse is a local charity and the largest domestic abuse organisation in Stockport.

For 50 years we have grown considerably and developed a whole range of services.



Our Vision

We believe that everyone has the right to live in safety and have a future without fear of domestic abuse.



Our Mission

Prevention through education and awareness.
Protection and Support to individuals and their families affected by domestic abuse.
Empowerment of victims to increase their resilience and regain lifelong independence.



Our Aims

To provide a range of targeted services to support our clients and their children at any stage in their journey to lifelong independence.

To work with other organisations to provide a coordinated support network for our clients and their families.

To work with local organisations to engage with wider audiences to help increase public awareness of respectful relationships.

SWA delivers a range of targeted services across the spectrum of need for domestic abuse including services for adults, children, accommodation and health based interventions.

Our Values

Integrity



- We are committed to change, working with courage, passion and professionalism
- We strive to create a reliable and positive space for clients, colleagues and partnerships alike
- We act with transparency and take accountability and create an open and honest environment in which our clients can trust

Innovative



- We use a trauma informed approach to positively impact future outcomes
- We engage clients, colleagues and partnerships to learn and deliver bespoke services through their views and voices
- We reflect on the relevance of our services in order to be transformative and progressive

Unity



- We strive to create a workplace environment that feels like a family, where every member is valued, supported and connected
- We aim for a common vision and collaborate seamlessly, leveraging others perspectives to achieve our goals
- We strive to promote happiness, build a supportive community and to inspire and motivate each other to create a positive atmosphere to break the cycle of abuse

All-Embracing



- We treat our clients, our partnerships and each other with respect
- We create an inclusive environment where all diversity is celebrated
- We seek constant feedback to ensure best quality service is offered at all times

Compassionate



- We use compassion and empathy to care for, protect and empower our clients, ourselves and our partnerships
- We encourage others to build resilience, offering hope for a life without fear and a brighter, safer future



Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects

Throughout the reporting period 2024–2025, the organisation's primary objectives and activities remained firmly focused on delivering tailored, specialist support to adults and children affected by domestic abuse across Stockport. SWA continued to respond to a wide spectrum of need, recognising the complex and often intersecting risks faced by victims, including high-risk harm, safeguarding concerns, health inequalities, trauma, and barriers to engagement with statutory systems.

Core services during the year prioritised holistic safety planning, advocacy, and trauma-informed support, underpinned by robust safeguarding practice and partnership working. Alongside direct service delivery, SWA maintained a strong commitment to prevention, education, and system influence, working across community, health, social care, and education settings to strengthen local responses to domestic abuse and improve outcomes for victims and children.

The year 2024–2025 was characterised by sustained and significant demand, particularly within high-risk and complex casework. Referral volumes remained consistently high, with increasing acuity and complexity, reflecting national trends and local pressures. This was further compounded by continued uncertainty within the commissioning and funding landscape, workforce challenges linked to the national recruitment and retention crisis, and the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis on families accessing support.

During the period, SWA also navigated a changing local service context, including the decommissioning or planned withdrawal of some specialist provision across the borough. This placed additional pressure on existing services and required careful management of capacity, risk, and partnership arrangements. In response, the charity undertook targeted service redesign, strengthened internal systems and processes, and invested in data, governance, and leadership capacity to ensure services remained safe, effective, and responsive.

Despite these challenges, SWA continued to demonstrate resilience and adaptability. The organisation consolidated its role as a trusted specialist provider, sustained delivery across all core services, and identified opportunities for service development, innovation, and longer-term sustainability. Throughout the year, the focus remained on balancing immediate risk management with longer-term recovery, ensuring that victims and children received consistent, high-quality support within an increasingly complex operating environment.



Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects

Service Overview

Self-Contained Temporary Accommodation

Refuge:
Our refuge accommodation offers support and safety to single women and families, and can accommodate 9 families and 4 single women with some shared facilities to support victims and children fleeing from domestic abuse.

Dispersed property:
SWA has two dispersed properties (two-bedroom houses) in the community to provide additional safe and temporary accommodation for all victims fleeing from domestic abuse regardless of gender.

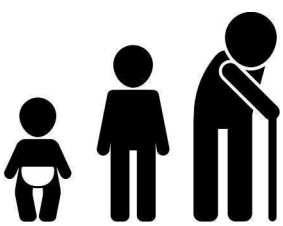
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council commission a complex safeguarding caseworker to provide enhanced risk management and safety planning to individuals fleeing abuse and residing within our accommodation.

Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) Service

SWA consistently upholds its commitment to providing the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service commissioned by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. Operating within a robust multi-agency framework, the IDVA team plays a pivotal role in safeguarding the most vulnerable and high-risk clients in Stockport, identified as at serious risk of harm or homicide. As integral partners in the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), the IDVAs collaborate closely with victims and partners to craft and implement Individualised Safety and Support Plans. These comprehensive plans encompass legal protective measures, safeguarding strategies, housing provisions, and considerations for wellbeing and recovery. The IDVA service exemplifies proactive, bespoke support, navigating the complexities of multi-agency collaboration and setting a notable standard for effective safeguarding practices in Stockport.

Specialist IDVAs:
SWA has been commissioned throughout 2024-2025 to deliver a number of specialist IDVA posts including Hospital IDVAs and a Stalking and Harassment IDVA. These posts provide a specialised service of support, safety planning and advocacy to clients identified in those areas and also provide awareness raising and campaigning for change in relation to their specialist areas.







Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects

Service Overview

Complex DA Worker:
Due to the complexity of domestic abuse across the period, SWA were successful in securing funding through Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to provide a complex domestic abuse service to clients presenting with multiple disadvantages. The support delivered by the practitioner includes reducing barriers to access to services, unique, creative and proactive engagement methods and working towards a holistic support and safety plan to reduce repeated presentations and reducing the risk of escalation. This will include engaging with a range of multi-agency partners to build collaborative harm reduction support plan.

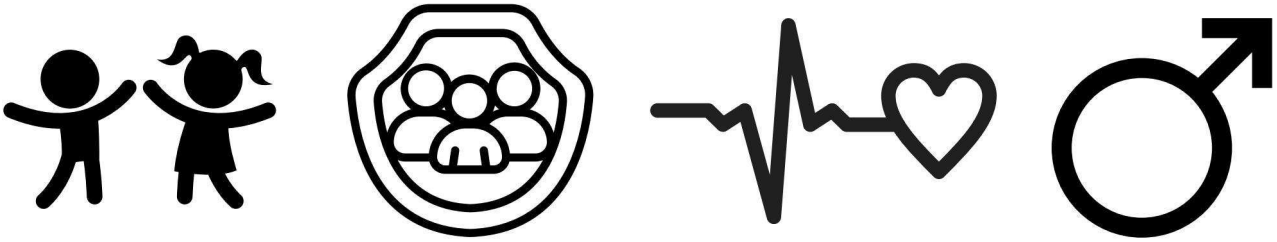
Stalking and Harassment IDVA (SHIDVA):
The SHIDVA continued to deliver specialist support to victims of stalking and harassment throughout 2024-2025. The role provided expert risk assessment, intensive safety planning, and close multi-agency coordination including with police, criminal justice partners, and specialist stalking services. The SHIDVA service contributed to improved identification of stalking behaviours and supported victims through civil and criminal processes.

Male Domestic Abuse Worker:
The bespoke service for male victims, funded by Greater Manchester Combined Authority, continued throughout 2024-2025. The Male Domestic Abuse Worker delivered targeted outreach, community drop-ins and awareness activity, improving visibility of support for male victims and increasing the number of referrals, including high-risk cases.

Children and Young People (CYP) Services:
SWA's CYP Prevention Service, funded by Stockport Council, delivered workshops and group sessions in schools. Me2 workshops engaged Key Stage 2 classes on healthy relationships and emotional resilience, while targeted group sessions supported children with domestic abuse experiences.

The REACH programme, co-delivered with Stockport Council's Sex and Relationships Education Team, supported secondary students over eight weeks, focusing on body image, healthy relationships, consent, online safety, and sexual health.
In refuge and dispersed properties, the CYP Refuge Caseworker provided therapeutic 1:1 support to help children process emotions, feel safe, and transition into new schools.

Awareness Raising, Prevention, and Social Policy:
SWA raises domestic abuse awareness through public and professional campaigns and active participation in local and national initiatives. As a key member of the Stockport Domestic Abuse Partnership Board and Operational Group, SWA contributes to shaping strategies and enhancing integrated services across Stockport and Greater Manchester.



Partnerships and Donors

Stockport Without Abuse has been gratefully supported through a number of funding sources this year to enable them to continue their mission. SWA has also been supported in developing and continuing partnerships with organisations across the borough. Special thanks are given to the partners and supporters:

SWA would also like to thank:

- Stockport Educational Psychology Service
- Stockport Lamplighter Rotary Club
- Hazel Grove Inner Wheel
- MU Fellowship Group, St. Martin's Parish Church, Marple Bridge
- Great Moor and District WI
- Marple & District WI
- Stockport Humanists
- Heaton Moor United Church
- Claire Randle and Johanna Wild, High Lane Village WI
- Andrea
- Stockport School
- kTech Manufacturing
- St Martin's Church Low Marple
- Vernon Lodge and Cheshire Freemasons
- The Rolling Scones WI
- Edgeley Community Church
- Cheshire Federation of WI's

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who have chosen to remain anonymous. Your generous support is deeply appreciated.

Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

Performance Summary and overview data from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Throughout the reporting period, SWA sustained its commitment to delivering essential services to adults and children across a wide range of needs and risks, using a client-centred and holistic approach. During 2024–2025, the organisation continued to develop and maintain strategic partnerships to enhance service delivery, including work with Stockport Homes to support children living in temporary accommodation, alongside locally commissioned funding from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to support individuals needing to flee domestic abuse and to access safe accommodation and resettlement support. Additional targeted funding enabled SWA to respond to the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis on victims and families.

This work was supported by a mixed portfolio of statutory and charitable funding, including contributions from Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Masonic Charitable Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, The Leathersellers' Foundation, and other trusts and foundations. This collective support enabled SWA to adapt services in response to sustained demand and increasing complexity, while maintaining a strong focus on safeguarding, staff wellbeing, and service quality. Together, these partnerships and funding streams played a vital role in supporting the safety and wellbeing of victims, children, and staff, and demonstrated the organisation's resilience and adaptability during a challenging operating year.



Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

Performance Summary and overview data from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Refuge and Dispersed Properties:

Referrals to refuge are received when a vacancy is available. Although we received 177 requests for refuge accommodation over the period and processed 89 client referrals, only 27 victims were able to be accommodated demonstrating the need for additional accommodation. All victims moving into accommodation received ongoing risk management and individualised safety and support planning.

The children's workers worked with both children in the refuge and children in dispersed properties to support with creative activities to support their recovery from domestic abuse, improve their resilience and support their understanding of safety, emotions and socialisation.

A total of 485 sessions were delivered to children and families throughout the period.



Feedback from beneficiaries:

> *I can't thank the refuge staff enough. You were there when we really needed you, and you stuck around. I may have different views from others, but I genuinely can't fault the staff. Thank you so much.*

> *Thank you for all your help*
> *You have given me confidence*
> *I appreciate you*



Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

Performance Summary and overview data from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

IDVA support:

During 2024-2025, the IDVA service continued to experience sustained high demand, with 911 high-risk referrals received, an increase on the previous year and significantly higher than pre-pandemic levels. This reflected wider pressures across the local domestic abuse system, where demand continued to outstrip capacity in several areas of provision.

IDVAs worked intensively with victims to implement enhanced safety planning, risk management and coordinated support, including access to criminal and civil justice remedies aimed at reducing risk and preventing further abuse. The service supported clients through a range of safeguarding processes, with a continued focus on improving safety and outcomes for victims and their children.

Throughout the year, the service operated in a challenging context of increasing case complexity, workforce pressure and capacity constraints. High demand, combined with waiting lists across parts of the wider system, required careful prioritisation of high-risk cases and close multi-agency working to manage risk effectively. These pressures also highlighted the importance of staff wellbeing, supervision and support within a demanding operational environment.

Partnership working remained central to the delivery of the IDVA service during the year, with close collaboration between statutory and voluntary agencies to support coordinated responses to high-risk domestic abuse. The IDVA service continued to play a critical role within Stockport's multi-agency arrangements, contributing specialist advocacy and risk management expertise at times of heightened system pressure.

> "Thank you for everything you do I'd be losted without you your my guidon angel. I honestly don't know how I got without you thank you so much you even know me so well you know I am ok and not your amazing Thank you so much x"

> "Eve has been the biggest help with one of my cases, she has worked relentlessly to find refuge for this client, she has collaborated well with professionals and developed seecure and professional relationships.
>
> I am incredibly grateful for this support and when we went to see the client yesterday she thanked us both for our continued support!
>
> In a nutshell this outcome would not have been possible without Eve!"

Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

Performance Summary and overview data from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Stalking and Harassment IDVA:

215 clients benefitted from a bespoke Stalking and Harassment IDVA in this period. As there is limited capacity to provide a specialist stalking intervention to all clients, as the support is more complex and more involved, the Stalking IDVA has held skills sessions with other professionals after attending specialist training, to enable other professionals to provide the best practice advice in supporting victims. During 2024-2025, the Stalking IDVA continued to work with communities and multi-agency partners to raise awareness and improve understanding of stalking. Following changes to the standard of proof for Stalking Protection Orders (SPOs), the service worked closely with policing colleagues and identified points of contact to support more consistent practice. While challenges remained, these developments represented a positive step towards improving access to SPOs and strengthening protective responses for victims of stalking.

Complex DA:

89 clients have been referred to this service during 2024-2025. During this period, the service continued to support individuals with long histories of trauma, abuse and repeated contact with services, many of whom remained cautious about engagement due to previous experiences of short-term or inconsistent support. Building trust therefore remained a central focus of the work.
The specialist worker maintained a flexible, trauma-informed approach, adapting methods of engagement to meet clients where they were and recognising that progress was often non-linear. Clients reported valuing the worker's consistency and ongoing support, particularly during periods of difficulty, describing this continuity as key to sustaining engagement.
System-wide capacity pressures continued to affect some clients' ability to engage with wider services. Despite these challenges, the service remained focused on promoting hope, choice and incremental change, recognising that progress for this client group is often achieved through small but meaningful steps over time.

> *i just want to say a huge thankyou frm the bottom of my heart for going abnve n beyond for me i honestly couldnt of done this without ur support and i want to appologise for my behavior since we met u have gave me the confidence to see im a good and strong person i will not let u or myself dwn this move is the best move i could of made n thats all thanks to u ur my angel thanyou xxx*



Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

Performance Summary and overview data from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

CYP Refuge Services:

During the year, Stockport Without Abuse provided specialist support to children who had experienced domestic abuse and entered refuge with their parent. Support was delivered both within refuge and in community settings, including schools, to ensure continuity and stability for children during periods of transition.

The service delivered structured, trauma-informed interventions focused on emotional wellbeing, safety and adjustment to life in refuge. Children were supported through a combination of 1:1 wellbeing sessions, group activities and play-based interventions designed to help them understand and manage emotions, build resilience and form positive peer relationships. As in previous years, a significant proportion of children supported were of early years and primary school age, and interventions were tailored accordingly, with additional focus on attachment, development and parent–child relationships.

Demand for CYP refuge support remained high throughout the year, with services delivered flexibly to meet a wide range of needs, including support for children with disabilities and those experiencing disruption to education. Group activities, holiday sessions and therapeutic work played an important role in providing routine, normality and opportunities for positive childhood experiences during a time of significant upheaval.

CYP Prevention:

CYP Prevention work continued to be delivered across schools and education settings throughout 2024-2025, offering a structured programme of workshops, group interventions and targeted 1:1 support. The service focused on promoting healthy relationships, emotional literacy, consent, personal safety and understanding where to seek help.

Preventative interventions were delivered primarily through Me2 Workshops and Me2 Groups for younger children, alongside Sexual Relationship Education (SRE) and Reach sessions for older pupils. Where group work was not appropriate or children required additional support, 1:1 sessions were offered to address specific concerns including online safety, consent and emotional wellbeing.

Feedback from children, parents and education professionals demonstrated improved understanding of safety, relationships and emotional regulation. Prevention activity remained a core part of SWA's commitment to early intervention, helping children develop skills and awareness to reduce future risk and support long-term wellbeing.







Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

Performance Summary and overview data from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

CYP Trauma Informed:

During 2024-2025, trauma-informed 1:1 support for children and young people remained in high demand, reflecting the continued need for specialist interventions for children affected by domestic abuse.

Referrals were received from a wide range of partners across the borough, including education settings, children's social care, health and mental health services, housing providers and domestic abuse services, highlighting the service's role within the wider safeguarding and early help system.

Children supported through the service often presented with complex emotional and behavioural needs linked to prolonged exposure to domestic abuse. The service focused on providing consistent, trauma-informed support to help children understand and manage emotions, build coping strategies and develop a greater sense of safety and confidence. Support was delivered flexibly through individual and small group interventions, recognising that progress for many children was non-linear and required patience and consistency. Demand for 1:1 support continued to exceed available capacity during the year, resulting in ongoing waiting lists. This reinforced the importance of prioritisation and close communication with referrers to manage risk and expectations, while also highlighting wider gaps in specialist provision for children affected by domestic abuse.

Feedback from parents and professionals during the year continued to highlight improvements in children's emotional regulation, confidence and ability to express feelings. Schools and other partners reported that children supported through the service felt more able to engage, communicate concerns and seek help when needed. The service remained a key source of specialist support for children whose needs could not be met through universal or short-term interventions.

Support for children living in temporary accommodation also continued during the year, providing opportunities for play, social interaction and engagement outside of restricted living environments. Parents reported that these sessions supported children's wellbeing and development, particularly during periods of instability and transition.



Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

Performance Summary and overview data from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Feedback



From children and parents:

"I've learned how to stay safe."

"It's helped me calm down and not get so angry."

"I feel more confident around my friends and making new friendships."

"I liked everything. It made me feel better."

"I know who to ask for help if I feel unsafe."

"The service you provide is absolutely brilliant."

"My child is much calmer and more confident."

"It's helped my child understand their feelings and talk about them."

"The activities have really helped my child feel settled and happy."

"It's been good for my child and brought out things they kept inside."

From schools and safeguarding partners involved in CYP Prevention and 1:1 work:

"Stockport Without Abuse have provided very specific, targeted support for children with complex life experiences."

"All the children felt comfortable during their 1:1 or group work."

"The referral process was straightforward and communication was clear throughout."

"The service supported children's learning needs and emotional wellbeing."



Plans for the future

Trustees' Priorities for the Year Ahead

As Stockport Without Abuse moves into the next financial year, the charity's focus will be on consolidating recent organisational development while strengthening sustainability, resilience and long-term impact in an increasingly challenging operating environment. The Trustees will prioritise the following areas:

Ensuring Service Sustainability and Capacity
Trustees will focus on maintaining safe, effective and sustainable services in the context of continued high demand. This will include oversight of capacity, caseloads and risk, alongside consideration of delivery models that balance quality, reach and staff wellbeing.

Embedding Strategic Delivery and Accountability
Trustees will oversee the implementation of the organisational strategy, ensuring priorities translate into clear delivery plans, measurable outcomes and effective risk management, with progress monitored regularly.

Strengthening Financial Resilience and Income Diversity
We will prioritise financial sustainability by diversifying income, reducing reliance on single funding streams and strengthening unrestricted reserves, alongside proactive engagement with funders and commissioners.

Deepening the Use of Data and Insight
Building on improved systems, Trustees will embed the use of data to inform decision-making, demonstrate value for money and support strategic engagement with partners, commissioners and funders.

Workforce Stability, Wellbeing and Leadership Development
We will continue to prioritise workforce wellbeing, retention and leadership development, recognising the demands of domestic abuse work and the importance of supervision, training and succession planning.

Meaningful Service User Involvement
SWA will further develop safe and ethical ways to involve service users in shaping services and informing organisational decision-making and improvement.

Partnership Effectiveness and System Influence
We will review partnership arrangements to ensure alignment with the charity's mission and values, while supporting effective contribution to system-wide responses to domestic abuse.

Innovation and Responding to Emerging Need
We will remain focused on identifying and responding to gaps in provision, particularly for victims whose needs are not consistently met, including those with complex needs, older victims, male victims and children and young people.

By maintaining a clear focus on sustainability, accountability and impact, the Trustees aim to ensure Stockport Without Abuse is well positioned to meet future challenges and continue delivering high-quality, life-saving support across Stockport.



Financial Review

At the end of the reporting period, total income was £762,110 (2024: £778,349). Income was lower than anticipated for the year, primarily due to the timing of new projects being implemented and the phased or delayed start of some services.

Income from charitable activities totalled £725,227 (2024: £749,491), supported by a mixed portfolio of statutory and charitable funding. During the year, the charity was successful in securing funding to maintain core provision and to continue delivering specialist services, including complex safeguarding, early help intervention, Specialist IDVA projects, and the IRIS ADViSE service. Funding also supported children's services and community-based provision, enabling the organisation to sustain delivery amid continued high demand and complexity.

Grant income supported delivery across community services, health-based interventions, and specialist roles, including the continuation of provision for male victims and targeted children and young people's services.

Total expenditure for the year was £826,801 (2024: £786,854). This increase reflects continued cost pressures across the organisation, including staffing, accommodation, and operational costs, alongside investment required to safely deliver services in a high-demand environment. The impact of inflation and the cost-of-living crisis continued to affect both service delivery and organisational costs.

The year-end position was total funds carried forward of £540,621, comprising £491,165 unrestricted funds and £49,456 restricted funds. As in previous years, staffing recruitment and retention challenges affected the pace of delivery in some areas, resulting in restricted funds being held at year end for projects continuing into 2025–2026.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the charity's requirement for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation and has established a policy that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets, should cover a minimum of six months expenditure, due to an increased turnaround time on grant fund decision making, plus a redundancy provision, setting reserves requirement at around £239,384. As at 31 March 2025 unrestricted reserves was in excess of our reserves policy requirements.



Structure Governance and Management

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 December 1999 and registered as a charity on 7 February 2000. The previously unincorporated charity was registered on 11 August 1975.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association. Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.
All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 10 to the accounts.

The continued focus on performance quality has been enhanced with new processes and procedures being implemented across the organisation to ensure the best possible quality support to victims.

Stockport Without Abuse strives to deliver a robust domestic abuse service to the community. The business and leadership model aims to allow a flexible, responsive, and innovative model of operation whereby funding streams are diversified and there is more than one grant source and service focus.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations
Stockport Without Abuse continues to be part of a commissioned formal partnership where partners work together towards collective goals and shared outcomes with a focus on prevention and delivering strength based interventions to standard and medium risk victims of domestic abuse.
We continue to strengthen relationships with other charities that hold shared values and pursue similar charitable objectives including Greater Manchester charities.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel
Key leadership and management personnel are remunerated in line with local benchmarks for similar roles with aligned responsibilities.
All job descriptions reflect the associated responsibilities that the post holder is likely to have and are graded with professional HR input.



Structure Governance and Management

Trustee Induction and Training
The Board of Trustees seeks to ensure sufficient and appropriate representation of their members to fit with the aims and objectives of the organisation. The diversity of the trustee body is recognised as vital to its effective governance and the recruitment of potential Board of Trustee members is undertaken by targeting individuals with appropriate skills, experience and knowledge within the voluntary, statutory and private sectors.
Newly appointed Trustees undertake an initial induction programme. which fits in with their own time constraints, to complement their individual existing knowledge of the organisation. Trustees receive written guidance about their roles and responsibilities and are encouraged to attend periodic training to familiarise themselves with the charity and the arena in which it operates. These cover: -

- The role and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees
- The governance of the organisation and accompanying documentation including; the Memorandum and Articles of Association, key organisation Policies and Procedures, accountability to Companies House and the Charity Commission
- Financial controls and development including reporting mechanisms and published accounts
- Strategic and business planning
- Domestic Abuse awareness
- Safeguarding

Trustees are asked to commit to a minimum term in post of three years and to give three months' notice when wishing to stand down.

Organisational structure
Stockport Without Abuse has a Board of Trustees which can be up to fifteen (15) members who have overall legal and financial responsibility for the organisation. The strategic and operational management of the organisation is entrusted to the Chief Executive, supported by operational managers. A contracted qualified accountant oversees the financial management in conjunction with the Chief Executive and a Business Administrator/Bookkeeper.
Board meetings are held regularly, chaired by the Chair of the Board and minutes recorded by the Board Secretary. The Chief Executive is in attendance at meetings; however, they do not have any voting rights.

To ensure the best use of board member's time, enable more focussed discussion on future strategy and speed up decision making an Executive Group was formed consisting of the Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
This Group works with the Chief Executive to review strategy and policies as required and make recommendations to the full board.

Risk management
The Board of Trustees regularly reviews the risks faced by the organisation including the following four key areas:

- Health and Safety
- Data Security and Governance
- Safeguarding
- Financial Processes



Appropriate policies to manage risk are in place.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of Stockport Without Abuse Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 01/12/2025 and signed on their behalf by

Janet Flynn
Chair, Stockport Without Abuse

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 23 to 44.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 2011Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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 that in any material respect:

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 section396 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.

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA
Date: 19/12/2025
Slade & Cooper Limited Beehive Mill, Jersey Street Manchester, M4 6JG

Statement of Financial Activities

(including Income and Expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	16,270	12,000	28,270	*22,012*
Charitable activities:					
Domestic Abuse	4	239,703	485,524	725,227	*749,491*
Investments	5	8,613	-	8,613	6,846
Total income		**264,586**	**497,524**	762,110	***778,349***
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Domestic Abuse		257,813	568,988	826,801	*786,854*
Total expenditure		**257,813**	**568,988**	**826,801**	***786,854***
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		6,773	(71,464)	(64,691)	*(8,505)*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	8	**6,773**	**(71,464)**	**(64,691)**	***(8,505)***
Transfer between funds		7,552	(7,552)	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**14,325**	**(79,016)**	**(64,691)**	***(8,505)***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		476,840	128,472	605,312	*613,817*
Total funds carried forward		**491,165**	**49,456**	**540,621**	***605,312***

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

A full comparative Statement of Financial Activities is available on the last page of the financial statements.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd
Company number 3890735

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		-		*372*
Total fixed assets			-		***372***
Current assets					
Debtors	13	149,420		*87,157*	
Cash at bank and in hand	14	457,735		*619,930*	
Total current assets		**607,155**		***707,087***	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	15	(66,534)		*(102,147)*	
Net current assets			**540,621**		***604,940***
Total assets less current liabilities			540,621		*605,312*
Net assets			**540,621**		***605,312***
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	17		49,456		*128,472*
Unrestricted income funds	18		491,165		*476,840*
Total charity funds			**540,621**		***605,312***

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with FRS102 SORP, and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.
The notes on pages 25 to 44 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 01/12/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Janet Flynn (Chair)

Katharine Barker (Treasurer)

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ending 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	*2024* *£*
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	20	**(170,808)**	***15,260***
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		8,613	*6,846*
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**8,613**	***6,846***
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(162,195)	*22,106*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		619,930	*597,824*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**457,735**	***619,930***

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), second edition - October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.
The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income havebeen met,it isprobable that the incomewill be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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

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

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

d Donated services and facilities

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

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e Interest receivable

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

f Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.
Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.
Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 7.

i Operating leases

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Fixtures & fittings	4 years
Office equipment	4 years

k Debtors

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

l Cash at bank and in hand

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

m Creditors and provisions

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

n Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were £2,210 outstanding contributions at the year end (2024: £2,337).

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

3 Income from donations and legacies

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £
Donations	16,270	12,000	28,270
Total	16,270	12,000	28,270

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2024 £*
Donations	*22,012*	-	*22,012*
Total	*22,012*	-	*22,012*

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4 Income from charitable activities

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £
Domestic Abuse - Refuge			
Rents receivable	257,805	-	257,805
Voids	(33,769)	-	(33,769)
Subtotal	224,036	-	224,036
Domestic Abuse - Community Services			
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	-	201,980	201,980
GP IDVA	-	29,167	29,167
Medium Risk IDVA	-	42,687	42,687
Male Worker	-	36,000	36,000
SHIDVA	-	35,000	35,000
IRIS ADViSE	-	5,839	5,839
Leathersellers	15,000	-	15,000
NHS Hospital IDVA	-	1,627	1,627
Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	20,000	20,000
Garfield Weston	-	20,000	20,000
Training Income	667	-	667
Subtotal	15,667	392,300	407,967
Childrens work			
CYP Refuge	-	40,009	40,009
CYP Temporary Accommodation	-	24,549	24,549
CYP Trauma Informed	-	28,666	28,666
Subtotal	-	93,224	93,224
Total	239,703	485,524	725,227

4 Income from charitable activities (Continued)

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2024 £*
Domestic Abuse - Refuge			
Rents receivable	*213,250*	*-*	*213,250*
Voids	*(22,275)*	*-*	*(22,275)*
Subtotal	*190,975*	*-*	*190,975*
Domestic Abuse - Community Services			
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	*-*	*181,891*	*181,891*
Medium Risk IDVA	*-*	*41,000*	*41,000*
Male Worker	*-*	*34,000*	*34,000*
SHIDVA	*-*	*35,000*	*35,000*
IRIS ADViSE	*-*	*49,421*	*49,421*
Leathersellers	*15,000*	*-*	*15,000*
NHS Hospital IDVA	*-*	*52,500*	*52,500*
ARIS Funding	*-*	*20,000*	*20,000*
Training Income	*235*	*-*	*235*
Subtotal	*15,235*	*413,812*	*429,047*
Childrens work			
CYP Refuge	*-*	*33,000*	*33,000*
CYP Temporary Accommodation	*-*	*32,732*	*32,732*
CYP Trauma Informed	*-*	*63,737*	*63,737*
Subtotal		*129,469*	*129,469*
Total	*206,210*	*543,281*	*749,491*

Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

5 Investment income

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £
Income from bank deposits	8,613	-	8,613
	8,613	-	8,613

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*2024 £*
Income from bank deposits	*6,846*	-	*6,846*
	6,846	-	*6,846*

6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Current reporting period	Refuge £	Community Services £	Childrens Work £	Total 2025 £
Staff costs	110,477	377,739	108,845	597,061
Accommodation	111,608	43,126	9,816	164,550
Running costs	39,257	15,256	3,807	58,320
Depreciation	374	-	-	374
Bad debts	1,292	-	-	1,292
Governance costs (see note 7)	1,834	2,773	597	5,204
	264,842	438,894	123,065	826,801

Previous reporting period	*Refuge £*	*Community Services £*	*Childrens Work £*	*Total 2024 £*
Staff costs	*96,129*	*383,385*	*101,767*	*581,281*
Accommodation	*89,072*	*44,788*	*12,555*	*146,415*
Running costs	*14,782*	*19,155*	*6,058*	*39,995*
Depreciation	*1,925*	-	-	*1,925*
Bad debts	*10,103*	-	-	*10,103*
Governance costs (see note 7)	*1,283*	*4,777*	*1,075*	*7,135*
	213,294	*452,105*	*121,455*	*786,854*

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Restricted expenditure	568,988	*583,952*
Unrestricted expenditure	257,813	*202,902*
	826,801	*786,854*

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for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Current reporting period	Basis of apportionment	Governance £	*Total 2025 £*
Independent examination	Governance	996	996
Accountancy fees	Governance	1,452	1,452
Management accountancy Services	Governance	1,027	1,027
Payroll	Governance	1,669	1,669
Other governance	Governance	60	60
		5,204	5,204

Previous reporting period	*Basis of apportionment*	*Governance £*	*Total 2024 £*
Independent examination	*Governance*	*950*	*950*
Accountancy fees	*Governance*	*1,385*	*1,385*
Management accountancy Services	*Governance*	*3,508*	*3,508*
Payroll	*Governance*	*1,244*	*1,244*
Other governance	*Governance*	*48*	*48*
		7,135	*7,135*

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

8 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Depreciation	372	*1,925*
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	91,522	*84,121*
Independent examiner (net of VAT)		
Independent examination	830	*790*
Accountancy fees	1,210	*1,155*
Management accountancy Services	856	*2,923*
Payroll	1,391	*1,037*

9 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Wages and salaries	514,948	*504,779*
Social security costs	41,549	*38,081*
Pension costs	13,649	*14,564*
Other Staff costs	2,595	*10,268*
Agency, recruitment, travel & training	24,320	*13,589*
	597,061	*581,281*

No employee has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2024: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 20 (2024: 22).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Operations Manager, Senior Service Manager and the Business Administrator and Bookkeeper (2024: the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Operations Manager and the Business Administrator and Bookkeeper. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £145,167. (2024: £114,143).

Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

10 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: Nil).

No (2024: no) member of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2024: £nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £nil (2024: £nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2024: nil).

11 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12 Fixed assets: tangible assets

	Fixtures & fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	8,745	4,487	13,232
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(2,419)	(2,419)
At 31 March 2025	8,745	2,068	10,813
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	8,745	4,115	12,860
Charge for the year	-	372	372
Disposals	-	(2,419)	(2,419)
At 31 March 2025	8,745	2,068	10,813
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	-	*372*	*372*

Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

13 Debtors

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Rents Receivable	15,184	*15,843*
Grants Receivable	120,113	*56,763*
Prepayments and accrued income	14,123	*14,551*
	149,420	*87,157*

14 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Cash at bank and on hand	457,735	*619,930*
	457,735	*619,930*

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Trade creditors	14,291	*12,283*
Other creditors and accruals	43,683	*22,476*
Deferred income	-	*56,875*
Taxation and social security costs	8,560	*10,513*
	66,534	*102,147*

16 Deferred income

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Deferred grant brought forward	56,875	*74,375*
Grant received	-	*35,000*
Released to income from charitable activities	(56,875)	*(52,500)*
Deferred grant carried forward	-	*56,875*

Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Domestic Abuse - Refuge					
Rotary Club Family Therapy	-	12,000	-	-	12,000
	-	12,000	-	-	12,000
Domestic Abuse - Community Services					
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	-	177,311	(177,311)	-	-
APR Complex Safeguarding	9,856	-	(2,304)	(7,552)	
GP IDVA	-	29,167	(21,529)	-	7,638
Male Worker	-	36,000	(36,000)	-	-
NHS Hospital IDVA	20,008	1,627	(21,635)	-	-
IRIS ADViSE	18,438	5,839	(24,277)	-	-
Medium Risk IDVA	-	42,687	(42,687)	-	-
MODAA	47,176	-	(47,176)	-	-
SHIDVA	-	35,000	(35,000)	-	-
MOJ Victims Grant	4,372	-	(72)	-	4,300
ARIS Funding	16,636	-	(5,534)	-	11,102
STAND Tall	-	40,000	(32,811)	-	7,189
	116,486	367,631	(446,336)	(7,552)	30,229
Children's work					
CYP Prevention	-	24,669	(24,669)	-	-
CYP Trauma Informed	-	28,666	(28,666)	-	-
CYP Refuge	785	40,009	(40,794)	-	-
CYP Temporary Accommodation	11,201	24,549	(28,523)	-	7,227
	11,986	117,893	(122,652)	-	7,227
Total	128,472	497,524	(568,988)	(7,552)	49,456

Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2023 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*Balance at 31 March 2024 £*
Domestic Abuse - Refuge					
Pendlebury Trust	*1,283*	*-*	*(1,283)*	*-*	*-*
	1,283	*-*	*(1,283)*	*-*	*-*
Domestic Abuse - Community Services					
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	*-*	*181,891*	*(181,891)*	*-*	*-*
APR Complex Safeguarding	*16,958*	*-*	*(7,102)*	*-*	*9,856*
Lloyds Foundation	*36,351*	*-*	*(36,351)*	*-*	*-*
Lankelly Chase COVID 19	*3,853*	*-*	*(3,853)*	*-*	*-*
Male Worker	*-*	*34,000*	*(34,000)*	*-*	*-*
NHS Hospital IDVA	*13,125*	*52,500*	*(45,617)*	*-*	*20,008*
IRIS ADViSE	*-*	*49,421*	*(30,983)*	*-*	*18,438*
Medium Risk IDVA	*8,000*	*41,000*	*(49,000)*	*-*	*-*
MODAA	*73,153*	*-*	*(25,977)*	*-*	*47,176*
SHIDVA	*7,847*	*35,000*	*(42,847)*	*-*	*-*
MOJ Victims Grant	*4,676*	*-*	*(304)*	*-*	*4,372*
ARIS Funding	*-*	*20,000*	*(3,364)*	*-*	*16,636*
	163,963	*413,812*	*(461,289)*	*-*	*116,486*
Children's work					
CYP Trauma Informed	*-*	*63,737*	*(63,737)*	*-*	*-*
CYP Refuge	*-*	*33,000*	*(32,215)*	*-*	*785*
CYP Temporary Accommodation	*3,897*	*32,732*	*(25,428)*	*-*	*11,201*
	-	*129,469*	*(121,380)*	*-*	*11,986*
Total	*165,246*	*543,281*	*(583,952)*	*-*	*128,472*

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17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	Stockport Without Abuse manages Stockport's IDVA service under the Complex Safeguarding element of a new contract between partners in Stockport Domestic Abuse Support, focusing on high-risk victims. The IDVA team collaborates with victims on safety planning and legal processes, partnering with various agencies and groups. Funding comes from SMBC through a partnership arrangement with Stockport Without Abuse, Talk Listen Change, Stockport Homes and Age UK. SWA are commissioned to deliver 3.5 full-time IDVAs. The contract also covers a school-based Prevention Worker and a Refuge Caseworker for families in refuge accommodation.
APR Complex Safeguarding	Previous funds to support Complex Safeguarding.
GP IDVA	A specialist domestic abuse advocacy service delivered within GP practices, providing early identification, risk assessment and support for patients, alongside whole-practice training and guidance to strengthen best-practice responses to domestic abuse.
Male Worker	SWA have continued to be funded by GMCA to deliver a bespoke service to male victims of DA.
NHS Hospital IDVA	Funding was provided by NHS England for Hospital IDVAs to work to provide a dual offer of education and consultancy across the Trust's settings, and to provide an IDVA support service to victims identified. The IDVA also works as part of a multi-agency partnership to take the lead on safeguarding the most vulnerable and at-risk clients in Stockport, who have been deemed at risk of serious harm or homicide and presenting within the trust.
IRIS ADViSE	The ADViSE (Assessing for Domestic Abuse in Sexual Health Environments) programme is a pilot programme commissioned by Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, and supports sexual health clinicians to identify and respond to patients affected by domestic violence and abuse (DVA) and provides them with a simple referral pathway to specialist services. Core areas of the programme include ongoing training, education and consultancy for the sexual health team and administrative staff, care pathways for sexual health care practitioners and an enhanced referral pathway to specialist domestic violence services for women with experience of DVA.

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Medium Risk IDVA	The medium risk IDVA funding provides a service to those individuals who are not ordinarily high risk through domestic abuse but experience complex presenting needs which escalates their exposure to risk. This funding from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, via SMBC provides an enhanced intervention aimed to reduce risks and reduce barriers to accessing support to the most vulnerable individuals.
MODAA	Funding for supporting individuals at risk of homelessness through domestic abuse from SMBC has commissioned a service for "Moving On Domestic Abuse Advisors." This supports individuals to access support is fleeing from domestic abuse, preparing to leave or resettling following abuse.
SHIDVA	Continued funding received from Greater Manchester Combined Authority allowed for continuation of a bespoke and tailored service to support victims of domestic abuse related stalking and harassment.
MOJ Victims Grant	Due to the rising cost of living compounding safety and access to support, SWA were supported to provide emergency funds to victims of domestic abuse to enable them to break free from financial hardship and access emergency items and cost of living support.
ARIS Funding	Funding received from the Proceeds of Crime Act to enhance our accommodation facilities with essential resources to create a safe environment that empowers individuals to break free from cycles of abuse.
Stand TALL	Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life). The project delivers specialist 1:1 support through a structured programme and also awareness raising to professionals and community organisations. The specialist focus is unique across the Borough and across Greater Manchester.
CYP Trauma Informed	Through a successful partnership with Trafford Domestic Abuse Services, SWA were commissioned through the Children Affected by Domestic Abuse fund to provide a trauma informed support service to children and young people in Stockport who have experienced domestic abuse. The service provides 1:1 and group trauma informed support.
CYP Refuge	Funding received from SMBC following the updates within the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 allow for a CYP Refuge worker to provide a dedicated service to children and young people living in refuge due to domestic abuse.
CYP Temporary Accommodation	Stockport Homes support SWA to deliver a dedicated service to children and young people living in temporary accommodation due to domestic abuse.

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18 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2025 £
General fund	395,556	264,586	(242,295)	25,318	443,165
Strategic Priorities	81,284	-	(15,518)	(17,766)	48,000
	476,840	264,586	(257,813)	7,552	491,165

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2023 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*As at 31 March 2024 £*
General fund	*398,007*	*235,068*	*(167,119)*	*(70,400)*	*395,556*
Strategic Priorities	*46,667*	*-*	*(35,783)*	*70,400*	*81,284*
	444,674	*235,068*	*(202,902)*	*-*	*476,840*

Name of unrestricted fund	**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**
General fund Strategic Priorities	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds The fund was created to support both Refuge refurbishment activities and leadership development. Following completion of the refurbishment programme, the unspent balance of £17,766 was transferred back to unrestricted funds. A balance of £48,000 has been carried forward to support the leadership structure during 2025-2026.

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current reporting period	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	443,165	48,000	49,456	540,621
Total	443,165	48,000	49,456	540,621

Previous reporting period	*General fund £*	*Designated funds £*	*Restricted funds £*	*Total £*
Tangible fixed assets	*372*	*-*	*-*	*372*
Net current assets/(liabilities)	*395,184*	*81,284*	*128,472*	*604,940*
Total	*395,556*	*81,284*	*128,472*	*605,312*

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(64,691)	*(8,505)*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	372	*1,925*
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(8,613)	*(6,846)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(62,263)	*38,238*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(35,613)	*(9,552)*
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating	(170,808)	*15,260*

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21 Prior year Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	22,012	-	22,012	*23,898*
Charitable activities:	4				
Domestic Abuse		206,210	543,281	749,491	*850,833*
Investments	5	6,846	-	6,846	*67*
Total income		**235,068**	**543,281**	**778,349**	***874,798***
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Domestic Abuse		202,902	583,952	786,854	*706,280*
Total expenditure		**202,902**	**583,952**	**786,854**	***706,280***
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		32,166	(40,671)	(8,505)	*168,518*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	8	**32,166**	**(40,671)**	**(8,505)**	***168,518***
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**32,166**	**(40,671)**	**(8,505)**	***168,518***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		444,674	169,143	613,817	*445,299*
Total funds carried forward		**476,840**	**128,472**	**605,312**	***613,817***

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

STOCKPORT WITHOUT ABUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1079291

Accounts

2023-2024

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024







Reference and administrative information for the year ended 31 March 2024

Company number 3890735
Charity number 1079291

Registered office and operational address
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street, Manchester M4 6JG

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

Janet Flynn	Chair
Susan Gledhill	Deputy Chair
Julie Isted	Company Secretary
Katharine Barker	Treasurer
Julia Bowden	
Lucy Eatough	
Lynda Dodd	
Susan Westwood	

Key management Personnel:

Samantha Higginbottom
Amy Gough
Jessica Mills

Bankers

Co-operative Bank
1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

Independent examiner

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA, Slade & Cooper Limited
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street, Manchester M4 6JG

Objectives and Activities

The board of trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Stockport Without Abuse (SWA) believes that everyone has a right to live in safety and to have a future without fear of Domestic Abuse.

SWA's overall aim is to provide support for our service users, through specialist interventions to facilitate their journey to safe independent living and to provide education, awareness and prevention services across the borough of Stockport.

The company's objects and principal activities are:

- To provide temporary safe accommodation in the form of refuge and dispersed property accommodation for women, men and their children who have left home due to domestic violence and abuse.
- To provide emotional and practical support, safeguarding interventions, information, advice and advocacy to women, children and men affected by domestic violence and abuse living in the community and in the Refuge
- To raise awareness, educate and inform public opinion and to provide advice and information in furtherance of the above

Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Serving as the leading agency for domestic abuse safeguarding and support in Stockport, SWA is at the forefront of delivering a diverse array of responsive services to address the complex and evolving needs of domestic abuse victims and their children.



Our Vision, Mission and Aims

Stockport Without Abuse is a local charity and the largest domestic abuse organisation in Stockport.

For almost 50 years we have grown considerably and developed a whole range of services.



Our Vision

We believe that everyone has the right to live in safety and have a future without fear of domestic abuse.



Our Mission

Prevention through education and awareness.
Protection and Support to individuals and their families affected by domestic abuse.
Empowerment of victims to increase their resilience and regain lifelong independence.



Our Aims

To provide a range of targeted services to support our clients and their children at any stage in their journey to lifelong independence.

To work with other organisations to provide a coordinated support network for our clients and their families.

To work with local organisations to engage with wider audiences to help increase public awareness of respectful relationships.

SWA delivers a range of targeted services across the spectrum of need for domestic abuse including services for adults, children, accommodation and health based interventions.

Our Values

Integrity



- We are committed to change, working with courage, passion and professionalism
- We strive to create a reliable and positive space for clients, colleagues and partnerships alike
- We act with transparency and take accountability and create an open and honest environment in which our clients can trust

Innovative



- We use a trauma informed approach to positively impact future outcomes
- We engage clients, colleagues and partnerships to learn and deliver bespoke services through their views and voices
- We reflect on the relevance of our services in order to be transformative and progressive

Unity



- We strive to create a workplace environment that feels like a family, where every member is valued, supported and connected
- We aim for a common vision and collaborate seamlessly, leveraging others perspectives to achieve our goals
- We strive to promote happiness, build a supportive community and to inspire and motivate each other to create a positive atmosphere to break the cycle of abuse

All-Embracing



- We treat our clients, our partnerships and each other with respect
- We create an inclusive environment where all diversity is celebrated
- We seek constant feedback to ensure best quality service is offered at all times

Compassionate



- We use compassion and empathy to care for, protect and empower our clients, ourselves and our partnerships
- We encourage others to build resilience, offering hope for a life without fear and a brighter, safer future



Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects

Throughout the reporting period, the organisation's primary objectives and activities steadfastly focused on providing tailored, specialist support services to victims and children across a spectrum of needs.

Given the diverse backgrounds and varied experiences of those affected by domestic violence, the core services at SWA prioritised holistic safety planning and support, with a special emphasis on intricate safeguarding measures. Over the course of 2023/24, SWA not only delivered a range of educational, awareness, and prevention services but also actively engaged with different settings to empower others in responding effectively to domestic abuse.

The year 2023/24 presented exceptional challenges, marked by a continued upsurge in complex and high-risk cases, compounded by continued heightened demands for services. The charity grappled with the national recruitment crisis, funding uncertainties, and a broader cost-of-living crisis impacting families. Despite these formidable challenges, the focus remained unwavering on adapting to the evolving landscape of domestic abuse. SWA not only weathered these challenges but also seized new opportunities for innovation and best practices, expanding service delivery in key areas and strategically redesigning services to navigate the heightened complexities of the environment.

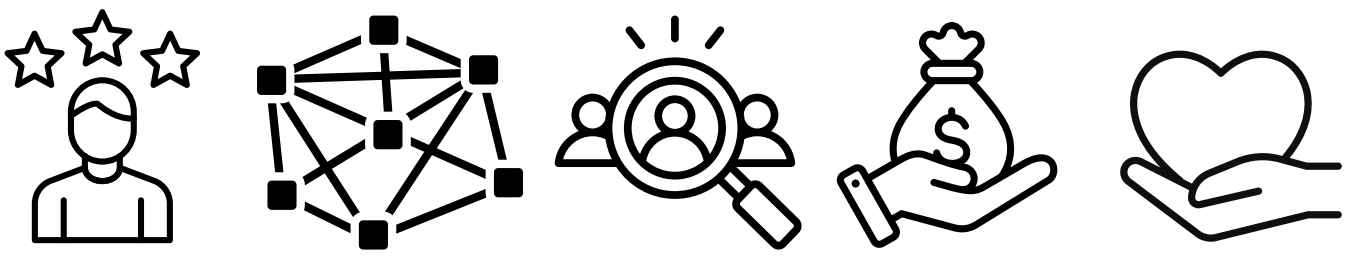
Service Overview

Self-Contained Temporary Accommodation

Refuge:
Our refuge accommodation offers support and safety to single women and families, and can accommodate 9 families and 4 single women with some shared facilities to support victims and children fleeing from domestic abuse.

Dispersed property:
SWA has two dispersed properties (two-bedroom houses) in the community to provide additional safe and temporary accommodation for all victims fleeing from domestic abuse regardless of gender.

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council commission a complex safeguarding caseworker to provide enhanced risk management and safety planning to individuals fleeing abuse and residing within our accommodation.



Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects

Service Overview

Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) Service:

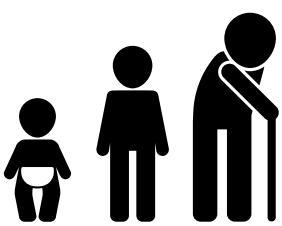
SWA consistently upholds its commitment to providing the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service commissioned by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. Operating within a robust multi-agency framework, the IDVA team plays a pivotal role in safeguarding the most vulnerable and high-risk clients in Stockport, identified as at serious risk of harm or homicide. As integral partners in the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), the IDVAs collaborate closely with victims and partners to craft and implement Individualised Safety and Support Plans. These comprehensive plans encompass legal protective measures, safeguarding strategies, housing provisions, and considerations for wellbeing and recovery. The IDVA service exemplifies proactive, bespoke support, navigating the complexities of multi-agency collaboration and setting a notable standard for effective safeguarding practices in Stockport.

Specialist IDVAs:
SWA has been commissioned throughout 2023/24 to deliver a number of specialist IDVA posts including Hospital IDVAs and a Stalking and Harassment IDVA. These posts provide a specialised service of support, safety planning and advocacy to clients identified in those areas and also provide awareness raising and campaigning for change in relation to their specialist areas.

Complex DA Worker:
Due to the complexity of domestic abuse across the period, SWA were successful in securing funding through Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to provide a complex domestic abuse service to clients presenting with multiple disadvantages. The support delivered by the practitioner includes reducing barriers to access to services, unique, creative and proactive engagement methods and working towards a holistic support and safety plan to reduce repeated presentations and reducing the risk of escalation. This will include engaging with a range of multi-agency partners to build collaborative harm reduction support plan.

Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life):
Funding was secured from Lloyds Bank Foundation for three years in 2019 to develop a specialist service to address domestic abuse in later life, and to deliver specialist support, education and awareness raising across the borough, whist training professionals in the unique dynamics of later life abuse. Extensions to this allowed us to continue the project through the financial year.







Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects

Service Overview

Health-Based Services:
In 2023/24, SWA delivered health-based services through specialist IDVAs, providing education and consultancy in health settings alongside direct support for victims. In 2023/24, SWA continued a pilot in sexual health clinics as part of the IRIS ADViSE programme, which combines education with advocacy for identified victims.

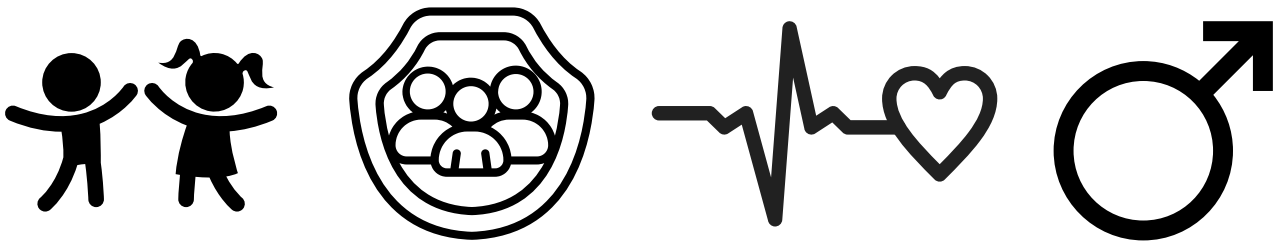
Male Domestic Abuse Worker:
SWA secured Greater Manchester Combined Authority funding in 2023/24 to run a bespoke service for male victims. The Male DA Worker increased community visibility through drop-in sessions and awareness campaigns, leading to more referrals and higher identification of high-risk male victims.

Children and Young People (CYP) Services:
SWA's CYP Prevention Service, funded by Stockport Council, delivered workshops and group sessions in schools. Me 2 workshops engaged Key Stage 2 classes on healthy relationships and emotional resilience, while targeted group sessions supported children with domestic abuse experiences.

The REACH programme, co-delivered with Stockport Council's Sex and Relationships Education Team, supported secondary students over eight weeks, focusing on body image, healthy relationships, consent, online safety, and sexual health.
In refuges and dispersed properties, the CYP Refuge Caseworker provided therapeutic 1:1 support to help children process emotions, feel safe, and transition into new schools.

Stockport Homes funded a similar service for families in temporary accommodations, focusing on settling children and rebuilding family bonds post-abuse.
Additionally, SWA partnered with Salford City Council and Trafford Domestic Abuse Services to deliver trauma-informed 1:1 and group support for children impacted by abuse, reducing its long-term effects.

Awareness Raising, Prevention, and Social Policy:
SWA raises domestic abuse awareness through public and professional campaigns and active participation in local and national initiatives. As a key member of the Stockport Domestic Abuse Partnership Board and Operational Group, SWA contributes to shaping strategies and enhancing integrated services across Stockport and Greater Manchester



Partnerships and Donors

Stockport Without Abuse has been gratefully supported through a number of funding sources this year to enable them to continue their mission. SWA has also been supported in developing and continuing partnerships with organisations across the borough. Special thanks are given to the partners and supporters:

SWA would also like to thank:

- Stockport educational psychology service
- Stockport Lamplighter Rotary Club
- Hazel Grove Inner Wheel
- MU Fellowship Group, St. Martin's Parish Church, Marple Bridge
- Great Moor and District WI
- Marple & District WI
- Stockport Humanists
- Heaton Moor United Church
- Claire Randle and Johanna Wild, High Lane Village WI
- Andrea

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who have chosen to remain anonymous. Your generous support is deeply appreciated.

Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

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Throughout the reporting period, SWA sustained its commitment to delivering essential services to victims and children across diverse needs and risks, employing a client-centric and holistic approach. SWA successfully established strategic partnerships, including a collaboration with Stockport Homes to deliver support for children in temporary accommodation, new funding from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to support individuals needing to flee from domestic abuse and funding from Women's Aid to aid victims grappling with the impacts of the cost of living crisis. This support, coupled with funding from esteemed entities such as Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Salford City Council, Lloyds Bank Foundation, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, The Leathersellers' Foundation, and the Pendlebury Trust, played a pivotal role in dynamically adapting services to meet evolving demands. The collective assistance has been instrumental in ensuring the safety and well-being of victims, children, and staff, demonstrating the resilience and adaptability of SWA in addressing critical societal challenges.

SWA received **1147 referrals** in total across all services in the period which remains substantially higher than pre-pandemic statistics and an 8% increase from the previous year. Refuge referrals are only received when a vacancy is available, and 2023/24 saw continued difficulty in the availability in refuge space, due to the lack of availability of longer term accommodation as local housing sources suffer the housing stock crisis.

5525 telephone calls with clients

1876 face to face visits

9401 professional liaisons

376 groupwork sessions

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Refuge and Dispersed Properties:

Referrals to refuge are received when a vacancy is available. Although we received over 100 requests for refuge accommodation over the period, only 25 victims were able to be accommodated. All victims moving into accommodation received ongoing risk management and individualised safety and support planning.

The children's workers worked with both children in the refuge and children in dispersed properties to support with creative activities to support their recovery from domestic abuse, improve their resilience and support their understanding of safety, emotions and socialisation.

A total of 226 sessions were delivered to children and families throughout the period.



Feedback from beneficiaries:

> "The staff are very supportive and I feel safe. I have high and low days and I know that if things ever feel overwhelming I can always come to them and talk. After coming to the refuge I feel hopeful for my future and I know things will be difficult but I now feel like I will be okay no matter what"

> "The staff have been there from the beginning and throughout and I wouldn't have gone through with everything without them. X has been so helpful and kind any time I've had a wobble - felt like she knew me personally and would notice and check on me when I was down"



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My Story

I came with my little boy to the Stockport women's refuge

I would like to share my story which has really got many different emotions and stages.

I'm writing now and I feel nervous because I don't know how time goes fast..

It started when I was lost and sad, and completely gave up. I tried my best to come out from that feeling but I really needed help.

I had a lot of dreams to achieve in life, unfortunately I couldn't because of my situation at that time.

It took me a long time to decide to move away with my son. I can't even describe it in words, but if any woman experienced the same thing will really understand how hard it is to describe it.

When I came I met very friendly mums ... and felt really lucky, because the staff of the refuge, they are really nice and helpful.

I met X, who has been helping me in every detail, she helped to build myself and gain confidence againand till now she still helps me in everything

X helped my son to have a school place and provide many activities.
also X and X helped me and give me some items for moving to my new place

X was really helpful as well, and all the stuffs were really nice and care, I'm really thankful to all of them and I can't describe my feelings right now, because of them my life completely changed towards better things

Right now I'm at my new place and I'm doing an online course. My son is in a new school, and I appreciate all that.

Thank you to everybody that has helped me look forward and not back.

Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

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IDVA support:

820 high risk referrals were received throughout the period, remaining significantly higher than pre- pandemic. The IDVAs worked with clients to implement enhanced safety and support planning, risk management and access to criminal and civil justice remedies to prevent further abuse. The IDVAs supported clients through various safeguarding processes to improve outcomes for themselves and their children.

The IDVA service saw high demand for the service throughout the period, weighed with lack of capacity and increasing presentation of complex needs, which proved challenging in supporting both the clients and the staff team.

2023/2024 saw a new initiative in partnership working with Greater Manchester Police and the IDVA service. In working together and creating a new coordinated response to Domestic Abuse victims in Stockport, the team went on to win District Commander's Team of the Year Award. SWA IDVAs were also recognised through 2024 for supporting improved outcomes in relation to a 30% increase in civil protective orders across the division.



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> I was so scared of speaking out about what had happened but X made me feel safe and comfortable to proceed with sharing my families' trauma. X and X were there from the start especially when I had overwhelming days, they both reassured us we were not on our own and it really helped. I would always encourage people now to accept support knowing the support I had from the staff at SWA.

> Thank you so much for your support in court today, I really appreciate it and probably wouldn't of gone without you

Specialist IDVAs

The specialist IDVAs provided numerous sessions to wide ranging professionals throughout the period, including Stockport College students, Stockport Foundation Trust departments, GP surgeries, and social care teams. The specialist IDVAs have also supported victims identified across these sites, to ensure earlier intervention or management through high-risk processes where required.

> IDVA has helped brilliantly. I never felt judged and it is nice to be listened to and heard and helped and supported. I am really grateful

> The women have really enjoyed your sessions and we are hoping after next week you can offer us a couple of sessions each school term. The group talked highly about you both stating you were both nice amd easy to talk to and you gave them space to hear their voices be heard. This is something they are not used to in their lives.

> Having the right support has made a difference and enabled me to get away from [risks].

Male Victim Service:

69 new male victims were referred through 2023/24 evidencing the ongoing need for a specific service to support men in the Borough. Many of male clients have reported fear they will not be taken seriously by statutory agencies due to being a male.

Unfortunately remains a stigma in society regarding domestic abuse perpetrated towards males and coming forward for support but the continued increase in referrals for support highlights the need for specialist services to continue.

> I just wanted to say thank you for all of your hard work advice and support that you have provided to me during this most difficult time. You were able to help me with all of my requests, aid in alleviating my homeless situation and helped me secure accommodation so I could flee from the abuse that I was the victim of for over 7 years. You're a literal life saver. I cannot thank you enough!

Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

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Stalking and Harassment IDVA:

132 clients benefitted from a bespoke stalking and harassment IDVA in this period. On stalking, specifically, there have been a high number of new referrals this year, but 165 carried forward as well. Our specialist Stalking IDVA has reflected, “Many clients have reported experiences of surveillance, stalking and harassment, with 104 clients reporting experiencing surveillance through social media. As there is limited capacity to provide a specialist stalking intervention to all clients, as the support is more complex and more involved, the IDVA has held skills sessions with other professionals after attending specialist training, to enable other professionals to provide the best practice advice in supporting victims. The Stalking IDVA has also worked with communities and multi-agency groups to raise awareness and the profile of stalking. The biggest challenge has been trying to change issues within policing and the approach to Stalking Protection Orders, which have been significantly difficult to gain and there have been meetings held and stalking points of contact identified to improve these rates. However, we are grateful to see new changes to the standard of proof for SPO's and hope to now see some real change going forward into the next year”.

Complex DA:

84 clients have been referred to this service during 2023/24. Most clients in this service report having been abused in one way or another since childhood and have been involved with services all that time. They report feeling mistrustful of professionals because people come and do a “piece of work” and then leave regardless, so they feel that engagement is pointless. Our worker worked tirelessly using varying approaches, and feels she managed to engage most of her clients because she does not "go away" despite clients at times not trusting engagement with professionals or not being open to the methods of communication used - our worker flexes her approach. Clients have reported that the worker "stays with them when they fall at the next hurdle" and supports them to get back up and carry on, however the systems around them are not always available to do the same, and so they struggle to engage with them. Our worker has commented: *"The clients I support did not sit at their school desk planning that when they grow up, they will be an addict with an abusive partner that they can't leave because their abuser told them no one else will want them. They had hopes, dreams and ambitions like other children do but through life events they didn't choose and subsequent choices they made they are here now. They can have a different life, and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to help them see that this is possible. Clients in this demographic may not have a linear journey through a support system, and may engage, disengage and vary in their choices, but having a flexible approach to support and being able to understand the responses they may have to support has been crucial in supporting change for them."*

> “I'm back on track. Thanks for all your help. Normally services give up on me – I'm glad you didn't it's give me hope.”

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IRIS ADViSE:

The advocate based within sexual health clinics allowed for a bespoke service to clients identified in these areas through increased collaboration with professionals, bespoke training and ongoing consultancy.

> I genuinely don't know where I'd be without you. It's taken me from a place I never thought I'd be to actually seeing a future. I'm not very good with words, I wish I could give you all the best words in the world. I can't give high enough praise to your work and I'll be forever in your debt, I swear to God, I don't know where I would have gone without it. Thank you, thank you so much.

> Firstly, I'd like to thank X for all the help and advice all the way through. I think it's highly important that we are all viewed as equals and this programme enables this to happen. I'm a man that found myself getting abused, if this programme wasn't available, I really don't know what I would have done. Mental health is really important. If I had not received the support, I don't know if I would have still been here. I believe that this is an incredible opportunity for people without a voice to be heard, rather than the stereotypical approach taken by society. There are plenty of people out there, whether you are man, woman or trans that need help through some of the roughest times they will go through. I just hope one day, anyone who has been through domestic abuse gets the opportunity that I have been given, in many ways I feel blessed.

STAND Tall (Tackling Abuse in Later Life):

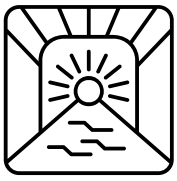
Through 2023/24, we continued developing and refining our service for older people experiencing or at risk of experiencing abuse: Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life).

> I had always put a brave face on things and got on with life, but I've really been struggling of late and seeing the specialist older person's IDVA at the Doctors encouraged me to reach out for help. It's the best thing I ever did. I can now see light, a path to freedom, recovery and reinvigoration

> Our Auntie recently passed away, but we are thankful that Stockport Without Abuse freed her of abuse for her last months. She found peace, but goodness me what she must have gone through. It haunts us and we're so thankful to SWA for their on-going support



> Dad has always been moody, but we only recently realised how many times he had crossed the line behind closed doors. We have been able to get help for Mum and ourselves in coming to terms with everything. They (SWA) have been super



Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

Performance Summary and overview data from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

CYP Refuge Services:

During the year SWA provided bespoke support to children who had witnessed domestic abuse and came to live in the refuge, these sessions took place in the community i.e. schools and in the refuge. The programme offers structured interventions in how to manage difficult emotions and safety. The project also delivered age-appropriate group and play sessions in the Refuge to facilitate transition, understanding and managing emotions and making friends through fun activities. Over 50% of children in refuge were between 0-5 years in age, so early years targeted support was delivered with parents and children including focus on development and speech and language.

CYP Prevention:

Schools were offered a high quality, comprehensive group and workshop package running from September – July. If it was felt during the first group session that a child would benefit more from 1-1 support than group support, then this was offered where the worker had capacity.

For 460 younger children, we have delivered Me 2 Workshops which explore different family make-ups, good and bad feelings, how to deal with anger safely, how to recognise feeling unsafe and who can help – again to maximise age-appropriate readiness for personal safety assurance, self-care and peer support.

Prevention remains a very important aspect of our work at Stockport Without Abuse.

84% said afterwards that they felt as though they had more positive relationships;
79% had more knowledge of consent;
70% better understood how to express anger safely;
79% said they had a better understanding of where to go for help if needed.
100% of the school teachers and learning support staff we worked with said the service has benefitted pupils they teach and care for;
100% felt the sessions supported children's learning needs; and
100% of professionals said they would recommend the service.

CYP Family Sessions:
Through a donation received from The Pendlebury Trust, SWA were able to provide enhanced support in refuge to assist children and parents in their recovery from their experiences. Parent and child sessions took place to provide parenting support, promote healthy bonds, encourage play and support parents to understand the impact of domestic abuse on their children including how they can support their child in their recovery from their experiences.







Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

Performance Summary and overview data from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Trauma Informed 1:1 support for children:

Our trauma-informed support service work with children, young people and families is growing real profile and referrals are now forthcoming from Domestic Abuse support service providers across the Borough, children's social care, schools, the NHS broadly and mental health services in particular with and beyond the public sector, social care providers, Independent Domestic Violence Advocates and others – referrals and sustained dialogue around value, behaviour change, growing resilience and self-help skills, and much besides standing as markers of the growing confidence and trust that others have in Stockport Without Abuse.

173 children were referred to this service throughout the period, and a waiting list quickly implemented due to the demand outweighing our capacity.

On the impact of our 1 to 1 and small group work, parents have shared some very positive feedback:

"My child has developed more positive boundaries with friends, and has stopped putting-up with negative behaviours from a friend"
"He has been more aware of his feelings and can now explain his emotions and why he feels the way he does"
"I have noticed she is less emotional and snappy"
"She is more able to open-up about things"
"Their confidence has massively improved"

Children and young people have reflected very positively as well:

"I have learned new things and now know what to do in an unsafe situation if anything bad happens again"
"I have stopped getting mad and started to calm down a lot"
"I liked everything. It's a weight off my shoulders"

Professionals have commented:

"Stockport Without Abuse have provided the very specific, targeted support that is needed for a small number of children in our school due to their life experiences. All the children have felt comfortable with their 1:1 or group work. Easy referral process, good communication around the referrals and children's needs, progress and issues"
"One child has found the confidence needed to ask questions about what led to him being removed from parents and to help ask the right questions to get understanding"

Support for children living in temporary accommodation:

"My Toddler really enjoys the group and the activities it has to offer. It's a great idea for children to interact and have time away from their living space."

"My son is now learning to interact with other kids and it is a good chance to go outside of the accommodation and share with our child."

Achievements Performance and Beneficiaries

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"I left my prayer to come with my children, but I'm very happy that the kids enjoyed themselves and I like that. Thank you." (translated from Urdu)

"We all loved CYP Accommodation Worker's After School Club, fun activity every week. We fully enjoy every session. Keep them going."

"It's very good. My kids really enjoy playing and are very happy there."

"There should be more days for After School Club."

"It is a good time to learn some activities with our child, and interact with other children and their parents."

o Through our work with children, we have succeeded in enabling hearts and minds to come to terms with trauma – trauma that may otherwise have resulted in truancy; need of emotional learning interventions ; and/or permanent exclusion from school.

o Our work with children, young people, parents and wider families together helped:

- reduce numbers of Children in Need cases
- reduce the need of Child Protection Orders at public purse cost
- reduce the numbers of children and young people taken into care
- reduce the numbers of children and young people taken into foster care

> *I see such a difference in the children now since receiving the support, they have gone from feeling scared "at home" to feeling confidence and comfortable in their surroundings knowing that if they need help they can ask or if they want to express their feelings they can. My youngest used to hide from staff but now asks for X and will give her a hug which is a turn around. The girls have told me they find the sessions with X really helpful and said they feel they are listened to and can tell X exactly what they are feeling and speak about anything. I can see the difference in the way they are opening up. I used to struggle getting the children out of the room and to engage but they want to go downstairs now to join in in the activities and doing activities with X and will go down off their own back.*

> *I love living here. It's because I feel safe and happy and like playing here*



Plans for the future

2023/24 was a year of significant achievement and learning for Stockport Without Abuse. As we look ahead, we remain committed to continuous improvement, ensuring we evolve to meet growing demand and support our dedicated team effectively. Key areas of focus include:

Strategic Growth: Strengthening leadership capacity to better meet organisational demands, safeguard staff wellbeing, and sustain operational excellence.
Understanding Needs: Enhancing our engagement with service users to refine our understanding of their needs and preferences through more robust data collection and community collaboration.
Measuring Impact: Developing tools, processes, and training to demonstrate value for money and tell compelling stories of success.
Volunteer Development: Expanding opportunities for volunteers with lived experience, providing pathways for training, recognition, and potential governance roles to amplify community voice.
Strengthening Partnerships: Evaluating our partnerships to ensure alignment with our mission and optimising the value they bring to our work.
Sector Collaboration: Exploring independent peer reviews to gain insights and foster best practices in governance, leadership, and service delivery.
Diversify Funding Sources: Actively pursue new funding opportunities to develop innovative services that address the evolving needs of domestic abuse victims, particularly focusing on underrepresented groups such as male victims, those with complex needs, children, and older adults.
Launch a New Strategic Plan: Review and refine organisational objectives to ensure transparency, clear focus, and alignment with measurable outcomes, enhancing our ability to demonstrate impact, aligned with Stockport's Domestic Abuse Strategy.
Involve Service Users in Decision-Making: Engage service users in shaping service offerings, using their lived experiences to drive improvements and ensure our support is responsive and relevant.
Support Staff Wellbeing and Development: Prioritise the wellbeing of our committed staff, recognising their resilience and providing the resources they need to navigate the complexities of their work effectively.
Enhance Professional Training: Provide comprehensive training across a broader range of themes to empower professionals throughout Stockport to identify and support victims effectively, driving sector-wide improvements

By addressing these areas, we aim to strengthen our impact and ensure Stockport Without Abuse continues to deliver life-changing support to those in need.



Financial Review

At the end of the review period, income was lesser than expected for the period due to delays in new projects being implemented. Several new projects started within the year or were deferred.

Annual income from charitable activities was £778,349 (2023: £874,798). We have been successful this year in securing funds to continue provision of services and have also been able to secure funding to extend the services we can provide and to branch out into new areas of work.

Income included net rental income from the Refuge of £190,975 (2023: £195,047), grant income to deliver complex safeguarding, early help intervention, Specialist IDVA projects and the IRIS ADViSE service. A new Hospital IDVA project was agreed and implemented, and new funding sourced for the Male DA worker.

Costs were higher at £786,854 compared to £706,280 in 2022/23. This is largely due to the cost of living crisis and increased costs across all areas.

The final year end position was a carried forward fund of £605,312 made up of £471,881 unrestricted funds and £133,431 restricted funds. We have faced staff retention and recruitment issues throughout the year meaning that we are holding funds for projects yet to be completed at the year end.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the charity requirement for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation and has established a policy that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets, should cover a minimum of six months expenditure, due to an increased turnaround time on grant fund decision making, plus a redundancy provision, setting reserves requirement at around £226,831.23. As at 31 March 2023 unrestricted reserves was in excess of our reserves policy requirements.



Structure Governance and Management

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 December 1999 and registered as a charity on 7 February 2000. The previously unincorporated charity was registered on 11 August 1975.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association. Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.
All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 10 to the accounts.

The focus on performance quality has been enhanced with new processes and procedures being implemented across the organisation to ensure the best possible quality support to victims. Demand for services during the pandemic has been unprecedented and this has created an extraordinary pressure on staff service wide.

Stockport Without Abuse strives to deliver a robust domestic abuse service to the community. The business and leadership model aims to allow a flexible, responsive, and innovative model of operation whereby funding streams are diversified and there is more than one grant source and service focus.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations
Stockport Without Abuse continues to be part of a commissioned formal partnership where partners work together towards collective goals and shared outcomes with a focus on prevention and delivering strength based interventions to standard and medium risk victims of domestic abuse.
We continue to strengthen relationships with other charities that hold shared values and pursue similar charitable objectives including Greater Manchester charities.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel
Key leadership and management personnel are remunerated in line with local benchmarks for similar roles with aligned responsibilities.
All job descriptions reflect the associated responsibilities that the post holder is likely to have and are graded with professional HR input.



Structure Governance and Management

Trustee Induction and Training
The Board of Trustees seeks to ensure sufficient and appropriate representation of their members to fit with the aims and objectives of the organisation. The diversity of the trustee body is recognised as vital to its effective governance and the recruitment of potential Board of Trustee members is undertaken by targeting individuals with appropriate skills, experience and knowledge within the voluntary, statutory and private sectors.
Newly appointed Trustees undertake an initial induction programme. which fits in with their own time constraints, to complement their individual existing knowledge of the organisation. Trustees receive written guidance about their roles and responsibilities and are encouraged to attend periodic training to familiarise themselves with the charity and the arena in which it operates. These cover: -

- The role and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees
- The governance of the organisation and accompanying documentation including; the Memorandum and Articles of Association, key organisation Policies and Procedures, accountability to Companies House and the Charity Commission
- Financial controls and development including reporting mechanisms and published accounts
- Strategic and business planning
- Domestic Abuse awareness
- Safeguarding

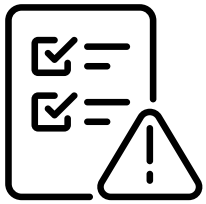
Trustees are asked to commit to a minimum term in post of three years and to give three months' notice when wishing to stand down.

Organisational structure
Stockport Without Abuse has a Board of Trustees which can be up to fifteen (15) members who have overall legal and financial responsibility for the organisation. The strategic and operational management of the organisation is entrusted to the Chief Executive, supported by operational managers. A contracted qualified accountant oversees the financial management in conjunction with the Chief Executive and a Business Administrator/Bookkeeper.
Board meetings are held regularly, chaired by the Chair of the Board and minutes recorded by the Board Secretary. The Chief Executive is in attendance at meetings; however, they do not have any voting rights.

To ensure the best use of board member's time, enable more focussed discussion on future strategy and speed up decision making an Executive Group was formed consisting of the Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
This Group works with the Chief Executive to review strategy and policies as required and make recommendations to the full board.

Risk management
The Board of Trustees regularly reviews the risks faced by the organisation including the following four key areas:

- Health and Safety
- Data Security and Governance
- Safeguarding
- Financial Processes



Appropriate policies to manage risk are in place.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of Stockport Without Abuse Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 02/12/2024 and signed on their behalf by

Sue Gledhill
Deputy Chair, Stockport Without Abuse

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 26 to 47.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 2011Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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 that in any material respect:

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 section396 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.

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

Slade & Cooper Limited Beehive Mill, Jersey Street Manchester, M4 6JG

20/12/2024

Statement of Financial Activities

(including Income and Expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	22,012	-	22,012	*23,898*
Charitable activities:	4				
Domestic Abuse		206,210	543,281	749,491	*850,833*
Investments	5	6,846	-	6,846	
Total income		**235,068**	**543,281**	**778,349**	***874,798***
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Domestic Abuse		202,902	583,952	786,854	*706,280*
Total expenditure		**202,902**	**583,952**	**786,854**	***706,280***
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		32,166	(40,671)	(8,505)	*168,518*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	8	**32,166**	**(40,671)**	**(8,505)**	***168,518***
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	
Net movement in funds for the year		**32,166**	**(40,671)**	**(8,505)**	***168,518***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		444,674	169,143	613,817	*445,299*
Total funds carried forward		**476,840**	**128,472**	**605,312**	***613,817***

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

A full comparative Statement of Financial Activities is available on the last page of the financial statements.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		372		*2,297*
Total fixed assets			**372**		***2,297***
Current assets					
Debtors	13	87,157		*125,395*	
Cash at bank and in hand	14	619,930		*597,824*	
Total current assets		**707,087**		***723,219***	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	15	(102,147)		*(111,699)*	
Net current assets			**604,940**		***611,520***
Total assets less current liabilities			605,312		*613,817*
Net assets			**605,312**		***613,817***
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	17		128,472		*169,143*
Unrestricted income funds	18		476,840		*444,674*
Total charity funds			**605,312**		***613,817***

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with FRS102 SORP, and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.
The notes on pages 29 to 47 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 02/12/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Sue Gledhill (Deputy Chair)

Katharine Barker (Treasurer)

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ending 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	*2023* *£*
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	20	**15,260**	***48,421***
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		6,846	*67*
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**6,846**	***67***
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		22,106	*48,488*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		597,824	*549,336*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**619,930**	***597,824***

Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), second edition - October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.
The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income havebeen met,it isprobable that the incomewill be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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

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

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

d Donated services and facilities

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

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e Interest receivable

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

f Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.
Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.
Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 7.

i Operating leases

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Fixtures & fittings	4 years
Office equipment	4 years

k Debtors

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

l Cash at bank and in hand

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

m Creditors and provisions

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

n Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution ‘money purchase’ scheme. The charity’s contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were £2,337 outstanding contributions at the year end (2023: £2,968).

Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

3 Income from donations and legacies

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Donations	22,012	-	22,012
Total	22,012	-	22,012

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2023 £*
Donations	*20,398*	*3,500*	*23,898*
Total	*20,398*	*3,500*	*23,898*

4 Income from charitable activities

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Domestic Abuse - Refuge			
Rents receivable	213,250	-	213,250
Voids	(22,275)	-	(22,275)
Subtotal	190,975	-	190,975
Domestic Abuse - Community Services			
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	-	181,891	181,891
Medium Risk IDVA	-	41,000	41,000
Male Worker	-	34,000	34,000
SHIDVA	-	35,000	35,000
IRIS ADViSE	-	49,421	49,421
Leathersellers	15,000	-	15,000
NHS Hospital IDVA	-	52,500	52,500
ARIS Funding	-	20,000	20,000
Training Income	235	-	235
Subtotal	15,235	413,812	429,047
Childrens work			
CYP Refuge	-	33,000	33,000
CYP Temporary	-	32,732	32,732
Accommodation	-	63,737	63,737
CYP Trauma Informed			
Subtotal	-	129,469	129,469
Total	206,210	543,281	749,491

4 Income from charitable activities (Continued)

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2023 £*
Domestic Abuse - Refuge			
Rents receivable	*213,387*	*-*	*213,387*
Voids	*(18,340)*	*-*	*(18,340)*
Subtotal	*195,047*	*-*	*195,047*
Domestic Abuse - Community Services			
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	*-*	*202,994*	*202,994*
GP IDVA	*-*	*8,000*	*8,000*
Medium Risk IDVA	*-*	*75,320*	*75,320*
MODAA	*-*	*80,800*	*80,800*
Lloyds Foundation	*2,250*	*33,327*	*35,577*
Male Worker	*-*	*25,000*	*25,000*
SHIDVA	*-*	*20,417*	*20,417*
IRIS ADViSE	*-*	*45,121*	*45,121*
Garfield Weston	*5,000*	*-*	*5,000*
Leathersellers	*15,000*	*-*	*15,000*
NHS Hospital IDVA	*-*	*30,625*	*30,625*
MOJ Victims Grant	*-*	*12,000*	*12,000*
Subtotal	*22,250*	*533,604*	*555,854*
Childrens work			
CYP Refuge	*-*	*31,000*	*31,000*
YPVA	*-*	*34,320*	*34,320*
CYP Temporary Accommodation	*-*	*12,000*	*12,000*
CYP Trauma Informed	*-*	*22,612*	*22,612*
Subtotal	*-*	*99,932*	*99,932*
Total	*217,297*	*633,536*	*850,833*

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5 Investment income Current

reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £
Income from bank deposits	6,846	-	6,846
	6,846	-	6,846

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*2023 £*
Income from bank deposits	*67*	-	*67*
	67	-	*67*

6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Current reporting period	Refuge £	Community Services £	Childrens Work £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs	96,129	383,385	101,767	581,281
Accommodation	89,072	44,788	12,555	146,415
Running costs	14,782	19,155	6,058	39,995
Depreciation	1,925	-	-	1,925
Bad debts	10,103	-	-	10,103
Governance costs (see note 7)	1,283	4,777	1,075	7,135
	213,294	452,105	121,455	786,854

Previous reporting period	*Refuge £*	*Community Services £*	*Childrens Work £*	*Total 2023 £*
Staff costs	*140,706*	*324,787*	*52,457*	*517,950*
Accommodation	*67,452*	*41,985*	*7,424*	*116,861*
Running costs	*19,296*	*34,422*	*3,197*	*56,915*
Depreciation	*1,926*	-	-	*1,926*
Bad debts	*3,434*	-	-	*3,434*
Governance costs (see note 7)	*3,654*	*4,626*	*914*	*9,194*
	236,468	*405,820*	*63,992*	*706,280*

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Restricted expenditure	583,952	*576,123*
Unrestricted expenditure	202,902	*130,157*
	786,854	*706,280*

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7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Current reporting period	Basis of apportionment	Governance £	*Total 2024 £*
Independent examination	Governance	950	950
Accountancy fees	Governance	1,385	1,385
Management accountancy Services	Governance	3,508	3,508
Payroll	Governance	1,244	1,244
Other governance	Governance	48	48
		7,135	7,135

Previous reporting period	*Basis of apportionment*	*Governance £*	*Total 2023 £*
Independent examination	*Governance*	*900*	*900*
Accountancy fees	*Governance*	*1,320*	*1,320*
Management accountancy Services	*Governance*	*5,419*	*5,419*
Payroll	*Governance*	*1,507*	*1,507*
Other governance	*Governance*	*48*	*48*
		9,194	*9,194*

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8 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Depreciation	1,925	*1,926*
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	84,121	*66,287*
Independent examiner (net of VAT)		
Independent examination	790	*750*
Accountancy fees	1,155	*1,100*
Management accountancy Services	2,923	*4,515*
Payroll	1,037	*1,256*

9 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Wages and salaries	504,779	*442,876*
Social security costs	38,081	*33,530*
Pension costs	14,564	*9,107*
Other Staff costs	10,268	*18,383*
Agency, recruitment, travel & training	13,589	*14,054*
	581,281	*517,950*

No employee has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 22 (2023: 21).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Operations Manager and the Business Administrator and Bookkeeper (2023: the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, the Senior IDVA/Operations Manager and the Business Administrator and Bookkeeper). The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £114,143.04 (2023: £106,277).

10 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: Nil).

No (2023: one) member of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2023: £177).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £nil (2023: £nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2023: nil).

11 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12 Fixed assets: tangible assets

	Fixtures & fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	15,842	4,487	20,329
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	(7,097)	-	(7,097)
At 31 March 2024	8,745	4,487	13,232
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	14,896	3,136	18,032
Charge for the year	946	979	1,925
Disposals	(7,097)		(7,097)
At 31 March 2024	8,745	4,115	12,860
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	-	372	372
At 31 March 2023	*946*	*1,351*	*2,297*

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13 Debtors

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Rents Receivable	15,843	*11,173*
Grants Receivable	56,763	*109,773*
Prepayments and accrued income	14,551	*4,449*
	87,157	*125,395*

14 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Cash at bank and on hand	619,930	*597,824*
	619,930	*597,824*

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Trade creditors	12,283	*9,392*
Other creditors and accruals	22,476	*18,127*
Deferred income	56,875	*74,375*
Taxation and social security costs	10,513	*9,805*
	102,147	*111,699*

16 Deferred income

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Deferred grant brought forward Grant received	74,375	*302,681*
Released to income from charitable activities	35,000	-
	(52,500)	*(228,306)*
Deferred grant carried forward	56,875	*74,375*

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17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Domestic Abuse - Refuge					
Pendlebury Trust	1,283	-	(1,283)	-	-
	1,283	-	(1,283)	-	-
Domestic Abuse - Community Services					
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	-	181,891	(181,891)	-	-
APR Complex Safeguarding	16,958	-	(7,102)	-	9,856
Lloyds Foundation	36,351	-	(36,351)	-	-
Lankelly Chase COVID 19	3,853	-	(3,853)	-	-
Male Worker	-	34,000	(34,000)	-	-
NHS Hospital IDVA	13,125	52,500	(45,617)	-	20,008
IRIS ADViSE	-	49,421	(30,983)	-	18,438
Medium Risk IDVA	8,000	41,000	(49,000)	-	-
MODAA	73,153	-	(25,977)	-	47,176
SHIDVA	7,847	35,000	(42,847)	-	-
MOJ Victims Grant	4,676	-	(304)	-	4,372
ARIS Funding	-	20,000	(3,364)		16,636
	163,963	413,812	(461,289)	-	116,486
Children's work					
CYP Trauma Informed	-	63,737	(63,737)	-	-
CYP Refuge	-	33,000	(32,215)	-	785
CYP Temporary Accommodation	3,897	32,732	(25,428)	-	11,201
	3,897	129,469	(121,380)	-	11,986
Total	169,143	543,281	(583,952)	-	128,472

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17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2022 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*Balance at 31 March 2023 £*
Domestic Abuse - Refuge					
Mason Donations	*2,000*	*-*	*(2,000)*	*-*	*-*
Pendlebury Trust	*-*	*3,500*	*(2,217)*	*-*	*1,283*
Small Restricted Donations	*2,305*	*-*	*-*	*(2,305)*	*-*
	4,305	*3,500*	*(4,217)*	*(2,305)*	*1,283*
Domestic Abuse - Community Services					
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	*-*	*202,994*	*(202,994)*	*-*	*-*
APR Complex Safeguarding	*32,173*	*-*	*(15,215)*	*-*	*16,958*
Mental Health and Substance Misuse support	*17,687*	*-*	*-*	*(17,687)*	*-*
Lloyds Foundation	*22,011*	*33,327*	*(18,987)*	*-*	*36,351*
GMCA MoJ	*393*	*-*	*-*	*(393)*	*-*
GP IDVA	*19,855*	*8,000*	*(27,855)*	*-*	*-*
Lankelly Chase COVID 19	*3,853*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*3,853*
Male Worker	*4,056*	*25,000*	*(29,056)*	*-*	*-*
NHS Hospital IDVA	*10,490*	*30,625*	*(27,990)*	*-*	*13,125*
IRIS ADViSE	*2,333*	*45,121*	*(47,454)*	*-*	*-*
Medium Risk IDVA	*-*	*75,320*	*(67,320)*	*-*	*8,000*
MODAA	*-*	*80,800*	*(7,647)*	*-*	*73,153*
SHIDVA	*-*	*20,417*	*(12,570)*	*-*	*7,847*
MOJ Victims Grant		*12,000*	*(7,324)*		*4,676*
	112,851	*533,604*	(464,412)	*(18,080)*	163,963
Children's work					
CYP Trauma Informed	*11,459*	*22,612*	*(34,071)*	*-*	*-*
CYP Refuge	*-*	*31,000*	*(31,000)*	*-*	*-*
YPVA	*-*	*34,320*	*(34,320)*	*-*	*-*
CYP Temporary Accommodation	*-*	*12,000*	*(8,103)*		*3,897*
	11,459	*99,932*	*(107,494)*	*-*	*3,897*
Total	*128,615*	*637,036*	*(576,123)*	*(20,385)*	*169,143*

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17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	Stockport Without Abuse manages Stockport's IDVA service under the Complex Safeguarding element of a new contract between partners in Stockport Domestic Abuse Support, focusing on high-risk victims. The IDVA team collaborates with victims on safety planning and legal processes, partnering with various agencies and groups. Funding comes from SMBC through a partnership arrangement with Stockport Without Abuse, Talk Listen Change, Stockport Homes and Age UK. SWA are commissioned to deliver 3.5 full-time IDVAs. The contract also covers a school-based prevention worker, refuge caseworker for families in refuge accommodation.
APR Complex Safeguarding	Previous funds to support Complex Safeguarding.
Lloyds Foundation	3 year funding was secured to develop and deliver a dedicated service to address domestic abuse in later life. Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life). The project delivers specialist 1:1 support through a structured programme and also awareness raising to professionals and community organisations. The specialist focus is unique across the Borough and across Greater Manchester.
Lankelly Chase COVID 19	Whilst this was restricted funds, there was flexibility to use this fund for COVID related expenses to support victims and their families for example with travel expense to get to the refuge or to move on to new property etc.
Male Worker	Following a successful pilot commissioned by SMBC, SWA were successful in securing longer term funding through Greater Manchester Combined Authority for a full time Male DA worker until 2025.
NHS Hospital IDVA	Funding was provided by NHS England for Hospital IDVAs to work to provide a dual offer of education and consultancy across the Trust's settings, and to provide an IDVA support service to victims identified. The IDVA also works as part of a multi-agency partnership to take the lead on safeguarding the most vulnerable and at-risk clients in Stockport, who have been deemed at risk of serious harm or homicide and presenting within the trust.

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

IRIS ADViSE	The ADViSE (Assessing for Domestic Abuse in Sexual Health Environments) programme is a new pilot programme commissioned by Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, supports sexual health clinicians to identify and respond to patients affected by domestic violence and abuse (DVA) and provides them with a simple referral pathway to specialist services. Core areas of the programme include ongoing training, education and consultancy for the sexual health team and administrative staff, care pathways for sexual health care practitioners and an enhanced referral pathway to specialist domestic violence services for women with experience of DVA.
Medium Risk IDVA	The medium risk IDVA funding provides a service to those individuals who are not ordinarily high risk through domestic abuse but experience complex presenting needs which escalates their exposure to risk. This funding from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, via SMBC provides an enhanced intervention aimed to reduce risks and reduce barriers to accessing support to the most vulnerable individuals.
MODAA	New funding for supporting individuals at risk of homelessness through domestic abuse from SMBC has commissioned a service for "Moving On Domestic Abuse Advisors." This supports individuals to access support is fleeing from domestic abuse, preparing to leave or resettling following abuse.
SHIDVA	New funding received from Greater Manchester Combined Authority allowed for a new bespoke and tailored service to support victims of domestic abuse related stalking and harassment.
MOJ Victims Grant	Due to the rising cost of living compounding safety and access to support, SWA were supported to provide emergency finds to victims of domestic abuse to enable them to break free from financial hardship and access emergency items and cost of living support.
ARIS Funding	Funding received from the Proceeds of Crime Act to enhance our accommodation facilities with essential resources to create a safe environment that empowers individuals to break free from cycles of abuse.
CYP Trauma Informed	Through a successful partnership with Trafford Domestic Abuse Services, SWA were commissioned through the Children Affected by Domestic Abuse fund to provide a trauma informed support service to children and young people in Stockport who have experienced domestic abuse. The service provides 1:1 and group trauma informed support.
CYP Refuge	Funding received from SMBC following the updates within the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 allow for a CYP Refuge worker to provide a dedicated service to children and young people living in refuge due to domestic abuse.
CYP Temporary Accommodation	Stockport Homes support SWA to deliver a dedicated service to children and young people living in temporary accommodation due to domestic abuse.

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18 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2024 £
General fund	398,007	235,068	(167,119)	(70,400)	395,556
Strategic Priorities	46,667	-	(35,783)	70,400	81,284
	444,674	235,068	(202,902)	-	476,840

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2022 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*As at 31 March 2023 £*
General fund	*270,017*	*237,762*	*(130,157)*	*20,385*	*398,007*
Strategic Priorities	*46,667*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*46,667*
	316,684	*237,762*	*(130,157)*	*20,385*	*444,674*

Name of unrestricted fund	**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds
Strategic Priorities	Ongoing refurbishment of the Refuge and supporting the leadership structure

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current reporting period	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	372	-	-	372
Net current assets/(liabilities)	395,184	81,284	129,472	604,940
Total	395,556	81,284	128,472	605,312

Previous reporting period	*General fund £*	*Designated funds £*	*Restricted funds £*	*Total £*
Tangible fixed assets	*2,297*	*-*	*-*	*2,297*
Net current assets/(liabilities)	*395,710*	*46,667*	*169,143*	*611,520*
Total	*398,007*	*46,667*	*169,143*	*613,817*

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(8,505)	*168,518*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	1,925	*1,926*
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(6,846)	*(67)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	38,238	*104,570*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(9,552)	*(226,526)*
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating	15,260	*48,421*

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21 Prior year Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	20,398	3,500	23,898	*21,685*
Charitable activities:	4				
Domestic Abuse		217,297	633,536	850,833	*678,902*
Investments	5	67	-	67	*24*
Total income		**237,762**	**637,036**	**874,798**	***700,611***
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Domestic Abuse		130,157	576,123	706,280	*734,671*
Total expenditure		**130,157**	**576,123**	**706,280**	***734,671***
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		107,605	60,913	168,518	*(34,060)*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	8	**107,605**	**60,913**	**168,518**	***(34,060)***
Transfer between funds		20,385	(20,385)	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**127,990**	**40,528**	**168,518**	***(34,060)***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		316,684	128,615	445,299	*479,359*
Total funds carried forward		**444,674**	**169,143**	**613,817**	***445,299***

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

STOCKPORT WITHOUT ABUSE

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Report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and administrative information

for the year ended 31 March 2023

Company number 3890735

Charity number 1079291

Registered office and operational address Beehive Mill, Jersey Street, Manchester M4 6JG

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

Janet Flynn	Chair
Susan Gledhill	Deputy Chair
Julie Isted	Secretary
Katharine Barker	Treasurer
Julia Bowden	
Lucy Eatough	
Lynda Dodd	
Susan Westwood	Appointed 27 January 2023
Sharon Mallon	Resigned 22 June 2022
Alison Wales	Resigned 25 August 2022
Ian Donegani	Resigned 28 November 2022

Key management Personnel

Samantha Higginbottom	Appointed 16 May 2022
Stephanie Mallas	Resigned 16 May 2022
Jessica Mills	
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Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Trustees' annual report

for the year ended 31 March 2023

The board of trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

Stockport Without Abuse (SWA) believes that everyone has a right to live in safety and to have a future without fear of Domestic Abuse.

SWA's overall aim is to provide support for our service users, through specialist interventions to facilitate their journey to safe independent living and to provide education, awareness and prevention services across the borough of Stockport.

The company's objects and principal activities are:

- To provide temporary safe accommodation in the form of refuge and dispersed property accommodation for women, men and their children who have left home due to domestic violence and abuse.
- To provide emotional and practical support, safeguarding interventions, information, advice and advocacy to women, children and men affected by domestic violence and abuse living in the community and in the Refuge
- To raise awareness, educate and inform public opinion and to provide advice and information in furtherance of the above

Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Serving as the leading agency for domestic abuse safeguarding and support in Stockport, SWA is at the forefront of delivering a diverse array of responsive services to address the complex and evolving needs of domestic abuse victims and their children.

Throughout the reporting period, the organisation's primary objectives and activities steadfastly focused on providing tailored, specialist support services to victims and children across a spectrum of needs. Given the diverse backgrounds and varied experiences of those affected by domestic violence, the core services at SWA prioritised holistic safety planning and support, with a special emphasis on intricate safeguarding measures. Over the course of 2022/23, SWA not only delivered a range of educational, awareness, and prevention services but also actively engaged with different settings to empower others in responding effectively to domestic abuse.

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Trustees' annual report

for the year ended 31 March 2023

The year 2022/23 presented exceptional challenges, marked by an upsurge in complex and high-risk cases, compounded by heightened demands for services. The charity grappled with the national recruitment crisis, funding uncertainties, and a broader cost-of-living crisis impacting families. Despite these formidable challenges, the focus remained unwavering on adapting to the evolving landscape of domestic abuse. SWA not only weathered these challenges but also seized new opportunities for innovation and best practices, expanding service delivery in key areas and strategically redesigning services to navigate the heightened complexities of the environment.

Service Overview

Self-Contained Temporary Accommodation

Refuge:

Our refuge accommodation offers support and safety to single women and families, and can accommodate 9 families and 4 single women with some shared facilities to support victims and children fleeing from domestic abuse.

Dispersed property:

SWA has two dispersed properties (two-bedroom houses) in the community to provide additional safe and temporary accommodation for all victims fleeing from domestic abuse regardless of gender.



Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council commission a complex safeguarding caseworker to provide enhanced risk management and safety planning to individuals fleeing abuse and residing within our accommodation.

Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) Service

SWA consistently upholds its commitment to providing the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service commissioned by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. Operating within a robust multi-agency framework, the IDVA team plays a pivotal role in safeguarding the most vulnerable and high-risk clients in Stockport, identified as at serious risk of harm or homicide. As integral partners in the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), the IDVAs collaborate closely with victims and partners to craft and implement Individualised Safety and Support Plans. These comprehensive plans encompass legal protective measures, safeguarding strategies, housing provisions, and considerations for wellbeing and recovery. The IDVA service exemplifies proactive, bespoke support, navigating the

complexities of multi-agency collaboration and setting a notable standard for effective safeguarding practices in Stockport.

Specialist IDVAs

SWA has been commissioned throughout 2022/23 to deliver a number of specialist IDVA posts including Hospital IDVAs and a Stalking and Harassment IDVA. These posts provide a specialised service of support, safety planning and advocacy to clients identified in those areas and also provide awareness raising and campaigning for change in relation to their specialist areas.

Complex DA Worker

Due to the complexity of domestic abuse across the period, SWA were successful in securing funding to provide a complex domestic abuse service to clients presenting with multiple disadvantages. The support delivered by the practitioner includes reducing barriers to access to services, unique, creative and proactive engagement methods and working towards a holistic support and safety plan to reduce repeated presentations and reducing the risk of escalation. This will include engaging with a range of multi-agency partners to build collaborative harm reduction support plan.

Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life)

Funding was secured from Lloyds Bank Foundation for three years in 2019 to develop a specialist service to address domestic abuse in later life, and to deliver specialist support, education and awareness raising across the borough, whist training professionals in the unique dynamics of later life abuse. In the final year of funding during 2022/23, although recruitment challenges have impacted capacity, the service saw increasing demand for this specialist work.

Health-Based Services

SWA has been honoured to have been funded to work on a number of health-based services throughout 2022/23. Our specialist health based IDVAs work to provide a dual offer of education and consultancy in health settings, and an IDVA support service to victims identified. SWA were also commissioned in 2022/23 to deliver a pilot programme alongside 4 other organisations in sexual health clinics. The **IRIS ADViSE** programme delivers a dual offer of education in sexual health clinics and an advocacy service to victims identified.

Male Domestic Abuse Worker

SWA continued to receive funding from Greater Manchester Combined Authority throughout 2022/23 to deliver a dedicated Male Domestic Abuse Service. The Male DA Worker works collaboratively with teams in Stockport to provide a bespoke service to male victims. Throughout 2022, the Male DA worker engaged with many local professionals to increase visibility of the service, creating drop in sessions and awareness in the community which in turn increased the number of referrals into the service. There was also an increase in the number of high risk male victims identified this year.

Children and Young People (CYP) Services

SWA continued to deliver a **CYP Prevention service** commissioned by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. This service focuses on working in school settings to provide workshops and group sessions. Me 2 Workshops are delivered to whole class groups in Key Stage 2 focusing on healthy relationships, feelings, managing emotions, exploring worries and feeling safe. Me 2 Group sessions are delivered to children who have identified experiences of domestic abuse. 8 sessions are delivered over 8 weeks to Key Stage 1 and key Stage 2 children, focusing on feelings, building resilience and protective factors, and creating safe spaces.

The Prevention worker also works with Stockport Council's Sex and Relationships Education Team to co-deliver the REACH programme across Stockport's secondary schools. REACH is an 8 week programme to support young people to have greater awareness of sex and relationships, helping raise confidence and knowledge of support available. Safe spaces are created for young people to explore body image and self-esteem, healthy relationships, consent and the law, online safety and sexting, online pornography, contraception, STIs and where to seek help and support.

One to one support was delivered to children in refuge by the CYP Refuge caseworker. This service supports children in the refuge and dispersed properties through therapeutic activities and one to one support. The aim of this service is to help children to understand and manage their emotions, work through difficult feelings like guilt or shame and increase their sense of internal and external safety. This service also supports children to settle into a new environment and connect with their new school. Funding for this service previously was through Children in Need from April 2018 for three years and ceased at the end of April 2021, later being commissioned through the new Domestic Abuse Act funding.

Awareness Raising, Prevention and Social Policy

SWA is committed to raising awareness of domestic abuse for the public and professionals. The SWA Team actively participate in local and national campaigns to improve services for victims.

As an active member of Stockport Domestic Abuse Partnership Board and Stockport Domestic Abuse Operational Group, SWA contributes to the overall strategy and direction of integrated domestic abuse services in Stockport and across the wider Greater Manchester agenda.

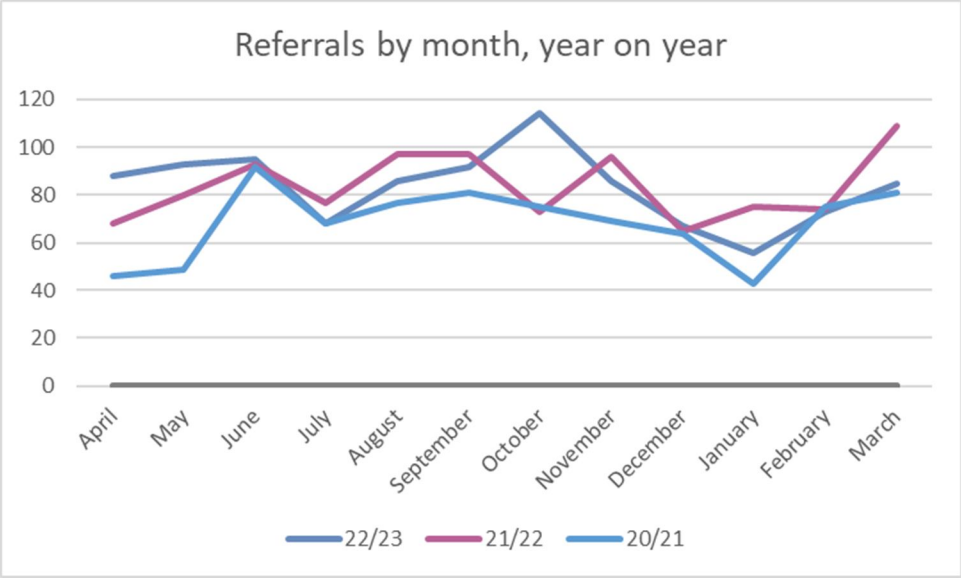
Achievements, performance and beneficiaries

SWA's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities focus on delivering our objectives and are undertaken to further SWA's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Throughout the reporting period, SWA sustained its commitment to delivering essential services to victims and children across diverse needs and risks, employing a client-centric and holistic approach. SWA successfully established strategic partnerships, including a collaboration with Trafford Domestic Abuse Services, Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board and Stockport Domestic Abuse Support. Acknowledging the heightened challenges, SWA secured additional support from the Ministry of Justice to aid victims grappling with the impacts of the cost of living crisis. This support, coupled with funding from esteemed entities such as Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Lloyds Bank Foundation, Stockport Clinical Commissioning Group, The Leathersellers' Foundation, and The Garfield Weston Foundation, played a pivotal role in dynamically adapting services to meet evolving demands. The collective assistance has been instrumental in ensuring the safety and well-being of victims, children, and staff, demonstrating the resilience and adaptability of SWA in addressing critical societal challenges.

Performance summary and overview data from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

SWA received 1058 referrals in total across all services in the period which remains substantially higher than pre-pandemic statistics and almost on par with the previous year. Refuge referrals are only received when a vacancy is available, and 2022/23 saw continued difficulty in the availability in refuge space, due to the lack of availability of longer term accommodation.



Refuge and Dispersed Properties:

Referrals to refuge are received when a vacancy is available. 44 victims were referred and supported into SWA refuge accommodation during the period. However a total of 75 direct requests for refuge space were received, which we could not accommodate due to availability. All victims moving into accommodation received ongoing risk management and individualised safety and support planning.

The children's workers worked with both children in the refuge and children in dispersed properties to support with creative activities to support their recovery from domestic abuse, improve their resilience and support their understanding of safety, emotions and socialisation.

Feedback from beneficiaries:

I love living at the refuge, it's mad to say but it feels like home feels like family. I love the staff, they make you feel so comfortable and know that if I'm having a bad day I can to any one of them and they'll do what they can to help. I genuinely feel that (staff) goes above and beyond for every one of us. And our (CYP worker) is amazing with the little ones. She always trying to do things to keep them busy and bless her she does try hard with them.

I am grateful for all the support the refuge has provided. I feel fully supported by staff and this has really helped my confidence. I like the way (staff) encourages and empowers all us women t be independent. I am so thankful to her for her support. (CYP worker) is amazing with the children too, my son has become so much more confident since being in refuge. Having to leave your home is not something any woman wants to do but being (here) has made this difficult situation so much easier. I have also made some life-long friends at the refuge and I love the fact that the refuge feels like a family and most of the residents are like one big family

IDVA support

802 high risk referrals were received throughout the period, remaining significantly higher than pre-pandemic. The IDVAs worked with clients to implement enhanced safety and support planning, risk management and access to criminal and civil justice remedies to prevent further abuse. The IDVAs supported clients through various safeguarding processes to improve outcomes for themselves and their children.

The IDVA service saw high demand for the service throughout the period, weighed with lack of capacity and increasing presentation of complex needs, which proved challenging in supporting both the clients and the staff team.

Specialist IDVAs

The specialist IDVAs provided numerous sessions to wide ranging professionals throughout the period, including Stockport College students, Stockport Foundation Trust departments, GP surgeries, and social care teams. The specialist IDVAs have also supported victims identified across these sites, to ensure earlier intervention or management through high risk processes where required.

Feedback from beneficiaries:

(Client) has been a victim of DV for much of her life and has an extremely traumatic history. It takes her a while to build in trust in professionals because of this. (IDVA) has worked hard in building up a positive rapport and trust with (Client), she has advocated for her with other professionals (including supporting her to housing assessments) and has played a key role in the multi-agency approach. She is consistently positive and always looking for solutions to aid (client) to work towards a better future.

CYP Services:

During the year SWA provided **one to one support** to children who had witnessed domestic abuse and violence, these sessions took place in the community i.e. schools and also in the refuge. The programme offers structured interventions in how to manage difficult emotions and safety. The project also delivered age appropriate group and play sessions in the Refuge to facilitate transition, understanding and managing emotions and making friends through fun activities.

Over 50% of children in refuge were between 0-5 years in age, so early years targeted support was delivered with parents and children including focus on development and speech and language.

CYP Prevention Schools were offered a high quality, comprehensive group and workshop package running from September – July. If it was felt during the first group session that a child would benefit more from 1-1 support than group support, then this was offered where the worker had capacity.

Me 2 Workshops:

A total of 31 group Me 2 workshop sessions took place across 5 schools throughout the year with the prevention worker. Me2 Workshops are delivered to whole classrooms and are 2 x 1-hour sessions or 1 x 2-hour session for children in KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6). The workshops do not specifically mention domestic abuse and explore: different families, good and bad feelings, how to deal with anger safely, how to recognise feeling unsafe and who can help when children are feeling worried or have a problem.

Me 2 Groups:

5 schools also benefited from targeted, 8 week group sessions. Me2 Groups are 8 sessions spread over 8 weeks for children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2) and KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) who have experienced any form of domestic abuse. Me2 provides children a safe space to explore their feelings and build resilience through creative activities, games and stories. The sessions explore: what domestic abuse is, how it can make children feel, who to talk to if they are worried, how to stay safe and will promote healthy relationships.

REACH Programme:

52 children attended the 6 week REACH programme. REACH is a 6-week programme that helps young people understand sex and relationships, help them have confidence to speak up and where to seek support. Reach creates a safe space for young people to learn more about subjects such as: body positivity and self-esteem, healthy relationships versus unhealthy relationships, consent and the law, online safety and sexting, online pornography, contraception and STI's and where to access support.

Feedback from beneficiaries:

Workshops:

'My favourite bit was how to express anger because sometimes I get mad easily so it helps'

'I liked it when we did the helpful hand thing because it reminded me of people I could talk to and I liked the idea of it'

'My favourite thing was who to tell if you're worried because its easier if you know so you're not stuck on who to tell'

'It was amazing!'

'My favourite bit was families because I learnt that every family is different'

'My favourite bit was the feelings because it was fun and I learnt a lot'

Groups:

'My favourite bit was working together'

'My favourite bit was learning how to calm down'

'My favourite bit was everything'

'My favourite bit was learning to stay safe'

'I enjoyed everything'

REACH:

'I liked learning about different types of abuse that I didn't know about and about toxic relationships so I know what to look out for in the future'

'I liked all the Instagram pages and helplines so if we're going through something we talked about we know what to do'

'I enjoyed that you gave positive messages, spoke respectfully and didn't talk down to us'

'It normalised things that could be made out as different or weird'

'I liked how open I could be'

CYP Family Sessions

Through a donation received from The Pendlebury Trust, SWA were able to provide enhanced support in refuge to assist children and parents in their recovery from their experiences. Parent and child sessions took place to provide parenting support, promote healthy bonds, encourage play and support parents to understand the impact of domestic abuse on their children including how they can support their child in their recovery from their experiences.

STAND Tall:

Through our Older Person's works supported by the Lloyds Bank Foundation over the last 2 and a half years, we have learned a great deal, and some of this learning has been reflected in the evolution of our present service offer. Very clear however, is the growing need and demand with 109 individuals over the age of 55 being referred into our services during this period – many of which were identified as being high risk. Those that refer into us reflect their views on growing need/identification:

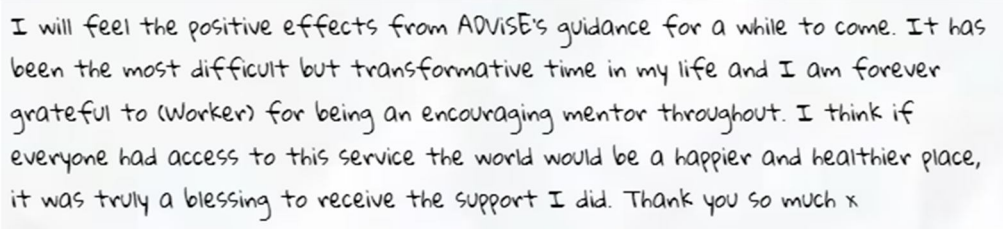
"Stockport Council colleagues and I are increasingly clear on the nuances of abuse to older people, and we are better placed than ever to identify signs of abuse and intervene, arrange and co-ordinate support. Train the trainer training from Stockport Without Abuse has been invaluable to us and means that we now deliver awareness training to front-line colleagues internally on a rolling programme for the betterment of their services and our Borough"

"Today, I saw an older woman suffering with Dementia and it became clear to me in the course of my routine social work that her husband had threatened to end her life because he could not cope. We saw a pattern of abuse and control that we wouldn't have seen without older persons' domestic abuse awareness training. I was able to ring Stockport Without Abuse and get their Older Persons' Service on it. Their specialist assistance in cases like this is hugely valuable. There is no other place to turn and their work is of consistently high quality"

"We've uncovered 25 years of controlling behaviours that daughters have normalised because of generational beliefs, and been able to arrange supportive intervention through SWA. Need for their help is growing because cases of abuse among older people are being identified with increasing frequency"

IRIS ADViSE

The advocate based within sexual health clinics allowed for a bespoke service to clients identified in these areas and through increased collaboration with professionals, bespoke training and ongoing consultancy, 52 victims were identified and referred for support through Stockport's sexual health clinic.


I will feel the positive effects from ADViSE's guidance for a while to come. It has been the most difficult but transformative time in my life and I am forever grateful to (Worker) for being an encouraging mentor throughout. I think if everyone had access to this service the world would be a happier and healthier place, it was truly a blessing to receive the support I did. Thank you so much x

Financial review

At the end of the review period, income was greater than expected for the period due to securing new projects to deliver niche services. Several new projects started within the year including a specialist Stalking and Harassment IDVA.

Annual income from charitable activities was £874,798 (2022: £700,611). We have been successful this year in securing funds to continue provision of services and have also been able to secure funding to extend the services we can provide and to branch out into new areas of work.

Income included net rental income from the Refuge of £195,047 (2022: £193,446), grant income to deliver complex safeguarding, early help intervention, GP IDVA and the IRIS ADViSE service which began in Q4 2021/22. A new Hospital IDVA project was agreed and implemented, and new funding sourced for the Male DA worker.

Costs were lower at £706,280 compared to £734,671 in 2021/22. Continued efficient management of refuge clients moving on, and the speedy acceptance of new referrals has enabled voids to remain low at 9%.

The final year end position was a carried forward fund of £613,817 made up of £444,674 unrestricted funds and £169,143 restricted funds. We have faced staff retention and recruitment issues throughout the year meaning that we are holding funds for projects yet to be completed at the year end.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the charity requirement for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation and has established a policy that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets, should cover a minimum of six months expenditure, due to an increased turnaround time on grant fund decision making, plus a redundancy provision, setting reserves requirement at around £217,302. As at 31 March 2023 unrestricted reserves was in excess of our reserves policy requirements.

Plans for the future

In the upcoming year, Stockport Without Abuse is poised to elevate the quality of its support services, focusing on fostering sustainable social change for victims of domestic abuse while concurrently raising community awareness.

A central pillar of our objectives involves actively seeking new funding streams to diversify our financial sources. This initiative aims to facilitate the establishment of innovative services that responsively address the evolving and nuanced needs of domestic abuse victims. Specifically, we aspire to continue to address the needs of previously overlooked demographics, such as male victims, those with complex needs, and children, who are now rightfully recognised as victims in their own regard through the Domestic Abuse Bill and older people.

As part of our commitment to transparency and impact assessment, we will meticulously review our objectives and outline these in a new Strategic Plan. This process ensures a clearer alignment of our focus with our work, enhancing our ability to demonstrate the tangible impact of our initiatives. Moreover, we are dedicated to involving the users of our services more actively in shaping our service offerings, recognising their invaluable insights.

Our esteemed staff team, having demonstrated exceptional resilience throughout their work, will remain a focal point of our attention. We are committed to providing unwavering support, acknowledging their remarkable efforts in navigating the complexities of the sector

We remain cognisant of the evolving needs within our community and services. SWA will maintain its commitment to diversifying its reach across the borough, actively seeking opportunities to enhance its community team and to work alongside partner agencies to deliver best practice support and safeguarding. We aim to facilitate the provision of comprehensive training across a broader spectrum of themes, empowering more professionals across Stockport to identify and support victims at the highest standard. Through these strategic initiatives, SWA is poised to make significant strides in shaping a future where the impact of domestic abuse is mitigated, and the community is equipped to address these challenges with resilience and compassion.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 December 1999 and registered as a charity on 7 February 2000. The previously unincorporated charity was registered on 11 August 1975.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 10 to the accounts.

The focus on performance quality has been enhanced with new processes and procedures being implemented across the organisation to ensure the best possible quality support to victims. Demand for services during the pandemic has been unprecedented and this has created an extraordinary pressure on staff service wide.

Stockport Without Abuse strives to deliver a robust domestic abuse service to the community. The business and leadership model aims to allow a flexible, responsive, and innovative model of operation whereby funding streams are diversified and there is more than one grant source and service focus.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations

Stockport Without Abuse continues to be part of a commissioned formal partnership where partners work together towards collective goals and shared outcomes with a focus on prevention and delivering strength based interventions to standard and medium risk victims of domestic abuse.

We continue to strengthen relationships with other charities that hold shared values and pursue similar charitable objectives including Greater Manchester charities.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel

Key leadership and management personnel are remunerated in line with local benchmarks for similar roles with aligned responsibilities.

All job descriptions reflect the associated responsibilities that the post holder is likely to have and are graded with professional HR input.

Trustee induction and training

The Board of Trustees seeks to ensure sufficient and appropriate representation of their members to fit with the aims and objectives of the organisation. The diversity of the trustee body is recognised as vital to its effective governance and the recruitment of potential Board of Trustee members is undertaken by targeting individuals with appropriate skills, experience and knowledge within the voluntary, statutory and private sectors.

Newly appointed Trustees undertake an initial induction programme. which fits in with their own time constraints, to complement their individual existing knowledge of the organisation. Trustees receive written guidance about their roles and responsibilities and are encouraged to attend periodic training to familiarise themselves with the charity and the arena in which it operates. These cover: -

- The role and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees
- The governance of the organisation and accompanying documentation including; the Memorandum and Articles of Association, key organisation Policies and Procedures, accountability to Companies House and the Charity Commission
- Financial controls and development including reporting mechanisms and published accounts
- Strategic and business planning
- Domestic Abuse awareness
- Safeguarding

Trustees are asked to commit to a minimum term in post of three years and to give three months' notice when wishing to stand down.

Organisational structure

Stockport Without Abuse has a Board of Trustees which can be up to fifteen (15) members who have overall legal and financial responsibility for the organisation. The strategic and operational management of the organisation is entrusted to the Chief Executive, supported by operational managers. A contracted qualified accountant oversees the financial management in conjunction with the Chief Executive and a Business Administrator/Book Keeper.

Board meetings are held regularly, chaired by the Chair of the Board and minutes recorded by the Board Secretary. The Chief Executive is in attendance at meetings; however, they do not have any voting rights.

To ensure the best use of board member's time, enable more focussed discussion on future strategy and speed up decision making an Executive Group was formed consisting of the Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. This Group works with the Chief Executive to review strategy and policies as required and make recommendations to the full board.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees regularly reviews the risks faced by the organisation including the following four key areas:

- Health and Safety
- Data Security and Governance
- Safeguarding
- Financial Processes

Appropriate policies to manage risk are in place.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of Stockport Without Abuse Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 19th December 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Jan Flynn

Chair, Stockport Without Abuse

Independent examiner's report

to the trustees of

Stockport Without Abuse

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 16 to 38.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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 that in any material respect:

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.

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

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21st December 2023

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	20,398	3,500	23,898	*21,685*
Charitable activities:	4				
Domestic Abuse		217,297	633,536	850,833	*678,902*
Investments	5	67	-	67	*24*
Total income		**237,762**	**637,036**	**874,798**	***700,611***
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Domestic Abuse		130,157	576,123	706,280	*734,671*
Total expenditure		**130,157**	**576,123**	**706,280**	***734,671***
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		107,605	60,913	168,518	*(34,060)*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	8	**107,605**	**60,913**	**168,518**	***(34,060)***
Transfer between funds		20,385	(20,385)	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**127,990**	**40,528**	**168,518**	***(34,060)***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		316,684	128,615	445,299	*479,359*
Total funds carried forward		**444,674**	**169,143**	**613,817**	***445,299***

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

A full comparative Statement of Financial Activities is available on the last page of the financial statements.

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd
Company number 3890735

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		2,297		*4,223*
Total fixed assets			**2,297**		***4,223***
Current assets					
Debtors	13	125,395		*229,965*	
Cash at bank and in hand	14	597,824		*549,336*	
Total current assets		**723,219**		***779,301***	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	15	(111,699)		*(338,225)*	
Net current assets			**611,520**		***441,076***
Total assets less current liabilities			613,817		*445,299*
Net assets			**613,817**		***445,299***
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	17		169,143		*128,615*
Unrestricted income funds	18		444,674		*316,684*
Total charity funds			**613,817**		***445,299***

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with FRS102 SORP, and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 19 to 38 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 19/12/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Jan Flynn (Chair)

Katharine Barker (Treasurer)

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ending 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	*2022* *£*
Cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	20	**48,421**	***36,668***
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		67	*24*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	*(1,495)*
Cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		**67**	***(1,471)***
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		48,488	*35,197*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		549,336	*514,139*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**597,824**	***549,336***

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), second edition - October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.
The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Income

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

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

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

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

d Donated services and facilities

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

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e Interest receivable

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

f Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 7.

i Operating leases

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £200 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Fixtures & fittings	4 years
Office equipment	4 years

k Debtors

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

l Cash at bank and in hand

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

m Creditors and provisions

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

n Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution ‘money purchase’ scheme. The charity’s contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were £2,968 outstanding contributions at the year end (2022: Nil).

The money purchase plan is managed by Co-operative Insurance Society Limited and the plan invests the contributions made by the employee and employer in an investment fund to build up over the term of the plan a pension fund which is then converted into a pension upon the employee’s normal retirement year age when eligible for a state pension. The total expense ratio of the plan is 1% and this is deducted from the investment fund annually. The trust has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee’s contributions.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

3 Income from donations and legacies

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Donations	20,398	3,500	23,898
Total	20,398	3,500	23,898

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2022 £*
Donations	*21,685*	-	*21,685*
Total	*21,685*	-	*21,685*

4 Income from charitable activities

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Domestic Abuse - Refuge			
Rents receivable	213,387	-	213,387
Voids	(18,340)	-	(18,340)
Subtotal	195,047	-	195,047
Domestic Abuse - Community Services			
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	-	202,994	202,994
GP IDVA	-	8,000	8,000
Medium Risk IDVA	-	75,320	75,320
MODAA	-	80,800	80,800
Lloyds Foundation	2,250	33,327	35,577
Male Worker	-	25,000	25,000
SHIDVA	-	20,417	20,417
IRIS ADViSE	-	45,121	45,121
Garfield Weston	5,000	-	5,000
Leathersellers	15,000	-	15,000
NHS Hospital IDVA	-	30,625	30,625
MOJ Victims Grant	-	12,000	12,000
Subtotal	22,250	533,604	555,854
Childrens work			
CYP Refuge	-	31,000	31,000
YPVA	-	34,320	34,320
CYP Temporary Accommodation	-	12,000	12,000
CYP Trauma Informed	-	22,612	22,612
Subtotal	-	99,932	99,932
Total	217,297	633,536	850,833

4 Income from charitable activities (Continued)

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2022 £*
Domestic Abuse - Refuge			
Rents receivable	*212,676*	*-*	*212,676*
Voids	*(19,230)*	*-*	*(19,230)*
Subtotal	*193,446*	*-*	*193,446*
Domestic Abuse - Community Services			
Complex Safeguarding	*-*	*225,294*	*225,294*
Early Help Intervention	*-*	*58,292*	*58,292*
Lloyds Foundation	*-*	*34,327*	*34,327*
Male Worker	*-*	*30,000*	*30,000*
GP IDVA	*-*	*24,000*	*24,000*
IRIS ADViSE	*-*	*9,043*	*9,043*
Garfield Weston	*6,500*	*-*	*6,500*
Leathersellers	*15,000*	*-*	*15,000*
NHS Hospital IDVA	*-*	*50,000*	*50,000*
Subtotal	*21,500*	*430,956*	*452,456*
Childrens work			
Children in need	*-*	*33,000*	*33,000*
Subtotal	*-*	*33,000*	*33,000*
Total	*214,946*	*463,956*	*678,902*

5 Investment income

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £
Income from bank deposits	67	-	67
	67	-	67

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*2022 £*
Income from bank deposits	*24*	*-*	*24*
	24	*-*	*24*

6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Current reporting period	Refuge £	Community Services £	Childrens Work £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	140,706	324,787	52,457	517,950
Accommodation	67,452	41,985	7,424	116,861
Running costs	19,296	34,422	3,197	56,915
Depreciation	1,926	-	-	1,926
Bad debts	3,434	-	-	3,434
Governance costs (see note 7)	3,654	4,626	914	9,194
	236,468	405,820	63,992	706,280

Previous reporting period	*Refuge £*	*Community Services £*	*Childrens Work £*	*Total 2022 £*
Staff costs	*130,117*	*422,471*	*22,145*	*574,733*
Accommodation	*83,389*	*27,555*	*14*	*110,958*
Running costs	*16,000*	*14,312*	*2,972*	*33,284*
Depreciation	*1,925*	*-*	*-*	*1,925*
Bad debts	*3,786*	*-*	*-*	*3,786*
Governance costs (see note 7)	*6,248*	*3,737*	*-*	*9,985*
	241,465	*468,075*	*25,131*	*734,671*

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Restricted expenditure	576,123	*461,429*
Unrestricted expenditure	130,157	*273,242*
	706,280	*734,671*

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Current reporting period	Basis of apportionment	Governance £	*Total 2023 £*
Independent examination	Governance	900	900
Accountancy fees	Governance	1,320	1,320
Management accountancy Services	Governance	5,419	5,419
Payroll	Governance	1,507	1,507
Other governance	Governance	48	48
		9,194	9,194

Previous reporting period	*Basis of apportionment*	*Governance £*	*Total 2022 £*
Independent examination	*Governance*	*900*	*900*
Accountancy fees	*Governance*	*1,320*	*1,320*
Management accountancy Services	*Governance*	*6,048*	*6,048*
Payroll	*Governance*	*1,717*	*1,717*
		9,985	*9,985*

8 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2023 £	*2022 £*
Depreciation	1,926	*1,926*
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	66,287	*65,933*
Independent examiner (net of VAT)		
Independent examination	750	*750*
Accountancy fees	1,100	*1,100*
Management accountancy Services	4,515	*5,040*
Payroll	1,256	*1,431*

9 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Wages and salaries	442,876	*487,145*
Social security costs	33,530	*34,976*
Pension costs	9,107	*15,818*
Other Staff costs	18,383	*2,453*
Agency, recruitment, travel & training	14,054	*34,341*
	517,950	*574,733*

No employees has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2022: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 21 (2022: 24).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, the Senior IDVA/Operations Manager and the Business Administrator and Bookkeeper (2022: the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer). The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £106,277. (2022: £41,090).

10 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: Nil).

One (2022: one) member of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year of £177 (2022: £66).

Aggregate donations from related parties were nil (2022: £303 from a fundraising event by a Trustee).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2022: nil).

11 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12 Fixed assets: tangible assets

	Fixtures & fittings	Office equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	15,842	4,487	20,329
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	15,842	4,487	20,329
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	13,949	2,157	16,106
Charge for the year	947	979	1,926
At 31 March 2023	14,896	3,136	18,032
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	946	1,351	2,297
At 31 March 2022	*1,893*	*2,330*	*4,223*

13 Debtors

	2023 £	*2022* *£*
Rents Receivable	11,173	*10,001*
Grants Receivable	109,773	*205,674*
Prepayments and accrued income	4,449	*14,290*
	125,395	*229,965*

14 Cash at bank and in hand

	2023 £	*2022* *£*
Cash at bank and on hand	597,824	*549,336*
	597,824	*549,336*

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	*2022* *£*
Trade creditors	9,392	*13,506*
Other creditors and accruals	18,127	*13,113*
Deferred income	74,375	*302,681*
Taxation and social security costs	9,805	*8,925*
	111,699	*338,225*

16 Deferred income

	2023 £	*2022* *£*
Deferred grant brought forward	302,681	*19,182*
Grant received	-	*302,681*
Released to income from charitable activities	(228,306)	*(19,182)*
Deferred grant carried forward	74,375	*302,681*

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Domestic Abuse - Refuge					
Mason Donations	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Pendlebury Trust	-	3,500	(2,217)	-	1,283
Small Restricted Donations	2,305	-	-	(2,305)	-
	4,305	3,500	(4,217)	(2,305)	1,283
Domestic Abuse - Community Services					
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	-	202,994	(202,994)	-	-
APR Complex Safeguarding	32,173	-	(15,215)	-	16,958
Mental Health and Substance Misuse support	17,687	-	-	(17,687)	-
Lloyds Foundation	22,011	33,327	(18,987)	-	36,351
GMCA MoJ	393	-		(393)	-
GP IDVA	19,855	8,000	(27,855)	-	-
Lankelly Chase COVID 19	3,853	-	-	-	3,853
Male Worker	4,056	25,000	(29,056)	-	-
NHS Hospital IDVA	10,490	30,625	(27,990)	-	13,125
IRIS ADViSE	2,333	45,121	(47,454)	-	-
Medium Risk IDVA	-	75,320	(67,320)	-	8,000
MODAA	-	80,800	(7,647)	-	73,153
SHIDVA	-	20,417	(12,570)	-	7,847
MOJ Victims Grant	-	12,000	(7,324)	-	4,676
	112,851	533,604	(464,412)	(18,080)	163,963
Children's work					
CYP Trauma Informed	11,459	22,612	(34,071)	-	-
CYP Refuge	-	31,000	(31,000)	-	-
YPVA	-	34,320	(34,320)	-	-
CYP Temporary Accommodation	-	12,000	(8,103)	-	3,897
	11,459	99,932	(107,494)	-	3,897
Total	128,615	637,036	(576,123)	(20,385)	169,143

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2021 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*Balance at 31 March 2022 £*
Domestic Abuse - Refuge					
Mason Donations	*2,000*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*2,000*
Small Restricted Donations	*2,305*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*2,305*
	4,305	*-*	*-*	*-*	*4,305*
Domestic Abuse - Community Services					
Complex Safeguarding	*-*	*200,294*	*(200,294)*	*-*	*-*
Early Help Intervention	*-*	*58,292*	*(58,292)*	*-*	*-*
APR Complex Safeguarding	*44,635*	*-*	*(12,462)*	*-*	*32,173*
Mental Health and Substance Misuse support	*44,328*	*25,000*	*(51,641)*	*-*	*17,687*
Lloyds Foundation	*18,554*	*34,327*	*(30,870)*	*-*	*22,011*
Ending Womens homelessness	*(66)*	*-*	*-*	*66*	*-*
GMCA MoJ	*393*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*393*
GP IDVA	*-*	*24,000*	*(4,145)*	*-*	*19,855*
Homeless link	*3,873*	*-*	*(3,873)*	*-*	*-*
Lankelly Chase COVID 19	*4,440*	*-*	*(587)*	*-*	*3,853*
Stockport Local Fund	*970*	*-*	*(1,172)*	*202*	*-*
Male Worker	*798*	*30,000*	*(26,742)*	*-*	*4,056*
Hospital and Maternity IDVA	*-*	*50,000*	*(39,510)*	*-*	*10,490*
IRIS ADViSE	*-*	*9,043*	*(6,710)*	*-*	*2,333*
	117,925	*430,956*	*(436,298)*	*268*	*112,851*
Children's work					
Children in Need	*3,590*	*-*	*(3,590)*	*-*	*-*
CADA	*-*	*33,000*	*(21,541)*	*-*	*11,459*
	3,590	*33,000*	*(25,131)*	*-*	*11,459*
Total	*125,820*	*463,956*	*(461,429)*	*268*	*128,615*

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Stockport Domestic Abuse Support	Stockport Without Abuse manages Stockport's IDVA service under the Complex Safeguarding element of a new contract between partners in Stockport Domestic Abuse Support, focusing on high-risk victims. The IDVA team collaborates with victims on safety planning and legal processes, partnering with various agencies and groups. Funding comes from SMBC through a partnership arrangement with Stockport Without Abuse, Talk Listen Change, Stockport Homes and Age UK. SWA are commissioned to deliver 3.5 full-time IDVAs. The contract also covers a school-based prevention worker, refuge caseworker for families in refuge accommodation and a domestic abuse support worker for those experiencing non-high risk domestic abuse.
APR Complex Safeguarding	Previous funds to support Complex Safeguarding.
Lloyds Foundation	3 year funding was secured to develop and deliver a dedicated service to address domestic abuse in later life. Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life). The project delivers specialist 1:1 support through a structured programme and also awareness raising to professionals and community organisations. The specialist focus is unique across the Borough and across Greater Manchester.
GP IDVA	Funding was secured from SMBC to extend the GP IDVA post to bring this in line with the funding of the other specialist IDVA posts – Hospital and Maternity and Safe Choice YPVA
Lankelly Chase COVID 19	Whilst this was restricted funds, there was flexibility to use this fund for COVID related expenses to support victims and their families for example with travel expense to get to the refuge or to move on to new property etc.
Male Worker	Following a successful pilot commissioned by SMBC, SWA were successful in securing longer term funding through Greater Manchester Combined Authority for a full time Male DA worker until 2025.
NHS Hospital IDVA	Funding was provided by NHS England for Hospital IDVAs to work to provide a dual offer of education and consultancy across the Trust's settings, and to provide an IDVA support service to victims identified. The IDVA also works as part of a multi-agency partnership to take the lead on safeguarding the most vulnerable and at-risk clients in Stockport, who have been deemed at risk of serious harm or homicide and presenting within the trust.

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

IRIS ADViSE	The ADViSE (Assessing for Domestic Abuse in Sexual Health Environments) programme is a new pilot programme commissioned by Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, supports sexual health clinicians to identify and respond to patients affected by domestic violence and abuse (DVA) and provides them with a simple referral pathway to specialist services. Core areas of the programme include ongoing training, education and consultancy for the sexual health team and administrative staff, care pathways for sexual health care practitioners and an enhanced referral pathway to specialist domestic violence services for women with experience of DVA.
Medium Risk IDVA	The medium risk IDVA funding provides a service to those individuals who are not ordinarily high risk through domestic abuse but experience complex presenting needs which escalates their exposure to risk. This funding from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, via SMBC provides an enhanced intervention aimed to reduce risks and reduce barriers to accessing support to the most vulnerable individuals.
MODAA	New funding for supporting individuals at risk of homelessness through domestic abuse from SMBC has commissioned a service for “Moving On Domestic Abuse Advisors.” This supports individuals to access support is fleeing from domestic abuse, preparing to leave or resettling following abuse.
SHIDVA	New funding received from Greater Manchester Combined Authority allowed for a new bespoke and tailored service to support victims of domestic abuse related stalking and harassment.
MOJ Victims Grant	Due to the rising cost of living compounding safety and access to support, SWA were supported to provide emergency finds to victims of domestic abuse to enable them to break free from financial hardship and access emergency items and cost of living support.
CYP Trauma Informed	Through a successful partnership with Trafford Domestic Abuse Services, SWA were commissioned through the Children Affected by Domestic Abuse fund to provide a trauma informed support service to children and young people in Stockport who have experienced domestic abuse. The service provides 1:1 and group trauma informed support.
CYP Refuge	Funding received from SMBC following the updates within the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 allow for a CYP Refuge worker to provide a dedicated service to children and young people living in refuge due to domestic abuse.
CYP Temporary Accommodation	Stockport Homes support SWA to deliver a dedicated service to children and young people living in temporary accommodation due to domestic abuse.

Transfers out have been made to fund work that is covered by the original agreement.

18 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2023 £
General fund	270,017	237,762	(130,157)	20,385	398,007
Strategic Priorities	46,667	-	-	-	46,667
	316,684	237,762	(130,157)	20,385	444,674

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2021 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*As at 31 March 2022 £*
General fund	*290,999*	*236,655*	*(257,369)*	*(268)*	*270,017*
Strategic Priorities	*50,000*	*-*	*(3,333)*	*-*	*46,667*
COVID 19	*12,540*	*-*	*(12,540)*	*-*	*-*
	353,539	*236,655*	*(273,242)*	*(268)*	*316,684*

Name of unrestricted fund	**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds
Strategic Priorities	Ongoing refurbishment of the Refuge and supporting a new leadership structure

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current reporting period	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	2,297	-	-	2,297
Net current assets/(liabilities)	395,710	46,667	169,143	611,520
Total	398,007	46,667	169,143	613,817

Previous reporting period	*General fund £*	*Designated funds £*	*Restricted funds £*	*Total £*
Tangible fixed assets	*4,223*	*-*	*-*	*4,223*
Net current assets/(liabilities)	*265,794*	*46,667*	*128,615*	*441,076*
Total	*270,017*	*46,667*	*128,615*	*445,299*

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	168,518	*(34,060)*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	1,926	*1,926*
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(67)	*(24)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	104,570	*(208,936)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(226,526)	*277,762*
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating	48,421	*36,668*

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	21,685	-	21,685	*38,383*
Charitable activities:	4				
Domestic Abuse		214,946	463,956	678,902	*870,283*
Investments	5	24	-	24	*265*
Total income		**236,655**	**463,956**	**700,611**	***908,931***
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Domestic Abuse		273,242	461,429	734,671	*789,629*
Total expenditure		**273,242**	**461,429**	**734,671**	***789,629***
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		(36,587)	2,527	(34,060)	*119,302*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	8	**(36,587)**	**2,527**	**(34,060)**	***119,302***
Transfer between funds		(268)	268	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**(36,855)**	**2,795**	**(34,060)**	***119,302***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		353,539	125,820	479,359	*360,057*
Total funds carried forward		**316,684**	**128,615**	**445,299**	***479,359***

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

STOCKPORT WITHOUT ABUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1079291

Accounts

Company number: 3890735

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Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Reference and administrative information

for the year ended 31 March 2022

Company number 3890735

Charity number 1079291

Registered office and operational address Beehive Mill, Jersey Street, Manchester M4 6JG

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

Janet Flynn	Chair
Susan Gledhill	Deputy Chair
Julie Isted	Secretary
Katherine Barker	Treasurer
Julia Bowden	
Lucy Eatough	
Lynda Dodd	
Sharon Mallon	Resigned 22 June 2022
Alison Wales	Resigned 25 August 2022
Ian Donegani	Appointed 1 July 2021

Key management	Stephanie Mallas	Resigned 16 May 2022
Personnel	Samantha Higginbottom	Appointed 16 May 2022

Bankers Co-operative Bank

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Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Trustees' annual report

for the year ended 31 March 2022

The board of trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

Stockport Without Abuse (SWA) believes that everyone has a right to live in safety and to have a future without fear of Domestic Abuse.

SWA's overall aim is to provide support for our service users, through specialist interventions to facilitate their journey to safe independent living and to provide education, awareness and prevention services across the borough of Stockport.

The company's objects and principal activities are:

- To provide temporary safe accommodation in the form of refuge and dispersed property accommodation for women, men and their children who have left home due to domestic violence and abuse.
- To provide emotional and practical support, safeguarding interventions, information, advice and advocacy to women, children and men affected by domestic violence and abuse living in the community and in the Refuge
- To raise awareness, educate and inform public opinion and to provide advice and information in furtherance of the above

Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

SWA is the lead agency for domestic abuse safeguarding and support across Stockport delivering a range of responsive services to meet the complex and emerging needs of domestic abuse victims and their children.

The main objectives and activities continued to focus on the provision of needs-led specialist support services to victims and children across the spectrum of need, as we emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic. Victims who experience domestic violence and abuse are from diverse backgrounds and with differing experiences of abuse and subsequently present with wide-ranging support needs. Core services at SWA provided holistic safety planning and support with an emphasis on complex

safeguarding. Throughout 2021/22 SWA delivered a range of education, awareness and prevention services across various settings to support others to respond to domestic abuse.

2021/22 proved to be an exceptional year for challenges in terms of the emergence from a pandemic, the increase of complex and high risk presentations, and the increase in demand for services challenged by the national recruitment crisis and funding uncertainty.

2021/22 focused on the need to respond to the changing landscape of domestic abuse as we emerged from the pandemic, which delayed our initial objectives for the year. Throughout this period, SWA has also been grateful to receive new opportunities for innovation and best practice to expand service delivery in key areas and to re-design services whilst emerging from a pandemic, and whilst re-integrating face to face delivery.

Service Overview

Self-Contained Temporary Accommodation

Refuge:

Our refuge accommodation offers support and safety to single women and families, and can accommodate 9 families and 4 single women with some shared facilities to support victims and children fleeing from domestic abuse.

Dispersed property:

SWA has two dispersed properties (two-bedroom houses) in the community to provide additional safe and temporary accommodation for all victims fleeing from domestic abuse regardless of gender.



SWA benefitted from extended funding throughout 2021/22 to provide specialist mental health and specialist drug and alcohol support to residents in our accommodation services.

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council commission a complex safeguarding caseworker to provide enhanced risk management and safety planning to individuals fleeing abuse and residing within our accommodation.

Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) Service

SWA continued to deliver the IDVA service, a complex safeguarding service commissioned by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. The IDVA team work as part of a multi-agency partnership to take the

lead on safeguarding the most vulnerable and at-risk clients in Stockport, who have been deemed at risk of serious harm or homicide. The IDVAs are key partners in the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), and work collaboratively with victims and partners to coordinate an Individualised Safety and Support Plan which includes the implementation of legal protective measures, safeguarding, housing, wellbeing and recovery.

Specialist IDVAs

SWA has been commissioned throughout 2021/22 to deliver a number of specialist IDVA posts including a Young Person's IDVA (YPVA), a Hospital and Maternity IDVA and a GP IDVA. These posts provide a training and consultancy service to specialist areas, and provide support and advocacy to clients identified in those areas.

Complex DA Worker

Due to the complexity of domestic abuse across the period, SWA were successful in securing funding to provide a complex domestic abuse service to clients presenting with multiple disadvantages. The support delivered by the practitioner includes reducing barriers to access to services, unique, creative and proactive engagement methods and working towards a holistic support and safety plan to reduce repeated presentations and reducing the risk of escalation. This will include engaging with a range of multi-agency partners to build collaborative harm reduction support plan.

Positive Relationships Team

SWA's early help intervention was delivered through a co-located partnership with The Prevention Alliance, commissioned through Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. The Positive Relationship caseworkers support standard and medium risk victims to reach their potential and recover from the impacts of domestic abuse.

Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life)

Funding was secured from Lloyds Bank Foundation for three years in 2019 to develop a specialist service to address domestic abuse in later life, and to deliver specialist support, education and awareness raising across the borough, whist training professionals in the unique dynamics of later life abuse.

Health-Based Services

SWA has been honoured to have been funded to work on a number of health-based services throughout 2021/22. Our specialist health based IDVAs, including the **Maternity and Hospital IDVA** and the **GP IDVA** work to provide a dual offer of education and consultancy in health settings, and an IDVA support service to victims identified. SWA were also commissioned in 2021/22 to deliver a pilot programme alongside 4 other organisations in sexual health clinics. The **IRIS ADViSE** programme aims to deliver a dual offer of education in sexual health clinics and an advocacy service to victims identified.

Male Domestic Abuse Worker

SWA received funding from Greater Manchester Combined Authority throughout 2021/22 to deliver a dedicated Male Domestic Abuse Service. Previous funding had only allowed for part-time work in this area, however funding was increased to full time this year. The Male DA Worker works collaboratively with teams in Stockport to provide a bespoke service to male victims. Throughout 2021, the Male DA worker also worked alongside Survivors Manchester to enable a smooth referral pathway for survivors of sexual abuse who had experiences of domestic abuse to be referred through to a domestic abuse specialist.

Children and Young People (CYP) Services

SWA continued to deliver a **CYP Prevention service** commissioned by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. This service focuses on working in school settings to provide workshops and group sessions. Me 2 Workshops are delivered to whole class groups in Key Stage 2 focusing on healthy relationships, feelings, managing emotions, exploring worries and feeling safe. Me 2 Group sessions are delivered to children who have identified experiences of domestic abuse. 8 sessions are delivered over 8 weeks to Key Stage 1 and key Stage 2 children, focusing on feelings, building resilience and protective factors, and creating safe spaces.

The Prevention worker also works with Stockport Council's Sex and Relationships Education Team to co-deliver the REACH programme across Stockport's secondary schools. REACH is an 8 week programme to support young people to have greater awareness of sex a relationships, helping raise confidence and knowledge of support available. Safe spaces are created for young people to explore body image and self-esteem, healthy relationships, consent and the law, online safety and sexting, online pornography, contraception, STIs and where to seek help and support.

One to one support was delivered to children in refuge by the CYP Refuge caseworker. This service supports children in the refuge and dispersed properties through therapeutic activities and one to one support. The aim of this service is to help children to understand and manage their emotions, work through difficult feelings like guilt or shame and increase their sense of internal and external safety. This service also supports children to settle into a new environment and connect with their new school. Funding for this service previously was through Children in Need from April 2018 for three years and ceased at the end of April 2021, later being commissioned through the new Domestic Abuse Act funding.

Therapeutic Play Workers provided group therapeutic play sessions over evenings and weekends to support families to bond after their experiences, and support parents and children to work together. Sessions took place using a range of activities including managed crafts, activities, trips and excursions.

Art Therapy

SWA also benefitted from funding throughout the period to provide an art therapy programme for adults and children residing in refuge. This included visits to a local pottery studio, to allow victims and children to work together to create items they could keep.

Awareness Raising, Prevention and Social Policy

SWA is committed to raising awareness of domestic abuse for the public and professionals. The SWA Team actively participate in local and national campaigns to improve services for victims.

As an active member of Stockport Domestic Abuse Partnership Board and Stockport Domestic Abuse Operational Group, SWA contributes to the overall strategy and direction of integrated domestic abuse services in Stockport and across the wider Greater Manchester agenda.

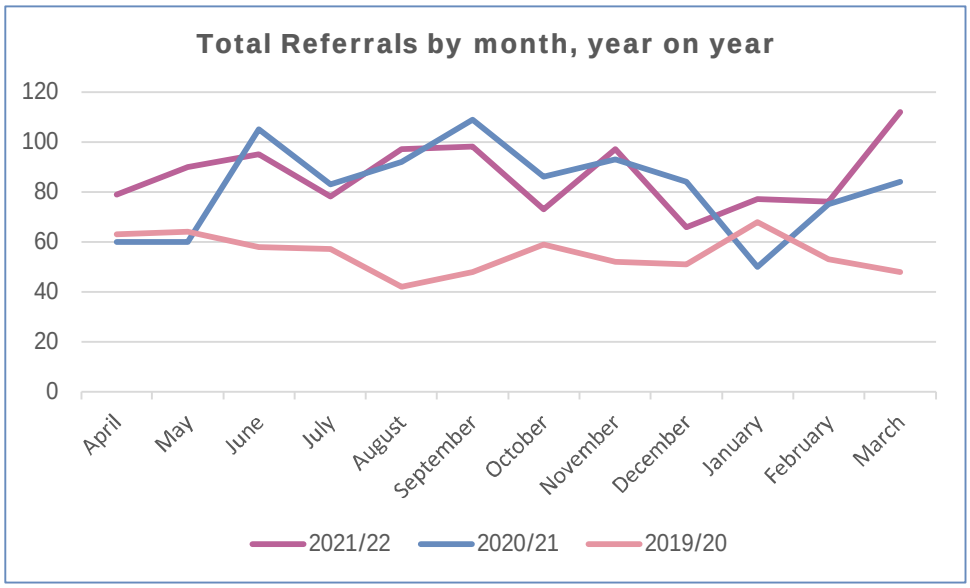
Achievements, performance and beneficiaries

SWA's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities focus on delivering our objectives and are undertaken to further SWA's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

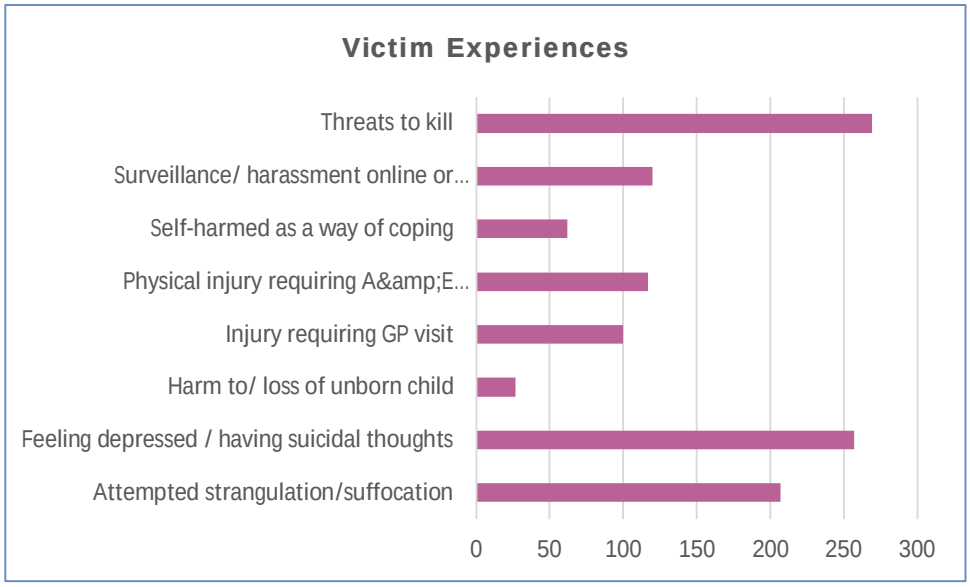
SWA continued to deliver services to victims and children across the spectrum of need and risk, and delivered specialist responsive services in a holistic and client-led way. SWA received support and funding from several bodies to enable services to adapt to the changing demands during the emergence from Covid-19, and to provide vital support to keep victims, children and staff are safe and supported. We have been extremely grateful to receive support from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Lloyds Bank Foundation, Stockport Clinical Commissioning Group, The Leathersellers' Foundation and The Garfield Weston Foundation.

Performance summary and overview data from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

SWA received 1038 referrals in total across all services in the period which remains substantially higher than pre-pandemic statistics. Refuge referrals are only received when a vacancy is available, and 2021/22 saw increased difficulty in the availability in refuge space, due to the lack of availability of longer term accommodation.



Throughout 2021/22, 686 clients engaged in enhanced support with our services, which is more than have ever been supported before. The complexity of trauma experienced by victims and complex presentations has increased the demand for services throughout the period.



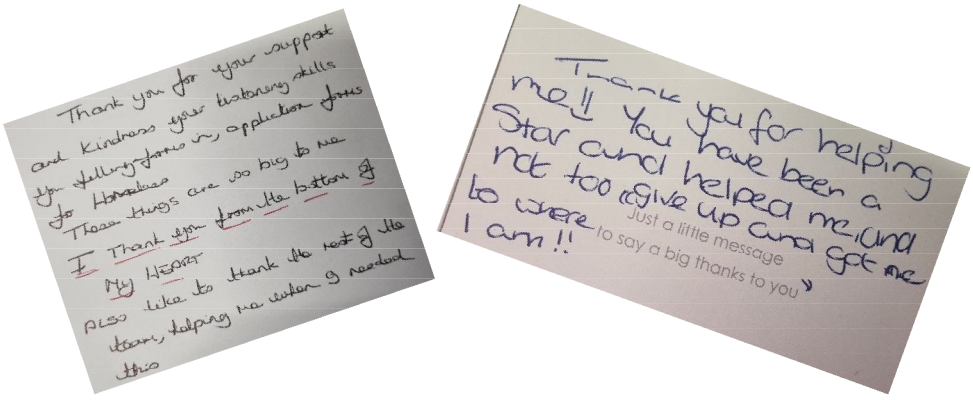
Refuge and Dispersed Properties:

Referrals to refuge are received when a vacancy is available. 32 victims were referred and supported into SWA refuge accommodation during the period. However a further 36 direct requests for refuge space were received, which we could not accommodate due to availability. All victims moving into accommodation received ongoing risk management and individualised safety and support planning. Throughout this period it was noted that the ongoing impact of Covid-19 restrictions impacted on the availability of housing options to be able to move victims into their own safe accommodation, meaning refuge spaces were occupied for longer periods than expected.

Throughout 2021/22, SWA benefited from additional funding for specialist mental health and substance misuse caseworkers which was vital due to the complexity of presenting needs throughout the period.

The children's worker worked with both children in the refuge and children in dispersed properties to support with creative activities to support their recovery from domestic abuse, improve their resilience and support their understanding of safety, emotions and socialisation.

Feedback from beneficiaries:



IDVA support

832 high risk referrals were received throughout the period, higher than any previous period. The IDVAs worked with clients to implement enhanced safety and support planning, risk management and access to criminal and civil justice remedies to prevent further abuse. The IDVAs supported clients through various safeguarding processes to improve outcomes for themselves and their children.

The IDVA service saw high demand for the service throughout the period, weighed with lack of capacity and increasing presentation of complex needs, which proved challenging in supporting both the clients and the staff team.

Specialist IDVAs

The specialist IDVAs provided numerous sessions to wide ranging professionals throughout the period, including Stockport College students, Stockport Foundation Trust departments, GP surgeries, and social care teams. The specialist IDVAs have also supported victims identified across these sites, to ensure earlier intervention or management through high risk processes where required.

Feedback from beneficiaries:



CYP Services:

During the year SWA provided **one to one support** to children who had witnessed domestic abuse and violence on a one to one basis, these sessions took place in the community i.e. schools and also in the refuge. The programme offers structured interventions in how to manage difficult emotions and safety. The project also delivered age appropriate group and play sessions in the Refuge to facilitate transition, understanding and managing emotions and making friends through fun activities.

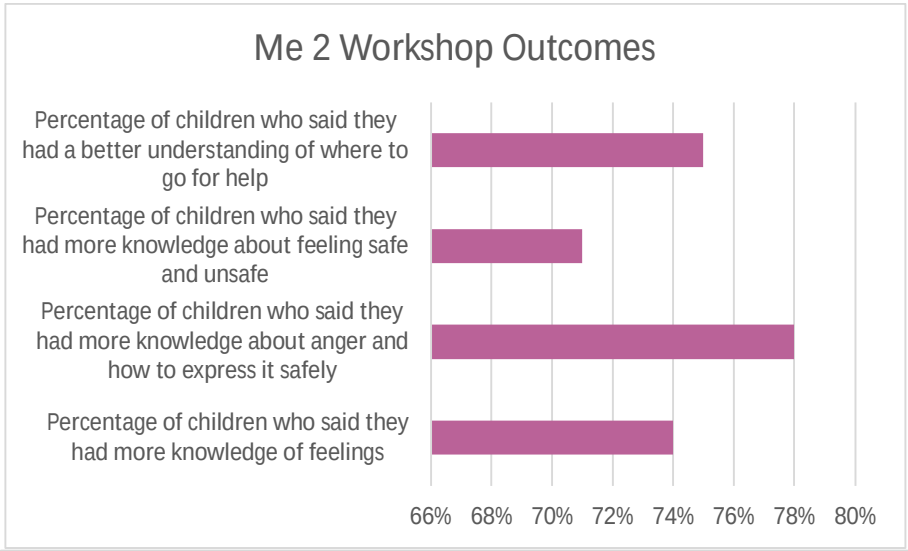
Over 50% of children in refuge were between 0-5 years in age, so early year's targeted support was delivered with parents and children including focus on development and speech and language.

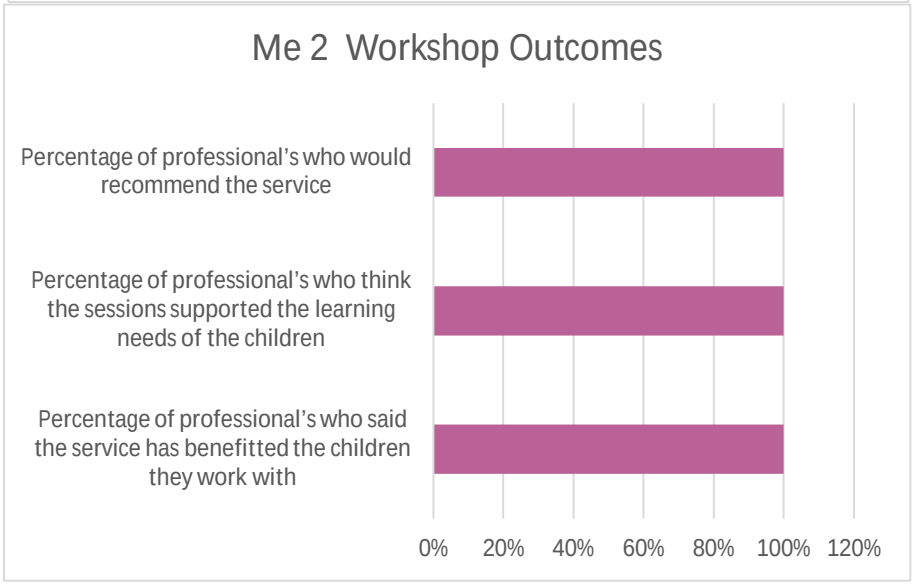
Due to the impact of Covid-19, additional funds were available for activities in Refuge including therapeutic play workers and art therapy.

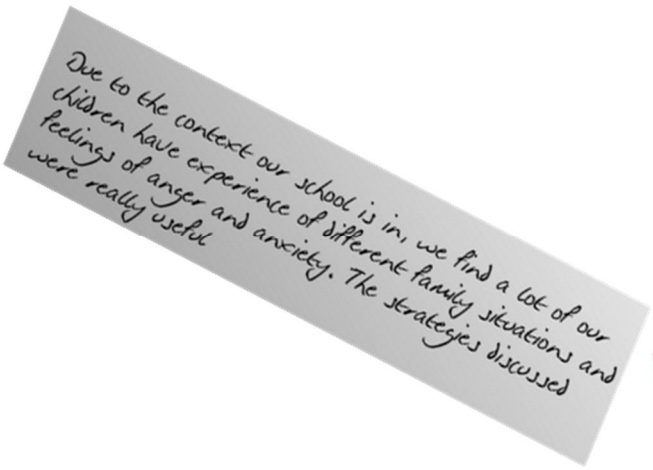
CYP Prevention work began to reintegrate into schools after lockdown restrictions eased. Schools were offered a high quality, comprehensive group and workshop package running from September – July. If it was felt during the first group session that a child would benefit more from 1-1 support than group support, then this was offered where the worker had capacity.

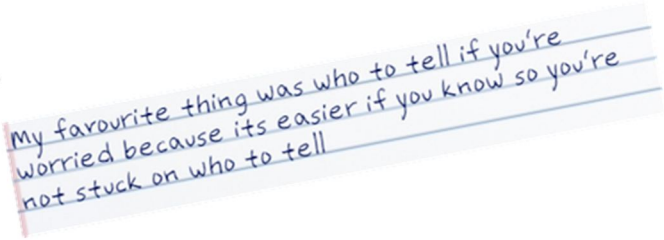
Me 2 Workshops:

930 children across the school year attended Me 2 workshop sessions with the prevention worker. Me2 Workshops are delivered to whole classrooms and are 2 x 1-hour sessions or 1 x 2-hour session for children in KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6). The workshops do not specifically mention domestic abuse and explore: different families, good and bad feelings, how to deal with anger safely, how to recognize feeling unsafe and who can help when children are feeling worried or have a problem.



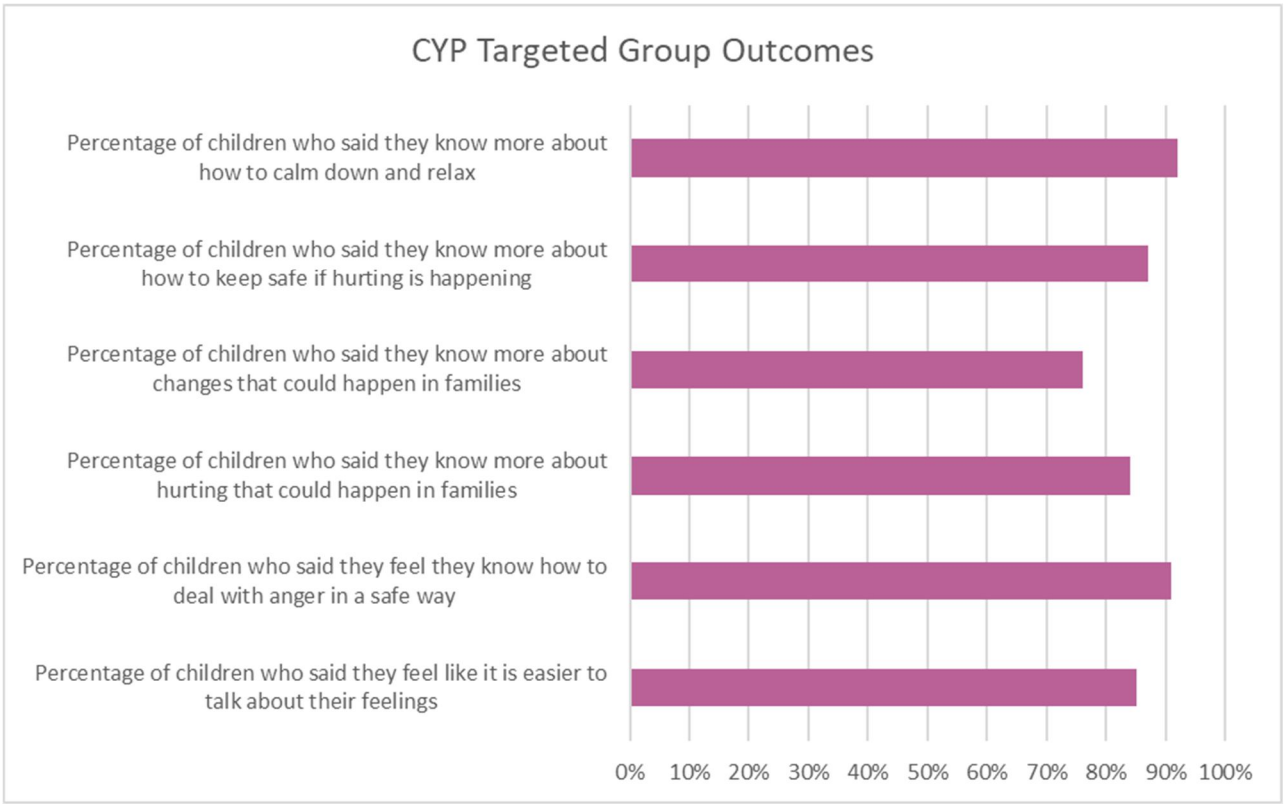






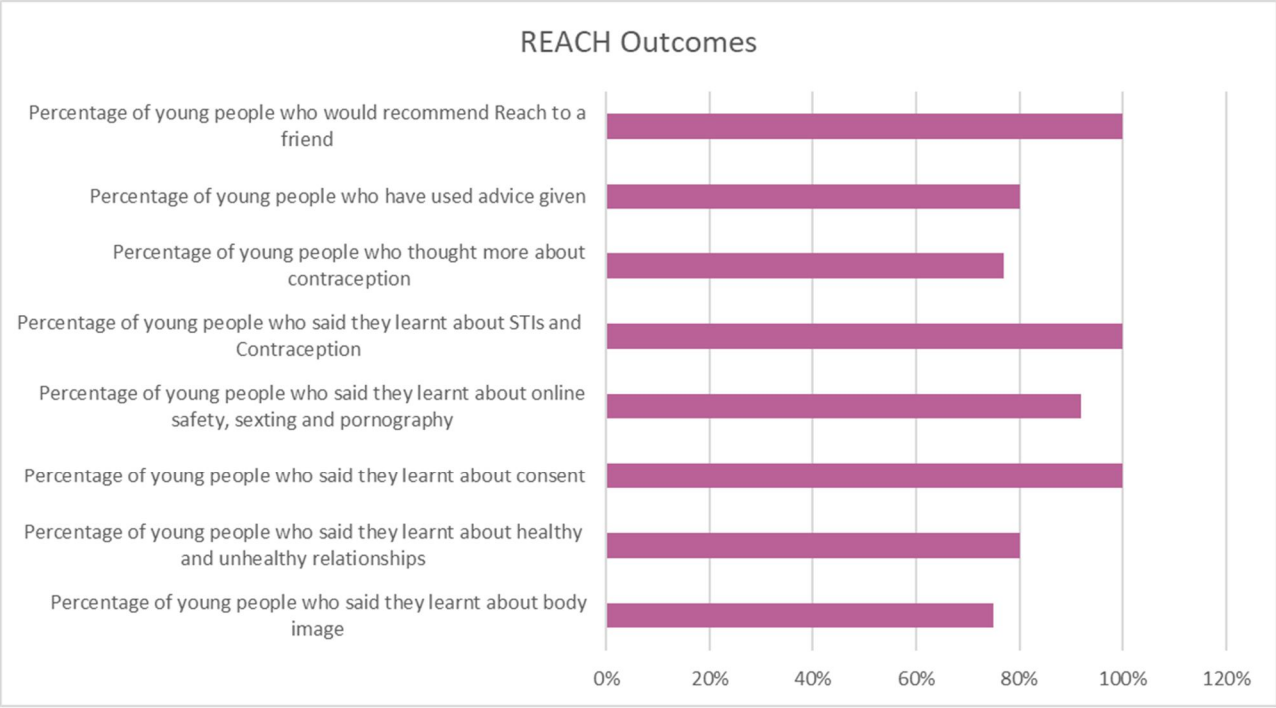
Me 2 Groups:

68 children benefited from targeted, 8 week group sessions. Me2 Groups are 8 sessions spread over 8 weeks for children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2) and KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) who have experienced any form of domestic abuse. Me2 provides children a safe space to explore their feelings and build resilience through creative activities, games and stories. The sessions explore: what domestic abuse is, how it can make children feel, who to talk to if they are worried, how to stay safe and will promote healthy relationships.



REACH Programme:

52 children attended the 6 week REACH programme. REACH is a 6-week programme that helps young people understand sex and relationships, help them have confidence to speak up and where to seek support. Reach creates a safe space for young people to learn more about subjects such as: body positivity and self-esteem, healthy relationships versus unhealthy relationships, consent and the law, online safety and sexting, online pornography, contraception and STI's and where to access support.



Feedback from beneficiaries:

Workshops:

'My favourite thing was learning about my uh oh signs because I'll know what to do if I feel that way'

'My favourite bit was learning about feelings because you get feelings every day so you need to know how to express them'

'My favourite bit was learning that families are unlike one another in different ways because its okay to be unlike'

'I liked it when we did the helpful hand thing because it reminded me of people I could talk to and I liked the idea of it'

Groups:

'Thank you for helping me to express my feelings'

'My favourite bit was talking about stuff I wouldn't do with others'

'My favourite bit was the relaxing and how to deal with anger'

'My favourite bit was working together'

REACH:

'I liked learning about abusive and not abusive relationships'

'I liked knowing how to tell if the love bombing is toxic'

'I learnt about how to feel about my body'

'I learnt about consent and I feel more comfortable'

'I liked learning about social media toxicity'

STAND Tall:

The STAND Tall Older Person's Domestic Abuse worker supported 70 clients of varying risk levels throughout the period, a 112% increase on the previous period.

A specific highlight was the acknowledgement the service received from Greater Manchester Police, who wrote to the Older person's domestic abuse practitioner to recognise the importance of the service in securing the criminal prosecution of a high risk perpetrator of domestic abuse. The STAND TALL service was commended in this letter for the value of providing the support alongside assisting with an evidential process that can be more difficult to access for those in later life

The service has also been approached by a senior research and lecturer at Durham University in relation to this particular case, to ask for comment on the prominence of domestic abuse amongst older people, to further inform policy and practice nationwide. The service has continued to deliver training packages to both specialist and non-dva specialist professionals. The training sessions have continued to receive positive engagement and feedback. As a result, the Stand TALL service collaborated with SMBC to deliver a joint learning circle, exploring the unique experiences of older victims of domestic abuse. The session led to consultancy and discussion, resulting in the identification of victims of domestic abuse across the borough in need of support.

Financial review

At the end of the review period, income was greater than expected for the period due to securing new projects to deliver niche services.

Annual income from charitable activities was £700,611 (2021: £908,931) which was lower than the previous period due to the discontinuation of critical Covid funding.

Income comprised net rental income from the Refuge of £193,446 (2021: £297,207), grant income to deliver complex safeguarding, early help intervention, GP IDVA and the new IRIS ADViSE service which began in Q4. A new Hospital IDVA project was agreed and implemented, and new funding sourced for the Male DA worker.

Costs were lower at £734,671 compared to £789,629 in 2021. Continued efficient management of refuge clients moving on, and the speedy acceptance of new referrals has enabled voids to remain low at 9%. Although this was slightly higher than the previous period, this was expected due to a planned room void for refurbishment.

The final year end position was a carried forward fund of £445,299 made up of £316,684 unrestricted funds and £128,615 restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the charity requirement for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation and has established a policy that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets, should cover a minimum of six months expenditure, due to an increased turnaround time on grant fund decision making, plus a redundancy provision, setting reserves requirement at around £154,000. As at 31 March 2022 unrestricted reserves was in excess of our reserves policy requirements.

Plans for the future

The focus for Stockport Without Abuse services is on enhancing the quality of our support services to bring about sustainable social change for victims of domestic abuse and wider community awareness of domestic abuse, particularly in light of the changes to the Domestic Abuse Bill in 2021.

We will continue to look for new funding streams to diversify funding sources in order to establish new and innovative services which are responsive to the emerging and changing needs of domestic abuse victims for example male victims, victims with complex needs and children, who are now recognised as victims in their own right through the Domestic Abuse Bill.

We will review the objectives of our Strategic Plan to reflect the focus of our work more clearly in order to better evidence the impact of our work. We will look to engage users of our services more in shaping our service offer and we will support our valued staff team in their work, recognising their incredible response throughout the COVID pandemic, and even more so with the challenges in the sector post-covid. On 01 April 2021, the full impact of the pandemic across the community, the domestic abuse sector, victims of domestic abuse, Stockport Without Abuse's services and our staff team had begun to

emerge, with the complexity of its impacts evident on the community and the resulting complexity of need within our services.

SWA will continue to diversify its reach across the borough and seek opportunities to develop its community team, to offer wider ranging training themes and support professionals across Stockport to identify and support victims to a high standard.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 December 1999 and registered as a charity on 7 February 2000. The previously unincorporated charity was registered on 11 August 1975.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. No trustee expenses have been claimed during this reporting period.

The focus on performance quality has been enhanced with new processes and procedures being implemented across the organisation to ensure the best possible quality support to victims. Demand for services during the pandemic has been unprecedented and this has created an extraordinary pressure on staff service wide.

Stockport Without Abuse strives to deliver a robust domestic violence service to the community. The business and leadership model aims to allow a flexible, responsive, and innovative model of operation whereby funding streams are diversified and there is more than one grant source and service focus.

Related parties and relationships with other organizations

Stockport Without Abuse continues to be part of a commissioned formal partnership where partners work together towards collective goals and shared outcomes with a focus on prevention and delivering strength based interventions to standard and medium risk victims of domestic abuse.

We continue to strengthen relationships with other charities that hold shared values and pursue similar charitable objectives including Greater Manchester charities such as Manchester Survivors.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel

Key leadership and management personnel are remunerated in line with local benchmarks for similar roles with aligned responsibilities.

All job descriptions reflect the associated responsibilities that the post holder is likely to have and are graded with professional HR input.

Trustee induction and training

The Board of Trustees seeks to ensure sufficient and appropriate representation of their members to fit with the aims and objectives of the organisation. The diversity of the trustee body is recognised as vital to its effective governance and the recruitment of potential Board of Trustee members is undertaken by targeting individuals with appropriate skills, experience and knowledge within the voluntary, statutory and private sectors.

A new Chair to the Board of Trustees was appointed in January 2021 and is bringing fresh expertise and experience to the Board from outside of the sector. Newly appointed Trustees undertake an initial induction programme. which fits in with their own time constraints, to complement their individual existing knowledge of the organisation. Trustees receive written guidance about their roles and responsibilities and are encouraged to attend periodic training to familiarise themselves with the charity and the arena in which it operates. These cover: -

- The role and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees
- The governance of the organisation and accompanying documentation including; the Memorandum and Articles of Association, key organisation Policies and Procedures, accountability to Companies House and the Charity Commission
- Financial controls and development including reporting mechanisms and published accounts
- Strategic and business planning
- Domestic Abuse awareness
- Safeguarding

Trustees are asked to commit to a minimum term in post of three years and to give three months' notice when wishing to stand down.

Organisational structure

Stockport Without Abuse has a Board of Trustees which can be up to fifteen (15) members who have overall legal and financial responsibility for the organisation. The strategic and operational management of the organisation is entrusted to the Chief Executive, supported by operational managers. A contracted qualified accountant oversees the financial management in conjunction with the Chief Executive and a Business Administrator/Book Keeper.

Board meetings are held regularly, chaired by the Chair of the Board and minutes recorded by the Board Secretary. The Chief Executive is in attendance at meetings; however, they do not have any voting rights.

To ensure the best use of board member's time, enable more focussed discussion on future strategy and speed up decision making an Executive Group was formed consisting of the Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. This Group works with the Chief Executive to review strategy and policies as required and make recommendations to the full board.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees regularly reviews the risks faced by the organisation including the following four key areas:

- Health and Safety
- Data Security and Governance
- Safeguarding
- Financial Processes

Appropriate policies to manage risk are in place.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of Stockport Without Abuse Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 28/11/2022 and signed on their behalf by

Jan Flynn

Chair, Stockport Without Abuse

Independent examiner's report

to the trustees of

Stockport Without Abuse

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 19 to 42.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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 that in any material respect:

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.

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

Slade & Cooper Limited
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street
Manchester, M4 6JG
Date 15 December 2022

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	21,685	-	21,685	*38,383*
Charitable activities:	4				
Domestic Abuse		214,946	463,956	678,902	*870,283*
Investments	5	24	-	24	*265*
Total income		**236,655**	**463,956**	**700,611**	***908,931***
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Domestic Abuse		273,242	461,429	734,671	*789,629*
Total expenditure		**273,242**	**461,429**	**734,671**	***789,629***
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		(36,587)	2,527	(34,060)	*119,302*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	8	**(36,587)**	**2,527**	**(34,060)**	***119,302***
Transfer between funds		(268)	268	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**(36,855)**	**2,795**	**(34,060)**	***119,302***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		353,539	125,820	479,359	*360,057*
Total funds carried forward		**316,684**	**128,615**	**445,299**	***479,359***

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

A full comparative Statement of Financial Activities is available on the last page of the financial statements.

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd
Company number 3890735

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022		*2021*	
		£	£	*£*	*£*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		4,223		*4,654*
Total fixed assets			**4,223**		***4,654***
Current assets					
Debtors	13	229,965		*21,029*	
Cash at bank and in hand	14	549,336		*514,139*	
Total current assets		**779,301**		***535,168***	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	15	(338,225)		*(60,463)*	
Net current assets			**441,076**		***474,705***
Total assets less current liabilities			445,299		*479,359*
Net assets			**445,299**		***479,359***
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	17		128,615		*125,820*
Unrestricted income funds	18		316,684		*353,539*
Total charity funds			**445,299**		***479,359***

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with FRS102 SORP, and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 21 to 42 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 28/11/2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Jan Flynn (Chair)

Katharine Barker (Treasurer)

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ending 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	*2021* *£*
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	20	**36,668**	***130,043***
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		24	*265*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,495)	*(6,206)*
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**(1,471)**	***(5,941)***
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		35,197	*124,102*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		514,139	*390,037*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**549,336**	***514,139***

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), second edition - October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.
The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Income

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

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

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

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

d Donated services and facilities

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

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e Interest receivable

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

f Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 7.

i Operating leases

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £200 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Fixtures & fittings	4 years
Office equipment	4 years

k Debtors

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

l Cash at bank and in hand

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

m Creditors and provisions

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

n Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

The money purchase plan is managed by Co-operative Insurance Society Limited and the plan invests the contributions made by the employee and employer in an investment fund to build up over the term of the plan a pension fund which is then converted into a pension upon the employee's normal retirement year age when eligible for a state pension. The total expense ratio of the plan is 1% and this is deducted from the investment fund annually. The trust has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee's contributions.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

3 Income from donations and legacies

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Donations	21,685	-	21,685
Total	21,685	-	21,685

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2021 £*
Donations	*30,428*	*2,305*	*32,733*
Legacies	*5,650*	*-*	*5,650*
Total	*36,078*	*2,305*	*38,383*

4 Income from charitable activities

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Domestic Abuse - Refuge			
Rents receivable	212,676	-	212,676
Voids	(19,230)	-	(19,230)
Subtotal	193,446	-	193,446
Domestic Abuse - Community Services			
Stockport MBC			
Complex Safeguarding	-	225,294	225,294
Early Help Intervention	-	58,292	58,292
Lloyds Foundation	-	34,327	34,327
Male Worker	-	30,000	30,000
GP IDVA	-	24,000	24,000
IRIS Advise	-	9,043	9,043
Garfield Weston	6,500	-	6,500
Leathersellers	15,000	-	15,000
CCG (Hospital IDVA)	-	50,000	50,000
Subtotal	21,500	430,956	452,456
Childrens work			
CYP	-	33,000	33,000
Subtotal	-	33,000	33,000
Total	214,946	463,956	678,902

4 Income from charitable activities (Continued)

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2021 £*
Domestic Abuse - Refuge			
Rents receivable	*213,482*	*-*	*213,482*
Voids	*(10,614)*	*-*	*(10,614)*
MHCLG-COVID Fund	*-*	*94,339*	*94,339*
Subtotal	*202,868*	*94,339*	*297,207*
Domestic Abuse - Community Services			
Stockport MBC			
Complex Safeguarding	*-*	*243,775*	*243,775*
Early Help Intervention	*-*	*60,861*	*60,861*
MHCLG Trauma-Informed Project (Multi Borough)	*-*	*43,076*	*43,076*
MoJ Local PCC	*-*	*5,738*	*5,738*
Lloyds Foundation	*-*	*33,777*	*33,777*
Homeless Link	*-*	*62,500*	*62,500*
Lankley Chase COVID 19	*-*	*5,000*	*5,000*
Male Worker	*-*	*10,000*	*10,000*
GP IDVA	*-*	*15,000*	*15,000*
GMCA MoJ	*-*	*16,000*	*16,000*
Ending Womens Homelessness	*-*	*39,550*	*39,550*
Stockport Local Fund	*-*	*970*	*970*
Equilibrium	*5,000*	*-*	*5,000*
Subtotal	*5,000*	*536,247*	*541,247*
Childrens work			
Children in need	*-*	*31,829*	*31,829*
Subtotal	*-*	*31,829*	*31,829*
Total	*207,868*	*662,415*	*870,283*

5 Investment income

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
Income from bank deposits	24	-	24
	24	-	24

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*2021 £*
Income from bank deposits	*265*	*-*	*265*
	265	*-*	*265*

6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Current reporting period	Refuge £	Community Services £	Childrens Work £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	130,117	422,471	22,145	574,733
Accommodation	83,389	27,555	14	110,958
Running costs	16,000	14,312	2,972	33,284
Depreciation	1,925	-	-	1,925
Bad debts	3,786	-	-	3,786
Governance costs (see note 7)	6,248	3,737	-	9,985
	241,465	468,075	25,131	734,671

Previous reporting period	*Refuge £*	*Community Services £*	*Childrens Work £*	*Total 2021 £*
Staff costs	*80,453*	*463,556*	*25,478*	*569,487*
Accommodation	*72,885*	*85,793*	*1,001*	*159,679*
Running costs	*6,691*	*32,876*	*1,418*	*40,985*
Depreciation	*1,552*	*-*	*-*	*1,552*
Bad debts	*6,688*	*-*	*-*	*6,688*
Governance costs (see note 7)	*1,254*	*9,422*	*562*	*11,238*
	169,523	*591,647*	*28,459*	*789,629*

	2022 £	*2021 £*
Restricted expenditure	461,429	*645,490*
Unrestricted expenditure	273,242	*144,139*
	734,671	*789,629*

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Current reporting period	Basis of apportionment	Governance £	*Total 2022 £*
Independent examination	Governance	900	900
Accountancy fees	Governance	1,320	1,320
Management accountancy Services	Governance	6,048	6,048
Payroll	Governance	1,717	1,717
		9,985	9,985

Previous reporting period	*Basis of apportionment*	*Governance £*	*Total 2021 £*
Independent examination	*Governance*	*900*	*900*
Accountancy fees	*Governance*	*1,800*	*1,800*
Management accountancy Services	*Governance*	*6,451*	*6,451*
Payroll	*Governance*	*2,087*	*2,087*
		11,238	*11,238*

8 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2022 £	*2021 £*
Depreciation	1,926	*1,552*
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	65,933	*71,371*
Independent examiner (net of VAT)		
Independent examination	750	*750*
Accountancy fees	1,100	*1,500*
Management accountancy Services	5,040	*5,040*
Payroll	1,431	*1,654*

9 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2022 £	*2021 £*
Wages and salaries	487,145	*499,715*
Social security costs	34,976	*35,949*
Pension costs	15,818	*14,563*
Other Staff costs	2,453	*3,266*
Agency, recruitment, travel & training	34,341	*15,994*
	574,733	*569,487*

No employees has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2021: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 24 (2021: 24).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £41,090. (2021: £37,101).

10 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2021: Nil).

One (2021:No) member of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year of £66 (2021:£Nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £303 from a fundraising event by a Trustee during the period. (2021: £nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2021: nil).

11 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12 Fixed assets: tangible assets

	Fixtures & fittings	Office equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	15,842	2,992	18,834
Additions	-	1,495	1,495
At 31 March 2022	15,842	4,487	20,329
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	13,002	1,178	14,180
Charge for the year	947	979	1,926
At 31 March 2022	13,949	2,157	16,106
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	1,893	2,330	4,223
At 31 March 2021	*2,840*	*1,814*	*4,654*

13 Debtors

	2022 £	*2021* *£*
Rents Receivable	10,001	*11,118*
Grants Receivable	205,674	-
Prepayments and accrued income	14,290	*9,911*
	229,965	*21,029*

14 Cash at bank and in hand

	2022 £	*2021* *£*
Cash at bank and on hand	549,336	*514,139*
	549,336	*514,139*

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	*2021* *£*
Trade creditors	13,506	*11,078*
Other creditors and accruals	13,113	*21,388*
Deferred income	302,681	*19,182*
Taxation and social security costs	8,925	*8,815*
	338,225	*60,463*

16 Deferred income

	2022 £	*2021* *£*
Deferred grant brought forward	19,182	*31,050*
Grant received	302,681	*19,182*
Released to income from charitable activities	(19,182)	*(31,050)*
Deferred grant carried forward	302,681	*19,182*

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Domestic Abuse - Refuge					
Mason Donations	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Small Restricted Donations	2,305	-	-	-	2,305
	4,305	-	-	-	4,305
Domestic Abuse - Community Services					
Complex Safeguarding	-	200,294	(200,294)	-	-
Early Help Intervention	-	58,292	(58,292)	-	-
APR Complex Safeguarding	44,635	-	(12,462)		32,173
Mental Health and Substance Misuse support	44,328	25,000	(51,641)	-	17,687
Lloyds Foundation	18,554	34,327	(30,870)	-	22,011
Ending Womens homelessness	(66)	-	-	66	-
GMCA MoJ	393	-	-	-	393
GP IDVA	-	24,000	(4,145)	-	19,855
Homeless link	3,873	-	(3,873)	-	-
Lankley Chase COVID 19	4,440	-	(587)	-	3,853
Stockport Local Fund	970	-	(1,172)	202	-
Male Worker	798	30,000	(26,742)	-	4,056
Hospital and Maternity IDVA	-	50,000	(39,510)	-	10,490
IRIS-AdVise	-	9,043	(6,710)	-	2,333
	117,925	430,956	(436,298)	268	112,851
Children's work					
Children in Need	3,590	-	(3,590)	-	-
CYP	-	33,000	(21,541)	-	11,459
	3,590	33,000	(25,131)	-	11,459
Total	125,820	463,956	(461,429)	268	128,615

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2020 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*Balance at 31 March 2021 £*
Domestic Abuse - Refuge					
Mason Donations	*2,000*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*2,000*
Small Restricted Donations	*-*	*2,305*	*-*	*-*	*2,305*
MHCLG-COVID Fund	*-*	*94,339*	*(94,339)*	*-*	*-*
	2,000	*96,644*	*(94,339)*	*-*	*4,305*
Domestic Abuse - Community Services					
Complex Safeguarding	*-*	*243,775*	*(243,775)*	*-*	*-*
Early Help Intervention	*-*	*60,861*	*(60,861)*	*-*	*-*
APR Complex Safeguarding	*46,435*	*-*	*(1,800)*		*44,635*
Mental Health and Substance Misuse	*16,576*	*43,076*	*(15,324)*	*-*	*44,328*
MoJ Local PCC	*-*	*5,738*	*(5,738)*		*-*
Lloyds Foundation	*15,139*	*33,777*	*(30,362)*	*-*	*18,554*
Ending Womens homelessness	*26,221*	*39,550*	*(65,837)*	*-*	*(66)*
GMCA MoJ	*-*	*16,000*	*(15,607)*	*-*	*393*
GP IDVA	*-*	*15,000*	*(15,000)*	*-*	*-*
Homeless link	*-*	*62,500*	*(58,627)*	*-*	*3,873*
Lankley Chase COVID 19	*-*	*5,000*	*(560)*	*-*	*4,440*
Stockport Local Fund	*-*	*970*	*-*	*-*	*970*
Male Worker	*-*	*10,000*	*(9,202)*	*-*	*798*
	104,371	*536,247*	*(522,693)*	*-*	*117,925*
Children's work					
Children in Need	*-*	*31,829*	*(28,239)*	*-*	*3,590*
CADA	*219*	*-*	*(219)*	*-*	*-*
	-	*31,829*	*(28,458)*	*-*	*3,590*
Total	*106,371*	*664,720*	*(645,490)*	*-*	*125,820*

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Complex Safeguarding	Stockport Without Abuse is commissioned to deliver Stockport's general Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVA) service through the Complex Safeguarding contract. The IDVA service takes a lead on safeguarding the most high risk vulnerable and at-risk victims, working collaboratively with the victims in safety planning, initiating legal processes in safeguarding, including court process etc. The IDVA teamwork in partnership with other statutory and non-statutory partners across Stockport and Greater Manchester and in particular with Stockport's Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and Complex Safeguarding Strategy Group. The IDVA posts were funded by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) through Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and Stockport Safety Partnership funds. The IDVA contract is for 3.5 full time IDVAs, which includes a small management element. The Complex Safeguarding Contract also includes a school based children and young people's prevention worker and refuge caseworker supporting families in the refuge accommodation. A step-down worker is also contracted through this fund, who is located in a partner agency (Stockport Women's Centre)
Early Help Intervention	Stockport Without Abuse also receives funding from SMBC to deliver support to standard and medium risk clients through the Positive Relationship Team, part of the Prevention Alliance. Two full-time equivalent caseworkers were working from locality offices across Stockport, but due to COVID this work became home based support.
APR Complex Safeguarding	Following a structure review of the Alliance for Positive Relationships (APR) contract, it was recommended to SMBC by an independent consultant to reconfigure the contract into two contract variations separating Early Help Intervention and Complex Safeguarding through a secondment agreement with the alliance partners.
Mental Health and Substance Misuse support	12 month extension funding was secured to appoint dedicated mental health and substance misuse workers to work with victims, through the partnership bid of four other Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse organisations from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Due to the COVID pandemic recruitment was delayed and the project did not fully commence until the 2020/21 financial year with roll over funding then going into 2021/22.

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Lloyds Foundation	3 year funding was secured to develop and deliver a dedicated service to address domestic abuse in later life. Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life). The project delivers specialist 1:1 support through a structured programme and also awareness raising to professionals and community organisations. The specialist focus is unique across the Borough and across Greater Manchester.
Ending Womens homelessness	Funding was secured to continue the Trauma Informed work originally funded by MHCLG. The new 12 month fund enabled the service to continue to deliver specialist trauma focused interventions to victims with long term history of adversity, childhood trauma, complex needs and an accumulation of trauma plus training to professionals on trauma Informed practice, and the impact of trauma.
GMCA MoJ	This fund was part of the COVID response fund from the Ministry of Justice to support additional short term IDVA capacity to respond to the increase number of high risk referrals being made to the IDVA service for support. The fund ran until 31st March 2021.
GP IDVA	Funding was secured from SMBC to extend the GP IDVA post to bring this in line with the funding of the other specialist IDVA posts – Hospital and Maternity and Safe Choice YPVA
Homeless link	This funding was secured to respond to the COVID pandemic additional demand and was used to support a dedicated telephone helpline worker to respond to crisis calls, a move on housing worker to help identify appropriate move on accommodation options for refuge residents and also support refuge and emergency accommodation residents to move on. In addition this fund provided short term additional funding to the end of the financial year to support the Trauma Informed service.
Lankley Chase COVID 19	Whilst this was restricted funds, there was flexibility to use this fund for COVID related expenses to support victims and their families for example with travel expense to get to the refuge or to move on to new property etc.
Stockport Local Fund	To provide welcome essential food packs to clients coming into refuge. Specific food packs for single women and for families which include milk, butter, bread, fresh fruit, tea and coffee etc. to enable anyone coming into emergency accommodation to have some essentials when they arrive to help settle them into the new environment.
Male Worker	This SMBC fund enabled a dedicated male domestic abuse victim worker to come into post for 6 months as a pilot project.

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Hospital and Maternity IDVA	The Maternity and Hospital IDVA fund provided by NHS England, works to provide a dual offer of education and consultancy in maternity and acute hospital settings, and to provide an IDVA support service to victims identified. The IDVA also works as part of a multi-agency partnership to take the lead on safeguarding the most vulnerable and at-risk clients in Stockport, who have been deemed at risk of serious harm or homicide. The IDVAs are key partners in the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), and work collaboratively with victims and partners to coordinate an Individualised Safety and Support Plan which includes the implementation of legal protective measures, safeguarding, housing, wellbeing and recovery.
IRIS-ADViSE	The ADViSE (Assessing for Domestic Violence and Abuse in Sexual Health Environments) programme is a new pilot programme commissioned by Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, supports sexual health clinicians to identify and respond to patients affected by domestic violence and abuse (DVA) and provides them with a simple referral pathway to specialist services. Core areas of the programme include ongoing training, education and consultancy for the sexual health team and administrative staff, care pathways for sexual health care practitioners and an enhanced referral pathway to specialist domestic violence services for women with experience of DVA.
Children In Need	This service enabled Stockport Without Abuse to support children in the refuge and in the community through therapeutic activities and one to one support. The aim of the service is to help children to understand and manage their emotions, work through difficult feelings like guilt and shame and increase their sense of internal and external safety. This service also supports children to settle into a new environment and connect with school. Due to COVID, support was delivered remotely to children in the community although work with children in the refuge continued throughout the pandemic where this was possible. Funding was rolled over to 2021/22 due to an underspend on activities and travel. Due to COVID, support was delivered remotely to children in the community although work with children in the refuge continued throughout the pandemic where this was possible. Funding was rolled over to 2021/22 due to an underspend on activities and travel.
CYP	This service, funded by SMBC, supports children in the refuge and dispersed properties through therapeutic activities and one to one support. The aim of this service is to help children to understand and manage their emotions, work through difficult feelings like guilt or shame and increase their sense of internal and external safety. This service also supports children to settle into a new environment and connect with their new school.

18 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2022 £
General fund	290,999	236,655	(257,369)	(268)	270,017
Strategic Priorities	50,000	-	(3,333)	-	46,667
COVID 19	12,540	-	(12,540)	-	-
	353,539	236,655	(273,242)	(268)	316,684

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2020 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*As at 31 March 2021 £*
General fund	*243,467*	*231,671*	*(144,139)*	*(40,000)*	*290,999*
Strategic Priorities	*10,000*	*-*	*-*	*40,000*	*50,000*
COVID 19	*-*	*12,540*	*-*	*-*	*12,540*
	253,467	*244,211*	*(144,139)*	*-*	*353,539*

Name of unrestricted fund	**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds
Strategic Priorities	The purpose of this was to identify and support one off priority expenditure to support the development of services or projects agreed by the Board of Trustees. These included investment in an older persons project, for which funding was secured, investment in a men's worker pilot, for which funding was also secured. A commitment to refurbishment of the refuge accommodation and dispersed properties was also agreed. Due to securing external funding for the two priority project areas, the COVID pandemic, no expenditure has been put against this fund and was held over to the next financial year for the same purposes and to respond to any unexpected COVID requirements.
COVID 19	Unrestricted donations received in response to the COVID pandemic from a range of sources, enabling emergency purchases to be made including sanitisation products for the refuge residents, refuge staff and staff working from the office premises for example masks, wipes, face shields. Additional costs associated with printing resources and information for families and children during the restrictions for example cooking and baking equipment, games etc. The unrestricted funds are being used as needed as the impact of the pandemic and the restrictions continues.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current reporting period	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	4,223	-	-	4,223
Net current assets/(liabilities)	265,794	46,667	128,615	441,076
Total	270,017	46,667	128,615	445,299

Previous reporting period	*General fund £*	*Designated funds £*	*Restricted funds £*	*Total £*
Tangible fixed assets	*4,654*	*-*	*-*	*4,654*
Net current assets/(liabilities)	*286,345*	*62,540*	*125,820*	*474,705*
Total	*290,999*	*62,540*	*125,820*	*479,359*

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	*2021 £*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(34,060)	*119,302*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	1,926	*1,552*
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(24)	*(265)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(208,936)	*7,844*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	277,762	*1,610*
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating	36,668	*130,043*

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	36,078	2,305	38,383	*48,680*
Charitable activities:	4				
Domestic Abuse		207,868	662,415	870,283	*643,409*
Investments	5	265	-	265	*322*
Total income		**244,211**	**664,720**	**908,931**	***692,411***
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Domestic Abuse		144,139	645,490	789,629	*564,627*
Total expenditure		**144,139**	**645,490**	**789,629**	***564,627***
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		100,072	19,230	119,302	*127,784*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	8	**100,072**	**19,230**	**119,302**	***127,784***
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**100,072**	**19,230**	**119,302**	***127,784***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		253,467	106,590	360,057	*232,273*
Total funds carried forward		**353,539**	**125,820**	**479,359**	***360,057***

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

STOCKPORT WITHOUT ABUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1079291

Accounts

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Report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2021

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Reference and administrative information

for the year ended 31 March 2021

Company number 3890735

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Registered office and operational address Beehive Mill, Jersey Street, Manchester M4 6JG

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

Alison Wales	Chair to 31st December 2020, Vice Chair from 1st January 2021
Janet Flynn	Chair Appointed 1st January 2021
Susan Gledhill	Treasurer
Julie Isted	Secretary
Julia Bowden	
Lucy Eatough	
Lynda Dodd	
Katherine Barker	Appointed 8 September 2020
Georgina Burdett	Resigned 8 January 2021
Valerie Hussain	Resigned 20 November 2019

Key management personnel

Nazanin Ghodrati	Chief Executive to 24 April 2020
Stephanie Mallas	Appointed 6 May 2020

Bankers Co-operative Bank

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Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Trustees' annual report

for the year ended 31 March 2021

The board of trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

The company's objects and principal activities are:

- To provide temporary safe accommodation in the form of refuge and dispersed property accommodation for women, men and their children who have left home due to domestic violence and abuse.
- To provide emotional and practical support, safeguarding interventions, information, advice and advocacy to women, children and men affected by domestic violence and abuse living in the community and in the Refuge
- To raise awareness, educate and inform public opinion and to provide advice and information in furtherance of the above.

Stockport Without Abuse is the leading agency for complex domestic abuse safeguarding across Stockport delivering a range of responsive services to meet complex and emerging needs of domestic abuse victims.

The main objects and activities for the year focused on the provision of needs-led specialist support services to victims and children affected by domestic violence and abuse during the COVID 19 pandemic. Victims who experience domestic violence and abuse are from diverse backgrounds, with different experiences of abuse and subsequently present with a range of support needs. Core services provided holistic care with an emphasis on complex safeguarding.

2020/21 proved to be an exceptional year in terms of the health landscape across the UK as the COVID 19 pandemic took hold of the country with its impact being felt across every community. During the year every service in Stockport Without Abuse responded to the continuously changing challenges which the pandemic presented - with staff, victims and the community adapting to the unprecedented circumstances they faced.

The pandemic brought unexpected opportunities as well as challenges. Demand for domestic abuse support increased and Stockport Without Abuse successfully secured short term funding from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to provide additional emergency refuge accommodation for victims and families at the height of the pandemic. The project required creative and responsive planning, development of new procedures and practices which could be implemented swiftly and safely and most crucially an exit strategy that ensured the safe re-housing of victims and their families at the end of the project. We are immensely proud of the project, the lessons we learned and the confidence that it has given us to believe that we can achieve incredible outcomes in the most adverse of environments.

During the year we also launched a male domestic abuse support service with short term pilot funding which enabled us to successfully work with a small cohort of male victims, alongside raising awareness of issues faced by male victims.

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Trustees' annual report

for the year ended 31 March 2021

Throughout the year we have responded to unprecedented demand for our services and the increased complexity of support needed to keep victims safe. We adapted the way in which we deliver support often to victims who were unable to leave their homes. We learned new digital skills which we never could have imagined, and our staff have remained resilient and positive throughout, which is a testament to their professionalism and commitment. But we have also been overwhelmed by the support of the community for the work we do, with donations both financial and physical enabling us to continue to provide the much needed support throughout this time of such uncertainty.

Service Overview:

Self-Contained Temporary Accommodation

Refuge:

Our Refuge accommodation offers support and safety to single women and families, and can accommodate 9 families and 4 single adults with some shared facilities to support victims and children fleeing domestic violence.

Dispersed Property:

Stockport Without Abuse has two dispersed properties (two-bedroom houses) in the community to provide additional safe and temporary accommodation for both men and women fleeing domestic violence and in need of safety.

Project COVID:

10 short term accommodation units for women and families funded by MHCLG for 4 months between July and October 2020, with support from a dedicated Caseworker, and Move-on Worker.

Our safe accommodation offers a safe space for female and male victims and their families, who are supported by a team of skilled caseworkers including specialist mental health and substance mis-use practitioners and dedicated children and young people worker.

Children and Young Person's Service (CYP)

The CYP Service operates two strands with separate sources of funding.

One to One Support: Providing one to one support for children and young people who have experienced trauma due to witnessing domestic abuse. This service supports children in the refuge and in the community through therapeutic activities and one to one support. The aim of this service is to help children to understand and manage their emotions, work through difficult feelings like guilt or shame and increase their sense of internal and external safety. This service also supports children to settle into a new environment and connect with school. Funding for this service was through Children in Need from April 2018 for three years and ceased at the end of April 2021.

Group Work - Prevention: The prevention strand is commissioned by SMBC and focuses on working in school settings. Me2 workshops and group sessions are targeted at Primary and Infant schools.

Me2 workshops are delivered to whole classes either as 2 x 1-hour sessions or 1 x 2-hour session for children in Key Stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6). The workshops explore relationships, feelings, how to deal with anger safely, and recognise feeling unsafe or feeling worried.

The Me2 group sessions are delivered to small groups of children who have been identified as having experienced any form of domestic abuse. 8 sessions spread over 8 weeks are delivered to children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2, giving a safe space to explore feelings and build resilience through creative activities, games and stories. The sessions explore: what domestic

abuse is, how it can make children feel, who to talk to if they are worried, how to stay safe and will promote healthy relationships.

The Prevention Worker also works with Stockport Council's Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) Team to co-deliver a REACH programme aimed at year 8 or year 9's in Stockport Secondary schools. The REACH programme is an 8-week programme that helps young people understand sex and relationships, helps them have confidence to speak up and know where to seek support. REACH creates a safe space for young people to learn more about subjects such as: body positivity and self-esteem, healthy relationships versus unhealthy relationships, consent and the law, online safety and sexting, online pornography, contraception and STI's and where to access support.

Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs)

Stockport Without Abuse is commissioned by SMBC to deliver the IDVA service in Stockport. The IDVA team work in a multi-agency partnership taking a lead on safeguarding the most vulnerable and high risk victims of domestic abuse.

The IDVA team is a key partner in Stockport's Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and Complex Safeguarding Strategy Group. The IDVAs work collaboratively with victims in safety planning, initiate legal processes in safeguarding, including court process, in partnership with other statutory and non-statutory agencies across Stockport and Greater Manchester. The IDVA posts are funded by SMBC through Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Stockport Safety Partnership funds. SMBC funding continued through 2020/2021 for three specialist IDVA posts: **Safe Choice Young Persons Violence Advisor (YPVA)** – working with victims aged between 13-19 and extending up to the age of 25 in response to the COVID pandemic; **Hospital and Maternity IDVA** – based in Stepping Hill Hospital and working with victims in maternity services and across general hospital services including Emergency Admissions; **GP IDVA** – working with GP practices in Brinnington and Bramhall.

Trauma Informed Domestic Abuse Therapeutic Service:

The Trauma Informed service delivers specialist trauma focussed interventions to victims with long term history of adversity, childhood trauma, complex needs and accumulation of trauma. The service was initially funded for one year through the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government with additional funding for another year secured through the Ending Women's Homelessness Fund, to January 2021 which enabled the service to expand its support offer and include training for professionals. Some extended funding was secured up to the end of April 2021.

Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life)

Funding from Lloyds TSB Foundation was secured for three years from August 2019 to develop a specialist service to address domestic abuse in later life, deliver specialist support and raise awareness of the complexities and vulnerability of older victims of domestic abuse and violence. The specialist focus is unique across the Borough and across Greater Manchester, including a training offer to professionals and community organisations alongside delivering direct support to victims.

Positive Relationships Team

Stockport Without Abuse's outreach support is delivered through a co-located partnership with The Prevention Alliance. The Positive Relationship caseworkers work with standard and medium risk clients who have experienced domestic abuse and violence and support victims to reach their potential and deal with the medium and long-term impact of domestic abuse and violence. The caseworker team are co-located in locality offices across Stockport.

Men's Worker

In September a Male domestic abuse worker was appointed as part of a pilot project to develop a specific support offer for male victims of domestic abuse. The role worked collaboratively with the IDVA team and the refuge Caseworkers to support male victims. A small amount of additional funding was secured to extend this pilot role.

Awareness Raising Prevention and Social Policy

Stockport Without Abuse is committed to raising awareness of domestic abuse for the public and other professionals and actively participates in local and national campaigns to improve services for the victims.

As an active member of Stockport Domestic Abuse Steering Group, and the Stockport Domestic Abuse Operational Group, set up in response to the COVID pandemic, along with other key strategic groups Stockport Without Abuse contributes to the overall strategy and direction of integrated domestic abuse and positive relationship services in Stockport and the wider Greater Manchester domestic abuse agenda.

Achievements and performance

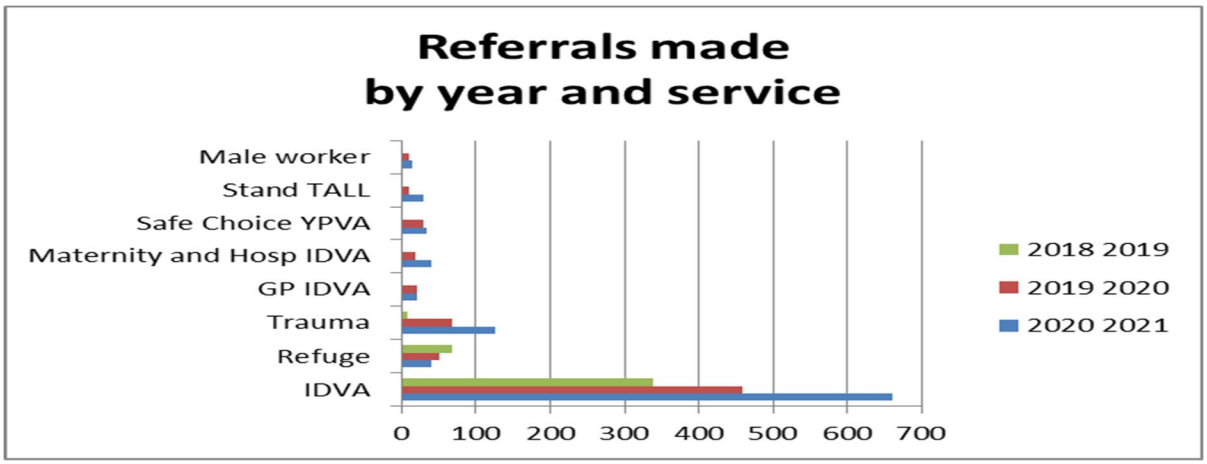
The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. The review helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help.

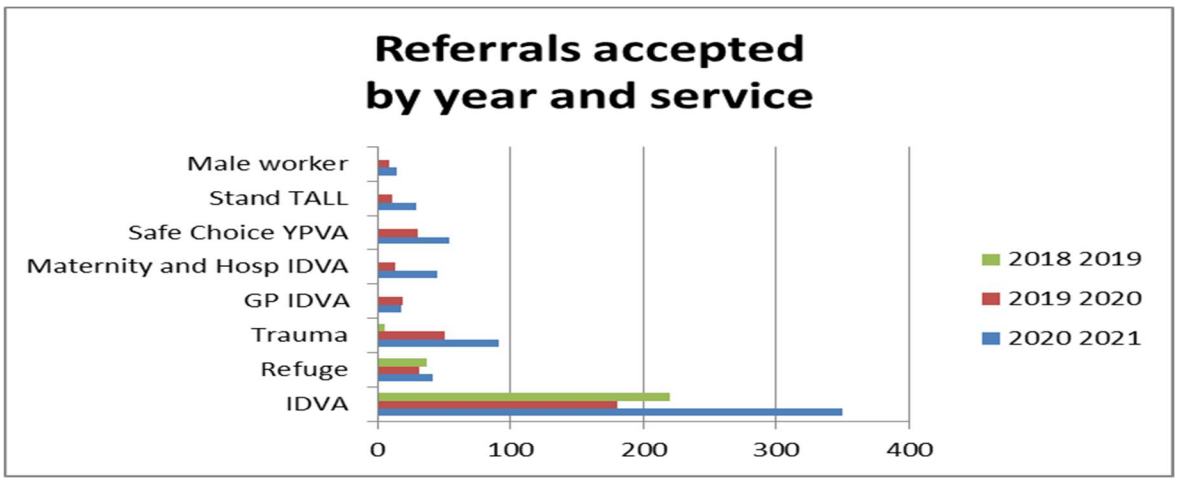
The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

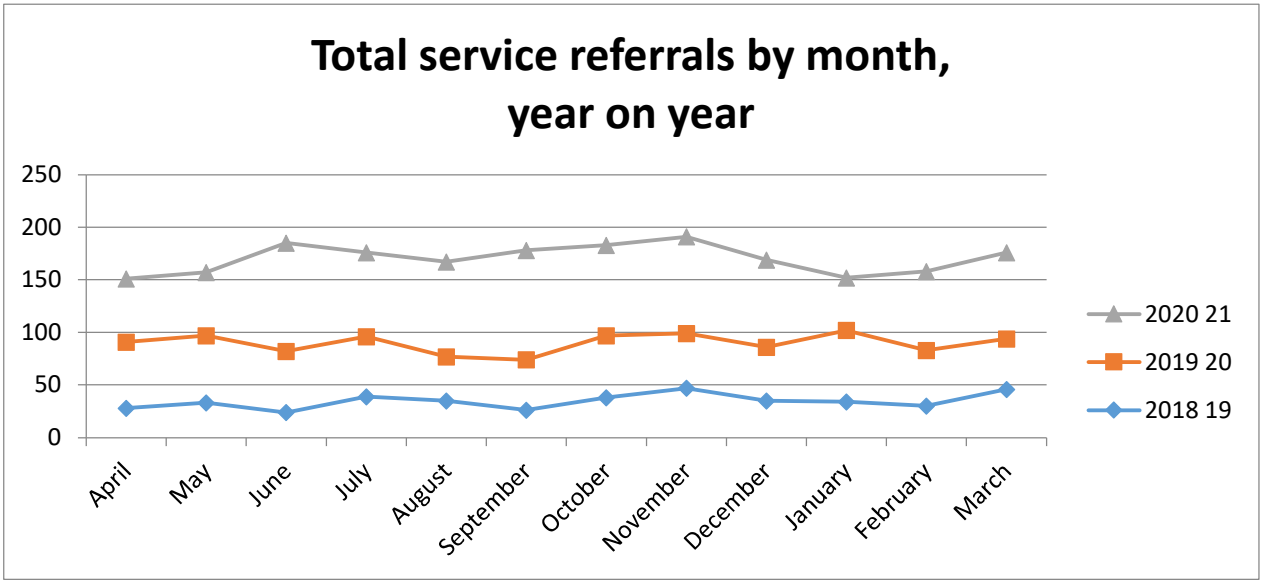
Performance summary and overview data from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

The service **received** 965 referrals in total across all services, a 46% increase against the previous year. Referrals increased across all services, with the exception of Refuge where referrals are only received where there are Refuge vacancies.

642 referrals were **accepted** in the year across all services, an 87% increase on the previous year and a reflection on the response Stockport Without Abuse made to the increased demand for support. Across all services more referrals were accepted and more support provided than ever before during the most challenging health environment we have ever seen.







Refuge and Dispersed Properties: In 2020 our refuge capacity increased temporarily for 4 months due to the COVID emergency accommodation fund which enabled 10 additional safe accommodation units to be made available for women and families, in addition to our existing refuge space and dispersed properties.

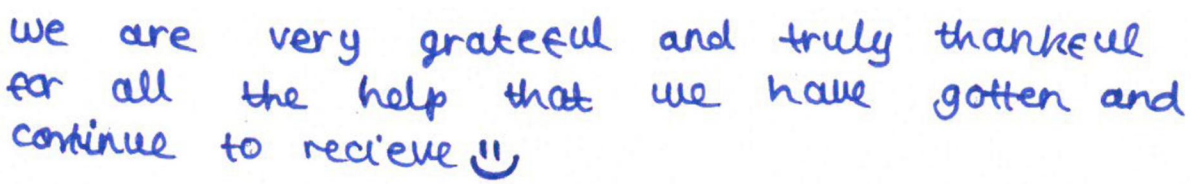
41 victims were supported in our safe accommodation, which included 22 women and 24 children in the COVID emergency accommodation. Each victim had a personalised assessment and associated support plans which included safety, wellbeing and rehousing.

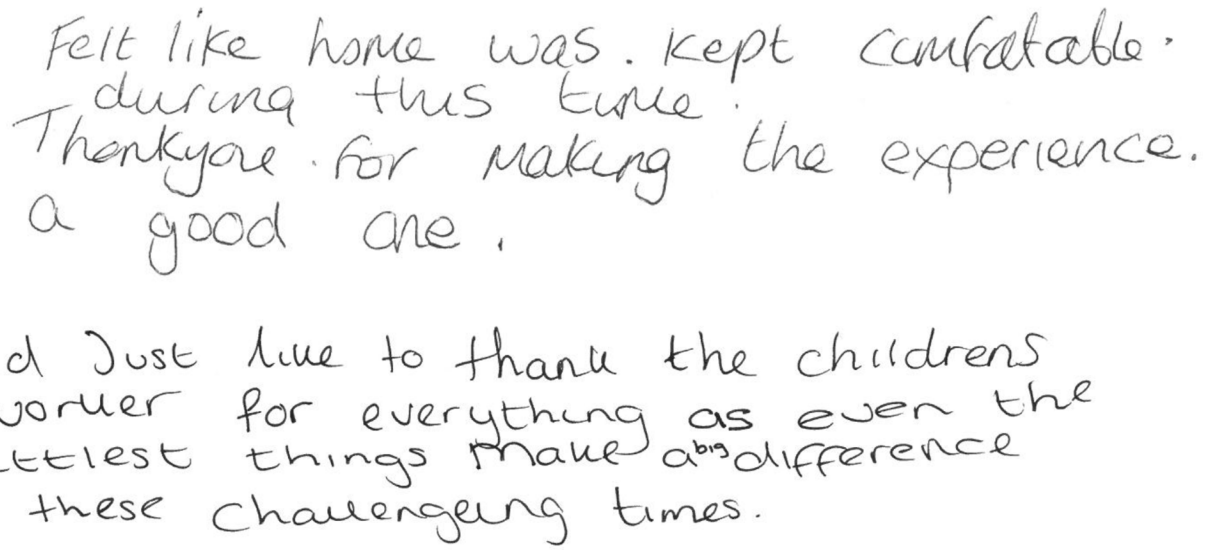
It was noticeable that the movement of residents from refuge accommodation into more permanent alternative safe accommodation was much reduced due to the COVID restrictions, resulting in residents being in refuge accommodation for longer than usual.

It was noticeable that during COVID an increasing number of the residents had complex needs including mental health issues and low level substance misuse, these clients received specialist support from our specialist mental health and substance misuse refuge caseworkers.

The children's worker worked with children in both the emergency accommodation and the refuge and dispersed properties where this was possible, whilst working within the changing COVID 19 guidelines, supporting them with creative activities to improve social engagement, socialisation skills, and understanding their feelings and emotions including anger management. During the period we were unable to work face to face with the children and families we provided activity packs and resources.

Feedback from beneficiaries working with the children's worker during COVID:





IDVA Support: 350 high risk victims of domestic violence were supported by the general IDVA team for a period of 3 months or more to enhance immediate safety, access support, understand legal options and be supported through various legal and safeguarding processes for the victims and their children. This was almost double the number of victims supported in the previous 12 months period.

The specialist IDVA team (GP, Hospital and Maternity, and Safe Choice Young People) supported 117 victims compared to 62 victims in the previous 12 months.

Overall IDVA support to high-risk victims increased by over 94% on the previous year.

Of note is the fact that an increasing number of clients experienced complex needs including substance misuse and mental health needs alongside the challenges of the COVID restrictions and many victims were forced to continuing to reside in hostile home environments. This proved challenging not only for the victims but for the IDVA team in supporting victims to keep safe.

Trauma Informed Support: The demand for trauma informed support exceeded capacity, with an increase in referrals to this service of over 90% against the previous period. The service successfully worked with 91 clients compared to 50 in the previous period.

1:1 trauma informed support enabled beneficiaries to recognise the abuse and its impact on mental health and begin to make plans to leave the abusive relationship. For others it helped with understanding their mixed emotions after leaving an abusive relationship and supported them in making the decision to not go back. For those who were not ready to leave, the intervention provided an opportunity to understand trauma bonds and ways to break these and to help with making an informed choice when they were ready to.

Feedback from beneficiaries:

"I feel a lot more able to cope and I wouldn't have said that weeks ago. I can't believe the change that having just 4 sessions has already made."

"I feel a lot more confident; my confidence has boosted. I feel more like myself. Thank you"

"I am sleeping so much better, thank you for all your help"

"Thank you for making them (housing) listen. I've found it so hard to explain what's been happening to me, thank you"

Training to professionals on trauma informed practice was successfully transitioned to a remote platform and the development and introduction of 7 minutes briefings further boosted professionals' knowledge in this area. Training was delivered on increased understanding of Trauma, cumulative trauma, why people stay in abusive relationships and how to work more effectively with women with multiple needs.

Children and Young People - One to One support: During the year SWA supported children who had witnessed domestic abuse and violence on a one to one basis, these sessions took place in the community i.e. schools and also in the refuge. The programme support offers structured interventions in how to manage difficult emotions and safety.

The project also delivered age appropriate group and play sessions in the Refuge to facilitate transition, understanding and managing emotions and making friends through fun activities.

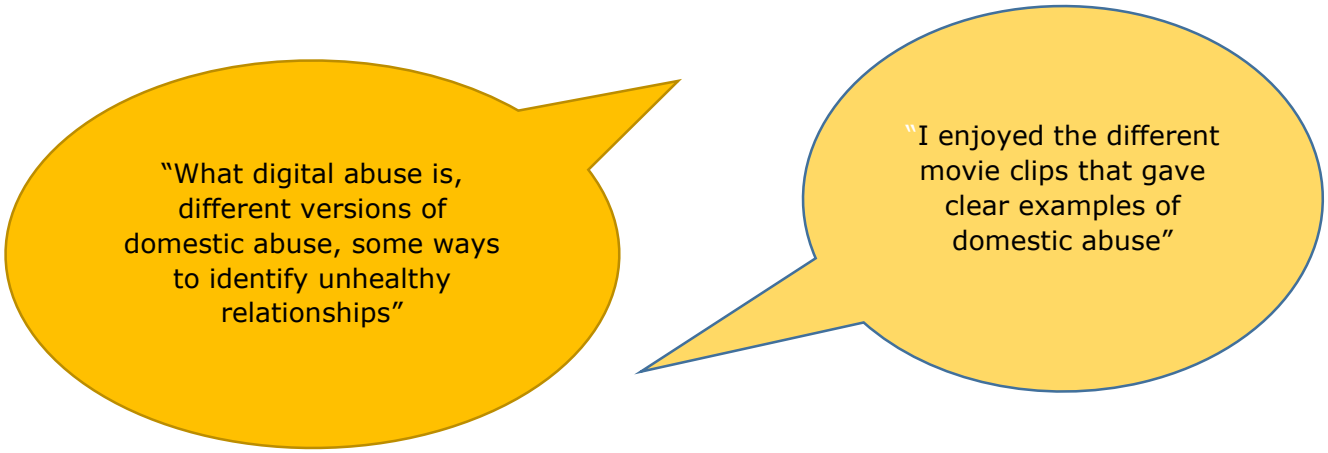
CYP Prevention Work: Work with schools was severely restricted due to the changing COVID restrictions during the year and changes to school holidays etc. Preparation work took place during the summer of 2020 with a change of staff team, review of materials and transition of some programmes to digital format, where this was possible.

Unfortunately it was not possible to deliver the REACH programme at all during the year due to COVID restrictions, however this programme did resume in April 2021.

During the summer and autumn of 2020 a Domestic Abuse and Digital Resilience workshop was developed by the Prevention worker and the Safe Choice YPVA in collaboration with Stockport College, as part of a Safe Space series of digital workshops as part of a COVID response in recognising the risks around increased use of digital media by young people during the pandemic.

The workshop was successfully rolled out to 9 Colleges and High Schools across Stockport.

Learner's comments



The Me2 Workshops are delivered to whole classrooms and are 2 x 1-hour sessions or 1 x 2-hour session for children in Key Stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6). The workshops do not specifically mention domestic abuse and explore: different families, good and bad feelings, how to deal with anger safely, how to recognise feeling unsafe and who can help when children are feeling worried or have a problem. Between August and December 2020, 24 Me2 workshops were delivered to 615 primary school aged

children, 29 professionals also attended the sessions. Due to COVID school closures it was not possible to delivery any workshops in the spring term.

Professional's comments on the Me2 workshops

"The topics discussed are not ones that are usually discussed in the school environment. The session enabled the children to talk freely about their feelings and learn about different types of family".

Allowed them to comfortably share personal experiences, gave them useful information on understanding feelings and emotions and the diversity of people's situations, contained a good variety of interaction and video – children were fully engaged".

Feedback from children attending the Me2 Workshops on what they liked best:

"I really liked learning about that families can come in all different shapes and sizes but it is still a family".

"[I enjoyed] how to control my anger because I normally hurt my brother"

Me2 Groups are 8 sessions spread over 8 weeks for children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 who have experienced any form of domestic abuse. Me2 provides children a safe space to explore their feelings and build resilience through creative activities, games and stories. The sessions explore: what domestic abuse is, how it can make children feel, who to talk to if they are worried, how to stay safe and will promote healthy relationships.

30 sessions were delivered to 18 children between July and December 2020, 60 sessions were delivered between January and July 2021. Sessions were delivered in 10 Primary and Infants Schools.

67% of children said they feel they know how to deal with anger in a safe way

92% of children said they know more about how to calm down and relax

73% Percentage of children who said they had a better understanding of where to go for help

Comments from professionals on how the Me2 groups had benefitted the children they work with:

"They have gained friendships and shared their experiences, recognising they aren't alone. It's helped them process their experiences and trauma".

"It has enabled the children to have ample time to discuss in a safe forum their experiences with peers who have experienced similar… [the service] is invaluable to us. Thank you very much"

Stand TALL: In the first full year of service the Stand Tall project supported 29 victims of domestic abuse both female and male, aged over 55, with 18 victims successfully completing the 10 session programme of support developed by the practitioner.

The complexity of the referrals to this service have been much greater than anticipated, Victims have been isolating or shielding in their homes, with the perpetrator sometimes in the same room as them, which makes for a challenging conversation when discussing safety planning. There were fewer opportunities to engage face to face with victims to put in place safety plans and support interventions but by taking a creative approach the service has ensured the safety of victims in these circumstances.

Feedback on the significant impact our interventions have included supporting a victim who had been in a 30 year relationship to recognise that they were a victim of domestic abuse and to take action to address this with the perpetrator.

Another victim, with our support, moved out of the domestic environment to their own property after years of abuse.

The project has successfully developed a range of professionals training delivered to 73 professionals over a much greater geographical areas due to it being delivered through Zoom rather than it being an in person training. Plus 7 minute training bursts, which professionals have been able to log into for a refresher and a two way communication platform using the same "briefing" model.

Awareness sessions have been deliver to Health and Social Care students at Stockport and Trafford College and also a dedicate session to Greater Manchester Domestic Violence focus groups, contributing to the Greater Manchester Ageing Strategy.

Beneficiaries of our services

Stockport Without Abuse continues to support women, men and children who are victims of domestic abuse by offering advice, face to face support and temporary safe accommodation.

Beneficiaries of IDVA support report that they have made positive changes to their lives, developed wider knowledge and skills in safeguarding both themselves and their children and become more hopeful about their future as a result of Stockport Without Abuse's interventions.

Case Study A:

E had fled the marital home due to domestic abuse from husband towards herself and her 2 daughters. The house was bought and mortgage free. Husband was still living in the family home and had a job. E wanted to move back to the marital home with her children and have the husband move out as the children still attended school in the area. Legal Aid was not an option for E, as she was joint owner of house and not entitled to this support, however could not afford to pay legal costs as she had given up her job due to fleeing the area and was now claiming benefits. The Caseworker represented E in court and secured an occupation order which then meant the husband had to move out of the property and E and her children could move safely back into their home protected by a non-molestation order and the occupation order.

Case Study B:

J had slapped her husband, he reported this and she was arrested for assault. J disclosed at the time of her arrest that she had been subject to emotional, physical and financial abuse for 22 years and had "snapped" as he had been "on at her" for the whole day. J was referred to Stockport Without Abuse and further disclosed that she had been using alcohol for many years as a way of managing her anxiety and dealing with the abuse. J had also been forced to leave her home and was sofa surfing for months, struggled with her mental health, had suicidal ideations and thoughts of self-harm, and was referred to the Trauma service to support with managing this.

Outcome:

J was supported in understanding how a trauma bond had developed and strengthened over the last 22 years. She was able to understand why she was still struggling to walk away from the relationship despite the ongoing abuse. However although she was able to see this in sessions, she would still find moments outside of the sessions when she would contact him, wanting to resume the relationship. This "yoyo-ing" in behaviour was increasing her sense of guilt, shame and self-blame. Psycho-education techniques were used to normalise her behaviours and encourage her to write a diary of interactions with her husband so that she could see the relationship for what it was rather than what she wanted it to be. Whilst this did not completely break the trauma bond, over time it was weakened and J was motivated to continue to use this intervention to maintain the end of the relationship. J was also supported with recognising her anxiety and using interventions to tolerate, manage and reduce this.

Financial review

At the end of the reporting period Stockport Without Abuse was in a stronger financial position than had been anticipated at the beginning of the period due to the uncertainty of the impact of the COVID pandemic.

Stockport Without Abuse benefited from successfully securing a range of emergency COVID response funding, including emergency accommodation funding which enabled increases in service provision. Through careful financial management this has resulted in a strong financial position being achieved at the period end ready to face further unknown financial challenges in 2021 due to the continued impact of COVID and particularly the changed priorities of funders to focus on more short-term funding and grants.

Annual income from charitable activities was £908,931 (2020 £692,411) reflecting the increased scope of activity. Income comprised net rental income from the Refuge of £202,868 (2020: £210,640), COVID specific funding amounting to £95,208 plus £94,339 specific emergency COVID accommodation funding from MHCLG and the balance from contract and grant income to deliver complex safeguarding, early help intervention and the new Trauma Informed work.

Costs were £789,629 up from £564,627 in 2020 reflecting the additional salary costs which accompany the increased levels of activity and additional accommodation costs associated with the emergency COVID accommodation project.

Continued efficient management of exiting clients and the speedy acceptance of new referrals has enabled voids to remain low at 5%. Ensuring that personal charges are recovered from victims who leave the Refuge prior to receiving benefit payments remains a challenge.

The final year end position was a carried forward fund of £479,359 made up of £353,539 unrestricted funds and £125,820 restricted funds. The Trustees have allocated some surplus funds for much needed refurbishment of the accommodation and replacement of equipment, this work was delayed in 2020/21 due to the COVID restrictions and will therefore be carried out in the coming financial year 2021/22.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the charity requirement for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation and has established a policy that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets, should cover a minimum of six months' expenditure, due to an increased turnaround time on grant fund decision making, plus a redundancy provision, setting reserves requirement at around £322,000 from £102,000 (2020). As at 31 March 2021 unrestricted reserves was slightly in excess of six months.

Plans for the future

The focus for Stockport Without Abuse's services is on enhancing the quality of our support services to bring about sustainable social change for victims of domestic abuse and wider community awareness of domestic abuse, particularly in light of the changes to the Domestic Abuse Bill in 2021.

We will continue to look for new funding streams to diversify funding sources in order to establish new and innovative services which are responsive to the emerging and changing needs of domestic abuse victims for example male victims, victims with complex needs and children, who are now recognised as victims in their own right through the Domestic Abuse Bill.

We will review the objectives of our Strategic Plan to reflect the focus of our work more clearly in order to better evidence the impact of our work.

We will look to engage users of our services more in shaping our service offer and we will support our valued staff team in their work, recognising their incredible response throughout the COVID pandemic.

On 31 March 2020 the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic were only beginning to emerge and on 31ast March 2021, the full impact of the pandemic across the community, the domestic abuse sector, victims of domestic abuse, Stockport Without Abuse's services and our staff team continues to remain uncertain. We are committed to remaining open to the opportunities the pandemic presents, but also the threats.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 December 1999 and registered as a charity on 7 February 2000. The previously unincorporated charity was registered on 11 August 1975.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31st March 2021 was 8 (2020: 7).

The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. No trustee expenses have been claimed during this reporting period.

The focus on performance quality has been enhanced with new processes and procedures being implemented across the organisation to ensure the best possible quality support to victims. Demand for services during the pandemic has been unprecedented and this has created an extraordinary pressure on staff service wide.

Stockport Without Abuse strives to deliver a robust domestic violence service to the community. The business and leadership model aims to allow a flexible, responsive, and innovative model of operation whereby funding streams are diversified and there is more than one grant source and service focus.

Related parties and relationships with other organizations

Stockport Without Abuse continues to be part of the Prevention Alliance, a commissioned formal partnership where partners work together towards collective goals and shared outcomes with a focus on

prevention and delivering strength based interventions to standard and medium risk victims of domestic abuse.

We continue to strengthen relationships with other charities that hold shared values and pursue similar charitable objectives including Greater Manchester charities such as Manchester Survivors.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel

Key leadership and management personnel are remunerated in line with local benchmarks for similar roles with aligned responsibilities.

All job descriptions reflect the associated responsibilities that the post holder is likely to have and are graded with professional HR input.

Trustee induction and training

The Board of Trustees seeks to ensure sufficient and appropriate representation of their members to fit with the aims and objectives of the organisation. The diversity of the trustee body is recognised as vital to its effective governance and the recruitment of potential Board of Trustee members is undertaken by targeting individuals with appropriate skills, experience and knowledge within the voluntary, statutory and private sectors.

A new Chair to the Board of Trustees was appointed in January 2021 and is bringing fresh expertise and experience to the Board from outside of the sector. Newly appointed Trustees undertake an initial induction programme. which fits in with their own time constraints, to complement their individual existing knowledge of the organisation. Trustees receive written guidance about their roles and responsibilities and are encouraged to attend periodic training to familiarise themselves with the charity and the arena in which it operates. These cover: -

- The role and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees
- The governance of the organisation and accompanying documentation including; the Memorandum and Articles of Association, key organisation Policies and Procedures, accountability to Companies House and the Charity Commission
- Financial controls and development including reporting mechanisms and published accounts
- Strategic and business planning
- Domestic Abuse awareness
- Safeguarding

Trustees are asked to commit to a minimum term in post of three years and to give three months' notice when wishing to stand down.

Organisational structure

Stockport Without Abuse has a Board of Trustees which can be up to fifteen (15) members who have overall legal and financial responsibility for the organisation. The strategic and operational management of the organisation is entrusted to the Chief Executive, supported by operational managers. A contracted qualified accountant oversees the financial management in conjunction with the Chief Executive and a Business Administrator/Book Keeper.

Board meetings are held regularly, chaired by the Chair of the Board and minutes recorded by the Board Secretary. The Chief Executive is in attendance at meetings; however, they do not have any voting rights.

To ensure the best use of board member's time, enable more focussed discussion on future strategy and speed up decision making an Executive Group was formed consisting of the Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. This Group works with the Chief Executive to review strategy and policies as required and make recommendations to the full board.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees regularly reviews the risks faced by the organisation including the following four key areas:

- Health and Safety
- Data Security and Governance
- Safeguarding
- Financial Processes

Appropriate policies to manage risk are in place.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of Stockport Without Abuse Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 28/11/2021 and signed on their behalf by

Jan Flynn

Chair, Stockport Without Abuse

Independent examiner's report

to the trustees of

Stockport Without Abuse

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 19 to 40.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company'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 the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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 that in any material respect:

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.

Jennifer Daniel FCCA DChA

Slade & Cooper Limited
Beehive Mill, Jersey Street
Manchester, M4 6JG
Date 22 December 2021

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	36,078	2,305	38,383	*48,680*
Charitable activities:	4				
Domestic Abuse		207,868	662,415	870,283	*643,409*
Investments	5	265	-	265	*322*
Total income		**244,211**	**664,720**	**908,931**	***692,411***
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:	6				
Domestic Abuse		144,139	645,490	789,629	*564,627*
Total expenditure		**144,139**	**645,490**	**789,629**	***564,627***
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		100,072	19,230	119,302	*127,784*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	8	**100,072**	**19,230**	**119,302**	***127,784***
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**100,072**	**19,230**	**119,302**	***127,784***
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		253,467	106,590	360,057	*232,273*
Total funds carried forward		**353,539**	**125,820**	**479,359**	***360,057***

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

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd
Company number 3890735

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021		*2020*	
		£	£	*£*	*£*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		4,654		-
Total fixed assets			**4,654**		**-**
Current assets					
Debtors	13	21,029		*28,873*	
Cash at bank and in hand	14	514,139		*390,037*	
Total current assets		**535,168**		***418,910***	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	15	(60,463)		*(58,853)*	
Net current assets			**474,705**		***360,057***
Total assets less current liabilities			479,359		*360,057*
Net assets			**479,359**		***360,057***
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	17		125,820		*106,590*
Unrestricted income funds	18		353,539		*253,467*
Total charity funds			**479,359**		***360,057***

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with FRS102 SORP, and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 22 to 40 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 28/11/2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Jan Flynn (Chair)

Susan Gledhill (Treasurer)

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd

Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ending 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	20	**130,043**	***154,035***
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		265	*322*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(6,206)	-
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**(5,941)**	***322***
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		124,102	*154,357*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		390,037	*235,680*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**514,139**	***390,037***

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), second edition - October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Stockport Without Abuse Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.
The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Income

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

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

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

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

d Donated services and facilities

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

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e Interest receivable

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

f Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 7.

i Operating leases

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Fixtures & fittings	4 years
Office equipment	4 years

k Debtors

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

l Cash at bank and in hand

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

m Creditors and provisions

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

n Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

The money purchase plan is managed by Co-operative Insurance Society Limited and the plan invests the contributions made by the employee and employer in an investment fund to build up over the term of the plan a pension fund which is then converted into a pension upon the employee's normal retirement year age when eligible for a state pension. The total expense ratio of the plan is 1% and this is deducted from the investment fund annually. The trust has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee's contributions.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

3 Income from donations and legacies

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Donations	30,428	2,305	32,733
Guy Charitable Foundation	5,650	-	5,650
Total	36,078	2,305	38,383

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2020 £*
Donations	*33,054*	*2,500*	*35,554*
Legacies	*13,126*	*-*	*13,126*
Total	*46,180*	*2,500*	*48,680*

4 Income from charitable activities

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Domestic Abuse - Refuge			
Rents receivable	213,482	-	213,482
Voids	(10,614)	-	(10,614)
MHCLG-COVID Fund	-	94,339	94,339
Subtotal	202,868	94,339	297,207
Domestic Abuse - Community Services			
Stockport MBC			
Complex Safeguarding	-	243,775	243,775
Early Help Intervention	-	60,861	60,861
MHCLG Trauma-Informed Project (Multi Borough)	-	43,076	43,076
MoJ Local PCC	-	5,738	5,738
Lloyds Foundation	-	33,777	33,777
Homeless Link	-	62,500	62,500
Lankley Chase COVID 19	-	5,000	5,000
Male Worker	-	10,000	10,000
GP IDVA	-	15,000	15,000
GMCA MoJ	-	16,000	16,000
Ending Womens Homelessness	-	39,550	39,550
Stockport Local Fund	-	970	970
Equilibrium	5,000	-	5,000
Subtotal	5,000	536,247	541,247
Childrens work			
Children in need	-	31,829	31,829
Subtotal	-	31,829	31,829
Total	207,868	662,415	870,283

4 Income from charitable activities (Continued)

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2020 £*
Domestic Abuse - Refuge			
Rents receivable	*217,514*	*-*	*217,514*
Voids	*(7,774)*	*-*	*(7,774)*
Student social work placement	*900*	*-*	*900*
Subtotal	*210,640*	*-*	*210,640*
Domestic Abuse - Community Services			
Stockport MBC			
Complex Safeguarding	*-*	*241,335*	*241,335*
Early Help Intervention	*-*	*50,055*	*50,055*
MHCLG Trauma-Informed Project (Multi Borough)	*-*	*36,300*	*36,300*
Lloyds Foundation		*31,877*	*31,877*
Ending Womens Homelessness	*-*	*39,550*	*39,550*
Subtotal	*-*	*399,117*	*399,117*
Childrens work			
Children in need	*-*	*30,816*	*30,816*
CADA	*-*	*2,836*	*2,836*
Subtotal	*-*	*33,652*	*33,652*
Total	*210,640*	*432,769*	*643,409*

5 Investment income

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £
Income from bank deposits	265	-	265
	265	-	265

Previous reporting period	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*2020 £*
Income from bank deposits	*322*	*-*	*322*
	322	*-*	*322*

6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Current reporting period	Refuge £	Community Services £	Childrens Work £	Total 2021 £
Staff costs	80,453	463,556	25,478	569,487
Accommodation	72,885	85,793	1,001	159,679
Running costs	6,691	32,876	1,418	40,985
Depreciation	1,552	-	-	1,552
Bad debts	6,688	-	-	6,688
Governance costs (see note 7)	1,254	9,422	562	11,238
	169,523	591,647	28,459	789,629

Previous reporting period	*Refuge £*	*Community Services £*	*Childrens Work £*	*Total 2020 £*
Staff costs	*107,347*	*278,769*	*24,979*	*411,095*
Accommodation	*81,478*	*21,474*	*1,409*	*104,361*
Running costs	*11,018*	*21,858*	*4,229*	*37,105*
Bad debts	*2,405*	*-*	*-*	*2,405*
Governance costs (see note 7)	*2,029*	*7,149*	*483*	*9,661*
	204,277	*329,250*	*31,100*	*564,627*

	2021 £	*2020 £*
Restricted expenditure	645,490	*385,864*
Unrestricted expenditure	144,139	*178,763*
	789,629	*564,627*

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Current reporting period	Basis of apportionment	Governance £	*Total 2021 £*
Independent examination	Governance	900	900
Accountancy fees	Governance	1,800	1,800
Management accountancy Services	Governance	6,451	6,451
Payroll	Governance	2,087	2,087
		11,238	11,238

Previous reporting period	*Basis of apportionment*	*Governance £*	*Total 2020 £*
Independent examination	*Governance*	*900*	*900*
Accountancy fees	*Governance*	*1,800*	*1,800*
Management accountancy Services	*Governance*	*5,508*	*5,508*
Payroll	*Governance*	*1,453*	*1,453*
		9,661	*9,661*

8 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Depreciation	1,552	-
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	71,371	*71,371*
Independent examiner (net of VAT)		
Independent examination	750	*750*
Accountancy fees	1,500	*1,500*
Management accountancy Services	5,040	*4,590*
Payroll	1,654	*1,211*

9 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Wages and salaries	499,715	*358,569*
Social security costs	35,949	*25,958*
Pension costs	14,563	*10,591*
Other Staff costs	3,266	-
Agency, recruitment, travel & training	15,994	*15,977*
	569,487	*411,095*

No employees has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2020: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 24 (2020: 18).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £37,101. (2020: £28,868).

10 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the management committee nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2020: Nil).

No (2020:One) members of the management committee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year of £Nil (2020:£4).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £303 from a fundraising event by a Trustee during the period. (2020: £nil).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2020: nil).

11 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12 Fixed assets: tangible assets

	Fixtures & fittings	Office equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 April 2020	20,194	12,198	32,392
Additions	3,787	2,419	6,206
Disposals	(8,139)	(11,625)	(19,764)
At 31 March 2021	15,842	2,992	18,834
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	20,194	12,198	32,392
Charge for the year	947	605	1,552
Disposals	(8,139)	(11,625)	(19,764)
At 31 March 2021	13,002	1,178	14,180
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	2,840	1,814	4,654
At 31 March 2020	-	-	-

13 Debtors

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Rents receivable	11,118	*17,710*
Prepayments and accrued income	9,911	*11,163*
	21,029	*28,873*

14 Cash at bank and in hand

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Cash at bank and on hand	514,139	*390,037*
	514,139	*390,037*

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Trade creditors	11,078	*9,532*
Other creditors and accruals	21,388	*10,252*
Deferred income	19,182	*31,050*
Taxation and social security costs	8,815	*8,019*
	60,463	*58,853*

16 Deferred income

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Deferred grant brought forward	31,050	-
Grant received	19,182	*31,050*
Released to income from charitable activities	(31,050)	-
Deferred grant carried forward	19,182	*31,050*

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Domestic Abuse - Refuge					
Mason Donations	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Small Restricted Donations	-	2,305	-	-	2,305
MHCLG-COVID Fund	-	94,339	(94,339)		-
	2,000	96,644	(94,339)	-	4,305
Domestic Abuse - Community Services					
Complex Safeguarding	-	243,775	(243,775)	-	-
Early Help Intervention	-	60,861	(60,861)	-	-
APR Complex Safeguarding	46,435	-	(1,800)		44,635
Mental Health and Substance Misuse support	16,576	43,076	(15,324)	-	44,328
MoJ Local PCC	-	5,738	(5,738)		-
Lloyds Foundation	15,139	33,777	(30,362)	-	18,554
Ending Womens homelessness	26,221	39,550	(65,837)	-	(66)
GMCA MoJ	-	16,000	(15,607)	-	393
GP IDVA	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Homeless link	-	62,500	(58,627)	-	3,873
Lankley Chase COVID 19	-	5,000	(560)	-	4,440
Stockport Local Fund	-	970	-	-	970
Male Worker	-	10,000	(9,202)	-	798
	104,371	536,247	(522,693)	-	117,925
Children's work					
Children in Need	-	31,829	(28,239)	-	3,590
CADA	219	-	(219)	-	-
	219	31,829	(28,458)	-	3,590
Total	106,590	664,720	(645,490)	-	125,820

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2019 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*Balance at 31 March 2020 £*
Domestic Abuse - Refuge					
Mason Donations	*-*	*-*	*2,000*	*-*	*2,000*
Small Restricted Donations	*-*	*-*	*500*	*(500)*	*-*
	-	*-*	*2,500*	*(500)*	*2,000*
Domestic Abuse - Community Services					
Complex Safeguarding	*-*	*241,335*	*(241,335)*	*-*	*-*
Early Help Intervention	*-*	*50,055*	*(50,055)*	*-*	*-*
APR Complex Safeguarding	*50,179*	*-*	*(3,744)*		*46,435*
Mental Health and Substance Misuse	*7,006*	*36,300*	*(26,730)*	*-*	*16,576*
Lloyds Foundation	*-*	*31,877*	*(16,738)*	*-*	*15,139*
Ending Womens homelessness	*-*	*39,550*	*(13,329)*	*-*	*26,221*
	57,185	*399,117*	*(351,931)*	*-*	*104,371*
Children's work					
Children in Need	*-*	*30,816*	*(30,816)*	*-*	*-*
CADA	*-*	*2,836*	*(2,617)*	*-*	*219*
	-	*33,652*	*(33,433)*	*-*	*219*
Total	*57,185*	*432,769*	*(382,864)*	*(500)*	*106,590*

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Mason Donations	This was a donation from the Masons to specifically refurbish the refuge rooms. The planned refurbishment was delayed due to the COVID pandemic, but will be completed in 2020/21.
MHCLG-COVID Fund	A one off emergency accommodation fund made available by MHCLG to provide short term emergency accommodation to female victims and their families. This support a dedicated caseworker, move-on worker, telephone support worker and emergency accommodation for 4 months. July – October 2020.
Complex Safeguarding	Stockport Without Abuse is commissioned to deliver Stockport's general Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVA) service through the Complex Safeguarding contract. The IDVA service takes a lead on safeguarding the most high risk vulnerable and at-risk victims, working collaboratively with the victims in safety planning, initiating legal processes in safeguarding, including court process etc. The IDVA teamwork in partnership with other statutory and non-statutory partners across Stockport and Greater Manchester and in particular with Stockport's Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and Complex Safeguarding Strategy Group. The IDVA posts were funded by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) through Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and Stockport Safety Partnership funds. The IDVA contract is for 3.5 full time IDVAs, which includes a small management element. The Complex Safeguarding Contract also includes a school based children and young people's prevention worker and refuge caseworker supporting families in the refuge accommodation. A step-down worker is also contracted through this fund, who is located in a partner agency (Stockport Women's Centre)
Early Help Intervention	Stockport Without Abuse also receives funding from SMBC to deliver support to standard and medium risk clients through the Positive Relationship Team, part of the Prevention Alliance. Two full-time equivalent caseworkers were working from locality offices across Stockport, but due to COVID this work became home based support.
APR Complex Safeguarding	Following a structure review of the Alliance for Positive Relationships (APR) contract, it was recommended to SMBC by an independent consultant to reconfigure the contract into two contract variations separating Early Help Intervention and Complex Safeguarding through a secondment agreement with the alliance partners.
Mental Health and Substance Misuse support	12 month extension funding was secured to appoint dedicated mental health and substance misuse workers to work with victims, through the partnership bid of four other Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse organisations from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Due to the COVID pandemic recruitment was delayed and the project did not fully commence until the 2020/21 financial year with roll over funding then going into 2021/22.

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

MoJ Local PCC	This fund was released to support the additional costs incurred by the COVID pandemic and included funds for additional laptop equipment to enable working from home and also additional storage to accommodate donation items safety and securely.
Lloyds Foundation	3 year funding was secured to develop and deliver a dedicated service to address domestic abuse in later life. Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life). The project delivers specialist 1:1 support through a structured programme and also awareness raising to professionals and community organisations. The specialist focus is unique across the Borough and across Greater Manchester.
Ending Womens homelessness	Funding was secured to continue the Trauma Informed work originally funded by MHCLG. The new 12 month fund enabled the service to continue to deliver specialist trauma focused interventions to victims with long term history of adversity, childhood trauma, complex needs and an accumulation of trauma plus training to professionals on trauma Informed practice, and the impact of trauma.
GMCA MoJ	This fund was part of the COVID response fund from the Ministry of Justice to support additional short term IDVA capacity to respond to the increase number of high risk referrals being made to the IDVA service for support. The fund ran until 31st March 2021.
GP IDVA	Funding was secured from SMBC to extend the GP IDVA post to bring this in line with the funding of the other specialist IDVA posts – Hospital and Maternity and Safe Choice YPVA
Homeless link	This funding was secured to respond to the COVID pandemic additional demand and was used to support a dedicated telephone helpline worker to respond to crisis calls, a move on housing worker to help identify appropriate move on accommodation options for refuge residents and also support refuge and emergency accommodation residents to move on. In addition this fund provided short term additional funding to the end of the financial year to support the Trauma Informed service.
Lankley Chase COVID 19	Whilst is was restricted funds, there was flexibility to use this fund for COVID related expenses to support victims and their families for example with travel expense to get to the refuge or to move on to new property etc.
Male Worker	This SMBC fund enabled a dedicated male domestic abuse victim worker to come into post for 6 months as a pilot project.

17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

Children In Need	This service enabled Stockport Without Abuse to support children in the refuge and in the community through therapeutic activities and one to one support. The aim of the service is to help children to understand and manage their emotions, work through difficult feelings like guilt and shame and increase their sense of internal and external safety. This service also supports children to settle into a new environment and connect with school. Due to COVID, support was delivered remotely to children in the community although work with children in the refuge continued throughout the pandemic where this was possible. Funding was rolled over to 2021/22 due to an underspend on activities and travel.
CADA	This funding was secured to pilot three specialist Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs): a GP IDVA, working with GP practices in Brinnington and Bramhall, a Hospital and Maternity IDVA post working alongside the Hospital Trust supporting women in maternity and also delivering domestic abuse training to HospitalTrust staff and teams. A Safe Choice Young Persons Advisor, working directly with high risk young people aged 13-18. This age range was extended to up to 25 years old during the pandemic.
Stockport Local Fund	To provide welcome essential food packs to clients coming into refuge. Specific food packs for single women and for families which include milk, butter, bread, fresh fruit, tea and coffee etc to enable anyone coming into emergency accommodation to just have some essentials when they arrive to help settle them into the new environment.

18 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

Current reporting period	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2021 £
General fund	243,467	231,671	(144,139)	(40,000)	290,999
Strategic Priorities	10,000	-	-	40,000	50,000
COVID 19	-	12,540	-	-	12,540
	253,467	244,211	(144,139)	-	353,539

Previous reporting period	*Balance at 1 April 2019 £*	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*As at 31 March 2020 £*
General fund	*175,088*	*257,142*	*(178,763)*	*(10,000)*	*243,467*
Strategic Priorities	*-*	*-*	*-*	*10,000*	*10,000*
	175,088	*257,142*	*(178,763)*	*-*	*253,467*

Name of unrestricted fund	**Description, nature and purposes of the fund**
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds
Strategic Priorities	The purpose of this was to identify and support one off priority expenditure to support the development of services or projects agreed by the Board of Trustees. These included investment in an older persons project, for which funding was secured, investment in a men's worker pilot, for which funding was also secured. A commitment to refurbishment of the refuge accommodation and dispersed properties was also agreed. Due to securing external funding for the two priority project areas, the COVID pandemic, no expenditure has been put against this fund and was held over to the next financial year for the same purposes and to respond to any unexpected COVID requirements.
COVID 19	Unrestricted donations received in response to the COVID pandemic from a range of sources, enabling emergency purchases to be made including sanitisation products for the refuge residents, refuge staff and staff working from the office premises for example masks, wipes, face shields. Additional costs associated with printing resources and information for families and children during the restrictions for example cooking and baking equipment, games etc. The unrestricted funds are being used as needed as the impact of the pandemic and the restrictions continues.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current reporting period	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	4,654	-	-	4,654
Net current assets/(liabilities)	286,345	62,540	125,820	474,705
Total	290,999	62,540	125,820	479,359

Previous reporting period	*General fund £*	*Designated funds £*	*Restricted funds £*	*Total £*
Net current assets/(liabilities)	*243,467*	*10,000*	*106,590*	*360,057*
Total	*243,467*	*10,000*	*106,590*	*360,057*

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	*2020 £*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	119,302	*127,784*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	1,552	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(265)	*(322)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	7,844	*(9,292)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,610	*35,865*
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating	130,043	*154,035*