



**RAPE CRISIS SOUTH LONDON**  
Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Centre

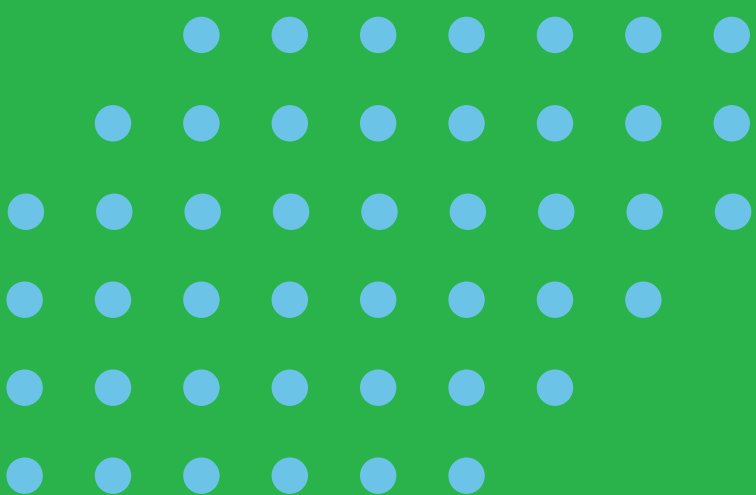
# Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended  
31 March 2024

(A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee)



“Responding  
to the needs  
of women  
survivors and the  
disproportionate  
nature of sexual  
violence.”



Legal and administrative information for the year to 31 March 2024

Status:

Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. It is also a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. 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.

Administrative information:

Charity Name:	Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (RASASC)
Charity Registration Number:	1085104
Company Registration Number:	4113588
Registered Office:	P.O. Box 383, Croydon, CR9 2AW
Telephone:	0208 683 3311
Website:	<a href="http://www.rasasc.org.uk">www.rasasc.org.uk</a>

Financial information:

Independent Auditors:	Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited Salatin House, 19 Cedar Road, Sutton, SM2 5DA
Bank:	CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Board of Trustees:

Chair:	Sheetal Dalal
Trustees:	Alana Ratnadevi Carrasco Sophie Kate Howes Zoe Kate Tisdall

# Message from the Chair



I am honoured to present our 2023/24 annual report and financial statements, marked by a strong financial performance enabling us to deliver our mission.

We had a successful year, marked with no movement to the board of voluntary trustees alongside a senior leadership team (SLT). This stability has enabled us to focus on the effectiveness and sustainability of our organisation, and to this end we also welcomed a new finance officer and our first HR and office manager to the organisation. Our financial position remained good with slight increases in grants which fund our core therapeutic and ISVA services. There was also significant additional funding for the helpline and for our work with children and young people.

The demand for our services remained high. We significantly focused this year on advocating with funders around the demands on our services and the need for additional funding across the sector. The year also saw a welcome expansion in our therapeutic services for children and young people through a partnership with the Havens (the NHS run sexual assault referral centres in London). We were successful in achieving our aim of reinstating a modest outreach service to target women who may face barriers in accessing our service, such as women in prison and young care leavers.

For me it was an absolute privilege to attend the It's Time, a national memorial service for women who had lost their lives to male violence. The service was led by the mother of Mina Smallman and Bibaa Henry who were both murdered in June 2020. The atmosphere was filled with immense sadness and loss, and I sat alongside families who had lost their wives, mothers, daughters and sisters to male violence. During the service, the names of every woman who had lost her life to male violence over the last year were read out. The passion of the speakers and performers was remarkably uplifting and full of hope.

One of our organisational values is Solidarity, and I am proud of our support to the Polish women's organisation Fundacion Feminoteka in founding the first rape crisis centre in Warsaw, Poland. Our CEO shared our learning and experiences of running services with the staff from Feminoteka. In March 2024 at our International Women's Day online event, we were delighted to welcome as our guest speaker Katazyna who manages the Warsaw Centre. It was inspiring to hear about all their achievements and learnings, despite the challenging social and political environment.

This year, I enrolled to our winter 2023 batch of the support line volunteer training programme. This comprehensive training is delivered over 12 weeks and is mandatory for all helpline volunteers. The programme covered many aspects of violence against women and girls, survivor coping strategies and perpetrator tactics. I am extremely proud and grateful for this opportunity and now have a deeper understanding of survivor experiences and our services.

On behalf of the board of trustees, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our exceptional team of staff and volunteers for their enthusiasm and commitment in supporting survivors and making a positive impact to the lives of women and girls seeking our support.

I would like to thank our trustees for their time and their crucial role in guiding the organisation and supporting our staff and volunteers.

After the financial year end we saw the departure of the CEO Sharon Erdman, in May 2024. I would like to say a huge thank you to Sharon for her passion and contribution to RASASC. We welcomed Red Godfrey-Sagoo as our new CEO in August 2024 and wish her great success in this role.

**Sheetal Dalal**  
Chair





# Annual report of the Board of Trustees' for the year ended 31 March 2024

The charitable company's Board of Trustees (who are also the Board of Directors of the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre for the purposes of company law) are pleased to present their report together with the audited financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a trustees' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

## Objectives and activities

We are a feminist organisation, and see gender inequality as a cause and consequence of violence against women and girls. We recognise that women's experiences of sexual violence and seeking support will be different depending on their relationship to intersecting axes of oppression. We strive to embody anti-racist and anti-oppressive practice and actively challenge unequal power dynamics in our work and the wider world. We live in a world which doesn't treat survivors of sexual violence with the care they deserve. Care underpins everything that we do.

We were established in 1985, and originally set up as part of a Women's Aid project, we became an independent organisation called the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre in 2000.

**Our mission,** as stated in our charitable objectives (Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 23 November 2000, amended on 22 September 2022) is to relieve the sickness and distress of people who have suffered rape and sexual assault, however long ago. We pursue this mission by:

- Providing free, confidential and specialist counselling to women and girls from the age of 5 years old. This includes a range of specialist therapeutic offers, from play therapy, schools' wellbeing counsellors, one-to-one long-term counselling, group therapy, and body therapy.
- Providing one-to-one and group work support for those supporting children and young people who have experienced rape and sexual violence.
- Providing a specialist resource, through both our children and young people's counselling service and our training and prevention team.
- For those professionals supporting women and girls who have experienced rape and sexual violence. Providing specialist long-term support for women going through the Criminal Justice System.
- Providing holistic casework support to women, in key areas such as access to safe housing and welfare benefits.
- Providing prevention workshops for children in schools and working collaboratively with those schools.
- Providing (as part of a consortium led by Rape Crisis England and Wales) a 24-hour, 7 days a week specialist support line service to all survivors of rape and sexual violence aged 16+ in England and Wales.

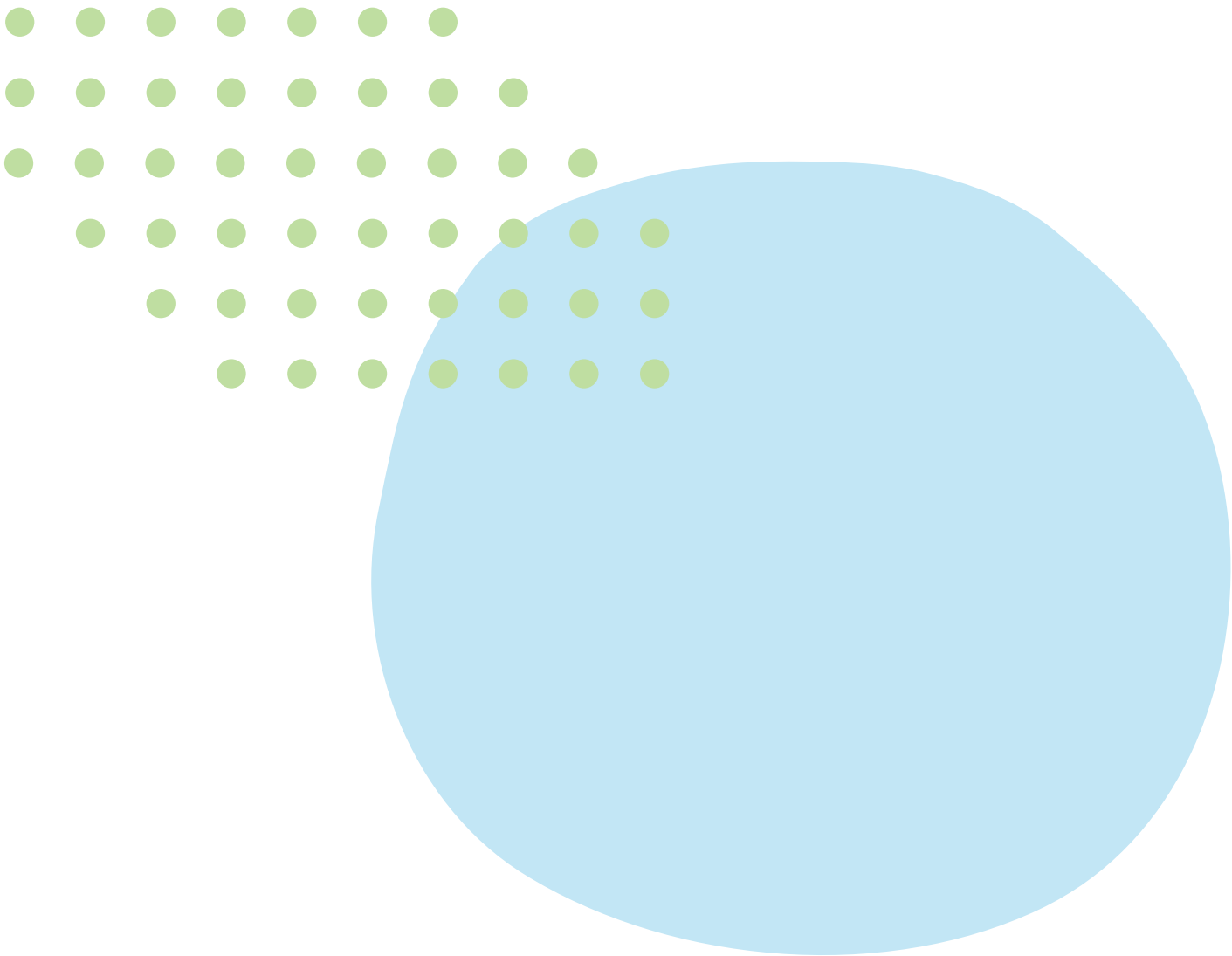
The Board of Trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit. RASASC’s work is grounded in a feminist understanding of sexual violence as both cause and consequence of gender inequality. As such the activities we undertake to support survivors of sexual violence and to prevent sexual violence are also directed at alleviating the impacts of gender inequality on everyone in society. The extent to which sexual violence harms society is immeasurable. Recent data from the Office of National Statistics suggest 11.5% of women in the adult population in England and Wales have experienced child sexual abuse, and every year over 94,145 women are raped. 1 in 4 women have been raped or sexually abused since the age of 16 and 1 in 6 children have been sexually abused.

Achievements and performance

Our services for female survivors of sexual violence cover the 12 South London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Greenwich, Kingston Upon Thames, Lambeth, Lewisham, Merton, Richmond Upon Thames, Southwark, Sutton and Wandsworth.

Programmes and support is available in our main Croydon centre or through satellite locations: Bexley, Croydon (female only centre) Greenwich, Kingston Upon Thames, Lambeth, Southwark and Wandsworth.

This year we supported more than 5,000 women and girls who have suffered from some form of sexual violence, through our frontline services.



‘Our year’

Counselling Support

We provide specialist face-to-face counselling for women and girls aged 13 and above and play therapy for girls aged 5+, who have been raped or sexually abused at any time in their lives and who live in any of the South London boroughs. Counselling is available for up to one year with an initial consultation to discuss, regardless of ethnicity, religion, culture or socio-economic background. Our unique model of counselling is an integrative mode aimed at helping clients rebuild their life, identify their strengths and choices to aid their recovery, and also acknowledge other marginalisations such as sexism and patriarchy they may suffer as a woman.

Adult Counselling



Age groups

25 to 72



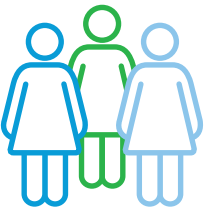
Counselling sessions delivered

5,545



Hours of support delivered

6,111



Group sessions delivered

189

“I felt so broken. RASASC, your support has been a lifeline to me and my family – thank you so much.

Rape Crisis South London Client

Bodywork sessions delivered

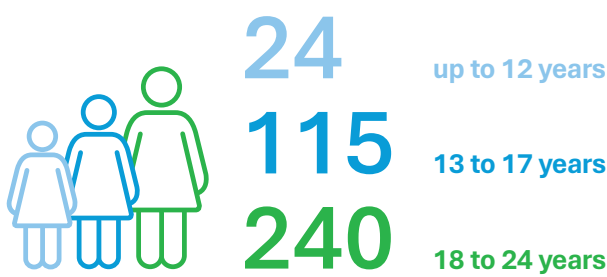
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Clients receiving long term counselling

211 (166 of which are new)

# Children and Young People Counselling (CYP)

## Clients by age receiving support:



## Types of services:

### Play Therapy

Aged 4 to 11+ face to face (up to 30 sessions)

### Creative Therapies

- Talking Therapies\*: aged 12 to 24 (up to 30 sessions)
- Grounding / Stabilisation: 6 sessions
- Emotional Well-being check ins / Safeguarding Risk Assessments : ad hoc
- Family Support 1-1: 6 session) – including non-abusing fathers

### School Counsellors

- Support Groups: 8 sessions (non-abusing - mothers/caregivers, mixed-gender parent groups – with potential scope of supporting non-abusing fathers in male-only group)
- Focus Groups meets quarterly re Enhancing CYP CSA Pathway a collaboration with Kings College
- Young Persons (YP) Groups : 8 YP aged 16- to 21-year-olds (8 sessions)

\* consideration of older clients who are neuro-divergent and may still benefit from this type of therapy.

“My counsellor was simply amazing – thank you so much for helping me to put my life back together again.”

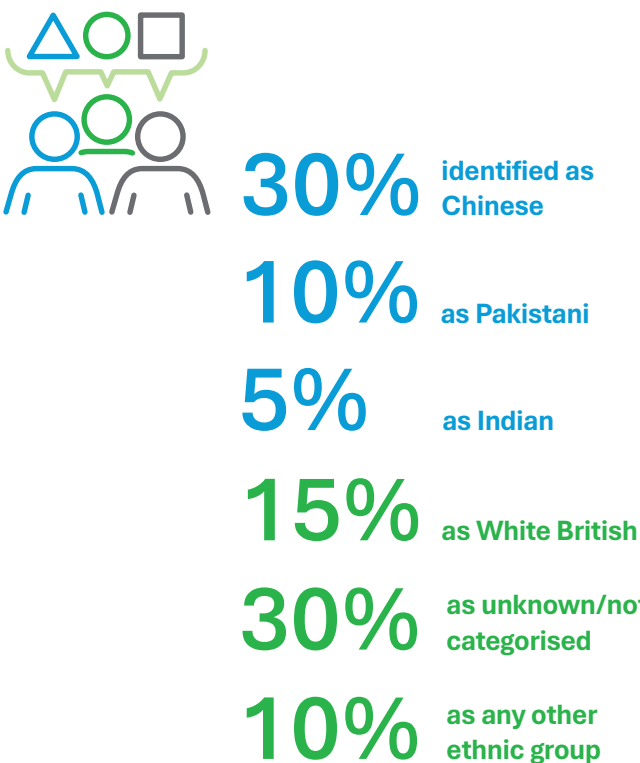
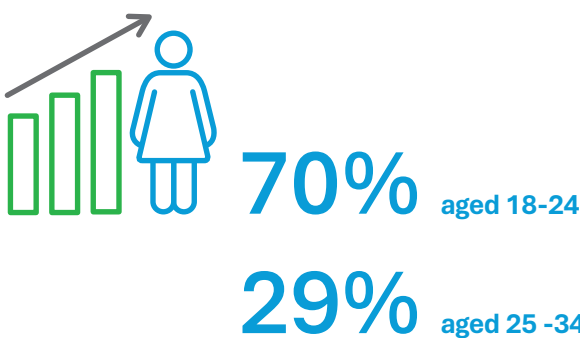
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# Training, Prevention and Outreach

Our training and prevention programme is informed by our decades-long history of providing specialist sexual violence services in London and delivered by accredited front-line support practitioners. RASASC is a member of the CPD Certification Service.

We believe survivors of sexual violence deserve support and understanding from any and all agencies they access. To support this, we offer specialist training to both statutory and voluntary agencies as well as private companies. We work with you to ensure all of your training needs are met and you are able to meet the needs of survivors both accessing your organisation and working within your organisation.

We delivered 43 prevention sessions reaching 723 young people, between Year 4 and University age. Topics explored included: gender norms and boundaries, challenging sexual harassment, body image and the media, consent, respectful relationships, and image-based sexual abuse.



11 training sessions to multi-agency practitioners on understanding and responding to sexual violence, reaching 132 professionals.

24 training sessions to 440 professionals from education and youth practitioners who participated based on young peoples lived experiences and best practice responses.

28 outreach sessions and received 50 new university outreach referrals.

“I felt very reassured by the worker - they helped me to understand why I am feeling so awful about myself and why I reacted in the way I did. The worker also sent me links to other services that can help me.”

Rape Crisis South London Client



# Advocacy

Our team of Independent Sexual Violence Advocates (ISVA) offer specialist support to women and girls aged 13 and over who have survived rape and childhood sexual abuse in South London and who are thinking about reporting to the police or who are currently reporting through the criminal justice system.

The demand for the service continues to grow with **63** clients on the waiting list of which **36** were awaiting ISVA support and **27** for casework.

**189**  
clients supported

**89**  
cases still pending in the legal system

**48**  
cases were decided and concluded

**217**  
completed online sessions across 276 hours

**151**  
ISVA in person sessions across 186 hours

**14**  
in person sessions across 15 hours of casework

 **2,333**  
hours of support provided across **16,142** activities

 **2,068**  
hours of ISVA Service support provided across **14,269** activities

 **265**  
hours of Casework Service support provided across **1,873** activities

“[Worker] was so incredibly compassionate, thoughtful, and supportive. She listened to me without judgement and encouraged me to speak more kindly to myself. I am mostly just filling out this form to communicate that she was brilliant, and I am so appreciative of the time she spent talking to me!”  
Rape Crisis South London Client

# Support Line

## Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Line

In 2021 we became a partner for the delivery of the Rape Crisis England & Wales 24/7 Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Line, alongside Lincolnshire Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Violence Services in Teesside (ARCH). Our support for this national service covers: Support Line Workers, Daytime/evening Support Line shift managers, Rota management and coordination, Training across the partnership, Clinical supervision for ourselves and Sexual Violence Services in Teesside (ARCH).

**76,000**  
calls

**20,000**  
webchats

## Councils Support Line

**1,864**  
new potential victims called the line

**842**  
referrals to other specialist services (domestic abuse, sexual abuse, counselling)

**1,012**  
survivors of domestic and sexual abuse improved their understanding of risks and steps they can take to increase safety, both physical and emotional

**57**  
professionals empowered with information on responding to domestic abuse, increasing likelihood of positive interventions with survivor

# Volunteer Delivery

“I’m so grateful for everyone on the Support Line. You’ve saved my life a number of times in the past couple of months. You actually understand and have helped me come to terms with what’s happened to me.

Rape Crisis South London Client



Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Line

656

shifts covered on the Support Line

1,640

hours of critical support provided

Key successes in the year:

6

volunteers became paid members of staff

100%

growth of the volunteer team

The volunteer programme was highlighted as a ‘success’ within the ‘Helplines Partnership’ accreditation review.

# Thank you!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors and those who support our work:

- Kings College Hospital
- London Borough of Croydon
- London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames
- Mayor’s Office of Policing and Crime
- NHS England
- Rape Crisis England and Wales
- Refuge
- Women and Girls Network



# Structure, governance and management

RASASC was set up in 1985 and became a company limited by guarantee in 2000. The articles and memorandum were updated in September 2022. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Directors of the Company are also Trustees of the Charity.

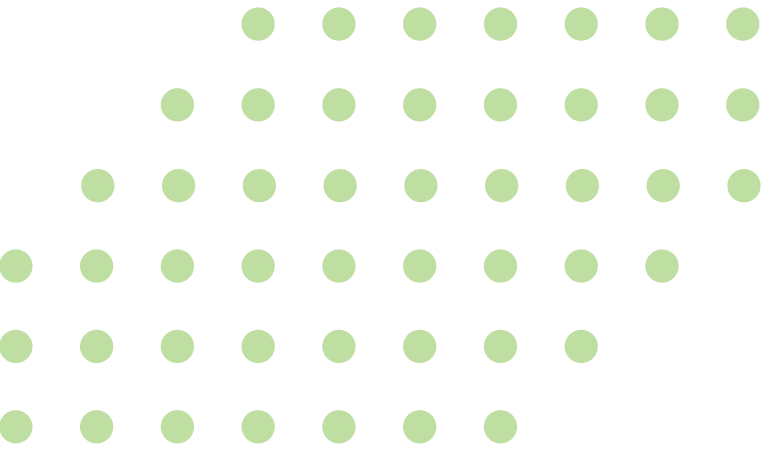
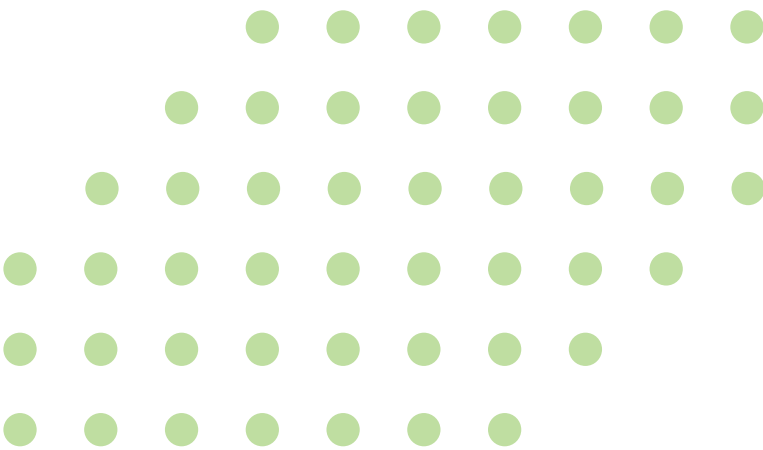
The Board of Trustees retain overall responsibility for the good strategic and financial governance of the organisation. The Board of Trustees meet a minimum of six times a year in the execution of these duties.

In an effort to have a skills-based board, Trustees are recruited based on the expertise and the time they can offer to RASASC, as well as in order to be representative of the communities we serve. All Board members give their time voluntarily and do not receive any benefits from RASASC. They are required to declare any conflicts of interest. All new Board members are also required to attend a package of training which focusses on the role of a charity trustee, including financial governance.

The day-to-day running of the organisation is delegated to the CEO who leads a small Senior Leadership Team (SLT) which is responsible for the day-to-day planning and running of all services including overall responsibility for ensuring the organisation maintains its professional standards and reaches key targets. Adult Counselling Services, Children and Young People's Counselling Services, Training and Prevention, Advocacy and the 24/7 Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Line all have dedicated service managers who are responsible for the running of their departments.

Organisational strategy meetings with senior management are held annually and budgets agreed thereafter for the following year. All policies and procedures of the organisation must be ratified by the Board of Trustees and any Child Protection or Data Protection issues are immediately referred to the Board.

After the year end, the board appointed Red Godfrey Sagoo as CEO.



## New CEO Introduction

With a lifelong commitment to gender equality and human rights, Red began her professional career in the UK as an art director in the advertising industry, later transitioning to the third sector in the United States as a disaster services director for the American Red Cross. Her journey then continued across food poverty and educational inequalities for marginalised groups with United Way, social integration for those with intellectual disabilities at Special Olympics California, and the refugee crisis impacting unaccompanied minors across European refugee camps with Safe Passage and Citizens UK. She is the former CEO of Sophie Hayes Foundation where she focused on life-changing support for women and girls trafficked across the globe to the UK. As Director at Thomson Reuters Foundation, she led on the Responsible Business pillar focusing on policies and operations that negatively affect people, communities and the environment. Red has served on the board of trustees for The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and as a member of the NCVO People and Culture Committee. She has also served on the boards of UN

Women UK, Anti-Slavery International, National Voices, and Bright Future Cooperative, as well as chairing the Management Committee for the Commonwealth's 8.7 Network.

She is the recipient of: The United States Certification of Special Congressional Recognition, State of California Certificate of Recognition, California Legislative Assembly Certification of Recognition and The City of Calabasas Humanitarian of the Year award.

Red's passion as a feminist for equal human rights continues to be the driving force behind her leadership and support of organisations that challenge discrimination, economic disparities, and gender inequalities.



# Financial review

Our income in 2023/24 has increased by 22% compared to 2022/23 with incoming resources being £3.4million (2023: £2.8million). A large proportion of the income is restricted (where the funder determines what we spend the money on) income which amount to £3.3million (2023: £2.7million). A small proportion of the income of £67k (2023: £121k) is unrestricted fund (this is a fund with no spending restriction imposed).

Expenditure incurred during the year was £3.2million (2023: £2.4million) leaving a net result for the year of £246k (2023: £426k) with a split of £194k restricted surplus (2023: £327k), and £51k unrestricted surplus (2023: £99k).

Our restricted fund has increased due to this year’s net movement in funds to £1,013k (2023: £818k)

The unrestricted fund has increased due to this year’s net movement in funds to £926k (2023: £875k) which are fixed assets £89k (2023: £94k) and general fund £838k (2023: £781k).

## Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board of Trustees have examined the major strategic, business, fraud, money laundering and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to ensure regular reports, policies and procedures are produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. The Organisational Risk Assessment Management Plan delegated to SLT, is reviewed quarterly by them, and presented to the board for examination and discussion quarterly. Risks arising and identified by the Board of Trustees are included. It contains assessments of Finances, Data Protection, Client Confidentiality, Maternity Safety, Fraud, Health and Safety of Clients and Staff, IT, Board of Trustees Liability, Insurances. Adherence to the BACP Code of Ethics and Practice and the National Occupational Standards set by Rape Crisis (England and Wales) are paramount to the ethos and practice of RASASC and ensures a quality and standard of delivery of all our services.

## Policies

### Reserves

The Charity relies on grants to fund its work which are liable to fluctuations from year to year. The Charity relies for most of its funding from local and central government and from generous donations from the public. In order to minimise any impact of sudden closure on our service users and staff, the trustees have agreed a reserves policy which seeks to maintain sufficient reserves to cover the running costs of the organisation for six months.

### Investments

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charity has the power to make any investments which the Board of Trustees see fit. The Board of Trustees will review the investment strategy in 2024/25.

### Fundraising

There is not a formal fundraising policy in place currently. Although we have historically done very little fundraising other than from grants, we intend to increase this and so are putting in place appropriate policies and procedures.

## Going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these financial statements. As in previous years, the charitable company’s ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on its success in raising funds from the government, other public authorities and donations, none of which can be guaranteed. The Trustees remain in regular contact with sponsoring public authorities and government departments to secure ongoing financial support for the charitable company’s operations going forward. Accordingly, the Trustees have determined there are no material uncertainties as to the charitable company’s ability to continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future and therefore believe it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

## Small company provisions

The Board of Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies’ exemptions provided by sections 414B and 415A of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare a strategic report and in preparing the Board of Trustees’ report on the grounds that the charitable company is entitled to prepare its accounts for the year in accordance with the small companies’ regime.

## Statement of disclosure of information to the auditors

We, the Board of Trustees of the Charity who held office at the date of the approval of these Financial Statements, as set out above, each confirm so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant information, as defined by Charities Act 2011, being information needed by the auditor in connection with their reports, of which the company’s auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Board of Trustees to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Company’s auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 3 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Sheetal Dalal

Chair, Board of Trustees



# Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

The charitable company's Trustees (who are also the Board of Directors of the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

# Independent Auditors Report to the Board of Trustees of Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Centre

## OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of The Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Centre (‘the charitable company’) for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and Notes to the Financial Statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company’s affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland”; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

## BASIS FOR OPINION

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

## CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

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

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

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

## OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

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

- the information given in the Trustees’ Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities (set out on page 20), the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

## AUDITOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We considered the nature of the charitable company’s sector and its control environment, and reviewed the charitable company’s documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with the Trustees and other management, and from our cumulative audit, knowledge and experience of the charitable company.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charitable company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Charitable company’s ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included the Charitable company’s regulatory requirements, employment and taxation legislations.

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

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls and policies in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.



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

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of the Trustee concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of Trustee meetings, reviewing internal audit reports and reviewing correspondence with the Charities Commission.

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

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### USE OF OUR REPORT

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



Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited  
Statutory Auditors  
Date: 3 January 2025

Salatin House  
19 Cedar Road  
Sutton, Surrey  
SM2 5DA

Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

### Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	21,710	-	21,710	22,956
Charitable activities:					
Grants receivable	3	-	3,330,269	3,330,269	2,674,172
Other income	4	27,985	-	27,985	91,114
Investment income		17,658	-	17,658	6,778
<b>Total Income</b>		67,353	3,330,269	3,397,622	2,795,020
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	-	3,135,779	3,135,779	2,346,800
Governance	6	16,132	-	16,132	21,632
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		16,132	3,135,779	3,151,911	2,368,432
Net surplus (deficit) for the year		51,221	194,490	245,711	426,588
<b>Reconciliation of Funds:</b>					
Total Funds brought forward		875,240	818,493	1,693,733	1,267,145
Total Funds carried forward		926,461	1,012,983	1,939,444	1,693,733

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

All income and expenditure relates to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 28 to 39 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024  
(Company no. 04113588)

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	88,950	93,800
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	11	923,791	830,759
Cash at bank and in hand		1,310,206	956,284
		<u>2,233,997</u>	<u>1,787,043</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>(383,503)</u>	<u>(187,110)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		1,850,494	1,599,933
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>		<u><b>1,939,444</b></u>	<u><b>1,693,733</b></u>
<b>The Funds of the Charity</b>			
Restricted Funds	14	1,012,983	818,493
Designated Unrestricted Funds	15	88,950	93,800
General Unrestricted Funds	15	837,511	781,440
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<u><b>1,939,444</b></u>	<u><b>1,693,733</b></u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. However, an audit was required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees, who are regarded directors for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 3 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



**Sheetal Dalal**  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Date: 3 January 2025

The notes on pages 28 to 39 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows  
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
<b>Net cash used in (provided by) operating activities</b>	17	<b>394,710</b>	81,117
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<b>(40,788)</b>	(58,475)
Disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(40,788)</b>	(58,475)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<b>353,922</b>	22,642
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<b>956,284</b>	933,642
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><b>1,310,206</b></u>	<u>956,284</u>



1. Accounting policies

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

a) Going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these financial statements. As in previous years, the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on its success in raising funds from the government, other public authorities and donations, none of which can be guaranteed. The Trustees remain in regular contact with sponsoring public authorities and government departments to secure ongoing financial support for the charitable company's operations going forward. Accordingly, the Trustees have determined there are no material uncertainties as to the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future and therefore believe it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

b) Basis of accounting

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 – (Charities SORP(FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee and meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The functional currency of the Charity is considered to be pounds sterling (£) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates. The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling (£).

c) Incoming resources

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.

Incoming resources from donations and legacies are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

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, such as service agreements, attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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.

d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Funding provided through contractual agreements is recognised as services are supplied and when a constructive obligation arises that results in the payment being unavoidable.

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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. 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 8.

e) Fund accounting

The funds held by the Charity are either:

**Unrestricted general funds** – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

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

f) VAT

The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

g) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. The cost of tangible fixed assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation has been charged so as to write off each asset over its anticipated economic useful life. The following rates have been used:

Computers, office equipment	33% straight line
Improvements to leasehold property	over 15 years straight line

h) Leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

i) Debtors

Debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the debt.

j) 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.

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k) Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

l) Creditors

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.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gifts and donations	21,710	-	21,710	22,956
	21,710	-	21,710	22,956

Income from donations and legacies during 2023 was all unrestricted.

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Grants</b>				
London Borough of Croydon	-	46,000	46,000	38,237
London Councils	-	67,939	67,939	69,704
Mayor's Office Policing & Crime	-	1,287,377	1,287,377	1,171,624
Women & Girls Network	-	187,204	187,204	314,372
Rape Crisis England & Wales	-	1,125,562	1,125,562	724,119
NHS England	-	466,187	466,187	355,016
London Borough of Merton	-	-	-	1,100
The Haven's King's College	-	150,000	150,000	-
	-	3,330,269	3,330,269	2,674,172

Income from charitable activities in 2023 was all restricted.

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4. Other income

	2024 £	2023 £
Training income	27,501	90,237
Miscellaneous income	484	877
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,985</b>	<b>91,114</b>

Other income received during the year and for 2023 was unrestricted.

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>Counselling</b>	£	£	£	£
Counsellors' fees and staff costs	-	633,402	633,402	359,228
Specialist counsellors	-	324,113	324,113	336,057
Group counsellors	-	14,327	14,327	11,335
Other costs	-	35,720	35,720	26,080
Support costs	-	413,849	413,849	211,855
	-	1,421,411	1,421,411	944,555
<b>Helpline</b>				
Operators	-	935,846	935,846	573,760
Telephone	-	40,318	40,318	48,082
Other costs	-	28,595	28,595	23,781
Support costs	-	188,481	188,481	189,595
	-	1,193,240	1,193,240	835,218
<b>Advocacy</b>				
Staff costs	-	346,731	346,731	353,637
Other costs	-	9,094	9,094	6,605
Support costs	-	13,463	13,463	48,122
	-	369,288	369,288	408,364
<b>Training and Operations</b>				
Trainer's fees	-	80,992	80,992	49,522
Other costs	-	1,530	1,530	480
Support costs	-	13,463	13,463	48,122
	-	95,985	95,985	98,124

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
<b>Outreach</b>				
Staff costs	-	35,659	<b>35,659</b>	37,906
Other costs	-	-	-	673
	<b>-</b>	<b>35,659</b>	<b>35,659</b>	<b>38,579</b>
<b>Other Support Costs</b>	-	20,196	<b>20,196</b>	21,960
<b>Total Spend on Charitable Activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,135,779</b>	<b>3,135,779</b>	<b>2,346,800</b>

Expenditure on charitable activities in 2023 was all from restricted funds.

## 6. Governance costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank charges	186	233
Auditor's remuneration – audit fees	3,000	3,000
Auditor's remuneration – other services	4,806	3,490
Legal and professional fees	6,180	8,427
Ongoing RCSAS costs	1,960	2,421
Other Governance costs	-	4,061
	<b>16,132</b>	<b>21,632</b>

Governance costs during the year and in 2023 were from unrestricted funds.

## 7. Support costs

	Staff costs	Premises	Other costs	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
	£	£	£	£	£
Counselling	126,138	84,843	202,869	<b>413,850</b>	211,855
Helpline	64,544	36,548	87,390	<b>188,482</b>	189,595
Training & Operations	4,610	2,611	6,242	<b>13,463</b>	48,122
Advocacy	4,610	2,611	6,242	<b>13,463</b>	48,122
Other Support Costs	6,915	3,916	9,365	<b>20,196</b>	21,960
	<b>206,817</b>	<b>130,529</b>	<b>312,108</b>	<b>649,454</b>	<b>519,654</b>

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Support costs have been allocated using the following estimates:

	Chief Executive's / Admin costs	Other costs
Counselling	65%/65%	65%
Helpline	28%/28%	28%
Advocacy	2%/2%	2%
Training & Operations	2%/2%	2%
Other Support Costs	3%/3%	3%

Estimates for allocating support costs are reviewed annually.

## 8. Employee Information

### Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	2,015,474	1,367,847
Social and security costs	184,426	123,363
Pension costs, defined contribution scheme	40,397	23,813
Wages and salaries	<b>2,240,297</b>	<b>1,515,023</b>

The average number of full – time equivalent employees (including casual and part time staff) during the year was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Counselling	22	11
Helpline	33	22
Advocacy	11	8
Outreach	2	1
Support	6	4
Training and Operations	4	2
	<b>78</b>	<b>48</b>

The number of employees whose benefits were over £60,000 during the year (excluding employer pension contributions) was:

	2024	2023
£60,001 to £70,000	1	-

None of the trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

## 9. Net income resources

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	45,638	39,757
Auditors' remuneration – audit fees	3,000	3,000
Auditors' remuneration – non-audit services	4,806	3,490

## 10. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer Equipment	Office Equipment	Improvements To Leasehold Property	Website	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 2023	119,640	42,516	95,615	490	258,261
Additions	34,135	6,653	-	-	40,788
At 31 March 2024	<b>153,775</b>	<b>49,169</b>	<b>95,615</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>299,049</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 April 2023	88,505	37,687	37,779	490	164,461
Depreciation charge	33,022	6,190	6,426	-	45,638
At 31 March 2024	<b>121,527</b>	<b>43,877</b>	<b>44,205</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>210,099</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
At 31 March 2023	31,135	4,829	57,836	-	93,800
At 31 March 2024	<b>32,248</b>	<b>5,292</b>	<b>51,410</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,950</b>

## 11. Debtors:

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants receivable	904,397	801,849
Other debtors	5,039	5,039
Prepayments & accrued income	14,355	23,871
	<b>923,791</b>	<b>830,759</b>

## 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	13,917	14,182
Other tax and social security	50,159	105,841
Accruals and deferred income	319,427	67,087
	<b>383,503</b>	<b>187,110</b>

## 13. Transfers between funds

Designated funds show the current use or expected future use of unrestricted funds in the financial statements as decided by the trustees. Transfers are made between unrestricted general funds and designated funds to reflect changes in these funds.

Transfer of funds from unrestricted funds to restricted funds reflects own and external funding contributions required to meet specific project funding requirements.

## 14. Analysis of movements in restricted funds

### Current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfer to Unrestricted funds	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Advocacy	43,185	540,796	(369,289)	-	<b>214,692</b>
Helpline	45,308	1,193,500	(1,193,240)	-	<b>45,568</b>
Counselling	425,311	1,462,866	(1,441,606)	-	<b>446,571</b>
Training	235,882	87,107	(95,985)	-	<b>227,004</b>
Outreach	68,178	46,000	(35,659)	-	<b>78,519</b>
Crawley	629	-	-	-	<b>629</b>
	<b>818,493</b>	<b>3,330,269</b>	<b>(3,135,779)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,012,983</b>



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Previous year

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfer to Unrestricted funds	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Advocacy	8,108	443,440	(408,363)	-	43,185
Helpline	40,574	839,952	(835,218)	-	45,308
Counselling	237,763	1,132,103	(944,555)	-	425,311
Training	160,740	195,227	(120,085)	-	235,882
Outreach	43,307	63,450	(38,579)	-	68,178
Crawley	629	-	-	-	629
	<b>491,121</b>	<b>2,674,172</b>	<b>(2,346,800)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>818,493</b>

Restricted funds are to be used only for the following specific purposes:

**Advocacy** – provision of unbiased information concerning the criminal justice system to female survivors of sexual violence by Independent Sexual Violence Advocates.

**Helpline** – offers emotional support, practical information and referral guidance to women and girls from 13 years old who have suffered any form of sexual violence either recently or in the past, their families and friends.

**Counselling** – these funds are used to provide therapeutic services to clients by specialist qualified therapists.

**Training** – offers awareness raising talks, training and workshops to statutory and non-statutory organizations about sexual violence, the myths and effects, and how best to support survivors.

**Outreach** – provision of initial emotional and information based sessions with marginalised survivors.

15. Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

Current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Designated funds - property	93,800	17,658	(22,508)	<b>88,950</b>
General funds	781,440	49,695	6,376	<b>837,511</b>
Total Unrestricted funds	<b>875,240</b>	<b>67,353</b>	<b>(16,132)</b>	<b>926,461</b>

Previous year

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Designated funds - property	75,082	6,778	11,940	93,800
General funds	700,942	114,070	(33,572)	781,440
Total Unrestricted funds	<b>776,024</b>	<b>120,848</b>	<b>(21,632)</b>	<b>875,240</b>

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Name of unrestricted fund	Description, nature and purpose of fund
General funds	The 'free reserves' after allowing for designated funds
Designated funds:	The designated property fund represents the net book value of tangible fixed assets as these funds are tied up and are unavailable for general use by the Charity.
Property	

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	88,950	-	<b>88,950</b>
Current assets	1,221,014	1,012,983	<b>2,233,997</b>
Current liabilities	(383,503)	-	<b>(383,503)</b>
	<b>926,461</b>	<b>1,012,983</b>	<b>1,939,444</b>
<b>Previous year</b>			
Fixed assets	93,800	-	93,800
Current assets	968,550	818,493	1,787,043
Current liabilities	(187,110)	-	(187,110)
	<b>875,240</b>	<b>818,493</b>	<b>1,693,733</b>

17. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(deficit) for the reporting period	245,711	426,588
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	45,638	39,759
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(93,032)	(908,523)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	196,393	523,293
Net cash used in (provided by) operating activities	<b>394,710</b>	<b>81,117</b>

18. Pension scheme

Defined contribution pension scheme

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the Charitable Company to the scheme and amounted to £40,397 (2023: £23,813). There were £8,315 (2023: £6,250) contributions payable to the scheme at the end of the year.

19. Lease commitments

The Charity's total of future minimum lease payments under non – cancellable operating leases at 31 March 2024 were as follows:

	2024	2023
Payable:	Total	Total
	£	£
Within one year	46,000	46,000
Later than one year and not later than five years	217,000	235,000
More than five years	36,250	65,250
	<b>299,250</b>	<b>346,250</b>

The amount of non – cancellable operating lease payments recognised as an expense during the year was £68,000 (2023: £48,068)

20. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at either 31 March 2024 or 31 March 2023.

21. Events after the reporting period

There have been no other significant events between the year end and the date of approval of these financial statements which would require a change to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.

22. Related party transactions

During the year, the Charitable Company received a grant from their umbrella charitable company, Rape Crisis (England & Wales) amounting to £1,125,562 (2023: £724,119). The Charitable Company also enjoys a close working relationship with entities which provide funding to enable the Charity to carry out its charitable company. During the year the Charity provided counselling sessions / services to Solace and Women & Girls Network and received an amount totalling £187,204 (2023: £314,372) in the form of grants.

There were no other related party transactions during the year or amounts outstanding as at the year end.

23. Corporation taxation

As a Charitable Company, Rape and Sexual Support Centre is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.



