DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1111610

Details

Other names	DEESIDE WOMEN'S AID, DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT (DEESIDE)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05430841
Registered	2005-10-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE RELIEF OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISTRESS AMONG (I) PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO MENTAL, PHYSICAL, OR SEXUAL ABUSE, BY THEIR PARTNERS, EX-PARTNERS OR PERSONS WITH WHOM THEY HAVE HAD A RELATIONSHIP AND WHO ARE IN NEED AND (II) THE CHILDREN OF THOSE PERSONS, BY THE PROVISION OF/REFERRAL TO REFUGE ACCOMMODATION AND BY SUCH OTHER MEANS AS SHALL FURTHER THE SAID OBJECTS.

Activities: To provide information, support and, if necessary, refuge accommodation to people who have, or, who are, suffering domestic abuse.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Accommodation/housing, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE, FLINTSHIRE.
- Conwy
- Denbighshire
- Flintshire
- Wrexham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,394,317	£4,249,680	£2,020,361	95
2024-03-31	£4,228,012	£3,938,936	£1,800,941	92
2023-03-31	£3,964,452	£3,949,787	£811,708	94
2022-03-31	£3,437,049	£3,407,714	£797,043	89
2021-03-31	£2,861,604	£2,461,759	£767,708	61

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DIANE ROBERTS	Chair	
Andrea Karen Senior		2021-06-21
Dr Michael Morton		2021-06-21
Katherine Browning		2015-09-23
NATASHA JO JONES		
Sally -Anne Henderson		2018-06-15

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Accounts

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT
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Provider of Domestic Abuse Support Services across North Wales

Message from the Chair of Trustees

2024/25 has been a significant year for DASU North Wales, with us winning and renewing several regional contracts to deliver our services across all 6 counties in North Wales. We continue to receive the highest level of referrals in our history and go from strength to strength.

During 2024-2025 we received 6,543 referrals into our services. 181 families were accepted into our refuges. However, we were unable to accept a further 322 families into refuge, as we did not have capacity. This continues to demonstrate the size of the problem, and the need for more refuges and services for victims fleeing Domestic Abuse. We had the highest level of male clients enter the service this year, supporting 105 men and boys.

More men with children wanted refuge space, and we identified a need for refuge space which a disabled man with children could access. To that end we applied for capital funding to purchase a fully disabled friendly bungalow in Denbighshire which will be our fist dedicated disabled unit for men and their children. In addition, with further capital funding we purchased a wide range of target hardening equipment such as CCTV, cameras, locks and alarms to keep clients safe and enabling them and their children to stay in their own homes.

Our two short stay refuge spaces, purchased with capital funding last year have been used consistently and have provided quality refuge spaces for 2 survivors and up to 6 children at one time for up to 72 hrs, when a long-term space is not immediately available. One of these spaces is suitable for a disabled client and for those clients' bringing children, pets and dependants with them to safety.

We achieved the Welsh Women's Aid National Quality Service Standards, this accreditation gives DASU IAQF status. The IAQF Welsh Government framework enables DASU to continue to receive Welsh Government funding and be recognised as a provider of quality information and advice in Wales. We are now working towards our RESPECT accreditation, a recognised award to demonstrate our commitment to delivering a safe and effective service to male survivors of Domestic Abuse. Once we have achieved this we will be the only service in the region to hold Safe live, WWA NQSS and RESPECT, demonstrating our professionalism and commitment to being the best service for all victims of Domestic Abuse.

Achieving these accreditations provides our funders, and more importantly our clients with the reassurance that we offer high quality, well managed services, that are delivered by well trained staff.

Children and Young People can be victims of Domestic Abuse in their own right. To recognise this, we have continued to grow and develop out dedicated CYP team. During the year we received 369 referrals for CYP, aged 3 years plus, and supported 355 families via our Family Court Pathfinder project.

During the year the tender for the continued delivery of the Pathfinder project was released by the MOJ, and we were delighted to be awarded the contract to deliver the project across all 6 counties in North Wales. This new contract means that the service will be delivered consistently and to the highest possible standard, with DASU's model being recognised as a model of best practise in the UK.

In addition to the Pathfinder tender a further 2 tenders were released for the regional IDVA service and the Denbighshire Domestic Abuse support provision. I am delighted to report that DASU won both of these tenders, enabling us to extend our IDVA provision into Gwynedd and Ynys Mon and continue to deliver our services across Denbighshire.

DASU would like to acknowledge and thank all our commissioners and funders. Without your support the life changing services we offer would simply not be available, together we really can make a difference.

Finally, on behalf of myself and the board I would like to acknowledge and thank all our staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Each year we report the increase in numbers of survivors accessing our services, and alongside the domestic abuse they report they also present with many complex needs. Our staff and volunteers have become experts in identifying ways of supporting the most vulnerable in society, using their skills and experience our staff and volunteers break down barriers, develop trust and provide life changing and lifesaving support.

Diolch/Thank you!



Financials 2024-2025

Thank you to all our funders and people who have donated, or fundraised for DASU during 2024 -2025!

Funders included:

- **Conwy County Borough Council**
- **Denbighshire County Council**
- **Flintshire County Council**
- **Wrexham County Borough Council**
- **Community Fund**
- **Gwynt y Mor**
- **Nationwide**
- **The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – North Wales**
- **Children In Need**
- **Moondance Foundation**
- **Garfield Western**
- **DVSC**
- **Freemasons**
- **NatWest Circle Fund**
- **Welsh Government**
- **MoJ**
- **Welsh Womens Aid**

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	17,734	-	17,734	23,644	-	23,644
Charitable activities	4	893,530	3,464,681	4,358,211	782,834	3,476,258	4,259,092
Other trading activities	5	12,910	-	12,910	7,354	70	7,424
Investments	6	5,462	-	5,462	12,635	-	12,635
Total income		929,636	3,464,681	4,394,317	826,467	3,476,328	4,302,795
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	867,942	3,381,738	4,249,680	637,479	3,301,457	3,938,936
Net incoming resources before transfers		61,694	82,943	144,637	188,988	174,871	363,859
Gross transfers between funds		(19,835)	19,835	-	(228,628)	228,628	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		41,859	102,778	144,637	(39,640)	403,499	363,859
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		829,200	1,046,524	1,875,724	868,840	643,025	1,511,865
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		871,059	1,149,302	2,020,361	829,200	1,046,524	1,875,724

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		1,231,939		1,122,404
Current assets					
Debtors	13	76,360		330,765	
Cash at bank and in hand		832,453		950,982	
		908,813		1,281,747	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(120,391)		(528,427)	
Net current assets			788,422		753,320
Total assets less current liabilities			2,020,361		1,875,724
Income funds					
Restricted funds	15		1,149,302		1,046,524
Unrestricted funds			871,059		829,200
			2,020,361		1,875,724

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by a Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association and constitutes a Company Limited by Guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Board of Trustees

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Aims

The Domestic Abuse Safety Unit (DASU) provides professional coordinated interventions to people experiencing domestic abuse across Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Wrexham, Gwynedd & Ynys Mon to maximise their safety, and the safety of their / families.

The charity supports anyone who has been subjected to mental, physical or sexual abuse by their partners or persons with whom they have had a relationship. The aim is to assist them in making the transition to a safe and secure life.

Our services and support are therefore delivered in a way that specifically meet the needs of the client and acknowledges individuals experiencing multiple inequalities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Significant Activities

DASU provides a range of support services including; IDVA's, Counselling, Specialist CYP services, advocacy, information, group-work, training, refuge accommodation when necessary, and liaising with other agencies including social services, police, education, health and substance misuse services on behalf of clients.

Maintaining the safety and well-being of service users is achieved by risk assessment, safety planning and working with others to achieve positive outcomes. DASU participates in the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), which is a key mechanism for multi-agency collaboration.

DASU helps survivors of domestic abuse in a wide variety of tangible ways such as helping clients to claim welfare benefits, accessing legal representation and attending court, safety planning, risk assessment and assisting clients to secure accommodation in private or social housing. Many of our clients have children, and we can assist them by finding places in playgroups, schools and colleges for the children when entering refuge with their parent, or when re-settling in permanent housing. This is an important element of the overall service provision, as is registration with GPs and dentists and accessing other health services, so basic needs and continued health and well-being is promoted. In addition, we recognise that Children and young people can be victims in their own right, as such we have a dedicated CYP team who work with children both in the community and refuge.

In addition to this wide-ranging practical support, DASU works with survivors to increase their confidence, self- esteem and the strength to emerge from social exclusion and stigmatisation and enable them to take control of their lives. This takes the form of individual counselling, group work and training, and has led to a number of clients finding the confidence to take up paid and volunteer work or return to education.

Raising Awareness

An important area of work is awareness-raising within the community and related agencies. This includes workshop sessions in schools and colleges, talks to women's and church groups, training for midwives and health visitors, police and professionals and in attending various multi-agency regional and national partnership meetings to ensure Domestic Abuse remains a priority on everyone's agenda.

During the year we conducted numerous stakeholder surveys and identified the need to secure more disabled friendly refuge accommodation, to that end we bid for and were successful in obtaining Capital funding to open out first fully disabled friendly refuge for male clients with children in the Denbighshire area. In the coming year we will continue to listen to survivors to ensure the services we deliver are accessible, relevant and sustainable.

AT A GLANCE

DASU RECEIVES A REFERRAL EVERY 12 MINUTES

138 PEOPLE RECEVIED COUNSELLING

DASU RECEIVED 6,543 REFERALS IN 2024-25

DASU SUPPORTED 4,876 ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

DASU SUPPORTED 291 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

CLIENT FEEDBACK

REFUGE SERVICES

"I'll never be able to thank you all enough, I'm so lucky to of been able to use this lifeline and finally get back onto my feet, something I wasn't sure I was ever going to be able to do. I'll always remember our time spent at the refuge and not even because it was one of the most difficult times of my life but as a ti I have walked in, and it already feels like a home. It is so homey."

"I am able to go out, I'm happy and I want to come back to refuge.

I love it here. I am so happy to be here." me full of support, Love and amazing life-long friendships"

CHILDRENS AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES

Feedback from a CYP

"The sessions have helped me so much; I don't want them to end"

Feedback from a Parent

"I wish I had contacted you sooner, thanks for all the support, I don't know where I would be if I hadn't had you"

COMMUNITY SERVICES

'Thank u, u really have helped me more than u realize, just knowing someone cares an understands I could never thank u enough for u checking in, even when missed the call, knowing someone that gets it is at the end of the phone makes it so much easier x'

"My gratitude is enormous. I'm learning to be me and live again. I feel recognised and understood and know that I'm supporting my daughter in the right way whilst protecting myself and saying what I need"

IDVA SERVICES

‘I am unbelievably happy, *** you have been my pillar of strength throughout all of this and couldn't have done it without you xx’**

“My IDVA has been fantastic with me, always there when I’m struggling or when I felt I wanted to drop charges when things got too much for me. She always checked in with me and kept me up to date with things and spoke to probation and police for me. Could never have gone to court without her. I’m glad I stuck with it. I’m now back at work and hope I can move on with my life. Thanks for everything “

COUNSELLING SERVICES

‘I have a better understanding of the trauma impact and how to manage that I am sleeping better and am able to manage any panic using breathing and distraction techniques.’

‘I was feeling low and anxious when I started sessions - now I feel confident and worthy and much more positive for the future for me and my son.’

‘It was a safe space to discuss life events and have an outlet to be emotional without bias or criticism that I do not have in everyday life’.

‘Grateful for the service - couldn’t have got through without it.’

‘Counselling helped change my mindset – I am more mindful and self aware – I feel happy for the first time in a long time.’

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Ms N J Jones Ms D Roberts Ms K Browning Ms S A Henderson Dr Michael Morton Ms Andrea Senior
Secretary	Mr N Patel
Charity number	1111610
Company number	05430841
Registered office	Wrenmore House 104 Chester Road East Shotton Deeside Flintshire United Kingdom CH5 1QD
Auditor	Salisburys Accountants Irish Square St Asaph Denbighshire United Kingdom LL17 0RN

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and aims

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We are committed to delivering a gender specific service as domestic abuse, violence and sexual violence affects men, women, children and non-binary individuals. However, we acknowledge that evidence indicates that women and girls are disproportionately impacted by violence, and this is a violation of human rights and a cause and consequence of gender inequality. This means that when these forms of violence are experienced by women and girls, this operates a means of social control and maintains an unequal power relation, linking to systematic discrimination, reinforcing women's subordinate status.

Our services and support are therefore delivered in a way that specifically meets the needs of the client and acknowledges individuals experiencing multiple inequalities.

Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake, and all our services are designed with and for our clients.

Significant activities

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Funding streams
DASU continued to be financially supported by many organisations both for existing and new contracts/awards, including:

- Conwy County Borough Council
- Denbighshire County Council
- Flintshire County Council
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Community Fund
- Gwynt y Mor
- Nationwide
- The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – North Wales
- Children In Need
- Moondance Foundation
- Garfield Western
- DVSC
- Freemasons
- NatWest Circle Fund
- Welsh Government
- MoJ
- Welsh Womens Aid

Donations
During 2024-2025 a staggering amount of £17,734 was raised through donations from both continued dedicated supporters and new donators. Monies were raised through an independent charity shop in Holywell and an independent charity shop in Ffynnongroew, individual people and organisations and general donations. The Trustees would like to register their sincere thanks to all who have donated in such a difficult year. The funds will go towards making a difference to the lives of domestic abuse survivors.

Achievements and performance
2024-2025 has proved to be another successful year for the charity, both in the income achieved through grants and donations, which in turn enabled lifesaving support to survivors in the communities we serve. DASU has continued to provide support to survivors of domestic abuse by providing refuge provision and community support services. DASU supports all survivors of domestic abuse, including all genders and children. DASU links in with partner agencies and statutory services to ensure all support and safety needs are met.

During the last 12 months DASU were fortunate in securing capital funding, enabling the purchase of larger offices in Rhyl, as our previous offices were too small. The new offices provide increased support rooms, furnished to enable trauma informed support to both individuals, families and group programs can be facilitated.

During 2024-2025, DASU received a total of 6,494 referrals for support.

Two of DASU's main contracts were retendered during 2024-25, DASU were successful in re-gaining the contracts, providing security for these services for another contract term.

Financial review

In order to be able to operate, DASU must be able to front fund staffing as grants are paid quarterly in arrears. To be able to facilitate this, DASU must hold reserves of minimum of £745k.

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for the reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves as at 31st March 2025 were £871,059 – unrestricted (3.2 months running costs). Any grants that were received for 2025-2026 have been deducted from the income shown for 2024-2025 as these funds will be shown in the year that they relate to (as per the grant terms and conditions). Unrestricted reserves would be shown if grants were not spent in the timeframe stipulated in grant terms and conditions, DASU did not have any unspent grants as at 31/03/2025.

DASU has no material committed expenditure from reserves from 2025/26 onwards.

A pending disposal of DASU's previous Rhyl offices, with an estimated increase in reserves of £95k in 2025/26.

The Trustees are happy with the levels of reserves held by the charity as these are essential for DASU to be able to operate under the sector norm of grants payable 3 months in arrears.

Grants
The charity received the following restricted grants during the financial year:

	£
Conwy Borough County Council	313,708
Denbighshire County Council	465,045
Wrexham County Borough Council	190,673
Flintshire County Council	415,004
Children In Need	33,363
Community Fund	136,072
Denbighshire County Council	34,413
Conwy County Borough Council	78,745
NatWest Funding Circle	2,000
Gwynt Y Mor	17,261
Garfield Western	15,000
The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner	1,144,087
MoJ	142,229
Moondance	78,736
Nationwide	66,234
DVSC	49,620
Freemasons	28,500
Welsh Women's Aid	74,228
Welsh Government	179,763
TOTAL	**3,464,681**

Looking Forward
In order to maintain and introduce new services, DASU is continually re-evaluating services, applying for new funding, re-tendering for services, forming new partnerships, etc.

DASU North Wales has clear objectives, these are :

To offer a range of support and services which reduce poverty, improve mental and/or physical distress among
(i) persons who have been subjected to mental, physical, or sexual abuse, by their partners, ex-partners or persons with whom they have had a relationship and who are in need and
(ii) the children of those persons, by the provision of / referral to refuge accommodation and by such other means as shall further the said objects.

To that end, moving forward DASU will work with survivors of Domestic abuse and sexual violence to identify their needs and the needs of their children. We will raise funds to continue to offer support and secure refuge accommodation and grow these services to meet survivor's needs.

In the coming year we will aim to open additional refuge spaces, and secure funding to purchase specialist equipment to offer safe, appropriate spaces within refuges for disabled or low mobility survivors. We will secure more funding for target hardening items, such as CCTV, Ring doorbells, Locks and alarms so that survivors can remain safe in their own homes. Reducing the risk of homelessness and minimising disruption to the survivor and their children. We will provide more awareness raising training to professionals and the public, ensuring that individuals can identify and respond appropriately to those living with Domestic Abuse.

To ensure that all survivors get the very best support, we will continue to invest in our staff. Ensuring that they receive appropriate training and clinical support to ensure they have the tools and resilience to do their job.

As DASU's Trustees we are committed to the above strategy and working models, and will work with the committed staff of DASU to carry on providing the crucial services, continuing to build resilient, fit for purpose and adequately funding services not only to domestic abuse survivors, but preventative services reducing abuse in the future.

Structure, governance and management
Governing document
The charity is controlled by it's governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the companies Act 2006.

Trustees
The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms N J Jones
Ms D Roberts
Ms K Browning
Ms S A Henderson
Dr Michael Morton
Ms Andrea Senior

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
The directors of the company are also trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles. There are five trustees, who meet at minimum of six times each year as the Management Committee. All members are invited to nominate trustees prior to the AGM. DASU is also registered with Flintshire Local Voluntary Council, Volunteer Bureau, where potential trustees and volunteers may be identified and referred to us. We continue to encourage involvement from clients when they no longer receive a service from DASU.

Trustees are recruited for their particular skills and their interest in combating domestic abuse. Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity. Additionally new trustees receive induction training and additional relevant training throughout the year.

The trustees on the management committee have a broad mix of skills. They include a County Councillor and representatives from the fields of education, local government, finance and Higher Education. However, we believe it would further enhance the Committee to recruit trustees with experience in Equality and Diversity, HR, Commissioning and tendering and the third sector.

Our organisation is led by women to support women and as such the majority of our board are and will continue to be women, this includes the role of Chair of the Trustees and CEO, both of which are restricted to women only candidates. However we will continue to recruit more men to the board in the future where appropriate, as we recognise that men can also be victims of Domestic Abuse and as such deserve equal access to support, and an opportunity to live free from fear.

Trade creditors policy
The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:
- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

Trade creditors of the company at the year-end were equivalent to 40 days' purchases, based on the average daily amount invoiced by suppliers during the year.

Organisational structure
The CEO has overall responsibility for operational matters, this is a delegated authority from the board of Trustees. The CEO attends provider forums across North Wales, Strategic partnership group meetings and bi-monthly board meetings where all decisions are recorded and communicated. The organisation has operated in Deeside for over 30 years and has now gained contracts across many counties in North Wales, including Wrexham, Conwy and Denbighshire.

Related parties
DASU has strong links with Flintshire County Council, particularly the Social Services and Housing Departments, Wrexham County Borough Council, Denbighshire County Council, Conwy County Borough Council, the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator and Flintshire Neighbourhood Wardens, Clwyd Alyn Housing Association Women's Aid, North Wales Police, and in particular the Domestic Violence Officer, are important partners. DASU is a member of Flintshire Local Voluntary Council, Welsh Women's Aid, Cymorth Cymru, Respect and Child Poverty Action Group.

Auditor
The auditors, Salisburys Accountants, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

D M Roberts

Ms D Roberts
Trustee
Dated: 25.11.25

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees (who are also the directors of Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd across Flintshire and Denbighshire 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.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd (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.

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. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatement in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned in accordance with ISA (UK).

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and the industry in which it operates through our general commercial and sector experience and discussions with management. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: The Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 the 'Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and relevant UK tax legislation. In addition, we concluded that there are certain laws and regulations that may have an effect on the determination of the amounts and disclosures within the financial statements such as Health and Safety laws and regulations.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
- Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud;
- Obtain an understanding of the internal controls that management have in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies used;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular manual or unusual entries;
- Obtaining third party confirmations of all the charity's banking arrangements;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting.

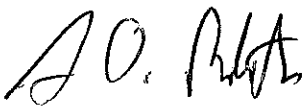
The assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement team's knowledge of the industry in which the client operates in and understanding of, and practical experience with, audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment.

Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

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.



Aled Roberts BA (Hons) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Salisbury & Company Business Solutions Limited

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
Irish Square
Upper Denbigh Road
St Asaph

Date: 25-11-25

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	17,734	-	17,734	23,644	-	23,644
Charitable activities	4	893,530	3,464,681	4,358,211	782,834	3,476,258	4,259,092
Other trading activities	5	12,910	-	12,910	7,354	70	7,424
Investments	6	5,462	-	5,462	12,635	-	12,635
Total income		929,636	3,464,681	4,394,317	826,467	3,476,328	4,302,795
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	867,942	3,381,738	4,249,680	637,479	3,301,457	3,938,936
Net incoming resources before transfers		61,694	82,943	144,637	188,988	174,871	363,859
Gross transfers between funds		(19,835)	19,835	-	(228,628)	228,628	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		41,859	102,778	144,637	(39,640)	403,499	363,859
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		829,200	1,046,524	1,875,724	868,840	643,025	1,511,865
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		871,059	1,149,302	2,020,361	829,200	1,046,524	1,875,724

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**12**		1,231,939		1,122,404
Current assets					
Debtors	**13**	76,360		330,765	
Cash at bank and in hand		832,453		950,982	
		908,813		1,281,747	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(120,391)		(528,427)	
Net current assets			788,422		753,320
Total assets less current liabilities			2,020,361		1,875,724
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**15**		1,149,302		1,046,524
Unrestricted funds			871,059		829,200
			2,020,361		1,875,724

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ...25.11.25

DM Roberts

Ms D Roberts
Trustee

Company registration number 05430841

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	21		29,714		254,939
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(153,705)		(416,986)	
Investment income received		5,462		12,635	
Net cash used in investing activities			(148,243)		(404,351)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(118,529)		(149,412)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			950,982		1,100,394
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			832,453		950,982

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Wrenmore House, 104 Chester Road East, Shotton, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 1QD, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

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

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.2 Prior period error

The financial statements include adjustments relating to the prior year.

There were several grants identified that should have been recognised as restricted income instead of unrestricted.

Income from grants to purchase capital items had been deferred incorrectly.

Depreciation of freehold buildings had been recognised against unrestricted income while it should have recognised against restricted income.

Prior year figures have been restated as follows

	Previously	Restated
Charitable activities – restricted income	£2,127,815	£3,476,258
Charitable activities – unrestricted income	£2,056,494	£782,834
Other trading activities – restricted income	£Nil	£70
Fund balances – restricted fund	£1,0008,403	£817,084
Fund balances – unrestricted funds	£792,538	£1,058,640
Creditors – Deferred Government grants	£74,783	£0

The overall impact of the above adjustments are:

SOFA - £74,783 additional surplus

Restricted reserves - £191,319 decrease in the reserves

Unrestricted reserves - £266,102 increase in reserves

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.5 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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.6 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.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost from 2023 (historic no depreciation)
Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Office equipment	33% on cost
Motor vehicles	20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

DASU's fixed asset policy is to not capitalise individual purchases less than £200.00.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and gifts	17,734	23,644

4 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants	3,584,729	3,500,658
Rental income	773,482	758,434
	4,358,211	4,259,092
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	893,530	782,834
Restricted funds	3,464,681	3,476,258
	4,358,211	4,259,092

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous income	12,910	7,354	70	7,424

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank interest received	5,462	12,635

7 Charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	2,980,835	2,684,497
Depreciation and impairment	44,171	23,203
Rent and rates	310,703	284,906
Licences and insurance	16,230	17,390
Light and heat	148,540	140,345
Telephone	77,734	67,549
Postage and stationery	7,939	11,211
Advertising	184	8,267
Sundries	55,087	51,001
Training	50,788	31,690
Volunteers' expenses	2,078	3,848
Motor and travelling expenses	77,108	68,370
Supervision	32,566	27,036
Cleaning and waste disposal	46,054	35,659
Repairs and renewals	185,132	296,838
TV rental and licences	3,983	3,207
Other charitable expenditure	77,790	60,862
	4,116,922	3,815,879
Share of support costs (see note 8)	599	770
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	132,159	122,287
	4,249,680	3,938,936
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	867,942	637,479
Restricted funds	3,381,738	3,301,457
	4,249,680	3,938,936

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	Support costs	Governance costs	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	592	-	592	770	-	770
Other interest paid	7	-	7	-	-	-
Audit fees	-	12,540	12,540	-	1,200	1,200
Accountancy and legal fees	-	119,619	119,619	-	121,087	121,087
	599	132,159	132,758	770	122,287	123,057
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	599	132,159	132,758	770	122,287	123,057

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £11,400 (2024: £3,600) for audit fees.

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Full time	77	81
Part time	18	11
Total	95	92

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	2,830,338	2,546,355
Other pension costs	150,497	138,142
	2,980,835	2,684,497

Employee remuneration is paid within industry standard levels.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxationof Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Office equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	1,127,231	103,691	13,542	12,750	1,257,214
Additions	148,821	4,884	-	-	153,705
At 31 March 2025	1,276,052	108,575	13,542	12,750	1,410,919
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2024	89,823	29,210	3,026	12,750	134,809
Depreciation charged in the year	24,529	15,128	4,514	-	44,171
At 31 March 2025	114,352	44,338	7,540	12,750	178,980
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2025	1,161,700	64,237	6,002	-	1,231,939
At 31 March 2024	1,037,409	74,479	10,516	-	1,122,404

Included in the brought forward freehold land and property is £1,008,403 for four properties which the Welsh Government provided funds to purchase. There are Charges lodge with Companies House for each of these properties and if the buildings are sold the first £1,008,403.00 of the consideration is repayable to the Welsh Government on demand. The four properties covered by the charges have no maximum charge period stated by the documents from the Welsh Government.

The breakdown of the £1,008,403.00 charges are as follows:

£200,000.00 purchase 26 November 2009
£210,000.00 purchase 26 February 2020
£87,500.00 purchase 14 October 2021
£210,000.00 purchase 16 December 2021
£88,403.00 purchase 10 October 2023
£212,500.00 purchase 27 February 2024

The one new property purchased in the year totalling £131,496 is also covered by Charges lodged at Companies House. If the property is sold the first £131,496 of the consideration is repayble to the Welsh Goverment on demand. This property has a maximum charge period of 10 years from the date of the final payment of grant.

The breakdown of the £131,496 charges are as follows:

£131,496.00 purchase 24 July 2024

13 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	43,054	303,262
Other debtors	329	1,694
Prepayments and accrued income	32,977	25,809
	76,360	330,765

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	1,475	49,507
Trade creditors	19,095	56,600
Other creditors	1,778	1,778
Accruals and deferred income	98,043	420,542
	120,391	528,427

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Welsh Government - Charges	643,025	-	(15,388)	300,903	928,540	131,496	(21,921)	-	1,038,115
Local Council Funding	-	1,348,512	(1,459,968)	229,440	117,984	1,384,430	(1,408,317)	15,673	109,770
Children in Need	-	33,059	(34,533)	1,474	-	33,363	(33,596)	233	-
Community Fund - Outreach	-	177,429	(177,926)	497	-	116,073	(115,657)	1	417
Denbighshire CYP	-	34,268	(26,945)	(7,323)	-	34,413	(35,560)	1,147	-
Funding Circle Safelives	-	4,711	(4,711)	-	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Gwynt Y Mor	-	29,500	(29,500)	-	-	17,261	(17,330)	69	-
IRIS	-	51,000	(51,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moondance Foundation	-	58,483	(59,191)	708	-	78,736	(78,032)	1	705
Nationwide	-	48,458	(51,063)	2,605	-	66,234	(66,515)	281	-
Office of the Police Crime Commissioner	-	851,440	(857,739)	6,299	-	1,144,119	(1,143,824)	-	295
Steve Morgan Fund	-	30,310	(30,520)	210	-	-	210	(210)	-
Welsh Government	-	469,705	(164,797)	(304,908)	-	48,174	(48,174)	-	-
Other Grants	-	339,453	(338,176)	(1,277)	-	408,382	(411,022)	2,640	-
	643,025	3,476,328	(3,301,457)	228,628	1,046,524	3,464,681	(3,381,738)	19,835	1,149,302

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	193,824	1,038,115	1,231,939	193,864	928,540	1,122,404
Current assets/(liabilities)	677,235	111,187	788,422	635,336	117,984	753,320
	871,059	1,149,302	2,020,361	829,200	1,046,524	1,875,724

17 Capital commitments

At 31 March 2025 the charity had no capital commitments.

18 Events after the reporting date

At the reporting date a cash offer of £120,000 was accepted in relation to the sale of 10 Brighton Road.

19 Related party transactions

During the prior year, Domestic abuse safety Unit North Wales (DASU) purchased a property jointly with RASASC NW, funded by a Welsh Government Capital Grant. DASU and RASASC continue to operate from this property.

DASU owed £1,400 to RASASC as at 31 March 2025. (2024 nil)

Gaynor McKeown holds the role of Interim Chief Executive Officer for DASU and RASASC NW.

Rhian Lewis was Head of Operations/ Deputy CEO of DASU during the year and a Trustee of RASASC NW. She resigned as a Trustee of RASASC NW in January 2025.

20 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

21 Cash generated from operations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Surplus for the year	144,637	363,859
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(5,462)	(12,635)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	44,171	23,203
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	254,405	52,003
(Decrease) in creditors	(408,037)	(171,491)
Cash generated from operations	29,714	254,939

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Domestic Abuse Safety Unit
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The Trustees
Domestic Abuse Safety Unit
North Wales Ltd
Wrenmore House
104 Chester Road East
Shotton
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25th November 2025

Salisbury & Company Business Solutions Limtied
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Dear Sirs

Letter of Representation – Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd

During the course of your audit of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, the following representations were made to you by management and trustees.

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees under the Companies Act 2006 for preparing financial statements, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework FRS 102 and the FRS 102 Charity SORP, that give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you as our auditors.
2. We confirm that all accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit, in accordance with your terms of engagement, and that

all the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of all management, trustees' and members' meetings, have been made available to you. We have given you unrestricted access to persons within the charity in order to obtain audit evidence and have provided any additional information that you have requested for the purposes of your audit.

3. We confirm that significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

4. We confirm that all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements have been disclosed to the auditor and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

5. We confirm that there had been no events since the balance sheet date which require disclosure or which would materially affect the amounts in the financial statements, other than those already disclosed or included in the financial statements.

6. We confirm that we are aware that a related party of the charity is a person or organisation which either directly or indirectly controls, has joint control of, or significantly influences the charity or vice versa and as a result will include trustees/directors, other key management, close family and other business interests of the previous. We confirm that the related party relationships and transactions set out below are a complete list of such relationships and transactions and that we are not aware of any further related parties or transactions.

Party	*Relationship*	*Nature of transaction*
Ms N Jones	Trustee	No transactions

Ms D Roberts	Trustee	No transactions
Ms K Browning	Trustee	No transactions
Ms SA Henderson	Trustee	No transactions
Dr M Morton	Trustee	No transactions
Ms A Senior	Trustee	No transactions
RASASC	Jointly owned property	DASU owed £1,400 to RASASC
Contact Cars	Owned by farther of Rachel Roberts (employee)	Taxi services.

7. We confirm that all related party relationships and transactions have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

8. We confirm that the charity has had, at no time during the year, any arrangement, transaction or agreement to provide credit facilities (including advances and credits granted by the charity) for trustees, nor to provide guarantees of any kind on behalf of the trustees.

9. We confirm that the charity has not contracted for any capital expenditure other than as disclosed in the financial statements.

10. We confirm that we are not aware of any possible or actual instance of non-compliance with those laws and regulations which provide a legal framework within which the charity conducts its activities, and which are central to the charity's ability to conduct its activities.

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11. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud. We confirm that we have disclosed to you the results of our own risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud.

12. We confirm that there have been no actual or suspected instances of fraud involving trustees, management or employees who have a significant role in internal control or that could have a material effect on the financial statements. We also confirm that we are not aware of any allegations of fraud by former trustees, employees, regulators or others.

13. We confirm that, having considered our expectations and intentions for the next 12 months and the availability of unrestricted reserves, the charity is a going concern.

14. We confirm that in our opinion the effects of unadjusted misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole. A list of the unadjusted misstatements is attached to this letter.

15. We confirm that all grants, donations and other income, including those subject to special terms or conditions or received for restricted purposes, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions during the period regarding the application of such income. Details of Restricted grants and donations are attached.

16. We confirm that the below are all the properties held by the charity:

- 104 Chester Road East, Shotton, CH5 1QD
- 47-49 King Street Wrexham, LL11 1HR
- 39 Severn Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8RD
- 74 Conway Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7LD
- 35 Alexandra Street, Shotton, CH5 1DL

- 14-18 Edward Henry Street, Rhyl, LL18
- 10 Brighton Road, Rhyl, LL18 3HB

  20 Marsh road, Rhyl , LL182DH

17. We confirm that we are not aware of any matters of material significance that should be reported to the Charity Commission.

18. We confirm that, for the purposes of the audit, all communication is to be made through Dawn Stones on our behalf.

19. We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that:

    - so far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which you as auditors are unaware; and
    - each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you are aware of that information.

20. We confirm that we hold relevant grant documentation that ensures that income can be deferred.

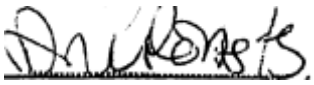
21. We confirm that the net book value of the fixed asset is not materially misstated, and that no assets have been impaired during the year and are in good working order.

We confirm that the above representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience (and, where appropriate of supporting documentation) sufficient to satisfy us that we can properly make each of the above representations to you and that to the best of our knowledge and belief they accurately reflect the representations made to you by the trustees during the course of your audit.

Yours faithfully,

Diane Roberts

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

Trustee: 

Date: .....

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1 referral every 15 minutes



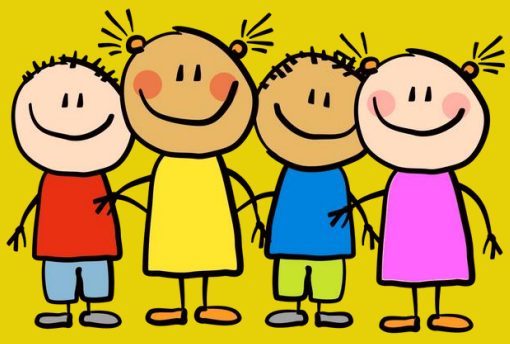
212 families supported in refuge



84 new clients in counselling service



Over 350 children supported



Stable Funding



6 Trustees



Message from the Chair of Trustees

23/24 has been an incredibly busy year for DASU North Wales, with several new funding stream and projects, and several tenders. We continue to go from strength to strength and support ever increasing numbers of survivors of Domestic Abuse and their families.

During 23/24 we received 6494 referrals into our service and 212 families were accepted into our refuge service. However, we were unable to accept a further 284 families into refuge, as we did not have capacity. This demonstrates the size of the problem, and the need for more refuges and services for victims fleeing Domestic Abuse.

To meet some of this need we applied for capital funding to purchase a house in Flintshire, which will be a beautiful 2-bedroom family home, for a survivor and their children. In addition, with further capital funding we purchased one of our rented refuge properties and this continues to offer a safe space for a survivor and their family in Denbighshire.

Our short stay refuge space continued to be used so we secured additional capital funding and did further work on the property to make a second short stay unit. This now provides high quality refuge spaces for 2 survivors and up to 6 children. It enables these survivors who wish to access refuge at weekends or out of hours when a long-term space is not available immediately to stay with us securely, bringing children, pets and dependents for up to 72 hours until they can be accepted into a more permanent space.

We identified an increase in survivors needing support in the Denbighshire area, so via a joint funding bid with RASASC NW we secured funding to purchase an office building in Rhyl, so that survivors from both organisations can receive support and counselling in a safe and comfortable environment.

DASU are an organisation that prides itself on delivering high quality services and support, we have had all our services accredited by SafeLives Leading Lights. Achieving this has been no small task, with assessors scrutinizing our work, interviewing Staff and Trustees, and reviewing all policies and processes.

We are so delighted that we have received the accreditation, and even more proud to report we are the only Domestic Abuse provider in Wales to have all our services accredited. Currently, we are working towards the Welsh Women's Aid National Quality Service Standards and hope to achieve this in the coming weeks. This accreditation will also give DASU IAQF status, this Welsh Government framework will enable DASU to continue to receive Welsh Government funding and be recognised as a provider of quality information and advice in Wales.

Message from the Chair of Trustees

Achieving these accreditations provides our funders, and more importantly our clients with the reassurance that we offer high quality, well managed services, that are delivered by well trained staff.

Support from Our Children and Young people's services continued to be in great demand and with the capital funding we have a dedicated CYP suite in our Colwyn Bay office and will have dedicated CYP areas in our new offices in Rhyl.

With Children and Young people being victims, it is important to ensure that they can receive support in safe and welcoming environments which are designed by them for them. Co-production is at the heart of all DASU's services and support and this can be clearly seen in this wonderful suite, and will be at the heart of designing the new counselling rooms in the Rhyl office.

Due to the increase in referrals, we accessed additional funding through the OPCC to employ more IDVA's, this team continues to support the most high-risk victims of Domestic Abuse, attending MARAC's, court hearings and providing target hardening to enable survivors to remain safe in their own home.

We were commissioned by the MOJ to deliver the Court Pathfinder pilot with our partners Gorwel. This project which operates in the family courts aims to improve the court process for those who have been impacted by Domestic Abuse and put the children's voice at the centre of any proceedings. Working with CAFCASS, where there are concerns about Domestic Abuse within a family, they are referred to DASU and we then conduct in depth assessments with the victims and offer support for them and their children.

A detailed report is provided to the court so that the judge can have a full picture of the family circumstances before any decisions are made in relation to the children within the family. This pilot breaks down barriers for victims and provides the most vulnerable with a voice in proceedings. We have already received excellent feedback from clients and judges, who report that the process is "less brutal", means that less fact-finding hearings are needed and importantly that families are not repeatedly coming back to court. We are hopeful that the pilot will become a permanent part of the support offered to victims of Domestic Abuse when the pilot ends.

During the year Flintshire and Wrexham County Councils tendered for their DA services. We were delighted to win the tenders to continue the delivery of our services in Flintshire and for the delivery of our Refuge services in Wrexham. This year we are expecting the IDVA and Denbighshire Domestic Abuse Services to be tendered. We will work hard to prepare for these and gather evidence from our clients and stakeholders to prepare the best possible bids.

Message from the Chair of Trustees

DASU would like to acknowledge and thank all our commissioners and funders. Without your support the life changing services we offer would simply not be available, together we really can make a difference.

Finally, on behalf of myself and the board I would like to recognise and thank all our staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Each year we report the increase in numbers of survivors accessing our services, and alongside the domestic abuse they report they also present with many complex needs. Our staff and volunteers have become experts in identifying ways of supporting the most vulnerable in society, using their skills and experience our staff and volunteers break down barriers, develop trust and provide life changing and lifesaving support.



PARTNER FEEDBACK

Partnership working is important to us. As a small, local charity, we're **thrilled to support DASU in this way** and it's a pleasure to work alongside and support their teams. DASU are **supporting another local charity to continue helping people in our communities with their mental health and wellbeing.**

There is a large number of patients under the mental health services that are victims and survivors of domestic abuse, and being able to have an agency like DASU on hand for advice and support is essential. Every person who I have had contact with at DASU has been helpful, knowledgeable and informative. They are approachable **and so eager to help.**

DASU provide an exceptional service that I've experienced both professionally and personally from DASU over the past 4 years of working with them. The assistance and support that my clients and I have received has been life changing. In a personal capacity DASU have been my rock. They got me from a place where I was vulnerable, unsafe and felt like I had no where to turn, to a place where I could re start my life again, build inner strength and safety and overcome the worst period of my life. Every team member that I've worked with have been supportive, I always felt like I could contact them, and they responded to my needs in such a prompt, caring and compassionate way.



Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by a Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association and constitutes a Company Limited by Guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Board of Trustees

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and Aims

The Domestic Abuse Safety Unit (DASU) provides professional coordinated interventions to people experiencing domestic abuse across Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham to maximise their safety, and the safety of their families.

The charity supports anyone who has been subjected to mental, physical or sexual abuse by their partners or persons with whom they have had a relationship. The aim is to assist them in making the transition to a safe and secure life.

Our services and support are therefore delivered in a way that specifically meet the needs of the client and acknowledges individuals experiencing multiple inequalities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

DASU provides a range of support services including, advocacy, information, group-work, training, refuge accommodation when necessary, and liaising with other agencies including social services, police, health and substance misuse services on behalf of clients.

Maintaining the safety and well-being of service users is achieved by risk assessment, safety planning and working with others to achieve positive outcomes. DASU participates in the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), which is a key mechanism for multi-agency collaboration.





DASU helps survivors of domestic abuse in a wide variety of tangible ways such as helping clients to claim welfare benefits, accessing legal representation and attending court, safety planning, risk assessment and assisting clients to secure accommodation in private or social housing. Many of our clients have children, and we can assist them by finding places in playgroups, schools and colleges for the children when entering refuge with their parent, or when re-settling in permanent housing. This is an important element of the overall service provision, as is registration with GPs and dentists and accessing other health services, so basic needs and continued health and well-being is promoted.

In addition to this wide-ranging practical support, DASU works with survivors to increase their confidence, self-esteem and the strength to emerge from social exclusion and stigmatisation and enable them to take control of their lives. This takes the form of individual counselling, group work and training, and has led to a number of clients finding the confidence to take up paid and volunteering work.



RAISING AWARENESS

An important area of work is awareness-raising within the community and related agencies. This includes workshop sessions in schools and colleges, talks to women's and church groups, and training for midwives and health visitors as part of the Integrated Care Pathway.

The importance of this work is primarily in raising awareness, but it also establishes valuable links with pupils, teachers and practitioners in related agencies. A monthly coffee morning helps to increase social networks and decrease isolation.

This monthly meeting is an opportunity for women to raise concerns, discuss options and offer mutual support. In addition, we are offering short training opportunities, providing clients with life skills which they have identified as needing. Such activities have included cooking, basic car mechanic courses, arts and craft activities and future plans include Internet safety, and employability skills.

DASU has strong links with:

·Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham County Councils, and in particularly the Supporting People Teams, Social Services and Housing Departments,
·The Domestic Abuse Co-coordinators
·Neighbourhood Wardens,
·Clwyd Alyn Housing Association,
·Grwp Cynefin,
·Wales and West Housing,
·Women's Aid
·North Wales Police.

DASU is a member of Local Voluntary Councils, Welsh Women's Aid, Cymorth Cymru, Respect and Child Poverty Action Group.





Income and expenditure 2023/24

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds restated 2023 £	Restricted funds restated 2023 £	Total restated 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	23,644		23,644	33,314		33,314
Charitable activities	4	2,056,494	2,127,815	4,184,309	1,986,841	1,942,851	3,929,692
Other trading activities	5	7,424		7,424	851		851
Investments	6	12,635		12,635	595		595
Total income		2,100,197	2,127,815	4,228,012	2,021,601	1,942,851	3,964,452
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	2,112,836	1,826,100	3,938,936	2,041,881	1,923,911	3,965,792
Net (outgoing)/income resources before transfers		(12,639)	301,715	289,076	(20,280)	18,940	(1,340)
Gross transfers between funds		812	(812)		18,940	(18,940)	
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(11,827)	300,903	289,076	(1,340)		(1,340)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		804,365	707,500	1,511,865	797,043		1,513,205
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		792,538	1,008,403	1,800,941	804,365	707,500	1,511,865

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Funding was stable in 23/24, with core and additional grants secured to provide vital front-line services and supporting structures.

Summary of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

FUNDERS 23/24

Thank you to all our funders, which included:

Conwy County Borough Council, Denbighshire County Council
Flintshire County Council, Wrexham County Borough Council
Community Fund, Gwynt y Mor, Freemasons, Nationwide
The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - North Wales
Children In Need, Moondance Foundation, Charles Hayward
Steve Morgan Foundation, NatWest Circle Fund, Welsh Government
MoJ, The Waterloo Foundation, Welsh Womens Aid



OPERATIONAL REPORT

REFUGE

The refuge provision is constantly increasing and has continued to do so this year. We have gained another 3 dispersed units from Wales and West housing association in Flintshire and secured additional Welsh Government Funding to decorate and furnish. In addition, we have refurbished one of our dispersed units to be our first male dispersed unit that can facilitate a male fleeing with children or child contact.

We have continued to refurbish our existing portfolio to ensure service users who are in need of refuge can stay somewhere that is safe, welcoming and to a standard that we would want to live in ourselves. We were lucky enough to secure Welsh Government Funding to add a second Complex Needs unit to our portfolio. This will allow us to provide a wrap around, holistic approach of support for those seeking refuge who have complexities.

In addition to providing safe accommodation, refuge staff continue facilitate client-led activities that are both physically and mentally stimulating. Activities relating to 'beauty' have been known to help with relaxation, confidence boosting and encourages peer support.





Complex Needs Unit











REFUGE CASE STUDY

Linda was referred to communal refuge by the Local Authority. Linda had a property for over 10 years and was forced by her A/P to give up her tenancy to move in with him an hour away from her family and friends. Upon referral, Linda advised the majority of the abuse was emotional and mental, he would put her down and call her ugly, shout at her and then the next day, act as if nothing ever happened. The abuse then became physical and the A/P literally kicked Linda out of bed and assaulted her, Linda couldn't take anymore so fled and went into temporary accommodation. Linda was appreciative of the temporary accommodation but due to being in the middle of nowhere, struggled with being able to get around and was also struggling with no cooking facilities.

Linda was accepted into communal refuge. It became apparent that after a week or so, Linda was struggling to cope in communal refuge. Linda has OCD and was struggling to cope with the day to day cleanliness of the communal area's, in addition, Linda wanted to be in a busier area where there were more opportunities for employment.

A unit became available and this was offered to Linda, Linda was ecstatic and so thankful for DASU being able to meet her needs with a self-contained unit. A few weeks after moving to the unit, Linda started applying for jobs. Staff practiced interview skills with Linda and helped to build Linda's confidence. Linda secured a part time job not far from where she was residing.

Staff have worked with Linda to help improve her confidence as this was something she massively struggled with due to the A/P putting her down for so long. Linda now helps to care for her mum and has re-established relationships with her family and friends. Linda was accidentally offered two properties and was supported by staff to navigate how to deal with this. Linda has now been offered a lovely property with a bungalow and is awaiting work to be completed before moving into her forever home. Linda has appreciated all the support she has received from DASU and has stated 'DASU are more like family, they are always there for me when I need them, whether it be something minor or big'.

SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

Community Services

Referrals into our services continued to be high and we developed new ways of ensuing anyone experiencing domestic abuse could receive support. We added the Freedom programme to our group work and increased our volunteers to 15. These volunteers provide emotional support and run peer support groups to ensure everyone receives the support they need. We adapted our services by adding a confidence wardrobe project which enabled individuals to access key skills support to enable them to move on with their lives.

IDVA Service

The IDVA service dealt with 0ver 1300 high risk cases over the past year, 80% of service users were supported with criminal and civil justice matters and we have seen a massive increase in complex case needs which has resulted in enhanced partnership working.

Children and Young People

As well as our support work, we were able to provide a whole host of summer and seasonal activities for children and young people, helping them feel worthy and engaged.

IDVA CASE STUDY

Rebecca had complex needs including substance misuse, mental health and offending behaviour. Rebecca had been referred to DASU a number of times with the same A/P. Rebecca had never really engaged with services including DASU and would not engage with the police or provide a statement regarding the abuse despite there being high levels of domestic abuse including physical abuse, stalking and harassment, coercive control, sexual abuse, threats to kill and non-fatal strangulation.

Throughout a period of time, IDVA's had attempted to engage with Rebecca and in more recent months, there was exceptional multi-agency working. Rebecca's case was heard regularly at MARAC, MAPPA involvement and regular multi-disciplinary meetings which included a vast range of different professionals, including DASU.

With the support of all professionals, IDVA managed to engage with Rebecca who accepted safety and support planning. Rebecca did access refuge for a short period of time however due to her complex needs, Rebecca found it difficult to remain there. Rebecca went through a difficult time and was incarceration where she was still provided with IDVA support. When Rebecca was released further safety measures were put in place.

Rebecca has continued to engage well with IDVA services alongside other services and is working positively with the police regarding the abuse she has suffered.

COMMUNITY CASE STUDY

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE







CYP CASE STUDY

Mary was referred to DASU for CYP support via the police. Mary had witnessed domestic abuse towards her mother perpetrated by her father (A/P), as well as being subjected to emotional abuse by her father (A/P). Mary's mum and dad separated and the abuse continue. Mary's father would contact her via social media which impacted her wellbeing and mental health.

Mary was not having any support at the time, but needed support to help with understanding healthy relationships, domestic abuse, feelings & emotions, safety planning, building confidence & self-esteem and develop Mary's coping skills to manage difficult feelings.

Mary had weekly 1-1 support sessions with her CYP worker. Mary had stated that she had lots of things she wanted to say to her A/P but did not know how to express these. Mary's CYP worker suggested that Mary write a letter to her A/P and detail her feelings and how his actions made her feel. The CYP worker offered support, reassurance and kept the letter safe at Mary's request.

The CYP worker offered emotional support to Mary where her A/P made an application for child contact. Mary completed a 'What Matter's conversation and was supported during the process by the CYP Worker and ensured that Mary's thoughts and feelings were heard. Further work was completed with Mary surrounding 'The circle of control', self esteem and relationship boundaries.

At the end of Mary's support, Mary had a good understanding of healthy relationships, domestic abuse, how to keep herself and also how to set healthy boundaries, particularly with A/P. Mary's self esteem has improved and she is engaging in activities. Mary is able to manage difficult feelings and is able to confide in her mum or the teachers at school, to do this, Mary developed a toolkit of coping skills such as bubble breathing, resilience box, calming jar and self-care jar.

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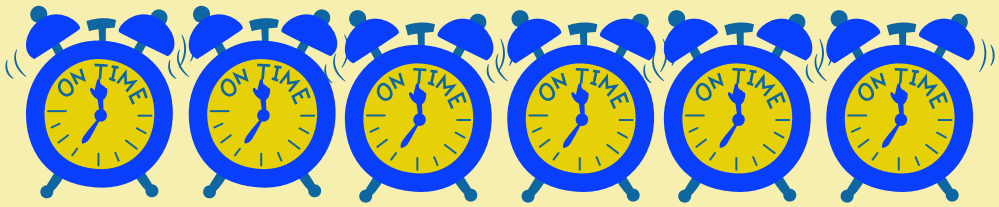


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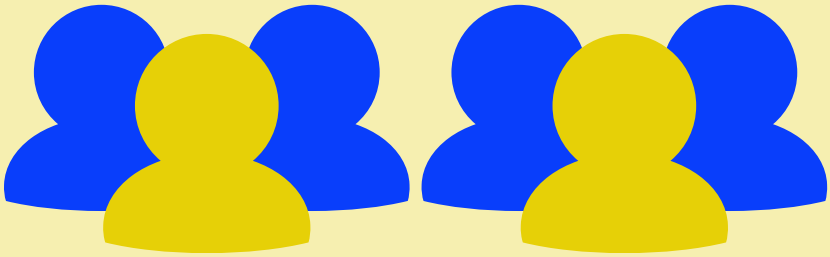
1 referral every 15 minutes



204 Families supported in refuge



43 new clients in counselling service



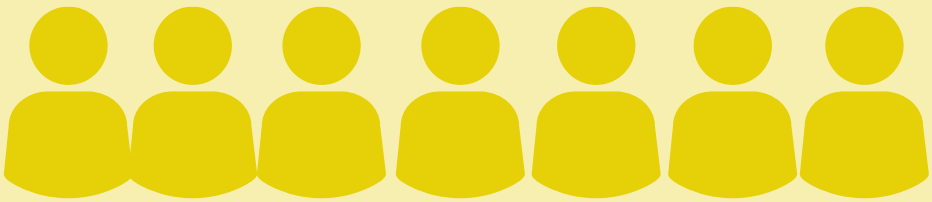
Over 350 children supported



16% increase in funding

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF OUR TRUSTEES

DASU North Wales receives 1 new referral every 15 minutes. During 2022-2023 we received 2243 referrals into our community service and 204 families were accepted into our refuge service. We saw the end of COVID restrictions and the increase of referrals of circa 40% on previous years continued throughout the period.

In addition, the complex needs of clients which we supported also continued. This meant that we have had to adjust our delivery model to allow for longer support sessions and with heightened anxiety, stress, and substance misuse issues, we found that the sessions were taking around 50% longer to deliver, we secured funding via the Lottery Community fund to provide specific Mental health support and all staff were given training in supporting clients with Mental health issues.

We identified an increase in survivors wanting long term counselling so via a joint funding bid with RASASC NW we secured funding to employ our first dedicated counsellor, who provided 43 clients with counselling sessions to help them rebuild their lives.

Support from Our Children and Young people's services continued to be in great demand with DASU receiving 386 referrals during the period. As such we secured additional funding to employ more specialist workers to work with children and their families, including within our refuges where our support workers were able to work with the non-offending parent and their child to rebuild relationships and grow confidence.

Due to the increase in referrals, we accessed additional funding through the OPCC to employ more IDVA's, this team supported 1683 high risk victims and their families to access justice and to remain safe. Attending MARAC's, court hearings and providing target hardening to enable survivors to remain safe in their own home.

To support this, we secured capital funding via the Welsh Government, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham Councils for additional target hardening items, including CCTV, RING doorbells, window and door locks, fire retardant letter boxes and personal safety items etc.

As communities began to return to normal and GP's and health settings open, we accessed funding from the OPCC to set up the IRIS project in North Wales. This project introduced our adult educator into GP surgeries in Denbighshire, providing specialist training and support to GP's on how to identify and support patients living with Domestic Abuse.

With the additional IDVA funding we introduced the first hospital IDVA's in North Wales. Working within Glan Clwyd and Wrexham Maelor hospitals, these Domestic Abuse specialist provided advice, support and a referral pathway for staff and patients affected by Domestic Abuse.

Many of those accessing support also find themselves in financial hardship with economic abuse a factor in their history. To that end we accessed funding via Nat West Circles and Flintshire Council for client essential such as food, clothes, school uniforms and transport to enable them to escape the abuse.

We secured over £140,000 in Capital funding via Welsh Government to build the first short-stay refuge accommodation in the UK. DASU found that when we received referrals out of hours and at weekend often clients would not be accepted by other providers in the UK until the next working day when a full assessment could be done. This meant that we would have to place them into hotels where again they sometimes could not go due to them having pets, leaving them little option other than to stay with the offender.



We decided to open the first short-stay refuge to overcome this problem. Our new self-contained unit enables survivor wishing to access refuge at weekends or out of hours when a long-term space is not available immediately to stay with us securely, bringing children, pets and dependants for up to 72 hours until they can be accepted into a more permanent space. In the coming year we will look to secure additional funding so we can extend this project and build another similar space for a 2nd client and their family during times of crisis.

We secured a further £140,000 in Welsh Government capital funding to complete work to our new offices in Colwyn Bay, this included the building of a dedicated CYP suite to provide our young service users to access support in a safe and child friendly environment, including a sensory room for CYP with neuro-diverse needs. We also fitted solar panels to the roof, to help us in the future to combat rising utility bills and reduce our carbon footprint.

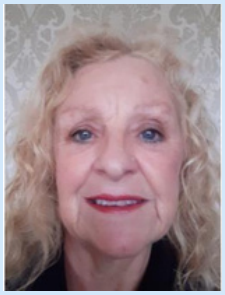
Looking to the future, we expect some of our current funders to recommission services for Domestic Abuse survivors. This includes Flintshire County Council and Families first in Denbighshire and Flintshire

We will continue to work hard to demonstrate the value of our services, working with survivors to ensure what we offer meets their needs and reduces the long-term harm of Domestic Abuse. We will continue to work collaboratively with other providers and stakeholders and grow our support offers to ensure that we make every penny we receive in funding counts.

DASU would like to acknowledge and thank all our commissioners and funders. Without your support the life changing services we offer would simply not be available, together we really can make a difference.

Finally, the board would like to thank our staff and volunteers. The work that you do is often difficult and can be extremely distressing. We are committed to your well-being alongside that of our clients, and we will continue to access funding so that you can receive clinical supervision and other support to reduce the risk of vicarious trauma. You are all superheroes, giving your time, experience and empathy to so many so that they may have the very best chance of recovery, and live fear free, thank you.

Diane Roberts
Chair of Trustees



Partner feedback

Prompt involvement when needed. Excellent communication - multi agency working.Very professional but compassionate approach towards service users.

Staff are really supportive , professional and deal with requests for information promptly. Accommodation is well managed and is kept clean and well maintained by staff.

Fantastic organisation that we are proud to work in partnership with.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is governed by a Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association and constitutes a Company Limited by Guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Board of Trustees

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).







Objectives and Aims

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The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.



SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

DASU provides a range of support services including, advocacy, information, group-work, training, refuge accommodation when necessary, and liaising with other agencies including social services, police, health and substance misuse services on behalf of clients



Maintaining the safety and well-being of service users is achieved by risk assessment, safety planning and working with others to achieve positive outcomes. DASU participates in the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), which is a key mechanism for multi-agency collaboration.

DASU helps survivors of domestic abuse in a wide variety of tangible ways such as helping clients to claim welfare benefits, accessing legal representation and attending court, safety planning, risk assessment and assisting clients to secure accommodation in private or social housing. Many of our clients have children, and we can assist them by finding places in playgroups, schools and colleges for the children when entering refuge with their parent, or when re-settling in permanent housing. This is an important element of the overall service provision, as is registration with GPs and dentists and accessing other health services, so basic needs and continued health and well-being is promoted



In addition to this wide-ranging practical support, DASU works with survivors to increase their confidence, self-esteem and the strength to emerge from social exclusion and stigmatisation and enable them to take control of their lives. This takes the form of individual counselling, group work and training, and has led to a number of clients finding the confidence to take up paid and volunteering work.



Raising Awareness

An important area of work is awareness-raising within the community and related agencies. This includes workshop sessions in schools and colleges, talks to women's and church groups, and training for midwives and health visitors as part of the Integrated Care Pathway.

The importance of this work is primarily in raising awareness, but it also establishes valuable links with pupils, teachers and practitioners in related agencies. A monthly coffee morning helps to increase social networks and decrease isolation.

This monthly meeting is an opportunity for women to raise concerns, discuss options and offer mutual support. In addition, we are offering short training opportunities, providing clients with life skills which they have identified as needing. Such activities have included cooking, basic car mechanic courses, arts and craft activities and future plans include Internet safety, and employability skills





DASU has strong links with:

·Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham County Councils, and in particularly the Supporting People Teams, Social Services and Housing Departments,
·The Domestic Abuse Co-coordinators
·Neighbourhood Wardens,
·Clwyd Alyn Housing Association,
·Grwp Cynefin,
·Wales and West Housing,
·Women's Aid
·North Wales Police.



DASU is a member of Local Voluntary Councils, Welsh Women's Aid, Cymorth Cymru, Respect and Child Poverty Action Group.

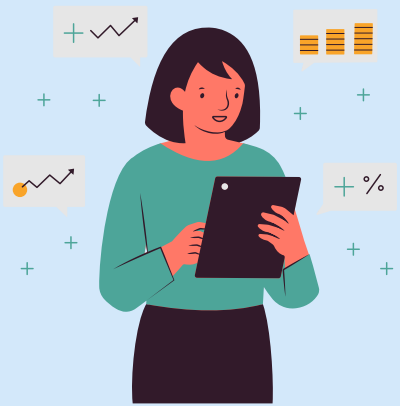
Finance Report

Funding was stable in 2022-23, with core and additional grants secured to provide vital front-line services and supporting structures.

Summary of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Income	**2022-23**	**2021-22**
Donations & Legacies	£33,314.00	£94,819
Charitable Activities	£2,137,301.00	£2,063,286
Other Trading Activities	£1,793,242.00	£1,278,891
Bank Account Interest	£595.00	£53
Total Income	**£3,964,452**	**£3,437,049**
Expenditure - Charitable Activities		
Staff Costs	£2,616,001	£2,264,271
Depreciation & Impairment	£186	£233
Rent & Rates	£261,159	£254,354
Licences & Insurance	£16,908	£13,471
Light & Heat	£140,057	£79,942
Telephones	£53,524	£60,746
Postage & Stationery	£8,511	£12,398
Advertising	£10,349	£7,561
Sundries	£65,743	£43,031
Training	£31,043	£55,691
Volunteers Expenses	£2,181	£624
Motor & Travel Expenses	£52,245	£35,560
Supervision	£49,456	£16,870
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	£38,647	£29,358
Repairs & Renewals	£393,517	£302,516
Tv Rentals and Licences	£2,544	
Other Charitable Expenditure	£91,228	£121,003
Total Expenditure	**£3,833,299.00**	**£3,297,629.00**
Share of Support Costs	£894.00	£2,902.00
Share of Governance Costs	£115,594.00	£107,183.00
Net Income - Transferred to Reserves	**£14,665.00**	**£29,355.00**







Funders 2022-2023

During 2022-2023 a staggering amount of £33,314 was raised through donations from both continued dedicated supporters and new donators. £12,733 was raised through an independent charity shop in Holywell alongside a second independent charity shop in Ffynnongroew, individual people and organisations and general donations.
The Trustees would like to register their sincere thanks to all who have donated in such a difficult year. The funds will go towards making a difference to the lives of domestic abuse survivors.

Funders during 2022-2023 included:

- Conwy County Borough Council
- Denbighshire County Council
- Flintshire County Council
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Community Fund
- Gwynt y Mor
- Lloyds Foundation
- Nationwide
- The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – North Wales
- Children In Need
- Moondance Foundation
- Charles Hayward
- Steve Morgan Foundation
- NatWest Circle Fund
- Welsh Government



Operational Report

Refuge

The Refuge provision is constantly increasing and has continued to do so this year. We have gained another two dispersed units from Wales & West housing association in Flintshire, where we have secured additional Welsh government funding to decorate and furnish.

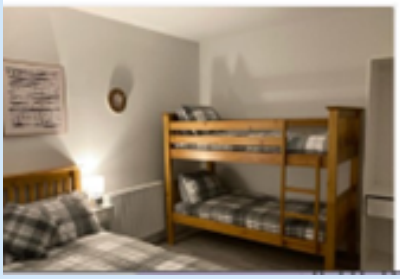
We strive to break down barriers to make Refuge accessible to everyone, so these units are dispersed meaning we can consider additional needs, pets, older children etc.

We have worked closely with Stakeholders to provide a wrap around, holistic approach to ensure a full and tailored package of support can be delivered whilst in Refuge. Our goal is to re-build people's lives, to allow them to flourish and move on into their own secured tenancy.

We were lucky enough to secure Welsh Government funding to add a short stay unit to our portfolio. This will allow us to accommodate people during out of hours and whereby they cannot access immediate, safe accommodation. This property has taken a full refurbishment from an absolute shell and completely transformed to a quality high standard short stay safe space, where they can access 24 hours a day.











	Wrexham	Flintshire	Denbighshire	Colwyn	Total
No of referrals	25	99 Female 24 Male	186	43	377
No of new starters	20	36 Female 3 Males	78	17	154
No of children accommodated	51	50	99	30	230



Staff are always looking to improve people's lives and apply for many grants through the Buttle Trust. This year they have received thousands of pounds for clients whereby they have been on Caravan Holidays, had funding to provide all essential furniture and furnishings for any children for their new home, Zoo passes, toys, trampolines etc









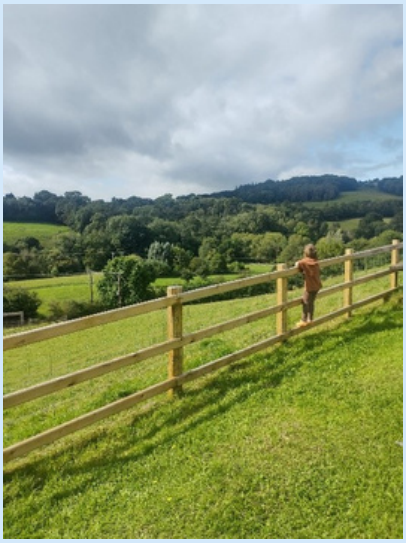




Case Study

J came into the refuge scared and anxious, her decision was not by choice but as a request from Children's services. J was very guarded and really did not want to be in the refuge at all. She was very upset and was still quite defensive of her abusive partner. As weeks went on staff continued to try and engage but still no connection. J was very minimal in support sessions and did not engage well at all. After a few weeks it became apparent that she had in fact been having communication with her ex-partner and Childrens services were out within the hour. This was rock bottom for J as she felt completely trapped. Staff continued to try everything to engage her but equally being openly honest to the fact that social services would go further if she did not engage. In the following weeks staff carried out practical support and also some therapeutic interventions. She started engaging with counselling over the months started making excellent progress. She reconnected with her family and started a college course. She then was offered a property in the next street to her Mum (meant to be) they are now very settled; J continues to go to college and the little one school in the morning and college creche in the afternoon.

It proves that people may not be ready to move forward, however, having had her final warning from social services and the team of amazing support workers around her, advising her and empowering her to make the right choices, she could see she had a future.



"We can't thank you enough for what you have done for me and my boy!!!! I was so scared not only about coming into refuge but losing my son too. He was on the child protection register as I just could not see out of a horrible bubble, I was in. After finally listening and of fighting the urge to go back, I turned my life around!! I mean I still can't believe how different things are! You lot never gave up on me, even when I was being a pain!!! Look at us now!! Our very own forever home!!! With this view across our road (I've attached a pic) and just around the corner from my mum! I will never forget you all my guardian angels"

Support in the community

Community Services

Referrals into our services continued to be high and we developed new ways of ensuing anyone experiencing domestic abuse could receive support. We added the Freedom programme to our group work and increased our volunteers to 15. These volunteers provide emotional support and run peer support groups to ensure everyone receives the support they need.

We adapted our services by adding a confidence wardrobe project which enabled individuals to access key skills support to enable them to move on with their lives.

I have learnt so much about what i've been through. It's made me feel more confident.

Thanks for all your help. You are so calm and supportive, you made me feel reassured. Your help has made a difference.

IDVA Service

The IDVA service dealt with Over 1300 high risk cases over the past year, 80% of service users were supported with criminal and civil justice matters and we have seen a massive increase in complex case needs which has resulted in enhanced partnership working.

Children and Young People

As well as our support work, we were able to provide a whole host of summer and seasonal activities for children and young people, helping them feel worthy and engaged




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CASE STUDY

AT A GLANCE

Don't think I would have coped without you there. Just having someone there from the start who understood and didn't just want to tell me what to do. I wouldn't feels as strong or safe without you

Client

BEFORE INTERVENTION

LH had experienced physical abuse, rape and sexual assaults, isolation coercive control and financial abuse.
This had an impact on client's mental health and emotional wellbeing.
LH was referred to the hospital IDVA by Emergency Department after she attended following an assault by the alleged preparator.
LH suffered 8 broken ribs and fractured vertebrae.
LH was admitted to hospital was in a lot of pain could not move and was waiting an operation on her spine due to the injuries.

INTERVENTION

Hospital IDVA linked in with the ward staff and safeguarding team to formulate a risk management plan to keep LH safe while she was in the hospital.
IDVA met with the client on the ward, and she was reluctant to engage with support or provide a statement to police however agreed for IDVA to continue visit her.
IDVA regularly visited LH and provided not only emotional support and safety planning but also practical support such as pyjamas toiletries puzzle books etc.
The hospital IDVA was able to build a positive professional relationship with LH and she agreed to discuss her options with the police.
IDVA linked in with the police and agreed to attend to speak to LH following her operation.
LH was moved to Stoke hospital for her operation. Hospital IDVA linked in with their safeguarding department to ensure they were aware of the risk and the risk management plan in place as well and being kept up to date on LH return to north Wales.
On LH return to hospital in North Wales she spoke to the Amethyst team with the police provided a first account and on discharge competed a video interview with IDVA attending as support.
Hospital IDVA attended discharge planning meeting, reviewed safety plans, and arranged for a warning marker CCTV and TH to be ready on client's discharge.
On discharge IDVA continue to do home visits to see LH and provided her with support to rebuild her life including successfully applying for survivor's fund from women aid and making referrals to CAB, RASAC for ongoing support.

OUTCOMES



Alleged Perpetrator has been arrested and is currently on bail.
LH is fully on board with prosecution and restraining orders.
IDVA continues to link in with the Amethyst team to ensure LH is kept up to date with the ongoing investigation.



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CASE STUDY

AT A GLANCE

"I am so happy to see you and have someone to talk to".
"You are the only person that I have been able to talk to properly, thank you".

BEFORE INTERVENTION

Child A, aged 14 years, was referred for support after witnessing and experiencing domestic abuse.
Child A had been physically and emotionally abused by her mother and was removed from her mother's care to live with her father and siblings.
Child A has trauma from the abuse, and suffers with anxiety, panic attacks, nightmares, self-harming, and separation anxiety.
She was also being bullied in school.
During the support her brother was sent to prison.

INTERVENTION

The CYP worker built a trusting relationship with Child A.
Child A was offered one to one sessions and wanted them every other week.
Child A would come to some sessions feeling low and feel like she was going to have a panic attack.
She had time to talk in a safe space and would reflect on what she was saying and how she could cope with her feelings.
Child A struggled with reading and writing so sessions were planned with no pressure on her.
The sessions were therapeutic for Child A, by doing painting activities and crafts.
The CYP worker, worked alongside the wellbeing team for when Child A needed time out from lessons.

OUTCOMES

Child A engaged well in the one- one sessions and attended sessions even when she wasn't having a good day.
Child A was able to express her feelings and work on how she could self-care and manage her panic attacks.
Child A's resilience has improved as she learned to deal with things happening her life.
Child A enjoyed doing craft session and made a wooden heart for her bedroom and a box.
Child A was struggling with her brother going to prison and she was missing him.
The CYP worker looked at the pact booklet and Child A completed part of it and made a memory box to put her things in.
She is also made a dream catcher as she is having nightmares.
The CYP worker supported Child A's father with CAMHS support as she was receiving support, but her worker left and no other worker has been in contact.
The CYP worker raised concerns on Child A's mental health.





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CASE STUDY

AT A GLANCE

C was referred to DASU via a CID 16. She had ongoing issues with her ex partner, father of her son particularly around child contact

"you have supported me so much"
Survivor

C had concerns about her son's safety during contact and had tried to access social services support for this. AP had responded to her concerns with counter allegations claiming that she is a stalker.The abuse had been ongoing for a few years and she had accessed DASU support previously, at the time of this referral C had been receiving threatening messages from AP

Intervention: C contacted the office to ask for urgent support as AP did not return their son after contact. She needed support to get a solicitor and a legal aid letter to go to an emergency CAO hearing. C was given the support she needed to get this in place and she was able to have a court order for her son to be returned to her after a couple of days.AP claimed that she was the abuser in court. AP had asked for evidence from her ex partner to say that she was unstable and not a fit mother for the court proceeding. C was offered lots of support around this and court. C was offered additional support until they went back to court for a final hearing and a formal CAO was completed.She was given emotional support until she settled in to the new agreement and felt confident that AP would stick to it.

Outcome: At the time support was ended for C she was no longer getting the threatening messages from AP. She had been to court and was able to secure a CAO order that she was happy with. She was more confident in her ability to handle any problems that AP might cause. She was confident to call NWP or social services again if she needed to, but she was also confident in her safeguarding responsibilities



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DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Ms N J Jones Ms D Roberts Ms K Browning Ms S A Henderson Ms Sally Garratt Dr Michael Morton Ms Andrea Senior
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Company number	05430841
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Auditor	Salisburys Accountants Irish Square St Asaph Denbighshire United Kingdom LL17 0RN

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees (who are also the directors of Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd across Flintshire and Denbighshire 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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "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).

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We are committed to delivering a gender specific service as domestic abuse, violence and sexual violence affects both men and women. However we acknowledge that evidence indicates that women and girls are disproportionately impacted by violence and this is a violation of human rights and a cause and consequence of gender inequality. This means that when these forms of violence are experienced by women and girls, this operates a means of social control and maintains an unequal power relations, linking to systematic discrimination, reinforcing women's subordinate status.

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Significant activities

DASU provides a range of support services including, advocacy, information, group-work, training, refuge accommodation when necessary, and liaising with other agencies including social services, police, health and substance misuse services on behalf of clients.

Maintaining the safety and well-being of service users is achieved by risk assessment, safety planning and working with others to achieve positive outcomes. DASU participates in the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), which is a key mechanism for multi-agency collaboration.

DASU helps survivors of domestic abuse in a wide variety of tangible ways such as helping clients to claim welfare benefits, accessing legal representation and attending court, safety planning, risk assessment and assisting clients to secure accommodation in private or social housing. Many of our clients have children, and we can assist them by finding places in play-groups, schools and colleges for the children when entering refuge with their parent, or when re-settling in permanent housing. This is an important element of the overall service provision, as is registration with GPs and dentists and accessing other health services, so basic needs and continued health and well-being is promoted.

In addition to this wide-ranging practical support, DASU works with survivors to increase their confidence, self-esteem and the strength to emerge from social exclusion and stigmatisation and enable them to take control of their lives. This takes the form of individual counselling, group work and training, and has led to a number of clients finding the confidence to take up paid and volunteering work.

Raising awareness
An important area of work is awareness-raising within the community and related agencies. This includes workshop sessions in schools and colleges, talks to women's and church groups, and training for midwives and health visitors as part of the Integrated Care Pathway.

The importance of this work is primarily in raising awareness, but it also establishes valuable links with pupils, teachers and practitioners in related agencies. Weekly and twice weekly coffee morning help to increase social networks and decrease isolation. These meetings offer an opportunity for women to raise concerns, discuss options and offer mutual support. In addition, we are offering short training opportunities, providing clients with life skills which they have identified as needing. Such activities have included cooking, basic car mechanic courses, arts and craft activities and future plans include Internet safety, well-being, and employability skills. In 2023 we will be introducing weekly male coffee mornings, as the need to reach out to our male clients to provide a safe space to access peer support is essential.

Funding streams
DASU continued to be financially supported by many organisations both for existing and new contracts/awards, including:

- Conwy County Borough Council
- Denbighshire County Council
- Flintshire County Council
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Community Fund
- Gwynt y Mor
- Lloyds Foundation
- Nationwide
- The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – North Wales
- Children In Need
- Moondance Foundation
- Charles Hayward
- Steve Morgan Foundation
- NatWest Circle Fund
- Welsh Government

Donations
During 2022-2023 a staggering amount of £33,314 was raised through donations from both continued dedicated supporters and new donators. £12,733 was raised through an independent charity shop in Holywell alongside a second independent charity shop in Ffynnongroew, individual people and organisations and general donations. The Trustees would like to register their sincere thanks to all who have donated in such a difficult year. The funds will go towards making a difference to the lives of domestic abuse survivors.

Achievements and performance
Financial review
The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for the reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves as at 31st March 2023 were sufficient to cover 3.7 months' running costs.

Grants
The charity received the following restricted grants during the financial year:

	£
Burbo	4,850
Conwy CBC	85,871
Charles Hayward	13,301
Children In Need	34,075
Community Fund	146,211
Gwynt Y Mor	15,239
Denbighshire County Council	45,325
Moondance Foundation	43,152
Nationwide	49,404
NatWest Funding Circle	7,789
The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner/Welsh Government	1,024,132
Steve Morgan Fund	30,310
Waterloo Foundation	11,312
Welsh Womens Aid	87,632
Lloyds Foundation	13,955
Welsh Government	270,361
MOJ	59,932
TOTAL	**1,942,851**

Structure, governance and management
Governing document
The charity is controlled by it's governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the companies Act 2006.

Trustees
The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Councillor R C Bithell (Resigned 17 January 2023)
Ms N J Jones
Ms D Roberts
Ms K Browning
Ms S A Henderson
Ms Sally Garratt
Dr Michael Morton
Ms Andrea Senior

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
The directors of the company are also trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles. There are five trustees, who meet at minimum of six times each year as the Management Committee. All members are invited to nominate trustees prior to the AGM. DASU is also registered with Flintshire Local Voluntary Council, Volunteer Bureau, where potential trustees and volunteers may be identified and referred to us. We continue to encourage involvement from clients when they no longer receive a service from DASU.

Trustees are recruited for their particular skills and their interest in combating domestic abuse. Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity. Additionally new trustees receive induction training and additional relevant training throughout the year.

The trustees on the management committee have a broad mix of skills. They include a County Councillor and representatives from the fields of education, local government, finance and Higher Education. However, we believe it would further enhance the Committee to recruit trustees with experience in Equality and Diversity, HR, Commissioning and tendering and the third sector.

Our organisation is led by women to support women and as such the majority of our board are and will continue to be women, this includes the role of Chair of the Trustees and CEO, both of which are restricted to women only candidates. However we will continue to recruit more men to the board in the future where appropriate, as we recognise that men can also be victims of Domestic Abuse and as such deserve equal access to support, and an opportunity to live free from fear.

Trade creditors policy
The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:
- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

Trade creditors of the company at the year-end were equivalent to 40 days' purchases, based on the average daily amount invoiced by suppliers during the yea
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Organisational structure
The CEO has overall responsibility for operational matters, this is a delegated authority from the board of Trustees. The CEO attends provider forums across North Wales, Strategic partnership group meetings and bi-monthly board meetings where all decisions are recorded and communicated. The organisation has operated in Deeside for over 30 years and has now gained contracts across many counties in North Wales, including Wrexham, Conwy and Denbighshire.

Related parties
DASU has strong links with Flintshire County Council, particularly the Social Services and Housing Departments, Wrexham County Borough Council, Denbighshire County Council, Conwy County Borough Council, the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator and Flintshire Neighbourhood Wardens, Clwyd Alyn Housing Association Women's Aid, North Wales Police, and in particular the Domestic Violence Officer, are important partners. DASU is a member of Flintshire Local Voluntary Council, Welsh Women's Aid, Cymorth Cymru, Respect and Child Poverty Action Group.

Auditor
The auditors, Salisburys Accountants, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

D M Roberts

Ms D Roberts
Trustee
Dated: 14/11/23

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 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 2023 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.

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. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatement in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned in accordance with ISA (UK).

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and the industry in which it operates through our general commercial and sector experience and discussions with management. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: The Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 the 'Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and relevant UK tax legislation. In addition, we concluded that there are certain laws and regulations that may have an effect on the determination of the amounts and disclosures within the financial statements such as Health and Safety laws and regulations.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
- Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud;
- Obtain an understanding of the internal controls that management have in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies used;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular manual or unusual entries;
- Obtaining third party confirmations of all the charity's banking arrangements;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting.

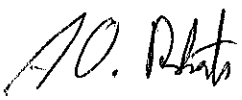
The assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement team's knowledge of the industry in which the client operates in and understanding of, and practical experience with, audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment.

Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

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.



Aled Roberts BA (Hons) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Salisbury & Company Business Solutions Limited

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 15-11-23

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	33,314	-	33,314	56,256	38,563	94,819
Charitable activities	3	194,450	1,942,851	2,137,301	574,169	1,489,117	2,063,286
Other trading activities	4	1,793,242	-	1,793,242	1,278,891	-	1,278,891
Investments	5	595	-	595	53	-	53
Total income		2,021,601	1,942,851	3,964,452	1,909,369	1,527,680	3,437,049
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	2,025,876	1,923,911	3,949,787	1,976,243	1,431,471	3,407,714
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(4,275)	18,940	14,665	(66,874)	96,209	29,335
Gross transfers between funds		18,940	(18,940)	-	96,209	(96,209)	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		14,665	-	14,665	29,335	-	29,335
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		797,043	-	797,043	767,708	-	767,708
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		811,708	-	811,708	797,043	-	797,043

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		735,965		736,150
Current assets					
Debtors	11	382,768		180,844	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,100,394		1,076,139	
		1,483,162		1,256,983	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(699,919)		(488,590)	
Net current assets			783,243		768,393
Total assets less current liabilities			1,519,208		1,504,543
Provisions for liabilities			(707,500)		(707,500)
Net assets			811,708		797,043
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			811,708		797,043
			811,708		797,043

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14/11/23

Ms D Roberts
Trustee

Company registration number 05430841

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	17		23,660		281,386
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(301,798)	
Investment income received		595		53	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			595		(301,745)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			24,255		(20,359)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,076,139		1,096,498
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,100,394		1,076,139

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Wrenmore House, 104 Chester Road East, Shotton, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 1QD, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	no depreciation
Fixtures and fittings	20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

1.10 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which it arises.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	33,314	56,256	7,432	63,688
Grants	-	-	31,131	31,131
	33,314	56,256	38,563	94,819

3 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants	2,137,301	2,063,286
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	194,450	574,169
Restricted funds	1,942,851	1,489,117
	2,137,301	2,063,286

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Rental income	1,792,391	1,274,294
Miscellaneous income	851	4,597
Other trading activities	1,793,242	1,278,891

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest received	595	53

6 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	2,616,001	2,264,271
Depreciation and impairment	186	233
Rent and rates	261,159	254,354
Licences and insurance	16,908	13,471
Light and heat	140,057	79,942
Telephone	53,524	60,746
Postage and stationery	8,511	12,398
Advertising	10,349	7,561
Sundries	65,743	43,031
Training	31,043	55,691
Volunteers' expenses	2,181	624
Motor and travelling expenses	52,245	35,560
Supervision	49,456	16,870
Cleaning and waste disposal	38,647	29,358
Repairs and renewals	393,517	302,516
TV rental and licences	2,544	2,797
Other charitable expenditure	91,228	118,206
	3,833,299	3,297,629
Share of support costs (see note 7)	894	2,902
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	115,594	107,183
	3,949,787	3,407,714
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	2,025,876	1,976,243
Restricted funds	1,923,911	1,431,471
	3,949,787	3,407,714

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	894	-	894	789	-	789
Other interest paid	-	-	-	2,113	-	2,113
Audit fees	-	6,000	6,000	-	3,300	3,300
Accountancy and legal fees	-	109,594	109,594	-	103,883	103,883
	894	115,594	116,488	2,902	107,183	110,085
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	894	115,594	116,488	2,902	107,183	110,085

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £6,000 (2022: £3,300) for audit fees.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Full time	82	77
Part time	12	12
Total	94	89

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	2,481,714	2,147,714
Other pension costs	134,287	116,557
	2,616,001	2,264,271

The costs relating to work experience people are shown in Direct Project Costs in Note 5, this year £18,801 and £106,923 in 2022. When removed from the total wages and salary costs the comparison show a sizeable increase in payroll costs year on year despite the retirment of the CEO 6 weeks into the 2023 year. The increase is caused by a very substantial salary increase plus and increase in staff headcount.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	735,220	27,258	12,750	775,228
At 31 March 2023	735,220	27,258	12,750	775,228
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2022	-	26,327	12,750	39,077
Depreciation charged in the year	-	186	-	186
At 31 March 2023	-	26,513	12,750	39,263
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	735,220	745	-	735,965
At 31 March 2022	735,220	930	-	736,150

11 Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	348,426	141,564
Other debtors	779	-
Prepayments and accrued income	33,563	39,280
	382,768	180,844

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	50,079	21
Trade creditors	117,349	9,117
Other creditors	2,027	19,379
Accruals and deferred income	530,464	460,073
	699,919	488,590

Provisions for liabilities	2023	2022
	£	£
	707,500	707,500

Movements on provisions:

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Provisions for liabilities	2023	(Continued) 2022
		£
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023		707,500

The provisions relate to amounts received from the Welsh Government to purchase properties. If the buildings are sold, the first £707,500 of the consideration is repayable to the Welsh Government on demand.

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Buttle Trust	-	2,487	(2,487)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conwy CBC	-	11,950	(11,026)	(924)	-	7,000	(7,000)	-	-
Charles Hayward	-	19,367	(19,367)	-	-	13,301	(13,301)	-	-
Children In Need	-	30,492	(29,543)	(949)	-	34,075	(33,932)	(143)	-
Community Fund - Outreach	-	150,228	(150,228)	-	-	142,736	(142,754)	18	-
Denbighshire CYP	-	34,219	(12,559)	(21,660)	-	45,325	(45,325)	-	-
Funding Circle Safelives	-	7,500	(2,909)	(4,591)	-	7,789	(7,789)	-	-
Gwynt Y Mor	-	13,652	(13,250)	(402)	-	15,239	(15,239)	-	-
IRIS	-	31,035	(31,035)	-	-	100,607	(43,443)	(57,164)	-
Lloyds Foundation	-	53,945	(53,945)	-	-	13,955	(13,955)	-	-
Moondance Foundation	-	42,763	(42,763)	-	-	43,152	(43,368)	216	-
Nationwide	-	36,509	(36,509)	-	-	49,403	(48,916)	(487)	-
Office of the Police Crime Commissioner	-	806,937	(747,361)	(59,576)	-	923,525	(933,911)	10,386	-
Steve Morgan Fund	-	30,310	(29,813)	(497)	-	30,310	(30,310)	-	-
VAWDASV / CCBC Capital Grants Unit	-	24,433	(24,847)	414	-	-	-	-	-
Welsh Government - Capital Grants	-	96,407	(110,837)	14,430	-	255,363	(282,955)	27,592	-
Anne Duchess of Westminster	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burbow - CYP	-	9,158	(14,003)	4,845	-	4,850	(4,850)	-	-
CAF - Covid-19	-	1,210	(1,210)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Grants	-	113,383	(113,999)	616	-	256,221	(256,863)	642	-
	-	1,520,985	(1,452,691)	(68,294)	-	1,942,851	(1,923,911)	(18,940)	-

15 Capital commitments

At 31 March 2023 the charity had no capital commitments.

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

17 Cash generated from operations	**2023**	**2022**
	£	**£**
Surplus for the year	14,665	29,335
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(595)	(53)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	186	233
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(201,924)	25,220
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	211,328	(70,849)
(Decrease) in provisions	-	297,500
Cash generated from operations	23,660	281,386

18 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

Our Ref: SD148
Date: 13th November 2023

The Trustees
Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd
Wrenmore House
104 Chester Road East
Shotton
Deeside
Flintshire
CH5 1QD

Dear Sirs

Letter of Comment – Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd

In accordance with our normal practice, we are writing to draw your attention to various matters which arose during the course of our audit of the company's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

1. We have the following comments to make concerning the qualitative aspects of the entity's accounting practices and financial reporting.
   - Ensure that all bank interest receivable has been accounted for.
2. We did not encounter any significant difficulties during the audit and there are no significant findings from the audit to draw to your attention.

In other respects, the letter is routine:

3. A schedule is attached of all the misstatements determined during the course of our audit, except for those considered to be clearly trivial. These adjustments were not material and have not been reflected in the financial statements, as agreed by you.
4. As you are aware from our letter of engagement, our audit procedures were directed towards testing the accounting systems in operation upon which we have based our assessment of the accounts.
5. We do not propose any modifications to our audit opinion and hence will be issuing a clean report.
6. We wish to confirm to you that in our opinion there are no factors that affect our independence as auditors.

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to your staff for their assistance during the course of our audit.

Please note that this report has been prepared for the sole use of the Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd. It must not be disclosed to third parties, quoted or referred to, without our prior written consent. No responsibility is assumed by us to any other person.

The purpose of the audit was to enable us to express an opinion on the financial statements. The audit included consideration of internal controls relevant to the preparation of the financial statements in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. The matters reported above are limited to those deficiencies that the auditor has identified during the audit and that the auditor has concluded are of sufficient importance to merit being reported to those charged with governance.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Salisbury & Company Business Solutions Limited

	Narrative	*Extrapolated misstatements*		*Actual misstatements*		*SOFA (I&E)*	*Balance sheet*
		DR	***CR***	***DR***	***CR***		
1	Omitted fixed term deposit bank interest						
	Dr Fixed term deposit			2,342.47			2,342.47
	Cr Interest receivable				2,342.47	2,342.47	
Total of potential adjustments		**-**	**-**	**2,342.47**	**2,342.47**	**2,342.47**	**2,342.47**

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1111610

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1111610

Company Registration No. 05430841 (England and Wales)

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Councillor R C Bithell	
	Ms N J Jones	
	Ms D Roberts	
	Ms K Browning	
	Ms S A Henderson	
	Ms Sally Garratt	(Appointed 10 January 2022)
	Dr Michael Morton	(Appointed 21 June 2021)
	Ms Andrea Senior	(Appointed 21 June 2021)
Secretary	Mr N Patel	
Charity number	1111610	
Company number	05430841	
Registered office	Wrenmore House 104 Chester Road East Shotton Deeside Flintshire United Kingdom CH5 1QD	
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Brynford House 21 Brynford Street Holywell Flintshire United Kingdom CH8 7RD	

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and aims

The Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd provides professional coordinated interventions to people experiencing domestic abuse across Flintshire and Denbighshire to maximise their safety, and the safety of their families. The charity supports anyone who has been subjected to mental, physical or sexual abuse by their partners or persons with whom they have had a relationship. The aim is to assist them in making the transition to a safe and secure life.

We are committed to delivering a gender specific service as domestic abuse, violence and sexual violence affects both men and women. However we acknowledge that evidence indicates that women and girls are disproportionately impacted by violence and this is a violation of human rights and a cause and consequence of gender inequality. This means that when these forms of violence are experienced by women and girls, this operates a means of social control and maintains an unequal power relations, linking to systematic discrimination, reinforcing women's subordinate status.

Our services and support are therefore delivered in a way that specifically meet the needs of the client and acknowledges individuals experiencing multiple inequalities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Significant activities

DASU provides a range of support services including, advocacy, information, group-work, training, refuge accommodation when necessary, and liaising with other agencies including social services, police, health and substance misuse services on behalf of clients.

Maintaining the safety and well-being of service users is achieved by risk assessment, safety planning and working with others to achieve positive outcomes. DASU participates in the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), which is a key mechanism for multi-agency collaboration.

DASU helps survivors of domestic abuse in a wide variety of tangible ways such as helping clients to claim welfare benefits, accessing legal representation and attending court, safety planning, risk assessment and assisting clients to secure accommodation in private or social housing. Many of our clients have children, and we can assist them by finding places in play-groups, schools and colleges for the children when entering refuge with their parent, or when re-settling in permanent housing. This is an important element of the overall service provision, as is registration with GPs and dentists and accessing other health services, so basic needs and continued health and well-being is promoted.

In addition to this wide-ranging practical support, DASU works with survivors to increase their confidence, self-esteem and the strength to emerge from social exclusion and stigmatisation and enable them to take control of their lives. This takes the form of individual counselling, group work and training, and has led to a number of clients finding the confidence to take up paid and volunteering work.

Raising awareness
An important area of work is awareness-raising within the community and related agencies. This includes workshop sessions in schools and colleges, talks to women's and church groups, and training for midwives and health visitors as part of the Integrated Care Pathway.

The importance of this work is primarily in raising awareness, but it also establishes valuable links with pupils, teachers and practitioners in related agencies. A monthly coffee morning helps to increase social networks and decrease isolation. This monthly meeting is an opportunity for women to raise concerns, discuss options and offer mutual support. In addition, we are offering short training opportunities, providing clients with life skills which they have identified as needing. Such activities have included cooking, basic car mechanic courses, arts and craft activities and future plans include Internet safety, and employability skills.

Funding streams
DASU continued to be financially supported by many organisations both for existing and new contracts/awards, including:

- Conwy County Borough Council
- Denbighshire County Council
- Flintshire County Council
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Community Fund
- Gwynt y Mor
- Lloyds Foundation
- Nationwide
- The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – North Wales
- Burbow
- Children In Need
- Moondance Foundation
- Charles Hayward
- Steve Morgan Foundation
- NatWest Circle Fund
- Welsh Government
- Buttle Trust

Donations
During 2021-2022 a staggering amount of £94,819 was raised through donations from both continued dedicated supporters and new donators. £14,246.10 was raised through an independent charity shop in Holywell alongside a second independent charity shop in Ffynnongroew, individual people and organisations and general donations. The Trustees would like to register their sincere thanks to all who have donated in such a difficult year. The funds will go towards making a difference to the lives of domestic abuse survivors.

Achievements and performance
Financial review
The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for the reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves as at 31st March 2022 were sufficient to cover 3.75 months' running costs.

Grants
The charity received the following restricted grants during the financial year:

	£
Burbo	9,158
Buttle Trust	2,487
Conwy County Borough Council	11,950
Charles Hayward	19,367
Children In Need	30,492
Community Fund	150,228
Gwynt Y Mor	13,652
Lloyds Foundation	53,945
Moondance Foundation	42,763
Nationwide	36,509
NatWest Funding Circle	7,500
The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner/Welsh Government	806,937
Steve Morgan Fund	30,310
TOTAL	**1,215,298**

Structure, governance and management
Governing document
The charity is controlled by it's governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the companies Act 2006.

Trustees
The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Councillor R C Bithell	
Ms N J Jones	
Ms D Roberts	
Ms K Browning	
Ms S A Henderson	
Ms Sally Garratt	(Appointed 10 January 2022)
Dr Michael Morton	(Appointed 21 June 2021)
Ms Andrea Senior	(Appointed 21 June 2021)

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
The directors of the company are also trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles. There are five trustees, who meet at minimum of six times each year as the Management Committee. All members are invited to nominate trustees prior to the AGM. DASU is also registered with Flintshire Local Voluntary Council, Volunteer Bureau, where potential trustees and volunteers may be identified and referred to us. We continue to encourage involvement from clients when they no longer receive a service from DASU.

Trustees are recruited for their particular skills and their interest in combating domestic abuse. Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity. Additionally new trustees receive induction training and additional relevant training throughout the year.

The trustees on the management committee have a broad mix of skills. They include a County Councillor and representatives from the fields of education, local government, finance and Higher Education. However, we believe it would further enhance the Committee to recruit trustees with experience in Equality and Diversity, HR, Commissioning and tendering and the third sector.

Our organisation is led by women to support women and as such the majority of our board are and will continue to be women, this includes the role of Chair of the Trustees and CEO, both of which are restricted to women only candidates. However we will seek to recruit more men to the board in the future, as we recognise that men can also be victims of Domestic Abuse and as such deserve equal access to support, and an opportunity to live free from fear.

Trade creditors policy
The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:
- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

Trade creditors of the company at the year-end were equivalent to 40 days' purchases, based on the average daily amount invoiced by suppliers during the year.

Organisational structure
The CEO has overall responsibility for operational matters, this is a delegated authority from the board of Trustees. The CEO attends provider forums across North Wales, Strategic partnership group meetings and bi-monthly board meetings where all decisions are recorded and communicated. The organisation has operated in Deeside for over 30 years and has now gained contracts across many counties in North Wales, including Wrexham, Conwy and Denbighshire.

Related parties
DASU has strong links with Flintshire County Council, particularly the Social Services and Housing Departments, Wrexham County Borough Council, Denbighshire County Council, Conwy County Borough Council, the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator and Flintshire Neighbourhood Wardens, Clwyd Alyn Housing Association Women's Aid, North Wales Police, and in particular the Domestic Violence Officer, are important partners. DASU is a member of Flintshire Local Voluntary Council, Welsh Women's Aid, Cymorth Cymru, Respect and Child Poverty Action Group.

Auditor
The auditors, Azets Audit Services, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

D M Roberts

Ms D Roberts
Trustee
Dated: 05/01/2023

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees (who are also the directors of Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd across Flintshire and Denbighshire 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.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 charity'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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

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 of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

Use of our report

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

Melanie Langton-Davies ACA FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets

5 January 2023

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Brynford House
21 Brynford Street
Holywell
Flintshire
United Kingdom
CH8 7RD

Azets is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	56,256	38,563	94,819	99,965	6,088	106,053
Charitable activities	3	574,169	1,489,117	2,063,286	349,288	1,307,080	1,656,368
Other trading activities	4	1,278,891	-	1,278,891	1,079,089	20,000	1,099,089
Investments	5	53	-	53	94	-	94
Total income		1,909,369	1,527,680	3,437,049	1,528,436	1,333,168	2,861,604
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	1,976,243	1,431,471	3,407,714	1,257,795	1,198,810	2,456,605
Other	10	-	-	-	5,154	-	5,154
Total resources expended		1,976,243	1,431,471	3,407,714	1,262,949	1,198,810	2,461,759
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(66,874)	96,209	29,335	265,487	134,358	399,845
Gross transfers between funds		96,209	(96,209)	-	286,431	(286,431)	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		29,335	-	29,335	551,918	(152,073)	399,845
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		767,708	-	767,708	215,790	152,073	367,863
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		797,043	-	797,043	767,708	-	767,708

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		736,150		434,585
Current assets					
Debtors	12	180,844		206,064	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,076,139		1,096,498	
		1,256,983		1,302,562	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(488,590)		(559,439)	
Net current assets			768,393		743,123
Total assets less current liabilities			1,504,543		1,177,708
Provisions for liabilities			(707,500)		(410,000)
Net assets			797,043		767,708
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			797,043		767,708
			797,043		767,708

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 05/01/2023

D Roberts

Ms D Roberts
Trustee

Company Registration No. 05430841

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	18		281,386		754,342
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(301,798)		(6,443)	
Investment income received		53		94	
Net cash used in investing activities			(301,745)		(6,349)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(20,359)		747,993
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,096,498		348,505
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,076,139		1,096,498

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	no depreciation
Fixtures and fittings	20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

1.10 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which it arises.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	**2022**	**2022**	2021	2021	2021
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	56,256	7,432	63,688	75,155	6,088	81,243
Grants	-	31,131	31,131	24,810	-	24,810
	56,256	38,563	94,819	99,965	6,088	106,053

3 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants	2,063,286	1,656,368
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	574,169	349,288
Restricted funds	1,489,117	1,307,080
	2,063,286	1,656,368

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Rental income	1,274,294	1,078,529	20,000	1,098,529
Miscellaneous income	4,597	560	-	560
Other trading activities	1,278,891	1,079,089	20,000	1,099,089

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank interest received	53	94

6 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	2,264,271	1,461,592
Depreciation and impairment	233	1,580
Rent and rates	254,354	171,367
Licences and insurance	13,471	11,167
Light and heat	79,942	34,321
Telephone	60,746	41,535
Postage and stationery	12,398	6,905
Advertising	7,561	-
Sundries	43,031	23,449
Training	55,691	84,239
Volunteers' expenses	624	-
Motor and travelling expenses	35,560	15,274
Supervision	16,870	12,550
Cleaning and waste disposal	29,358	25,742
Repairs and renewals	302,516	392,671
TV rental and licences	2,797	1,733
Other charitable expenditure	118,206	75,362
	3,297,629	2,359,487
Share of support costs (see note 7)	2,902	932
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	107,183	96,186
	3,407,714	2,456,605
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	1,976,243	1,257,795
Restricted funds	1,431,471	1,198,810
	3,407,714	2,456,605

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	789	-	789	932	-	932
Other interest paid	2,113	-	2,113	-	-	-
Audit fees	-	3,300	3,300	-	3,000	3,000
Accountancy and legal fees	-	103,883	103,883	-	93,186	93,186
	2,902	107,183	110,085	932	96,186	97,118
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	2,902	107,183	110,085	932	96,186	97,118

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,300 (2021: £3,000) for audit fees.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Full time	77	50
Part time	12	11
Total	89	61

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	2,147,714	1,388,889
Other pension costs	116,557	72,703
	2,264,271	1,461,592

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

10 Other

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	£	
	2022	2021
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	5,154
	-	5,154

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	433,422	27,258	12,750	473,430
Additions	301,798	-	-	301,798
At 31 March 2022	735,220	27,258	12,750	775,228
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2021	-	26,095	12,750	38,845
Depreciation charged in the year	-	233	-	233
At 31 March 2022	-	26,328	12,750	39,078
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2022	735,220	930	-	736,150
At 31 March 2021	433,422	1,163	-	434,585

12 Debtors

	2022	2021
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	141,564	186,283
Other debtors	-	5,692
Prepayments and accrued income	39,280	14,089
	180,844	206,064

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	21	-
Trade creditors	9,117	46,921
Other creditors	19,379	13,202
Accruals and deferred income	460,073	499,316
	488,590	559,439

Provisions for liabilities	2022	2021
	£	£
	707,500	410,000

Movements on provisions:

	£
At 1 April 2021	410,000
Additional provisions in the year	297,500
At 31 March 2022	707,500

The provisions relate to amounts received from the Welsh Government to purchase properties. If the buildings are sold, the first £707,500 of the consideration is repayable to the Welsh Government on demand.

The movement of £297,500 in this year relates to the purchase prices of 74 Conway Road, Colwyn Bay (£210,000) and 39 Severn Road, Colwyn Bay (£87,500).

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds				Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Buttle Trust	-	3,270	(3,884)	614	-	2,487	(2,487)	-	-
Conwy CBC	-	5,000	(4,997)	(3)	-	11,950	(11,026)	(924)	-
Charles Hayward	-	12,677	(12,677)	-	-	19,367	(19,367)	-	-
Children In Need	-	26,973	(25,591)	(1,382)	-	30,492	(29,543)	(949)	-
Community Fund - Outreach	35,596	137,328	(149,727)	(23,197)	-	150,228	(150,228)	-	-
Denbighshire CYP	-	-	-	-	-	34,219	(12,559)	(21,660)	-
Funding Circle Safelives	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	(2,909)	(4,591)	-
Gwynt Y Mor	-	5,548	(5,548)	-	-	13,652	(13,250)	(402)	-
IRIS	-	-	-	-	-	31,035	(31,035)	-	-
Lloyds Foundation	405	5,400	(5,400)	(405)	-	53,945	(53,945)	-	-
Moondance Foundation	-	40,082	(39,082)	(1,000)	-	42,763	(42,763)	-	-
Nationwide	-	21,893	(21,893)	-	-	36,509	(36,509)	-	-
Office of the Police Crime Commissioner	-	522,450	(443,319)	(79,131)	-	806,937	(747,361)	(59,576)	-
Steve Morgan Fund	(907)	12,000	(12,000)	907	-	30,310	(29,813)	(497)	-
VAWDASV / CCBC Capital Grants Unit	-	-	-	-	-	24,433	(24,847)	414	-
Welsh Government - Capital Grants	(638)	302,722	(305,500)	3,416	-	96,407	(110,837)	14,430	-
Anne Duchess of Westminster	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Burbow - CYP	-	5,150	(5,692)	542	-	9,158	(14,003)	4,845	-
CAF - Covid-19	-	6,790	(6,790)	-	-	1,210	(1,210)	-	-
Other Grants	117,617	225,885	(156,710)	(186,792)	-	113,383	(113,999)	616	-
	152,073	1,333,168	(1,198,810)	(286,431)	-	1,520,985	(1,452,691)	(68,294)	-

16 Capital commitments

At 31 March 2022 the charity had no capital commitments.

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

18 Cash generated from operations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Surplus for the year	29,335	399,845
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(53)	(94)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	5,154
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	233	1,580
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	25,220	(85,923)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(70,849)	433,780
(Decrease) in provisions	297,500	-
Cash generated from operations	281,386	754,342

19 **Analysis of changes in net funds**

The charity had no debt during the year.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1111610

Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Councillor R C Bithell Ms N J Jones Ms D Roberts Ms K Browning Ms S A Henderson
Secretary	Mr N Patel
Charity number	1111610
Company number	05430841
Registered office	Wrenmore House 104 Chester Road East Shotton Deeside Clwyd United Kingdom CH5 1QD
Auditor	Azets Brynford House 21 Brynford Street Holywell Clwyd United Kingdom CH8 7RD

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd provides professional coordinated interventions to people experiencing domestic abuse across Flintshire and Denbighshire to maximise their safety, and the safety of their families. The charity supports anyone who has been subjected to mental, physical or sexual abuse by their partners or persons with whom they have had a relationship. The aim is to assist them in making the transition to a safe and secure life.

We are committed to delivering a gender specific service as domestic abuse, violence and sexual violence affects both men and women. However we acknowledge that evidence indicates that women and girls are disproportionately impacted by violence and this is a violation of human rights and a cause and consequence of gender inequality. This means that when these forms of violence are experienced by women and girls, this operates a means of social control and maintains an unequal power relations, linking to systematic discrimination, reinforcing women's subordinate status.

Our services and support are therefore delivered in a way that specifically meet the needs of the client and acknowledges individuals experiencing multiple inequalities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Significant activities

DASU provides a range of support services including, advocacy, information, group-work, training, refuge accommodation when necessary, and liaising with other agencies including social services, police, health and substance misuse services on behalf of clients.

Maintaining the safety and well-being of service users is achieved by risk assessment, safety planning and working with others to achieve positive outcomes. DASU participates in the monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), which is a key mechanism for multi-agency collaboration.

DASU helps survivors of domestic abuse in a wide variety of tangible ways such as helping clients to claim welfare benefits, accessing legal representation and attending court, safety planning, risk assessment and assisting clients to secure accommodation in private or social housing. Many of our clients have children, and we can assist them by finding places in play-groups, schools and colleges for the children when entering refuge with their parent, or when re-settling in permanent housing. This is an important element of the overall service provision, as is registration with GPs and dentists and accessing other health services, so basic needs and continued health and well-being is promoted.

In addition to this wide-ranging practical support, DASU works with survivors to increase their confidence, self-esteem and the strength to emerge from social exclusion and stigmatisation and enable them to take control of their lives. This takes the form of individual counselling, group work and training, and has led to a number of clients finding the confidence to take up paid and volunteering work.

Raising awareness
An important area of work is awareness-raising within the community and related agencies. This includes workshop sessions in schools and colleges, talks to women's and church groups, and training for midwives and health visitors as part of the Integrated Care Pathway.

The importance of this work is primarily in raising awareness, but it also establishes valuable links with pupils, teachers and practitioners in related agencies. A monthly coffee morning helps to increase social networks and decrease isolation. This monthly meeting is an opportunity for women to raise concerns, discuss options and offer mutual support. In addition, we are offering short training opportunities, providing clients with life skills which they have identified as needing. Such activities have included cooking, basic car mechanic courses, arts and craft activities and future plans include Internet safety, and employability skills.

Funding streams
DASU continued to be financially supported by many organisations both for existing and new contracts/ awards, including:

- Conwy County Borough Council
- Denbighshire County Council
- Flintshire County Council
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Community Fund
- Gwynt y Mor
- Lloyds Foundation
- Nationwide
- The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – North Wales
- Burbow
- Children In Need
- Moondance Foundation
- Charles Hayward
- Steve Morgan Foundation
- Crisis UK
- Charities Aid Foundation

Donations
During 2020-2021 a staggering amount of £106,053 was raised through donations from both continued dedicated supporters and new donators. £11,392 was raised through an independent charity shop in Holywell alongside a second independent charity shop in Ffynnongroew, individual people and organisations and general donations. The Trustees would like to register their sincere thanks to all who have donated in such a difficult year. The funds will go towards making a difference to the lives of domestic abuse survivors.

Achievements and performance
Financial review
The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for the reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves as at 31st March 2021 were sufficient to cover 4.1 months' running costs.

Grants
The charity received the following restricted grants during the financial year:

	£
Burbo	5,692
Buttle Trust	3,270
Charities Aid Foundation	6,790
Conwy County Borough Council	5,000
Charles Hayward	12,677
Children In Need	26,973
Community Foundation Wales	15,000
Community Fund	122,328
Crisis UK	23,257
Edward Gostling	205
Glasspool Fund	600
Gwynt Y Mor	5,548
Heal and Thrive	17,900
Homeless Link	77,000
Lloyds Foundation	5,400
Moondance Foundation	40,081
Nationwide	21,893
The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner/Welsh Government	821,951
Post Code Lottery	665
Screwfix	3,900
Steve Morgan Fund	12,000
WCVA	55,950
Welsh Womens Aid/VSEF	23,000
TOTAL	**1,307,080**

Structure, governance and management
Governing document
The charity is controlled by it's governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the companies Act 2006.

Trustees
The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Councillor R C Bithell
Ms N J Jones
Ms D Roberts
Ms K Browning
Ms S A Henderson

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
The directors of the company are also trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles. There are five trustees, who meet at minimum of six times each year as the Management Committee. All members are invited to nominate trustees prior to the AGM. DASU is also registered with Flintshire Local Voluntary Council, Volunteer Bureau, where potential trustees and volunteers may be identified and referred to us. We continue to encourage involvement from clients when they no longer receive a service from DASU.

Trustees are recruited for their particular skills and their interest in combating domestic abuse. Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity. Additionally new trustees receive induction training and additional relevant training throughout the year.

The trustees on the management committee have a broad mix of skills. They include a County Councillor and representatives from the fields of education, local government, finance and Higher Education. However, we believe it would further enhance the Committee to recruit trustees with experience in Equality and Diversity, HR, Commissioning and tendering and the third sector.

Our organisation is led by women to support women and as such the majority of our board are and will continue to be women, this includes the role of Chair of the Trustees and CEO, both of which are restricted to women only candidates. However we will seek to recruit more men to the board in the future, as we recognise that men can also be victims of Domestic Abuse and as such deserve equal access to support, and an opportunity to live free from fear.

Trade creditors policy
The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:
- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

Trade creditors of the company at the year-end were equivalent to 40 days' purchases, based on the average daily amount invoiced by suppliers during the year.

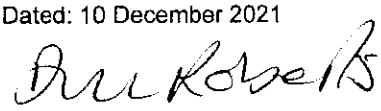
Organisational structure
The CEO has overall responsibility for operational matters, this is a delegated authority from the board of Trustees. The CEO attends provider forums across North Wales, Strategic partnership group meetings and bi-monthly board meetings where all decisions are recorded and communicated. The organisation has operated in Deeside for over 30 years and has now gained contracts across many counties in North Wales, including Wrexham, Conwy and Denbighshire.

Related parties
DASU has strong links with Flintshire County Council, particularly the Social Services and Housing Departments, Wrexham County Borough Council, Denbighshire County Council, Conwy County Borough Council, the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator and Flintshire Neighbourhood Wardens, Clwyd Alyn Housing Association Women's Aid, North Wales Police, and in particular the Domestic Violence Officer, are important partners. DASU is a member of Flintshire Local Voluntary Council, Welsh Women's Aid, Cymorth Cymru, Respect and Child Poverty Action Group.

Auditor
The auditors, Azets Audit Services, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Ms D Roberts
Trustee
Dated: 10 December 2021



DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees (who are also the directors of Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd across Flintshire and Denbighshire 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.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 charity'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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud
Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

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 of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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

Azets

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

10 December 2021

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Azets is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	99,965	6,088	106,053	24,798	-	24,798
Charitable activities	3	349,288	1,307,080	1,656,368	837,608	319,389	1,156,997
Other trading activities	4	1,079,089	20,000	1,099,089	300,166	-	300,166
Investments	5	94	-	94	53	-	53
Other income	6	-	-	-	885	-	885
Total income		1,528,436	1,333,168	2,861,604	1,163,510	319,389	1,482,899
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	1,257,795	1,198,810	2,456,605	1,130,099	282,808	1,412,907
Other	11	5,154	-	5,154	-	-	-
Total resources expended		1,262,949	1,198,810	2,461,759	1,130,099	282,808	1,412,907
Net incoming resources before transfers		265,487	134,358	399,845	33,411	36,581	69,992
Gross transfers between funds		286,431	(286,431)	-	6,481	(6,481)	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		551,918	(152,073)	399,845	39,892	30,100	69,992
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		215,790	152,073	367,863	175,898	121,973	297,871
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		767,708	-	767,708	215,790	152,073	367,863

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**12**		434,585		434,876
Current assets					
Debtors	**13**	206,064		120,141	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,096,498		348,505	
		1,302,562		468,646	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(559,439)		(125,659)	
Net current assets			743,123		342,987
Total assets less current liabilities			1,177,708		777,863
Provisions for liabilities			(410,000)		(410,000)
Net assets			767,708		367,863
Income funds					
Restricted funds			-		152,073
Unrestricted funds			767,708		215,790
			767,708		367,863

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2021

Ms D Roberts
Trustee

Company Registration No. 05430841

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**18**		754,342		374,833
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(6,443)		(210,000)	
Investment income received		94		53	
Net cash used in investing activities			(6,349)		(209,947)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			747,993		164,886
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			348,505		183,619
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,096,498		348,505

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	no depreciation
Fixtures and fittings	20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

1.10 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which it arises.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	**2021**	**2021**	2020
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Donations and gifts	75,155	6,088	81,243	24,798
Grants	24,810	-	24,810	-
	99,965	6,088	106,053	24,798

3 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants	1,656,368	1,156,997
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	349,288	837,608
Restricted funds	1,307,080	319,389
	1,656,368	1,156,997

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Rental income	1,078,529	20,000	1,098,529	300,048
Miscellaneous income	560	-	560	118
Other trading activities	1,079,089	20,000	1,099,089	300,166

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank interest received	94	53

6 Other income

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Other income	-	885

6 Other income **(Continued)**

7 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs	1,461,592	926,789
Depreciation and impairment	1,580	364
Rent and rates	171,367	115,384
Licences and insurance	11,167	6,296
Light and heat	34,321	19,224
Telephone	41,535	17,563
Postage and stationery	6,905	10,163
Advertising	-	1,828
Sundries	23,449	4,132
Sessional work	-	16,401
Training	84,239	10,870
Volunteers' expenses	-	2,983
Motor and travelling expenses	15,274	25,992
Supervision	12,550	2,906
Cleaning and waste disposal	25,742	13,190
Repairs and renewals	392,671	130,473
TV rental and licences	1,733	(291)
Other charitable expenditure	75,362	30,180
	2,359,487	1,334,447
Share of support costs (see note 8)	932	851
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	96,186	77,609
	2,456,605	1,412,907
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	1,257,795	1,130,099
Restricted funds	1,198,810	282,808
	2,456,605	1,412,907

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	932	-	932	851	-	851
Audit fees	-	3,000	3,000	-	7,200	7,200
Accountancy and legal fees	-	93,186	93,186	-	70,409	70,409
	932	96,186	97,118	851	77,609	78,460
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	932	96,186	97,118	851	77,609	78,460

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £7,200 (2020- £Nil) for audit fees.

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Full time	50	29
Part time	11	11
Total	61	40

Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	1,388,889	879,764
Other pension costs	72,703	47,025
	1,461,592	926,789

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

11 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Total
		£
	2021	2020
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	5,154	-
	5,154	-

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	433,422	27,258	12,750	473,430
Additions	-	6,443	-	6,443
Disposals	-	(6,443)	-	(6,443)
At 31 March 2021	433,422	27,258	12,750	473,430
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2020	-	25,804	12,750	38,554
Depreciation charged in the year	-	1,580	-	1,580
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(1,289)	-	(1,289)
At 31 March 2021	-	26,095	12,750	38,845
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2021	433,422	1,163	-	434,585
At 31 March 2020	433,422	1,454	-	434,876

13 Debtors

	2021	2020
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	186,283	7,465
Other debtors	5,692	102,535
Prepayments and accrued income	14,089	10,141
	206,064	120,141

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	-	(18,696)
Trade creditors	46,921	48,545
Other creditors	13,202	2,386
Accruals and deferred income	499,316	93,424
	559,439	125,659

Provisions for liabilities	2021	2020
	£	£
	410,000	410,000

Movements on provisions:

	£
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	410,000

The provision relates to amounts received from the Welsh Government to purchase properties; if the buildings are sold, the first £410,000 of the consideration is repayable to the Welsh Government on demand.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	434,585	-	434,585	434,876	-	434,876
Current assets/ (liabilities)	743,123	-	743,123	342,987	-	342,987
Provisions	(410,000)	-	(410,000)	(410,000)	-	(410,000)
	767,708	-	767,708	367,863	-	367,863

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

18	**Cash generated from operations**	**2021** £	**2020** £
	Surplus for the year	399,845	69,992
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(94)	(53)
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	5,154	-
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	1,580	364
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(85,923)	(29,532)
	Increase in creditors	433,780	124,062
	(Decrease) in provisions	-	210,000
	Cash generated from operations	754,342	374,833

19 **Analysis of changes in net funds**

The charity had no debt during the year.