



**RASA Merseyside**  
**Annual Report and Financial Review**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**



## **About RASA Merseyside**

RASA Merseyside provides specialist, trauma-informed support to survivors of rape and sexual abuse across Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral. The organisation works with adults and children of all genders, offering counselling, advocacy, and Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) services designed to support recovery, safety, and survivor choice.

RASA's work is grounded in ethical practice, professional standards, and a commitment to delivering safe, high-quality specialist services to those affected by sexual violence.

## **Chair of Trustees' Foreword**

As Chair of Trustees, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for RASA Merseyside for the year ended 31 March 2025.

This year continued to present significant challenges for specialist sexual violence services. Demand remained high, while the complexity of survivors' needs increased. At the same time, the voluntary sector faced ongoing financial pressures and uncertainty.

Throughout the year, RASA Merseyside continued to deliver high-quality, trauma-informed support to survivors across the region. This work has required professionalism, resilience, and strong governance.

I would like to thank RASA's staff and volunteers for their dedication and commitment, and my fellow Trustees for their continued oversight and support.

Anber Raz – Chair to The Board of Trustees

## **Statement from the Board of Trustees**

This Annual Report covers the year ended 31 March 2025, a period characterised by sustained demand for specialist sexual violence services and increasing complexity in the needs of survivors accessing support.

The Trustees worked closely with the senior management team throughout the year to ensure that RASA Merseyside remained safe, effective, and financially well-governed.

## **This Year at RASA**

This year has been defined not only by volume of demand, but by complexity.

Survivors accessing RASA Merseyside are increasingly presenting with complex trauma and intersecting challenges. Delivering this level of support places ongoing emotional and professional demands on staff and volunteers.

## **Our Impact**

At RASA Merseyside, impact is not measured solely in numbers. The true impact lies in the quality, safety, and consistency of support provided.

“It’s been very validating to understand that what I’ve been through is trauma.”

“I’ve learned healthier ways to deal with my emotions.”



## **Voices & Reality**

“Being in a safe place with a trusted person has helped me feel valid and supported.”

“I would not have continued with the police investigation without this support.”

## **Our Services**

RASA Merseyside provides specialist counselling, advocacy, and ISVA services to survivors of rape and sexual abuse.

Counselling is delivered by trained practitioners with specialist expertise in sexual violence and trauma.

Advocacy and ISVA services provide practical and emotional support to survivors navigating complex systems.

## **Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. RASA Merseyside provides specialist services to survivors of rape and sexual abuse, contributing to improved wellbeing and recovery.

## **Finance Report**

During the year ended 31 March 2025, RASA Merseyside managed income of approximately £1.62 million and expenditure of approximately £1.59 million, resulting in a small surplus.

Reserves remain below the level the Trustees would ideally wish to hold due to the restricted nature of most funding. Trustees continue to develop unrestricted income streams to improve resilience.

The Trustees consider the organisation to be a going concern.

## **Governance and Management**

RASA Merseyside is governed by a Board of Trustees responsible for strategic direction, safeguarding, and financial oversight.

## **Looking Ahead**

Demand for specialist sexual violence services continues to exceed funded capacity. Trustees remain focused on maintaining service quality and financial sustainability.

### Staff and Volunteers

RASA Merseyside's work is delivered by a skilled and committed team of staff and volunteers working in emotionally demanding roles. Throughout the year, they continued to provide specialist, trauma-informed support to survivors while managing sustained pressure and increasing complexity in the needs of those accessing services.

Alongside frontline delivery, staff and volunteers contributed to supervision, safeguarding activity, partnership working, and service development, often adapting to change while maintaining professional standards and survivor-centred practice.

Trustees are grateful for the professionalism, resilience, and care shown by staff and volunteers throughout the year and recognise the importance of supporting wellbeing and sustainability alongside the delivery of high-quality services.

"This work is challenging, but knowing that survivors feel safe, believed, and supported makes it meaningful." — Staff member



## **Our Work in Numbers**

During the year ended 31 March 2025, RASA Merseyside supported a total of 4,080 survivors, including 2,850 individuals accessing RASA services for the first time during the year.

These figures reflect sustained, specialist support delivered through counselling, advocacy, and ISVA services. Many survivors required ongoing support over extended periods, particularly those experiencing complex trauma or navigating criminal justice processes.

During the year ended 31 March 2025, RASA Merseyside delivered a substantial volume of specialist activity, including:

- 3,909 specialist assessments
- 3,582 ISVA support sessions
- 7,609 counselling sessions
- 7,436 telephone consultations
- 39,084 email enquiries and responses
- 729 pre-trial therapy sessions

These figures reflect the breadth and intensity of support provided, much of it delivered over sustained periods and alongside complex safeguarding, criminal justice, and wellbeing needs.



## **An Insight into Who We Support**

RASA Merseyside supports survivors across the lifespan. During the year, 72 survivors aged over 75 accessed RASA services, highlighting that the impact of sexual violence can surface or be addressed many decades after abuse occurred.

The organisation also supported 466 children and young people under the age of 18 during the year. This underlines the importance of early, specialist intervention and robust safeguarding practice, as well as the need for services that are equipped to respond to trauma at all stages of development.

Many of the survivors aged over 75 were disclosing experiences of childhood sexual abuse for the first time. These individuals often presented with complex and long-standing mental health needs, reflecting the cumulative impact of trauma carried over many decades.

This highlights the critical importance of timely intervention and specialist support following any form of sexual violence. It also reinforces the need not only to listen to children when they speak out, but to truly hear them, believe them, and respond with appropriate care and protection.

## **Presenting Issues and Gender**

Survivors accessing RASA Merseyside rarely present with a single, isolated experience of sexual violence. Many disclose multiple, overlapping forms of abuse, often spanning long periods of time.

For monitoring and reporting purposes, RASA records a primary presenting issue — typically the final or most immediate factor that triggers referral or self-referral. This approach supports consistent reporting while recognising that it does not capture the full extent of harm experienced.

During the year, the most commonly recorded presenting issues included childhood sexual abuse (CSA) and rape.

A total of 1,404 survivors reported CSA, with 1,075 disclosures relating to non-recent or historic abuse. Similarly, 1,367 survivors presented following rape, of whom 502 were reporting non-recent incidents.



These figures highlight the prevalence of delayed disclosure and the long-term impact of sexual violence.

In addition, 993 survivors reported multiple incidents of varied sexual violence, often indicative of prolonged exposure to abuse and the normalisation of harmful behaviour over time.

103 survivors presented following sexual exploitation, including grooming and image-based abuse, and 30 survivors reported stalking or sexual harassment as their primary presenting issue.

RASA also provided support to 151 family members and supporters of survivors. Supporting those around a survivor can be a critical part of recovery, helping to stabilise relationships, improve understanding of trauma, and strengthen informal support networks.

The gender profile of those accessing RASA services reflects a clear gendered pattern in sexual violence.

During the year, 3,425 women and girls accessed support, compared to 542 men, alongside 50 non-binary and 52 trans survivors.

While RASA provides inclusive specialist support to people of all genders, this distribution reinforces the disproportionate impact of sexual violence on women and girls and underlines the continued need for a strong and effective Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy.

Taken together, these patterns emphasise the importance of early, specialist intervention following any form of sexual violence. They also reinforce the need not only to listen when children and young people disclose abuse, but to truly hear them, believe them, and respond in ways that prevent harm from continuing or compounding over time.

*"I feel lighter now. I can breathe again."*  
— Survivor supported by RASA

### **Looking Ahead: Prevention, Education and Hope**

While RASA Merseyside's core work is rooted in responding to sexual violence and supporting survivors, the organisation remains equally committed to prevention.

Reducing the prevalence of sexual violence requires cultural change, informed responses, and the confidence to act appropriately when concerns arise.

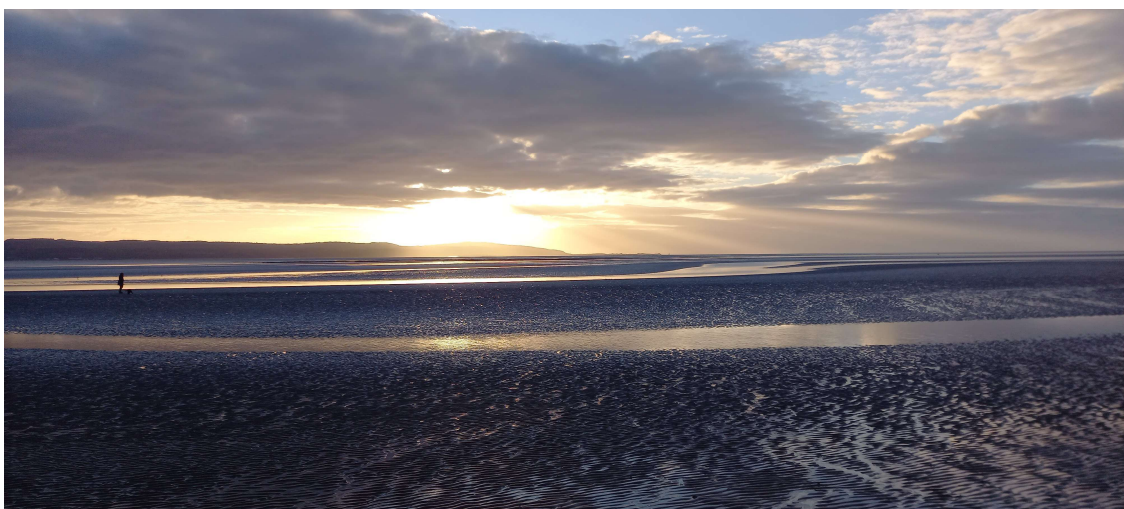
During the year, RASA delivered training to a wide range of organisations and professionals, including programmes on Handling Disclosures of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.

This training supports safer environments by improving understanding, increasing confidence, and ensuring that disclosures are met with appropriate, trauma-informed responses.

RASA also delivers Bystander Training, equipping individuals and organisations with the skills to recognise concerning behaviour and to take proportionate, safe action where it is indicated. This approach empowers people to challenge harmful norms, support those at risk, and intervene early before harm escalates.

Through education and training, RASA aims to contribute to long-term change by increasing awareness, strengthening community responses, and reducing tolerance for sexual violence in all its forms.

Alongside specialist support for survivors, this preventative work offers a source of hope — that earlier intervention, informed action, and collective responsibility can help create safer communities for the future.



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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1094462

Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025  
for  
Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

After the rape and murder of Diane Sindall in August 1986, RASA started out as a small group of concerned women in a small, terraced house in Birkenhead. Word spread that there was help available for women and girls who had experienced sexual violence. Victims and survivors started calling in for support, and sensing a genuine need, the group of women formed themselves in a charity "Wirral Rape Crisis Counselling Service". The charity was launched on 28th September 1987 with the charitable objects: "To relieve the mental and physical distress of women and girls who have suffered rape or sexual assault."

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## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The full Trustee's Report is filed separately at Charities Commission.

Central to RASA's purpose is the principle of providing a safe, confidential place for survivors of sexual violence to be listened to, believed, and supported, with no pressure put on them. This work encompasses a helpline and email contact service, face-to-face counselling and emotional support, facilitated support groups, advocacy for those dealing with the criminal justice system (ISVA), training for survivors and for the public, family support, mindfulness and meditation, complimentary therapies, and signposting to other services.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Significant activities**

The aims of The Rape & Sexual Abuse (RASA) Centre are

1. To provide a free, confidential and non-judgemental support service for women and girls who have been victims of sexual violence in Merseyside (under the trading name RASA).
2. To raise public awareness of the damaging and life-changing effects of rape and sexual abuse.

In order to fulfil these aims, the objectives of The Rape & Sexual Abuse (RASA) Centre are:

- \* To provide a sexual violence aftercare service for women and girls, which includes one-to-one and group support, in women only space at the request of the woman or girl.
  - \* To provide a telephone support service for supporters of survivors, both male and female.
  - \* To provide information and advice to other individuals and agencies to provide training and talks to external agencies in the local community to recruit volunteers.
  - \* To provide adequate training, support and supervision for staff and volunteers.
  - \* To monitor and evaluate service provision and policies on a continual basis involving staff, volunteers and users.
  - \* To work with external individuals and agencies to further the aims of The Rape & Sexual Abuse (RASA) Centre to raise funds to meet the needs of the service, to identify areas of unmet need and take appropriate action.
  - \* Since 2008, to provide parity of service for male survivors of sexual violence, noting that such support and counselling will not encroach on the women only space.
- RASA does not employ male staff or volunteers as we are keenly aware that the vast proportion of sexual violence is perpetrated by men against women and it would therefore be inappropriate for male workers to be evident in a professional sexual violence counselling and support service.

Working from a feminist perspective: What it means for RASA

Since it was established in Birkenhead in 1986, RASA Merseyside has always had a feminist ethos, and has aimed to support survivors of sexual violence from a feminist perspective.

People have different understandings of the term 'feminism', and the social and political movements that have been called 'feminist' are diverse, sometimes taking opposing positions on particular issues.

At RASA, we embrace diverse understandings and views, while ensuring that all RASA staff and volunteers share a common set of values on sexual violence through our recruitment and training practices.

Our ethos has been shaped by our experience of working with survivors of sexual violence, and by the lived experience of the women who have volunteered and worked for RASA, over the last 38 years.

This has led to an outward-looking approach, allowing us to respond to the needs of the community we are part of. Over the years, we have moved from being a collective of women offering peer support to other women in their community via a phone line, to the professional organisation we are today, offering counselling and ISVA services to women, children and men across the Merseyside boroughs of Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

While much has changed in the way we work, and the number of survivors we are able to help has grown, our core ethos has changed little.

We continue to describe our ethos as feminist for the following reasons:

- \* Gender inequality, specifically discrimination against and oppression of women and girls, persists in our society and around the world.
- \* While gender inequality has many consequences and effects, sexual violence is among the most severe and pervasive worldwide. This is evidenced by the fact that the vast majority of incidents of sexual violence are perpetrated by a man against a woman or girl.
- \* Sexual violence is a means of exerting power and control over victims, and a means of diminishing the victim's own power and control over their own life. On a societal level, it is a means of enforcing patriarchal power and control through violence against individuals, and through the fear of violence.
- \* Without recognising the gendered nature of sexual violence with individual survivors and as an organisation, we cannot help survivors to recover from trauma or find long-term strategies to address sexual violence in our community.
- \* Patriarchal violence, perpetrated overwhelmingly by men, affects men and boys, and transgendered/non-binary people, as well as women and girls. Understanding the common pattern of sexual violence as a means of power and control and recognising the specific ways people of different genders are affected, is entirely compatible with a feminist approach to supporting survivors of sexual violence.
- \* Maintaining a women-only workforce and providing women-only spaces remains crucial to our ability to support all survivors effectively. The survivors who come to us tell us this consistently.

### **Our Ethos**

- \* RASA Merseyside is a women-led, women-run service founded on feminist principles. We believe that by working in an all-women environment, we challenge structures that discriminate against women, providing the opportunity to empower ourselves and claim control of our own lives.
- \* Rape and sexual abuse are crimes of violence and abuse of power, not 'unwanted sex'.
- \* Rape and sexual abuse are never the fault of the survivor, and we work with all survivors towards this understanding of what happened to them.
- \* Rape and sexual abuse are gendered crimes - the majority of victims are women and children, and the majority of perpetrators are men. Sexual violence is both an expression of, and a means of enforcing and increasing, discrimination against women and gender inequality.
- \* Because women and girls live with sexism, the degradation of the female body and the threat of sexual violence in society at large, we create and maintain women-only spaces to offer relief and safety for survivors, and for the women who work at RASA. We know that this benefits survivors and helps them to heal.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

\* When children have experienced sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, they require specialist support. We strive to develop ways of working that help children recover from this trauma, and live happy and healthy lives. We reach out to families, schools and the wider community to raise awareness and help prevent the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and young people.

\* We know that transgender people are at increased risk of sexual violence and abuse, as well as transphobic violence. We aim to welcome all trans and non-binary gender survivors in a safe space for them, and work with other organisations locally to ensure they get the specialist support they need.

\* We work with men and boys to the same feminist principles, recognizing the different ways that sexual violence affects them, and offering men-only support groups for survivors facilitated by a RASA worker. At RASA we see all sexual violence as a cause and a consequence of the patriarchal societal structure we live in, acknowledging that almost all men and boys who experience sexual violence are abused by a man. As such, we believe a service working to feminist principles is well placed to help male survivors of sexual violence.

\* Recognising the oppression that many groups experience in today's society, we aim to work in a non-oppressive, anti-discriminatory way with people of any race, class, culture, immigration status, nationality, faith, sexuality, gender identity, age, disability, or health status. We work towards making our service accessible and available to all and actively seek to make links with the diverse communities in Merseyside.

### **Public benefit**

RASA offers support & counselling to anyone who has experienced any form of sexual violence (Rape, CSA, CSE) at any time in their life. We offer support, counselling, advocacy, training, groups, court & CJS support. We work with adults & children.

### **Volunteers**

RASA relies on volunteers to support the staff team of counsellors and ISVAs. Volunteers receive excellent training and development opportunities including the opportunity to access greatly reduced accredited training through RASA Education Limited.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

See full report for overview of charitable activities.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

During the year ended 31 March 2025, RASA Merseyside managed income of approximately £1.62 million and expenditure of approximately £1.59 million, resulting in a small surplus.

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The Trustees consider the organisation to be a going concern.

RASA has in place a comprehensive Financial Procedure (updated and reviewed annually). It is available upon request.



## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Principal funding sources**

#### **PCC FOR MERSEYSIDE**

In partnership with RASASC, RASA successfully won the tender to provide counselling and support for sexual violence survivors across Merseyside. This tender, valid for five years (April 2022 to March 2027) is to provide an ageless and genderless service to all five boroughs. The service includes the provision of Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA Service) for all five boroughs. RASA clients reside in Liverpool, Wirral and Sefton Boroughs.

#### **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE FUND FOR RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVORS**

RASA achieved funding through the Rape Support Fund administered by the Ministry of Justice for 3 years from April 2018 - March 2021. This allows us to work as counsellors and supporters for all survivors of sexual violence. This valued fund compliments and ensures a full equitable service is available to survivors of sexual violence crimes in Wirral, Sefton and Liverpool.

This fund was rolled forward by MoJ pending new tender process in April 2023. Tendering did not take place, and the funding was further extended to 31-03-2025 at a similar value but with a small uplift to meet the enhanced demand for services.

In December 2024, this funding was further extended to 31-03-26

#### **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ADDITIONAL ISVA FUNDING VIA OPCC - all extended to 2024/25**

Ringfenced funding for sexual violence (SV) victim support services, achieved by OPCC and commissioned out to RASA/RASASC partnership.

#### **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ISVA FUNDING**

Merseyside OPCC applied for additional ISVA funding on behalf of RASA and RASASC to allow us to enhance and improve our response to those individuals who wished to make reports to the police and be supported through the criminal justice system. Throughout this year, it was indeed essential to provide this additional support to such victims as justice systems remain gridlocked and cases are taking longer and longer to get to court. This means ISVAs are carrying bigger and more complex caseloads and are becoming overwhelmed. Some cases in this year are not due to appear in courts for 18 -24 months.

#### **RASA EDUCATION LIMITED**

The RASA Centre Training division formed as a separate Limited Company in June 2019 with the joint aims of supporting the work of RASA Merseyside and developing and strengthening the Training School Curriculum - and providing satisfactorily trained volunteer counsellors to assist in reducing waiting times.

In this year the Education Centre contributed £121,364 to RASA with £110,965 being used for funds for trainers and exam registration and fees. We await confirmation of degree course acceptance from Liverpool John Moores University.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves policy**

RASA aims to build a reserve fund to cover 3 months running costs of the Charity. Currently such a reserve would be in the region of £500,000. As RASA works to contract budget deadlines, it is unlikely that RASA will achieve full reserve cover without substantial unrestricted donations being received as all available funding is being used to maintain and develop services for clients.

At 31st March 2025 the total funds held are £49,830 made up of Restricted Funds of £27,704 and Unrestricted Funds of £22,126.

Included in restricted funds is the balance of the property owned by the charity at £14,940.

The total reserves not including the property is £34,890.

RASA recognises that this is insufficient reserve to hold and will work in coming years to rebuild the reserve following the relocation of the services into more accessible and modern accommodation that better serves the client base.

### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

Demand for specialist sexual violence services continues to exceed funded capacity. Trustees remain focused on maintaining service quality and financial sustainability.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

RASA is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England / Wales. 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 address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 9 of these financial statements.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

RASA welcomes individuals who wish to be considered as a potential trustee.

Prospective trustees are recommended, self-refer or respond to advertisements on volunteer websites.

Prospective trustees progress through to appointment via the safer recruitment process under which they are interviewed by two senior staff members and/or an existing trustee.

As an accredited member of Rape Crisis England and Wales, RASA must ensure that the trustee board remains women lead. Men are welcome to apply to be trustees but will be unable to take key board positions.

Following safer recruitment process completion, prospective candidates are forwarded for election at the next AGM. At this point they must present a short biography to allow members to decide who they wish to elect. Existing elected trustees may also decide to recommend individuals to be co-opted onto the Board of Trustees. This must be carried out in line with the RASA Constitution.

### **Decision making**

Day to day decisions are made by the operational management team consisting of Josephine Wood, Vicky Green and Lorraine Wood.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

Individuals must then successfully complete the RASA training for non-client focused staff. This process is carefully monitored by Education Centre staff for suitability to work with RASA.

### **Key management remuneration**

Trustees have set the remuneration for key management.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Company number**

04538556 (England and Wales)

### **Registered Charity number**

1094462

### **Registered office**

First Floor  
Atlantic House  
Hamilton Street  
Birkenhead  
Wirral  
CH41 1AL

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

**Trustees**

A Raz  
S Gunter  
S Blower  
E Harvey (appointed 31.5.25)  
Y Nolan (appointed 31.5.25)

**Company Secretary**

J Wood

**Senior Statutory Auditor**

Beverley Rice

**Auditors**

Robinson Rice Associates  
93 Banks Road  
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA) Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Robinson Rice Associates, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
Limited (Registered number: 04538556)

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'S Blower', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

S Blower - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of  
Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
Limited

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA) Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 2025 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; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

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

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

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

### **Other information**

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

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

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

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

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

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

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

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:

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation

Our audit response is based on:

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing correspondence with relevant regulators and legal advisors.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.
- Assessing whether judgements and assumptions made in determining accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias

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



Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of  
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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Rice', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Beverley Rice (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Robinson Rice Associates  
93 Banks Road  
West Kirby  
CH48 0RB

30 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	153,651	1	153,652	80,662
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Provision of services		-	1,379,380	1,379,380	1,328,859
Other trading activities	3	7,650	-	7,650	10,800
Investment income	4	268	-	268	361
<b>Total</b>		<u>161,569</u>	<u>1,379,381</u>	<u>1,540,950</u>	<u>1,420,682</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Provision of services		<u>139,678</u>	<u>1,386,973</u>	<u>1,526,651</u>	<u>1,578,523</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		21,891	(7,592)	14,299	(157,841)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		235	35,296	35,531	193,372
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>22,126</u></u>	<u><u>27,704</u></u>	<u><u>49,830</u></u>	<u><u>35,531</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
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Balance Sheet  
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	13	3,286	15,386	18,672	24,719
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	14	-	10,298	10,298	14,300
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>29,640</u>	<u>2,018</u>	<u>31,658</u>	<u>62,865</u>
		29,640	12,316	41,956	77,165
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(10,800)	2	(10,798)	(66,353)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>18,840</u>	<u>12,318</u>	<u>31,158</u>	<u>10,812</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>22,126</u>	<u>27,704</u>	<u>49,830</u>	<u>35,531</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>22,126</u>	<u>27,704</u>	<u>49,830</u>	<u>35,531</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	16				
Unrestricted funds				22,126	235
Restricted funds				<u>27,704</u>	<u>35,296</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>49,830</u>	<u>35,531</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Blower - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(31,475)</u>	<u>(77,538)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(31,475)</u>	<u>(77,538)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(8,400)
Interest received		<u>268</u>	<u>361</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>268</u>	<u>(8,039)</u>
		<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		(31,207)	(85,577)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>62,865</u>	<u>148,442</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>31,658</u></u>	<u><u>62,865</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	14,299	(157,841)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	6,048	10,597
Interest received	(268)	(361)
Trade and other creditors	3	(1)
Decrease in debtors	4,002	68,966
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(55,559)</u>	<u>1,102</u>
<b>Net cash used in operations</b>	<u><u>(31,475)</u></u>	<u><u>(77,538)</u></u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>62,865</u>	<u>(31,207)</u>	<u>31,658</u>
	<u>62,865</u>	<u>(31,207)</u>	<u>31,658</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>62,865</u></u>	<u><u>(31,207)</u></u>	<u><u>31,658</u></u>

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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

### **Income**

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

### **Expenditure**

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

### **Allocation and apportionment of costs**

All splits are based on the numbers of clients served by the particular costs - or in the case of supervision - actual costs itemised in invoices. In the case of funds to be split across boroughs, funds are split in accordance with population of the borough in question (%).

### **Tangible fixed assets**

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

Freehold property	- in accordance with the property
Improvements to property	- 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost and 25% on cost

### **Taxation**

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

### **Fund accounting**

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

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

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

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

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

**Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	<u>153,652</u>	<u>80,662</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Training courses	<u>7,650</u>	<u>10,800</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>268</u>	<u>361</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Commissioned work	Activity		
	Provision of services	652,099	652,099
Grants	Provision of services	<u>727,281</u>	<u>676,760</u>
		<u>1,379,380</u>	<u>1,328,859</u>

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

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Grant Income	<u>727,281</u>	<u>676,760</u>

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Provision of services	<u>1,513,949</u>	<u>12,702</u>	<u>1,526,651</u>

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Provision of services	<u>74</u>	<u>12,628</u>	<u>12,702</u>

**8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Depreciation - owned assets	6,047	10,600
Other operating leases	<u>7,058</u>	<u>6,725</u>



**9. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>8,190</u>	<u>7,500</u>

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**11. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>961,680</u>	<u>1,023,585</u>
	<u>961,680</u>	<u>1,023,585</u>

Salary costs include amounts paid to subcontracted workers.

They also include:

Employers National Insurance £71,044  
Employer Pension Contributions £15,384

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Management	8	8
Counsellors and support workers	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>
	<u>34</u>	<u>38</u>

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

**12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	80,663	(1)	80,662
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Provision of services	-	1,328,859	1,328,859
Other trading activities	10,800	-	10,800
Investment income	361	-	361
<b>Total</b>	<u>91,824</u>	<u>1,328,858</u>	<u>1,420,682</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Provision of services	<u>252,398</u>	<u>1,326,125</u>	<u>1,578,523</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(160,574)	2,733	(157,841)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>160,811</u>	<u>32,561</u>	<u>193,372</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>237</u>	<u>35,294</u>	<u>35,531</u>

**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>41,500</u>	<u>16,920</u>	<u>21,565</u>	<u>67,728</u>	<u>147,713</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 April 2024	25,730	16,920	20,780	59,564	122,994
Charge for year	<u>830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>4,980</u>	<u>6,047</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>26,560</u>	<u>16,920</u>	<u>21,017</u>	<u>64,544</u>	<u>129,041</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 March 2025	<u>14,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>3,184</u>	<u>18,672</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>15,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>8,164</u>	<u>24,719</u>

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other debtors	8,016	8,016
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,282</u>	<u>6,284</u>
	<u>10,298</u>	<u>14,300</u>

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other creditors	-	(1)
Accruals and deferred income	-	56,454
Accrued expenses	<u>10,798</u>	<u>9,900</u>
	<u>10,798</u>	<u>66,353</u>

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	34,385	18,015	52,400
Lime Culture for Truth Project	136	(34)	102
Education Service	<u>(34,286)</u>	<u>3,910</u>	<u>(30,376)</u>
	235	21,891	22,126
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	56	(56)	-
Wirral Borough Council Safe House *	15,770	(830)	14,940
Rape Services Funding	8,993	1,621	10,614
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	174	(43)	131
Jill's Fund	2,986	(2,986)	-
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	339	(339)	-
OPCC Contract	1,371	(1,371)	-
Thrive Sefton Council	2,000	-	2,000
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	1,846	(1,846)	-
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	1,150	(1,131)	19
OPCC Remote Counselling *	<u>611</u>	<u>(611)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>35,296</u>	<u>(7,592)</u>	<u>27,704</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>35,531</u>	<u>14,299</u>	<u>49,830</u>

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	46,489	(28,474)	18,015
Lime Culture for Truth Project	-	(34)	(34)
Education Service	115,080	(111,170)	3,910
	161,569	(139,678)	21,891
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	-	(56)	(56)
Wirral Borough Council Safe House *	-	(830)	(830)
Rape Services Funding	495,798	(494,177)	1,621
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	1	(44)	(43)
Jill's Fund	-	(2,986)	(2,986)
MOJ Male	53,974	(53,974)	-
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	-	(339)	(339)
OPCC Contract	652,099	(653,470)	(1,371)
MOJ ISVA Funding 1	32,888	(32,888)	-
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	1	(1,847)	(1,846)
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	-	(1,131)	(1,131)
OPCC Remote Counselling *	-	(611)	(611)
MOJ ISVA Funding 2			
	27,500	(27,500)	-
RSF Demand Lead Funding	72,999	(72,999)	-
MOJ ISVA to March 2023	44,121	(44,121)	-
	1,379,381	(1,386,973)	(7,592)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,540,950</u>	<u>(1,526,651)</u>	<u>14,299</u>

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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	165,864	(131,479)	34,385
Lime Culture for Truth Project	3,418	(3,282)	136
Education Service	(8,471)	(25,815)	(34,286)
	160,811	(160,576)	235
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	74	(18)	56
Wirral Borough Council Safe House *	16,600	(830)	15,770
Rape Crisis Regional Funding *	46	(46)	-
Victims Fund Sefton (PCC from 1/10/14) *	25	(25)	-
Home Office Funding for ISVA *	262	(262)	-
Liverpool City Safe *	41	(41)	-
Rape Services Funding	2,217	6,776	8,993
SARC Counselling Funding *	19	(19)	-
PCC Victims and Witnesses Fund *	47	(47)	-
Children In Need for CHISVA Service	530	(530)	-
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	232	(58)	174
Wirral CSP	20	(20)	-
Jill's Fund	3,105	(119)	2,986
MOJ Male	1,109	(1,109)	-
MOJ Additional Funding	403	(403)	-
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	679	(340)	339
OPCC Contract	(9,634)	11,005	1,371
Steve Morgan Foundation	7,311	(7,311)	-
MOJ Covid 19 fund to October 20	2,059	(2,059)	-
Thrive Sefton Council	1,994	6	2,000
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	3,000	(1,154)	1,846
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	1,200	(50)	1,150
OPCC Remote Counselling *	1,222	(611)	611
	32,561	2,735	35,296
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,372</u>	<u>(157,841)</u>	<u>35,531</u>

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	30,957	(162,436)	(131,479)
Lime Culture for Truth Project	(1)	(3,281)	(3,282)
Education Service	60,868	(86,683)	(25,815)
	91,824	(252,400)	(160,576)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	1	(19)	(18)
Wirral Borough Council Safe House			
*	-	(830)	(830)
Rape Crisis Regional Funding *	-	(46)	(46)
Victims Fund Sefton (PCC from 1/10/14) *	-	(25)	(25)
Home Office Funding for ISVA *	-	(262)	(262)
Liverpool City Safe *	-	(41)	(41)
Rape Services Funding	442,776	(436,000)	6,776
SARC Counselling Funding *	-	(19)	(19)
PCC Victims and Witnesses Fund *	-	(47)	(47)
Children In Need for CHISVA Service	-	(530)	(530)
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	-	(58)	(58)
Wirral CSP	-	(20)	(20)
Jill's Fund	-	(119)	(119)
MOJ Male	53,974	(55,083)	(1,109)
MOJ Additional Funding	-	(403)	(403)
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	(1)	(339)	(340)
OPCC Contract	652,098	(641,093)	11,005
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	(7,311)	(7,311)
MOJ Covid 19 fund to October 20	-	(2,059)	(2,059)
MOJ ISVA Funding 1	32,888	(32,888)	-
Thrive Sefton Council	-	6	6
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	-	(1,154)	(1,154)
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	-	(50)	(50)
OPCC Remote Counselling *	-	(611)	(611)
MOJ ISVA Funding 2			
	27,500	(27,500)	-
RSF Demand Lead Funding	73,001	(73,001)	-
MOJ ISVA to March 2023	44,121	(44,121)	-
NPT Transatlantic Promotional Material	2,500	(2,500)	-
	1,328,858	(1,326,123)	2,735

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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,420,682</u>	<u>(1,578,523)</u>	<u>(157,841)</u>
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A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	165,864	(113,464)	52,400
Lime Culture for Truth Project	3,418	(3,316)	102
Education Service	<u>(8,471)</u>	<u>(21,905)</u>	<u>(30,376)</u>
	160,811	(138,685)	22,126
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	74	(74)	-
Wirral Borough Council Safe House *	16,600	(1,660)	14,940
Rape Crisis Regional Funding *	46	(46)	-
Victims Fund Sefton (PCC from 1/10/14) *	25	(25)	-
Home Office Funding for ISVA *	262	(262)	-
Liverpool City Safe *	41	(41)	-
Rape Services Funding	2,217	8,397	10,614
SARC Counselling Funding *	19	(19)	-
PCC Victims and Witnesses Fund *	47	(47)	-
Children In Need for CHISVA Service	530	(530)	-
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	232	(101)	131
Wirral CSP	20	(20)	-
Jill's Fund	3,105	(3,105)	-
MOJ Male	1,109	(1,109)	-
MOJ Additional Funding	403	(403)	-
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	679	(679)	-
OPCC Contract	(9,634)	9,634	-
Steve Morgan Foundation	7,311	(7,311)	-
MOJ Covid 19 fund to October 20	2,059	(2,059)	-
Thrive Sefton Council	1,994	6	2,000
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	3,000	(3,000)	-
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	1,200	(1,181)	19
OPCC Remote Counselling *	<u>1,222</u>	<u>(1,222)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>32,561</u>	<u>(4,857)</u>	<u>27,704</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,372</u>	<u>(143,542)</u>	<u>49,830</u>



**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	77,446	(190,910)	(113,464)
Lime Culture for Truth Project	(1)	(3,315)	(3,316)
Education Service	175,948	(197,853)	(21,905)
	253,393	(392,078)	(138,685)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	1	(75)	(74)
Wirral Borough Council Safe House *	-	(1,660)	(1,660)
Rape Crisis Regional Funding *	-	(46)	(46)
Victims Fund Sefton (PCC from 1/10/14) *	-	(25)	(25)
Home Office Funding for ISVA *	-	(262)	(262)
Liverpool City Safe *	-	(41)	(41)
Rape Services Funding	938,574	(930,177)	8,397
SARC Counselling Funding *	-	(19)	(19)
PCC Victims and Witnesses Fund *	-	(47)	(47)
Children In Need for CHISVA Service	-	(530)	(530)
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	1	(102)	(101)
Wirral CSP	-	(20)	(20)
Jill's Fund	-	(3,105)	(3,105)
MOJ Male	107,948	(109,057)	(1,109)
MOJ Additional Funding	-	(403)	(403)
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	(1)	(678)	(679)
OPCC Contract	1,304,197	(1,294,563)	9,634
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	(7,311)	(7,311)
MOJ Covid 19 fund to October 20	-	(2,059)	(2,059)
MOJ ISVA Funding 1	65,776	(65,776)	-
Thrive Sefton Council	-	6	6
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MOJ ISVA Funding 2			
	55,000	(55,000)	-
RSF Demand Lead Funding	146,000	(146,000)	-
MOJ ISVA to March 2023	88,242	(88,242)	-
NPT Transatlantic Promotional Material	2,500	(2,500)	-

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

	<u>2,708,239</u>	<u>(2,713,096)</u>	<u>(4,857)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>2,961,632</u></u>	<u><u>(3,105,174)</u></u>	<u><u>(143,542)</u></u>

**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**18. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

Operating Lease Commitments

The total rent due to be paid within one year are £91,806 (2024 £91,806)

There is a photocopier lease and the payments due in the next year are £6,287 (2024 £6,287).

The total of commitments due within one year is £98,093 (2024 £98,093)

The total of commitments due more than one year is £185,032 (2024 £283,125).

Other rents are paid on rolling contracts.

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Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025  
for  
Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
Limited

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

After the rape and murder of Diane Sindall in August 1986, RASA started out as a small group of concerned women in a small, terraced house in Birkenhead. Word spread that there was help available for women and girls who had experienced sexual violence. Victims and survivors started calling in for support, and sensing a genuine need, the group of women formed themselves in a charity "Wirral Rape Crisis Counselling Service". The charity was launched on 28th September 1987 with the charitable objects: "To relieve the mental and physical distress of women and girls who have suffered rape or sexual assault."

RASA Merseyside provides specialist, trauma-informed support to survivors of rape and sexual abuse across Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral. The organisation works with adults and children of all genders, offering counselling, advocacy, and Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) services designed to support recovery, safety, and survivor choice. RASA's work is grounded in ethical practice, professional standards, and a commitment to delivering safe, high-quality specialist services to those affected by sexual violence.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The full Trustee's Report is filed separately at Charities Commission.

Central to RASA's purpose is the principle of providing a safe, confidential place for survivors of sexual violence to be listened to, believed, and supported, with no pressure put on them. This work encompasses a helpline and email contact service, face-to-face counselling and emotional support, facilitated support groups, advocacy for those dealing with the criminal justice system (ISVA), training for survivors and for the public, family support, mindfulness and meditation, complimentary therapies, and signposting to other services.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Significant activities**

The aims of The Rape & Sexual Abuse (RASA) Centre are

1. To provide a free, confidential and non-judgemental support service for women and girls who have been victims of sexual violence in Merseyside (under the trading name RASA).
2. To raise public awareness of the damaging and life-changing effects of rape and sexual abuse.

In order to fulfil these aims, the objectives of The Rape & Sexual Abuse (RASA) Centre are:

- \* To provide a sexual violence aftercare service for women and girls, which includes one-to-one and group support, in women only space at the request of the woman or girl.
  - \* To provide a telephone support service for supporters of survivors, both male and female.
  - \* To provide information and advice to other individuals and agencies to provide training and talks to external agencies in the local community to recruit volunteers.
  - \* To provide adequate training, support and supervision for staff and volunteers.
  - \* To monitor and evaluate service provision and policies on a continual basis involving staff, volunteers and users.
  - \* To work with external individuals and agencies to further the aims of The Rape & Sexual Abuse (RASA) Centre to raise funds to meet the needs of the service, to identify areas of unmet need and take appropriate action.
  - \* Since 2008, to provide parity of service for male survivors of sexual violence, noting that such support and counselling will not encroach on the women only space.
- RASA does not employ male staff or volunteers as we are keenly aware that the vast proportion of sexual violence is perpetrated by men against women and it would therefore be inappropriate for male workers to be evident in a professional sexual violence counselling and support service.

Working from a feminist perspective: What it means for RASA

Since it was established in Birkenhead in 1986, RASA Merseyside has always had a feminist ethos, and has aimed to support survivors of sexual violence from a feminist perspective.

People have different understandings of the term 'feminism', and the social and political movements that have been called 'feminist' are diverse, sometimes taking opposing positions on particular issues.

At RASA, we embrace diverse understandings and views, while ensuring that all RASA staff and volunteers share a common set of values on sexual violence through our recruitment and training practices.

Our ethos has been shaped by our experience of working with survivors of sexual violence, and by the lived experience of the women who have volunteered and worked for RASA, over the last 38 years.

This has led to an outward-looking approach, allowing us to respond to the needs of the community we are part of. Over the years, we have moved from being a collective of women offering peer support to other women in their community via a phone line, to the professional organisation we are today, offering counselling and ISVA services to women, children and men across the Merseyside boroughs of Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

While much has changed in the way we work, and the number of survivors we are able to help has grown, our core ethos has changed little.

We continue to describe our ethos as feminist for the following reasons:

- \* Gender inequality, specifically discrimination against and oppression of women and girls, persists in our society and around the world.
- \* While gender inequality has many consequences and effects, sexual violence is among the most severe and pervasive worldwide. This is evidenced by the fact that the vast majority of incidents of sexual violence are perpetrated by a man against a woman or girl.
- \* Sexual violence is a means of exerting power and control over victims, and a means of diminishing the victim's own power and control over their own life. On a societal level, it is a means of enforcing patriarchal power and control through violence against individuals, and through the fear of violence.
- \* Without recognising the gendered nature of sexual violence with individual survivors and as an organisation, we cannot help survivors to recover from trauma or find long-term strategies to address sexual violence in our community.
- \* Patriarchal violence, perpetrated overwhelmingly by men, affects men and boys, and transgendered/non-binary people, as well as women and girls. Understanding the common pattern of sexual violence as a means of power and control and recognising the specific ways people of different genders are affected, is entirely compatible with a feminist approach to supporting survivors of sexual violence.
- \* Maintaining a women-only workforce and providing women-only spaces remains crucial to our ability to support all survivors effectively. The survivors who come to us tell us this consistently.

### **Our Ethos**

- \* RASA Merseyside is a women-led, women-run service founded on feminist principles. We believe that by working in an all-women environment, we challenge structures that discriminate against women, providing the opportunity to empower ourselves and claim control of our own lives.
- \* Rape and sexual abuse are crimes of violence and abuse of power, not 'unwanted sex'.
- \* Rape and sexual abuse are never the fault of the survivor, and we work with all survivors towards this understanding of what happened to them.
- \* Rape and sexual abuse are gendered crimes - the majority of victims are women and children, and the majority of perpetrators are men. Sexual violence is both an expression of, and a means of enforcing and increasing, discrimination against women and gender inequality.
- \* Because women and girls live with sexism, the degradation of the female body and the threat of sexual violence in society at large, we create and maintain women-only spaces to offer relief and safety for survivors, and for the women who work at RASA. We know that this benefits survivors and helps them to heal.



## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

\* When children have experienced sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, they require specialist support. We strive to develop ways of working that help children recover from this trauma, and live happy and healthy lives. We reach out to families, schools and the wider community to raise awareness and help prevent the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and young people.

\* We know that transgender people are at increased risk of sexual violence and abuse, as well as transphobic violence. We aim to welcome all trans and non-binary gender survivors in a safe space for them, and work with other organisations locally to ensure they get the specialist support they need.

\* We work with men and boys to the same feminist principles, recognizing the different ways that sexual violence affects them, and offering men-only support groups for survivors facilitated by a RASA worker. At RASA we see all sexual violence as a cause and a consequence of the patriarchal societal structure we live in, acknowledging that almost all men and boys who experience sexual violence are abused by a man. As such, we believe a service working to feminist principles is well placed to help male survivors of sexual violence.

\* Recognising the oppression that many groups experience in today's society, we aim to work in a non-oppressive, anti-discriminatory way with people of any race, class, culture, immigration status, nationality, faith, sexuality, gender identity, age, disability, or health status. We work towards making our service accessible and available to all and actively seek to make links with the diverse communities in Merseyside.

### **Public benefit**

RASA offers support & counselling to anyone who has experienced any form of sexual violence (Rape, CSA, CSE) at any time in their life. We offer support, counselling, advocacy, training, groups, court & CJS support. We work with adults & children.

### **Volunteers**

RASA relies on volunteers to support the staff team of counsellors and ISVAs. Volunteers receive excellent training and development opportunities including the opportunity to access greatly reduced accredited training through RASA Education Limited.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

See full report for overview of charitable activities.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

During the year ended 31 March 2025, RASA Merseyside managed income of approximately £1.62 million and expenditure of approximately £1.59 million, resulting in a small surplus.

Reserves remain below the level the Trustees would ideally wish to hold due to the restricted nature of most funding. Trustees continue to develop unrestricted income streams to improve resilience.

The Trustees consider the organisation to be a going concern.

RASA has in place a comprehensive Financial Procedure (updated and reviewed annually). It is available upon request.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Principal funding sources**

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## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves policy**

RASA aims to build a reserve fund to cover 3 months running costs of the Charity. Currently such a reserve would be in the region of £500,000. As RASA works to contract budget deadlines, it is unlikely that RASA will achieve full reserve cover without substantial unrestricted donations being received as all available funding is being used to maintain and develop services for clients.

At 31st March 2025 the total funds held are £49,830 made up of Restricted Funds of £27,704 and Unrestricted Funds of £22,126.

Included in restricted funds is the balance of the property owned by the charity at £14,940.

The total reserves not including the property is £34,890.

RASA recognises that this is insufficient reserve to hold and will work in coming years to rebuild the reserve following the relocation of the services into more accessible and modern accommodation that better serves the client base.

### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

Demand for specialist sexual violence services continues to exceed funded capacity. Trustees remain focused on maintaining service quality and financial sustainability.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

RASA is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England / Wales. 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 address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 9 of these financial statements.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

RASA welcomes individuals who wish to be considered as a potential trustee.

Prospective trustees are recommended, self-refer or respond to advertisements on volunteer websites.

Prospective trustees progress through to appointment via the safer recruitment process under which they are interviewed by two senior staff members and/or an existing trustee.

As an accredited member of Rape Crisis England and Wales, RASA must ensure that the trustee board remains women lead. Men are welcome to apply to be trustees but will be unable to take key board positions.

Following safer recruitment process completion, prospective candidates are forwarded for election at the next AGM. At this point they must present a short biography to allow members to decide who they wish to elect. Existing elected trustees may also decide to recommend individuals to be co-opted onto the Board of Trustees. This must be carried out in line with the RASA Constitution.

### **Decision making**

Day to day decisions are made by the operational management team consisting of Josephine Wood, Vicky Green and Lorraine Wood.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

Individuals must then successfully complete the RASA training for non-client focused staff. This process is carefully monitored by Education Centre staff for suitability to work with RASA.

### **Key management remuneration**

Trustees have set the remuneration for key management.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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04538556 (England and Wales)

### **Registered Charity number**

1094462

### **Registered office**

First Floor  
Atlantic House  
Hamilton Street  
Birkenhead  
Wirral  
CH41 1AL

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

**Trustees**

A Raz  
S Gunter  
S Blower  
E Harvey (appointed 31.5.25)  
Y Nolan (appointed 31.5.25)

**Company Secretary**

J Wood

**Senior Statutory Auditor**

Beverley Rice

**Auditors**

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA) Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Robinson Rice Associates, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'S Blower', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

S Blower - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of  
Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
Limited

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA) Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 2025 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; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

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

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

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

### **Other information**

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

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

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

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

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

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



### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

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:

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation

Our audit response is based on:

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing correspondence with relevant regulators and legal advisors.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.
- Assessing whether judgements and assumptions made in determining accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias

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

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of  
Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Rice', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Beverley Rice (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Robinson Rice Associates  
93 Banks Road  
West Kirby  
CH48 0RB

30 January 2026

Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	153,651	1	153,652	80,662
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Provision of services		-	1,379,380	1,379,380	1,328,859
Other trading activities	3	7,650	-	7,650	10,800
Investment income	4	268	-	268	361
<b>Total</b>		<u>161,569</u>	<u>1,379,381</u>	<u>1,540,950</u>	<u>1,420,682</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Provision of services		<u>139,678</u>	<u>1,386,973</u>	<u>1,526,651</u>	<u>1,578,523</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		21,891	(7,592)	14,299	(157,841)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		235	35,296	35,531	193,372
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>22,126</u>	<u>27,704</u>	<u>49,830</u>	<u>35,531</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
Limited (Registered number: 04538556)

Balance Sheet  
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	13	3,286	15,386	18,672	24,719
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	14	-	10,298	10,298	14,300
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>29,640</u>	<u>2,018</u>	<u>31,658</u>	<u>62,865</u>
		29,640	12,316	41,956	77,165
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(10,800)	2	(10,798)	(66,353)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>18,840</u>	<u>12,318</u>	<u>31,158</u>	<u>10,812</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>22,126</u>	<u>27,704</u>	<u>49,830</u>	<u>35,531</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>22,126</u>	<u>27,704</u>	<u>49,830</u>	<u>35,531</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	16				
Unrestricted funds				22,126	235
Restricted funds				<u>27,704</u>	<u>35,296</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>49,830</u>	<u>35,531</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Blower - Trustee

Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (RASA)  
Limited

Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(31,475)</u>	<u>(77,538)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(31,475)</u>	<u>(77,538)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(8,400)
Interest received		<u>268</u>	<u>361</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>268</u>	<u>(8,039)</u>
		<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		(31,207)	(85,577)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>62,865</u>	<u>148,442</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>31,658</u></u>	<u><u>62,865</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	14,299	(157,841)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	6,048	10,597
Interest received	(268)	(361)
Trade and other creditors	3	(1)
Decrease in debtors	4,002	68,966
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(55,559)</u>	<u>1,102</u>
<b>Net cash used in operations</b>	<u><u>(31,475)</u></u>	<u><u>(77,538)</u></u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>62,865</u>	<u>(31,207)</u>	<u>31,658</u>
	<u>62,865</u>	<u>(31,207)</u>	<u>31,658</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>62,865</u></u>	<u><u>(31,207)</u></u>	<u><u>31,658</u></u>

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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

### **Income**

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

### **Expenditure**

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

### **Allocation and apportionment of costs**

All splits are based on the numbers of clients served by the particular costs - or in the case of supervision - actual costs itemised in invoices. In the case of funds to be split across boroughs, funds are split in accordance with population of the borough in question (%).

### **Tangible fixed assets**

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

Freehold property	- in accordance with the property
Improvements to property	- 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost and 25% on cost

### **Taxation**

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

### **Fund accounting**

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

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

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

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

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

**Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	<u>153,652</u>	<u>80,662</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Training courses	<u>7,650</u>	<u>10,800</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>268</u>	<u>361</u>



**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Commissioned work	Activity		
	Provision of services	652,099	652,099
Grants	Provision of services	<u>727,281</u>	<u>676,760</u>
		<u>1,379,380</u>	<u>1,328,859</u>

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

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Grant Income	<u>727,281</u>	<u>676,760</u>

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Provision of services	<u>1,513,949</u>	<u>12,702</u>	<u>1,526,651</u>

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Provision of services	<u>74</u>	<u>12,628</u>	<u>12,702</u>

**8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Depreciation - owned assets	6,047	10,600
Other operating leases	<u>7,058</u>	<u>6,725</u>

**9. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>8,190</u>	<u>7,500</u>

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**11. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>961,680</u>	<u>1,023,585</u>
	<u>961,680</u>	<u>1,023,585</u>

Salary costs include amounts paid to subcontracted workers.

They also include:

Employers National Insurance £71,044  
Employer Pension Contributions £15,384

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Management	8	8
Counsellors and support workers	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>
	<u>34</u>	<u>38</u>

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

**12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	80,663	(1)	80,662
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Provision of services	-	1,328,859	1,328,859
Other trading activities	10,800	-	10,800
Investment income	361	-	361
<b>Total</b>	<u>91,824</u>	<u>1,328,858</u>	<u>1,420,682</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Provision of services	<u>252,398</u>	<u>1,326,125</u>	<u>1,578,523</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(160,574)	2,733	(157,841)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>160,811</u>	<u>32,561</u>	<u>193,372</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>237</u></u>	<u><u>35,294</u></u>	<u><u>35,531</u></u>

**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>41,500</u>	<u>16,920</u>	<u>21,565</u>	<u>67,728</u>	<u>147,713</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 April 2024	25,730	16,920	20,780	59,564	122,994
Charge for year	<u>830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>4,980</u>	<u>6,047</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>26,560</u>	<u>16,920</u>	<u>21,017</u>	<u>64,544</u>	<u>129,041</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 March 2025	<u>14,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>3,184</u>	<u>18,672</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>15,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>8,164</u>	<u>24,719</u>

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other debtors	8,016	8,016
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,282</u>	<u>6,284</u>
	<u>10,298</u>	<u>14,300</u>

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other creditors	-	(1)
Accruals and deferred income	-	56,454
Accrued expenses	<u>10,798</u>	<u>9,900</u>
	<u>10,798</u>	<u>66,353</u>

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	34,385	18,015	52,400
Lime Culture for Truth Project	136	(34)	102
Education Service	<u>(34,286)</u>	<u>3,910</u>	<u>(30,376)</u>
	235	21,891	22,126
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	56	(56)	-
Wirral Borough Council Safe House *	15,770	(830)	14,940
Rape Services Funding	8,993	1,621	10,614
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	174	(43)	131
Jill's Fund	2,986	(2,986)	-
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	339	(339)	-
OPCC Contract	1,371	(1,371)	-
Thrive Sefton Council	2,000	-	2,000
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	1,846	(1,846)	-
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	1,150	(1,131)	19
OPCC Remote Counselling *	<u>611</u>	<u>(611)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>35,296</u>	<u>(7,592)</u>	<u>27,704</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>35,531</u></u>	<u><u>14,299</u></u>	<u><u>49,830</u></u>

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	46,489	(28,474)	18,015
Lime Culture for Truth Project	-	(34)	(34)
Education Service	115,080	(111,170)	3,910
	161,569	(139,678)	21,891
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	-	(56)	(56)
Wirral Borough Council Safe House *	-	(830)	(830)
Rape Services Funding	495,798	(494,177)	1,621
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	1	(44)	(43)
Jill's Fund	-	(2,986)	(2,986)
MOJ Male	53,974	(53,974)	-
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	-	(339)	(339)
OPCC Contract	652,099	(653,470)	(1,371)
MOJ ISVA Funding 1	32,888	(32,888)	-
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	1	(1,847)	(1,846)
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	-	(1,131)	(1,131)
OPCC Remote Counselling *	-	(611)	(611)
MOJ ISVA Funding 2	27,500	(27,500)	-
RSF Demand Lead Funding	72,999	(72,999)	-
MOJ ISVA to March 2023	44,121	(44,121)	-
	1,379,381	(1,386,973)	(7,592)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,540,950</u>	<u>(1,526,651)</u>	<u>14,299</u>

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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	165,864	(131,479)	34,385
Lime Culture for Truth Project	3,418	(3,282)	136
Education Service	(8,471)	(25,815)	(34,286)
	160,811	(160,576)	235
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	74	(18)	56
Wirral Borough Council Safe House *	16,600	(830)	15,770
Rape Crisis Regional Funding *	46	(46)	-
Victims Fund Sefton (PCC from 1/10/14) *	25	(25)	-
Home Office Funding for ISVA *	262	(262)	-
Liverpool City Safe *	41	(41)	-
Rape Services Funding	2,217	6,776	8,993
SARC Counselling Funding *	19	(19)	-
PCC Victims and Witnesses Fund *	47	(47)	-
Children In Need for CHISVA Service	530	(530)	-
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	232	(58)	174
Wirral CSP	20	(20)	-
Jill's Fund	3,105	(119)	2,986
MOJ Male	1,109	(1,109)	-
MOJ Additional Funding	403	(403)	-
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	679	(340)	339
OPCC Contract	(9,634)	11,005	1,371
Steve Morgan Foundation	7,311	(7,311)	-
MOJ Covid 19 fund to October 20	2,059	(2,059)	-
Thrive Sefton Council	1,994	6	2,000
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	3,000	(1,154)	1,846
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	1,200	(50)	1,150
OPCC Remote Counselling *	1,222	(611)	611
	32,561	2,735	35,296
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,372</u>	<u>(157,841)</u>	<u>35,531</u>

## 16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	30,957	(162,436)	(131,479)
Lime Culture for Truth Project	(1)	(3,281)	(3,282)
Education Service	60,868	(86,683)	(25,815)
	91,824	(252,400)	(160,576)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	1	(19)	(18)
Wirral Borough Council Safe House			
*	-	(830)	(830)
Rape Crisis Regional Funding *	-	(46)	(46)
Victims Fund Sefton (PCC from 1/10/14) *	-	(25)	(25)
Home Office Funding for ISVA *	-	(262)	(262)
Liverpool City Safe *	-	(41)	(41)
Rape Services Funding	442,776	(436,000)	6,776
SARC Counselling Funding *	-	(19)	(19)
PCC Victims and Witnesses Fund *	-	(47)	(47)
Children In Need for CHISVA Service	-	(530)	(530)
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	-	(58)	(58)
Wirral CSP	-	(20)	(20)
Jill's Fund	-	(119)	(119)
MOJ Male	53,974	(55,083)	(1,109)
MOJ Additional Funding	-	(403)	(403)
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	(1)	(339)	(340)
OPCC Contract	652,098	(641,093)	11,005
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	(7,311)	(7,311)
MOJ Covid 19 fund to October 20	-	(2,059)	(2,059)
MOJ ISVA Funding 1	32,888	(32,888)	-
Thrive Sefton Council	-	6	6
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	-	(1,154)	(1,154)
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	-	(50)	(50)
OPCC Remote Counselling *	-	(611)	(611)
MOJ ISVA Funding 2			
	27,500	(27,500)	-
RSF Demand Lead Funding	73,001	(73,001)	-
MOJ ISVA to March 2023	44,121	(44,121)	-
NPT Transatlantic Promotional Material	2,500	(2,500)	-
	1,328,858	(1,326,123)	2,735



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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,420,682</u>	<u>(1,578,523)</u>	<u>(157,841)</u>
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A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	165,864	(113,464)	52,400
Lime Culture for Truth Project	3,418	(3,316)	102
Education Service	<u>(8,471)</u>	<u>(21,905)</u>	<u>(30,376)</u>
	160,811	(138,685)	22,126
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	74	(74)	-
Wirral Borough Council Safe House *	16,600	(1,660)	14,940
Rape Crisis Regional Funding *	46	(46)	-
Victims Fund Sefton (PCC from 1/10/14) *	25	(25)	-
Home Office Funding for ISVA *	262	(262)	-
Liverpool City Safe *	41	(41)	-
Rape Services Funding	2,217	8,397	10,614
SARC Counselling Funding *	19	(19)	-
PCC Victims and Witnesses Fund *	47	(47)	-
Children In Need for CHISVA Service	530	(530)	-
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	232	(101)	131
Wirral CSP	20	(20)	-
Jill's Fund	3,105	(3,105)	-
MOJ Male	1,109	(1,109)	-
MOJ Additional Funding	403	(403)	-
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	679	(679)	-
OPCC Contract	(9,634)	9,634	-
Steve Morgan Foundation	7,311	(7,311)	-
MOJ Covid 19 fund to October 20	2,059	(2,059)	-
Thrive Sefton Council	1,994	6	2,000
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	3,000	(3,000)	-
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	1,200	(1,181)	19
OPCC Remote Counselling *	<u>1,222</u>	<u>(1,222)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>32,561</u>	<u>(4,857)</u>	<u>27,704</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,372</u>	<u>(143,542)</u>	<u>49,830</u>

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	77,446	(190,910)	(113,464)
Lime Culture for Truth Project	(1)	(3,315)	(3,316)
Education Service	175,948	(197,853)	(21,905)
	253,393	(392,078)	(138,685)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Justice for Jane *	1	(75)	(74)
Wirral Borough Council Safe House *	-	(1,660)	(1,660)
Rape Crisis Regional Funding *	-	(46)	(46)
Victims Fund Sefton (PCC from 1/10/14) *	-	(25)	(25)
Home Office Funding for ISVA *	-	(262)	(262)
Liverpool City Safe *	-	(41)	(41)
Rape Services Funding	938,574	(930,177)	8,397
SARC Counselling Funding *	-	(19)	(19)
PCC Victims and Witnesses Fund *	-	(47)	(47)
Children In Need for CHISVA Service	-	(530)	(530)
Wirral Borough Council Public Health	1	(102)	(101)
Wirral CSP	-	(20)	(20)
Jill's Fund	-	(3,105)	(3,105)
MOJ Male	107,948	(109,057)	(1,109)
MOJ Additional Funding	-	(403)	(403)
OPCC Additional Funding for Counselling	(1)	(678)	(679)
OPCC Contract	1,304,197	(1,294,563)	9,634
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	(7,311)	(7,311)
MOJ Covid 19 fund to October 20	-	(2,059)	(2,059)
MOJ ISVA Funding 1	65,776	(65,776)	-
Thrive Sefton Council	-	6	6
Funding for children Cheshire NHS	1	(3,001)	(3,000)
Funding for Children Lilly Charity	-	(1,181)	(1,181)
OPCC Remote Counselling *	-	(1,222)	(1,222)
MOJ ISVA Funding 2			
	55,000	(55,000)	-
RSF Demand Lead Funding	146,000	(146,000)	-
MOJ ISVA to March 2023	88,242	(88,242)	-
NPT Transatlantic Promotional Material	2,500	(2,500)	-

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

	<u>2,708,239</u>	<u>(2,713,096)</u>	<u>(4,857)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>2,961,632</u></u>	<u><u>(3,105,174)</u></u>	<u><u>(143,542)</u></u>

**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**18. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

Operating Lease Commitments

The total rent due to be paid within one year are £91,806 (2024 £91,806)

There is a photocopier lease and the payments due in the next year are £6,287 (2024 £6,287).

The total of commitments due within one year is £98,093 (2024 £98,093)

The total of commitments due more than one year is £185,032 (2024 £283,125).

Other rents are paid on rolling contracts.

**19. FUNDS**

**PCC FOR MERSEYSIDE**

In partnership with RASASC, RASA successfully won the tender to provide counselling and support for sexual violence survivors across Merseyside. This tender, valid for five years (April 2022 to March 2027) is to provide an ageless and genderless service to all five boroughs. The service includes the provision of Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA Service) for all five boroughs. RASA clients reside in Liverpool, Wirral and Sefton Boroughs.

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE FUND FOR RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVORS**

RASA achieved funding through the Rape Support Fund administered by the Ministry of Justice for 3 years from April 2018 - March 2021. This allows us to work as counsellors and supporters for all survivors of sexual violence. This valued fund compliments and ensures a full equitable service is available to survivors of sexual violence crimes in Wirral, Sefton and Liverpool.

This fund was rolled forward by MoJ pending new tender process in April 2023. Tendering did not take place and the funding was further extended to 31-03-2025 at a similar value but with a small uplift to meet the enhanced demand for services.

In December 2024, this funding was further extended to 31-03-26

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ADDITIONAL ISVA FUNDING VIA OPCC** - all extended to 2024/25 Ringfenced funding for sexual violence (SV) victim support services, achieved by OPCC and commissioned out to RASA/RASASC partnership.

**19. FUNDS - continued**

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ISVA FUNDING**

Merseyside OPCC applied for additional ISVA funding on behalf of RASA and RASASC to allow us to enhance and improve our response to those individuals who wished to make reports to the police and be supported through the criminal justice system. Throughout this year, it was indeed essential to provide this additional support to such victims as justice systems remain gridlocked and cases are taking longer and longer to get to court. This means ISVAs are carrying bigger and more complex caseloads and are becoming overwhelmed. Some cases in this year are not due to appear in courts for 18 -24 months.

**RASA EDUCATION LIMITED**

The RASA Centre Training division formed as a separate Limited Company in June 2019 with the joint aims of supporting the work of RASA Merseyside and developing and strengthening the Training School Curriculum - and providing satisfactorily trained volunteer counsellors to assist in reducing waiting times.

In this year the Education Centre contributed £121,364 to RASA with £110,965 being used for funds for trainers and exam registration and fees. We await confirmation of degree course acceptance from Liverpool John Moores University.