

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT
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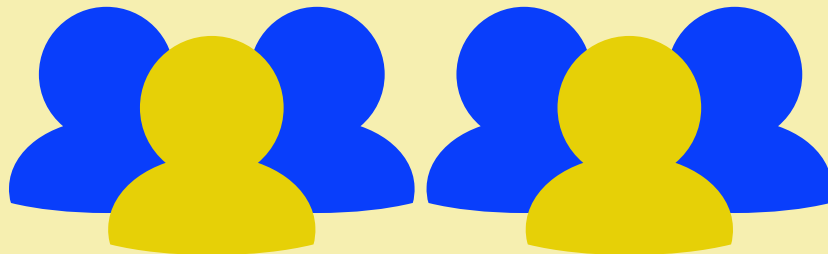
1 referral
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204
Families
supported
in refuge



43 new
clients in
counselling
service



Over 350
children
supported



16%
increase in
funding



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Trustees



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.

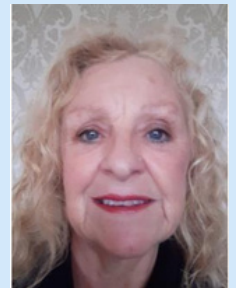
Looking to the future, we expect some of our current funders to recommission services for Domestic Abuse survivors. This includes Flintshire County Council and Families first in Denbighshire and Flintshire

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

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.



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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



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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.

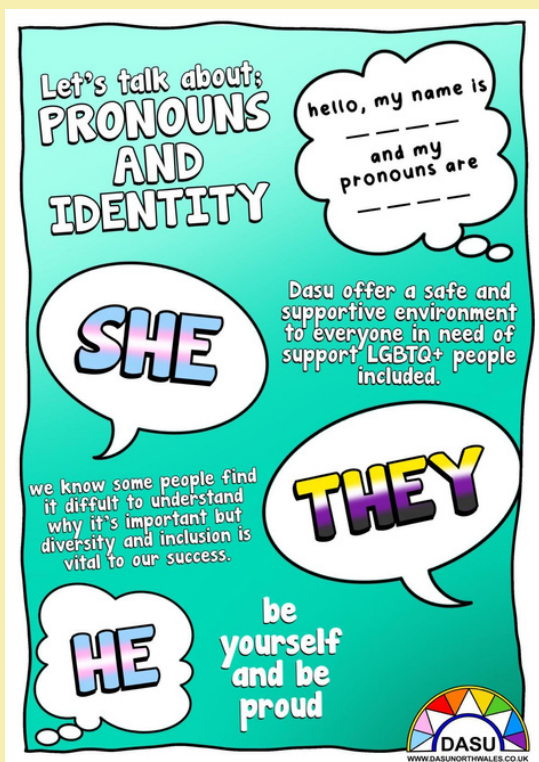


Raising Awareness

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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 particular 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.

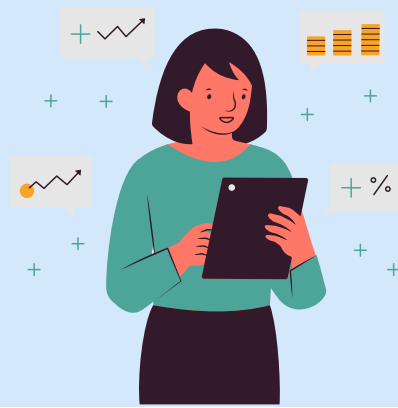


Finance Report

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.

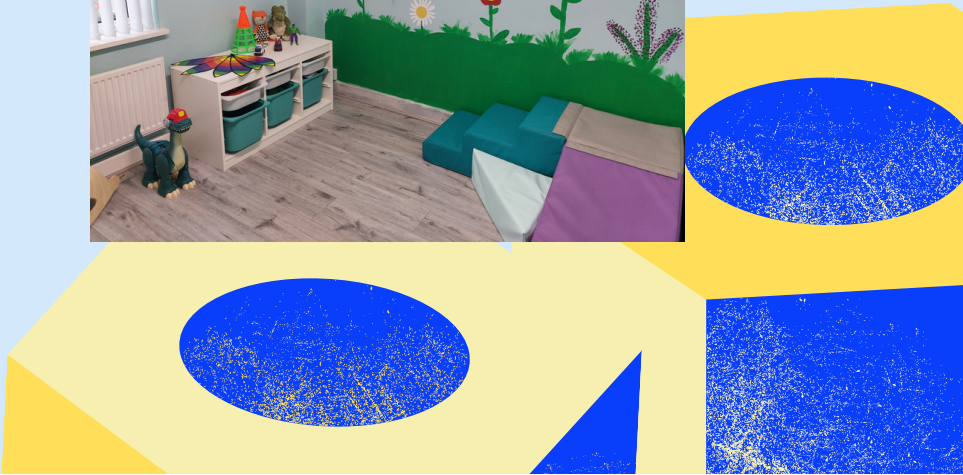
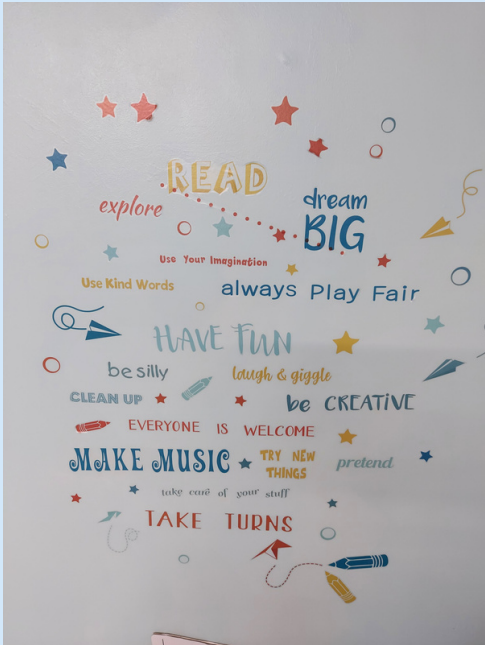
We were lucky enough to secure Welsh Government funding to add a short stay unit to our portfolio. This will allow us to accommodate people during out of hours and whereby they cannot access immediate, safe accommodation. This property has taken a full refurbishment from an absolute shell and completely 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 Children's 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 ensuring 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

BEFORE INTERVENTION

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 feel as strong or safe without you
Client

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 perpetrator.

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 completed 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

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.

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".





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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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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

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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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.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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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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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 donors. £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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 its 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	

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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.

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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.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

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

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.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

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 £	£	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 £	£	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

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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.

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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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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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
	<u>33,314</u>	<u>56,256</u>	<u>38,563</u>	<u>94,819</u>

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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
	<u>3,833,299</u>	<u>3,297,629</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	894	2,902
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	115,594	107,183
	<u>3,949,787</u>	<u>3,407,714</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	2,025,876	1,976,243
Restricted funds	1,923,911	1,431,471
	<u>3,949,787</u>	<u>3,407,714</u>

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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
Accountancy and legal fees	-	109,594	109,594	-	103,883
	<u>894</u>	<u>115,594</u>	<u>116,488</u>	<u>107,183</u>	<u>110,085</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>894</u>	<u>115,594</u>	<u>116,488</u>	<u>107,183</u>	<u>110,085</u>

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	<u>94</u>	<u>89</u>

Employment costs

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

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 retirement 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.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SAFETY UNIT NORTH WALES LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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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	(Continued)	
	2023	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.

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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:

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Movement in funds			Transfers £	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Movement in funds			Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £				Incoming resources £	Resources expended £			
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)		-	-
Gwyn't 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)	-

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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

<i>Narrative</i>		<i>Extrapolated misstatements</i>		<i>Actual misstatements</i>		<i>SOFA (I&E)</i>	<i>Balance sheet</i>
		<i>DR</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>CR</i>		
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