

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	

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# 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

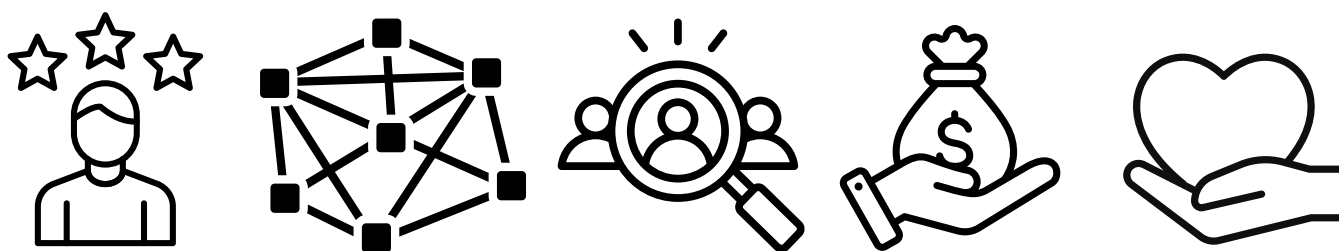
#### *Refuge:*

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, whilst training professionals in the unique dynamics of later life abuse. Extensions to this allowed us to continue the project through the financial year.



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## 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.

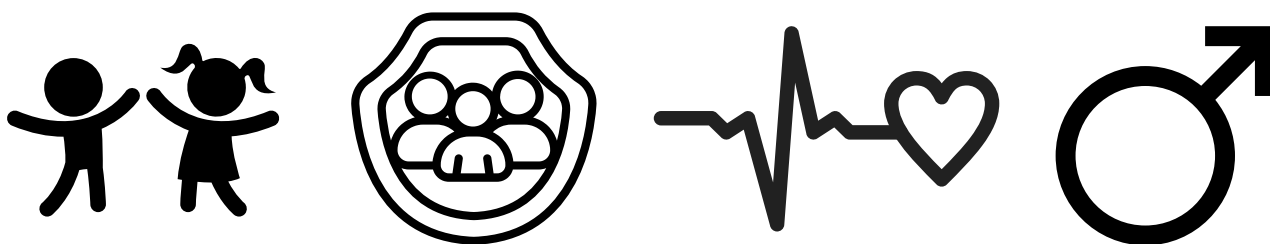
In refuges and dispersed properties, the CYP Refuge Caseworker provided therapeutic 1:1 support to help children process emotions, feel safe, and transition into new schools.

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 again and 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.

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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 and 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!*



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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):

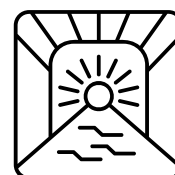
Through 2023/24, we continued developing and refining our service for older people experiencing or at risk of experiencing abuse: Stand TALL (Tackling Abuse in Later Life).

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



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## 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.



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## 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.”



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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.



Governance

# 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 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

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

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

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 £
<b>Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	20	<b>15,260</b>	<b>48,421</b>
<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		6,846	67
<b>Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>		<b>6,846</b>	<b>67</b>
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
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>619,930</b>	<b>597,824</b>

# 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 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 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.



# Notes to the accounts

## for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### **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.

# Notes to the accounts

## for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 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 £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

<b>Current reporting period</b>	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Donations	22,012	-	22,012
<b>Total</b>	22,012	-	22,012
<b><i>Previous reporting period</i></b>	<i>Unrestricted £</i>	<i>Restricted £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
<i>Donations</i>	20,398	3,500	23,898
<b><i>Total</i></b>	20,398	3,500	23,898

# Notes to the accounts

## for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 4 Income from charitable activities

Current reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
<b>Domestic Abuse - Refuge</b>			
Rents receivable	213,250	-	213,250
Voids	(22,275)	-	(22,275)
Subtotal	190,975	-	190,975
<b>Domestic Abuse - Community Services</b>			
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
<b>Childrens work</b>			
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>206,210</b>	<b>543,281</b>	<b>749,491</b>

# Notes to the accounts

## for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 4 Income from charitable activities (Continued)

<i>Previous reporting period</i>	<i>Unrestricted £</i>	<i>Restricted £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
<b>Domestic Abuse - Refuge</b>			
Rents receivable	213,387	-	213,387
Voids	(18,340)	-	(18,340)
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>195,047</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>195,047</i>
<b>Domestic Abuse - Community Services</b>			
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
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>22,250</i>	<i>533,604</i>	<i>555,854</i>
<b>Childrens work</b>			
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
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>99,932</i>	<i>99,932</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,297</b>	<b>633,536</b>	<b>850,833</b>



# Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

## 5 Investment income Current

reporting period	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £
Income from bank deposits	6,846	-	6,846
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	6,846	-	6,846
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<b><i>Previous reporting period</i></b>	<i>Unrestricted £</i>	<i>Restricted £</i>	<i>2023 £</i>
<i>Income from bank deposits</i>	67	-	67
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	67	-	67
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# Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

## 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
	<u>213,294</u>	<u>452,105</u>	<u>121,455</u>	<u>786,854</u>
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
	<u>236,468</u>	<u>405,820</u>	<u>63,992</u>	<u>706,280</u>
			2024 £	2023 £
Restricted expenditure			583,952	576,123
Unrestricted expenditure			202,902	130,157
			<u>786,854</u>	<u>706,280</u>

# Notes to the accounts

## for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 7 Analysis of governance and support costs

<b>Current reporting period</b>	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
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		7,135	7,135
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<b>Previous reporting period</b>	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
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		9,194	9,194
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# Notes to the accounts

## for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 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
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### 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
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	581,281	517,950
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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).

# Notes to the accounts

## for the year ended 31 March 2024 (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 (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 £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2023	15,842	4,487	20,329
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	(7,097)	-	(7,097)
At 31 March 2024	<u>8,745</u>	<u>4,487</u>	<u>13,232</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
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	<u>8,745</u>	<u>4,115</u>	<u>12,860</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>372</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>946</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>2,297</u>



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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
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	87,157	125,395
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### 14 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and on hand	619,930	597,824
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	619,930	597,824
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### 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
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	102,147	111,699
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### 16 Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred grant brought forward	74,375	302,681
Grant received	35,000	-
Released to income from charitable activities	(52,500)	(228,306)
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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 £
<b>Domestic Abuse - Refuge</b>					
Pendlebury Trust	1,283	-	(1,283)	-	-
	<u>1,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,283)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Domestic Abuse - Community Services</b>					
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
	<u>163,963</u>	<u>413,812</u>	<u>(461,289)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,486</u>
<b>Children's work</b>					
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
	<u>3,897</u>	<u>129,469</u>	<u>(121,380)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,986</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>169,143</u>	<u>543,281</u>	<u>(583,952)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,472</u>

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## for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 17 Analysis of movements in restricted funds (Continued)

<b>Previous reporting period</b>	<b>Balance at 1 April 2022 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2023 £</b>
<b>Domestic Abuse - Refuge</b>					
Mason Donations	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Pendlebury Trust	-	3,500	(2,217)	-	1,283
Small Restricted Donations	2,305	-	-	(2,305)	-
	<u>4,305</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>(4,217)</u>	<u>(2,305)</u>	<u>1,283</u>
<b>Domestic Abuse - Community Services</b>					
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	-	-	-	-	3,853
COVID 19	3,853	-	-	-	-
Male Worker	4,056	25,000	(29,056)	-	13,125
NHS Hospital IDVA	10,490	30,625	(27,990)	-	-
IRIS ADViSE	2,333	45,121	(47,454)	-	8,000
Medium Risk IDVA	-	75,320	(67,320)	-	73,153
MODAA	-	80,800	(7,647)	-	7,847
SHIDVA	-	20,417	(12,570)	-	4,676
MOJ Victims Grant	-	12,000	(7,324)	-	-
	<u>112,851</u>	<u>533,604</u>	<u>(464,412)</u>	<u>(18,080)</u>	<u>163,963</u>
<b>Children's work</b>					
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
	<u>11,459</u>	<u>99,932</u>	<u>(107,494)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,897</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>128,615</u>	<u>637,036</u>	<u>(576,123)</u>	<u>(20,385)</u>	<u>169,143</u>

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## for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 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.

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### 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

<b>Current reporting period</b>	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
	<u>444,674</u>	<u>235,068</u>	<u>(202,902)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>476,840</u>
<b>Previous reporting period</b>	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
	<u>316,684</u>	<u>237,762</u>	<u>(130,157)</u>	<u>20,385</u>	<u>444,674</u>

#### 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

<b>Current reporting period</b>	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	372	-	-	372
Net current assets/(liabilities)	395,184	81,284	129,472	604,940
<b>Total</b>	<b>395,556</b>	<b>81,284</b>	<b>128,472</b>	<b>605,312</b>
<b>Previous reporting period</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>398,007</b>	<b>46,667</b>	<b>169,143</b>	<b>613,817</b>

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

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	(8,505)	168,518
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
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)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating</b>	<b>15,260</b>	<b>48,421</b>

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

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