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WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2023**

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Board of Directors and Trustees	A Lockley (Chair) M Tyler (resigned 06/02/2023) Z Chauhan (resigned 04/09/2023) M Roberts J Purnell R Bose (resigned 12/06/2023) C Prestwich E Hart (resigned 27/09/2023) Lynn Lewis (appointed 04/09/2023) Laura York (appointed 04/09/2023) Helen Tovey (appointed 04/09/2023)
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Charity Registration Number	1136419
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Board of Trustees of Women's Aid Leicestershire Limited (WALL) are pleased to present their report for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) who served during the year and since year end were:

Z Chauhan (resigned 04/09/2023)

M Tyler (resigned 06/02/2023)

M Roberts

J Purnell

A Lockley

R Bose (resigned 12/06/2023)

C Prestwich

E Hart (resigned 27/09/2023)

Lynn Lewis (appointed 04/09/2023)

Laura York (appointed 04/09/2023)

Helen Tovey (appointed 04/09/2023)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Board of WALL are now in the position to report to their beneficiaries and funders for the year to 31 March 2023 which reflects the activities and performance of WALL during the year. The financial statements and related notes are set out on pages 13-28.

WALL's activities are governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association overseen by the Board of Directors who:

- Provide vision and leadership to the organisation.
- Ensure that WALL is an accountable organisation and that it fulfils its legal obligations.
- Ensure that WALL manages its staff, finances and other resources in a responsible manner.

In consultation with staff and stakeholders, the Board of Directors have identified 5 strategic aims as follows:

- To develop our services appropriately to meet both opportunity and the changing needs of survivors of domestic, sexual and relational abuse.
- To advance strategic and productive partnerships and relationships and promote cohesive inter agency responses to domestic, sexual and relational abuse.
- To build financial and staff capacity to maximise positive outcomes and impact.
- To increase our influence, role and reputation across the region.
- To raise awareness of domestic, sexual and relational abuse and the impact this has on individuals, children and society

The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive provides reports to the Board of Directors at their bimonthly meetings and provides additional updates when requested.

Membership of WALL is open to any individual who is interested in promoting the objects who:

- Applies to WALL in the form directed by the Board of Directors.
- Is approved by the Board of Directors
- Signs the Register of Members or consents in writing to become a member.

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From time to time WALL will advertise for new members who wish to be considered for membership of the Board. This is to ensure that the Board of Directors contains the necessary skills to lead WALL. Informal discussions, a formal interview and a facilitated attendance at a Board meeting, take place prior to approval.

Great importance is placed on the Board of Directors having a good understanding of the workings of the organisation. A comprehensive Induction Pack is available to all newcomers and the Board of Directors hold an annual away day where they complete a Board self-assessment, skills register and review the strategic aims and set targets for the forthcoming year. In addition ad hoc Training sessions are held on various topics.

Governance processes continue to be robust and fit for purpose.

The key management personnel's salary is based on NICVA 2009-10.

Risk management

The Board of Directors are aware that the management of risk is one of their most important responsibilities.

The Board has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and these are held in a comprehensive Risk Register which is updated at least annually by the Board.

Systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces and the day to day responsibility for ensuring that these are followed is delegated to the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive reports on major risks at each Board meeting and the Board agrees the action required to minimise such risks.

In the current austere economic climate, previous reliance on funding from statutory bodies can no longer be relied on and this is considered to be the principal risk faced by the organisation. More diverse funding is necessary for future sustainability of the organisation to mitigate the risk.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of WALL are:

- To provide housing or other accommodation and any associated amenities, services and assistance for the Beneficiaries.
- To relieve any other need of the Beneficiaries primarily by providing support, training and advice and
- To advance the education of the public in the subject of domestic, relational and sexual violence and related issues and the prevention and treatment of the same

Our vision is to be the primary source of expertise for the range of domestic and sexual abuse services for all victims across the Region.

Our overall aim is to improve the lives of victims affected by domestic abuse.

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We do this by:

- Raising awareness of domestic and sexual abuse and the ongoing suffering of women and children.
- Protecting women and children and at the same time providing the right services and relationships that are empowering and support women to move on and recover their lives.
- Providing services which are based on listening to survivors.
- Participating in or leading campaigns to keep the issues in the public consciousness and to raise awareness on the range of violence against women including FGM, HBV and forced marriages.
- Supporting and reflecting diversity and promoting equality of opportunity.
- Supporting and promoting cohesive inter-agency responses to domestic and sexual violence and developing partnerships.
- Understanding the issues and providing political challenge locally and nationally.
- Providing safe and secure services for women and children fleeing an abuse situation.
- Providing support and assistance for women who are in fear of becoming victims of abuse or who have been victims in the past and still require specialist support.
- Providing a culture of excellence and expertise and to be the main provider and leading specialist of safe, secure and confidential service.
- Working with victims using an explicitly anti-oppressive approach to the way services are developed and delivered.
- Working in partnership with funders and others and fostering a reputation for delivering high quality services and prove to be a respected organisation with good governance.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's requirement in respect of Public Benefit. In their view the charity meets, in full, the criteria to satisfy the test. The trustees' annual report describes the activities undertaken to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Use of Volunteers

We have continued to provide volunteering opportunities across all our Projects. We recognise the value of volunteers who are a vital resource to the organisation and look forward to welcoming new volunteers into WALL and the wider United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) Consortium.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Reflecting over the last year, Women's Aid Leicestershire Ltd. (WALL) have faced a demanding year, which has required us to adapt to the ever-increasing challenges and demands placed upon our sector.

Within the organisation, there has been a change to the senior management team, with the CEO of 15 years, retiring at the end of December 2022. The new CEO commenced in post at the start of 2023.

Funding across the locality was re-commissioned, which implemented a 'Service System', of four organisations working alongside one another to deliver domestic abuse support across Leicester City, Leicestershire County and Rutland.

We remain the lead commissioned service for refuge provision across Leicester City, Leicestershire County and Rutland. Furthermore, we are commissioned to provide a number of outreach services, including a BAME IDVA service, supporting high risk victims of domestic abuse and the ADAM Project, supporting male victims across Leicestershire County.

WALL also provide a number of other services, which are delivered through funding received from donations and foundation trusts.

WALL are committed to providing a high-quality safe accommodation service, whilst also ensuring that there are wider services, that meet local need, for victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

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In the continuing recovery from COVID, we have seen clients accessing our services with a range of complex support needs, deeper trauma experienced and adverse mental health. Clients are sharing that they have stayed in their abusive situations for longer, due to lockdown and restrictions on movement, further hampered by the cost-of-living crisis. WALL have identified that victims of domestic abuse are experiencing a higher level of financial abuse and control, leaving victims of abuse trapped and feeling helpless.

Strategic Objectives

- To assist in meeting the needs of all victims of domestic abuse for safety, support and advocacy who experience, or who are at risk of domestic violence and to promote the ethos of self-help.
- To raise awareness about the root causes of gendered violence against women and challenge the attitudes that tolerate it.
- To monitor the threats and opportunities in a challenging funding environment and take proactive measures to maintain and develop services to victims and children affected by domestic abuse.
- To maintain high standards of delivery across all service areas and ensure that effective resources, governance systems and management structures operate.
- To ensure the organisation is effective, fit for purpose, remains sustainable and meets or exceeds all internal and external legal and compliance requirements.
- Accreditation of services

Support Services

Between the 1st of April 2022 and the 31st of March 2023, we have supported a total of 708 adults, of which 133 of these clients were male. Of this total, we supported 126 clients in our refuges and dispersed accommodation. There was a total of 179 children who were supported in refuge and 26 children supported in the county of Leicestershire, in an outreach capacity.

WALL are committed to providing a high-quality safe accommodation service, whilst also ensuring that there are wider services, that meet local need, for victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

We are proud to be accredited by national Domestic Abuse charity SafeLives; Leading Lights. Leading Lights is the mark of quality for domestic abuse services and is recognised by commissioners and funders across the UK. The accreditations programme offers a set of standards for supporting victims of domestic abuse.

During the last year we received a total of 501 referrals for victims of abuse, in need of refuge and safe accommodation. The current refuge availability does not meet the level of demand and WALL remain committed to working to increase our refuge provision. WALL provide refuge outside of what is commissioned in the local area.

Refuge and safe accommodation remain a priority area and focus for our organisation. With the appointment of the new CEO, work has begun to take place to seek the client's voice in how we develop refuge and what our accommodation offers needs to look like.

Extensive work has taken place across all refuges to improve the accommodation, with redecoration taking place. We have been incredibly lucky to receive support and donations from a large range of donors, which has allowed us to improve and update all of our units.

The support that we provide is needed now, more than ever before, evidenced by the huge number of referrals for safe accommodation for victims fleeing from violence, fear and harm. WALL are committed to providing a range of accommodation options, across a range of areas in the locality, providing flexible, adaptable and diverse accommodation to remove any barriers for victims seeking refuge, making our offer inclusive to all in need.

The refuge and accommodation that we offer, provides stability, safety and support for any victim, regardless of their gender, sexuality or identity. The support from our team of trained and dedicated refuge practitioners across our refuge services, works to empower and rebuild the lives of victims, enabling clients to recover from their experiences of abuse, and rebuild their lives, positively and safely. Support is holistic and trauma informed,

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ensuring inclusivity for every client accessing our services, to ensure that their needs are met, providing therapeutic emotional support, practical safety and empowerment.

In addition to our refuge accommodation, WALL also provide the following domestic abuse support services:

- City Resettlement Support (City Refuge Services)
- In-house Refuge Counselling (City Refuge Services)
- The ADAM Project (male victim support service) across Leicestershire
- BAME IDVA (Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority Independent Domestic Violence Advisor)
- MARAC IDVA (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference Independent Domestic Violence Advisor)
- Hospital IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor)
- Screening and Allocations Practitioner
- Empowerment Practitioner (Group Facilitator)
- JADA+ (Childrens Outreach Service) across Leicestershire
- Housing Link Practitioner (North West Leicestershire and Oadby and Wigston)

We have ensured that staff members have access to additional training and recourses, in order to equip the team to support clients and their emerging need. The organisation is committed to being a trauma led organisation, embedding a trauma informed approach at all levels of the charity. In terms of our accommodation service, WALL have worked in partnership with other local charities and organisations, to devise a set of key standards for providing trauma informed accommodation services. This piece of work was commissioned by Leicester City Council.

Challenges and Risk

A lack of refuge provision locally and nationally, poses a huge risk to victims of domestic abuse in accessing safe accommodation. There has also been a significant reduction in the provision of complex needs refuge due to a lack of funding. This is both a local and national issue.

Residents are remaining in refuge for longer periods of time, due to a housing shortage, which reduces the availability and frequency of refuge spaces being available. WALL are working with commissioners and local housing providers to tackle this issue.

There is reduced funding available through local authorities to provide much needed domestic abuse support services. Furthermore, local authorities in the area are taking some domestic abuse support services 'in house'. WALL are committed to identifying and accessing a range of funding streams to ensure the future of our services and to remain in a strong financial position.

The voluntary sector faces challenges with employment of staff and identifying suitable candidates for roles. WALL are developing a staff wellbeing strategy, to recognise the importance of supporting and developing staff, to promote the retainment of hardworking and trained specialists to provide our vital services.

Events, Communications, Training, and Awareness Raising

During the end of this year, WALL have developed and implemented a comprehensive communications and marketing strategy. This ensures that we raise awareness of domestic abuse and continue to share details of our work and services across the local community. WALL have a new website and have updated all our social media platforms to make them accessible on a range of devices, maximising the ways in which people can access our services and reach out to us, removing any potential barriers.

During the last year, our website has had a total of 12,644 views. We have a total of 2,452 Facebook likes, a total of 1,745 X (formerly Twitter) followers and 681 followers on Instagram.

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WALL remains an active member of the National Women's Aid Federation of England. Being a part of the federation is a priority for WALL and evidences our commitment to best practice and being a part of a supportive network of domestic abuse charities.

During the past year, WALL have delivered a total of 14 external training sessions to other local organisations and charities, Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, Rutland District Council and boroughs across the county, including Charnwood, Melton and North West Leicestershire. Additionally, we have also delivered training to Leicestershire Police, providing specialist domestic abuse training to every first responder within the police force, as part of a national strategy to improve the police's response to tackling domestic abuse and supporting victims; DA Matters.

WALL have delivered a total of 8 talks, raising awareness of domestic abuse and our work, sharing knowledge and also gaining the support of others, in terms of their donation of time and through monetary donations. We have also attended a total of 24 events, across the City and County over the last year.

WALL hosted a large-scale event at Leicester College's Taste Restaurant, which welcomed a total of ** attendees to hear about the work of our organisation and for people to come together to raise vital funds to support the work that we do. This is now an annual event in the WALL calendar, having been developed in 2021.

Within our refuges we have placed a high commitment to providing our clients and their children with education, learning and fun. We have partnered with a fellow local charity, whereby funding has been secured to provide all residents with arts and crafts activities, that allow them to escape and be present, whilst producing a piece of artwork to be proud of. Art therapists come into refuge and deliver hands on sessions. Sessions take place weekly and now form part of refuge life.

We have celebrated a range of events and festivals over the past year, including birthdays of residents and their children, Christmas, Easter, Diwali and Eid.

We have the support of a local charity who provide birthday cakes for anyone celebrating a birthday whilst they are in refuge.

Strategic Objectives 2021-2023

- To promote self-help and assist in meeting the needs of all victims of domestic abuse for safety, support and advocacy who experience, or who are at risk of domestic violence.
- To raise awareness about the root causes of gendered violence against women and challenge the attitudes that tolerate it.
- To monitor the threats and opportunities in a challenging funding environment and take proactive measures to maintain and develop services to victims and children affected by domestic abuse.
- To maintain high standards of delivery across all service areas and ensure that effective resources, governance systems and management structures operate.
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Sources of Funding

Our main sources of funding come from Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Local Authorities fund, which and the Police and Crime Commissioner. We received Housing Benefit at our refuges and dispersed accommodation and personal contributions from residents.

We also received funding for a Housing Link worker in Oadby and Wigston and North West District Councils.

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Financial Position

During 2022-23 donations have increased, however grant and contractual funding have decreased.

Service delivery requirements and targets have increased.

We continue to scrutinise expenditure and minimise unnecessary spend.

Investment Policy

Our investment policy is to hold cash reserves in an interest-bearing deposit account at the best available rate of interest to maximise investment for the organisation. Rates of interest continue to be low and this continues to impact on reserves.

Reserves Policy

The Board of Directors has examined the requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should equate to closure costs at the preceding financial year to allow close down, with an additional amount to cover costs to enable the organisation to continue for a period of up to three months in the event of a disruption of income.

This equates to £304,222 and this sum forms the designated fund taking into account future pension contributions. The reserves held at 31 March 2023 were £702,239 made up as follows, restricted reserves £4,877, unrestricted reserves £14,521 and designated funds £682,841. Trustees regularly scrutinise the amount of reserves held and take the appropriate action to bring the amount of reserves held into line with the reserves policy. This could include a review of self-funded projects and fund-raising opportunities including applications to trusts.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

A number of targets have been agreed by the Board of Trustees which link into WALL's 5 strategic objectives. These targets will be monitored and reviewed over the next 12 months with progress reports being discussed at Board meetings.

- Financial targets include - to maximise and diversify funding streams and boost free reserves; minimise unnecessary expenditure and review online donations process to make it easier for donors to donate. We will source funding for new Projects, including a Project to support victims of stalking and refuge accommodation for young women aged 16-24.
- Accommodation service targets include - to agree without recourse support arrangements with partners and achieve a quality mark.
- Marketing/campaigning targets include - to run targeted campaigns to increase awareness; maintain national links, attend regional events and have a strong presence on social media.
- External targets include - to expand volunteer opportunities; expand Board membership.
- Miscellaneous targets include - to make and maintain links with key partners in order to maximise tender opportunities and develop new partnerships.

Our short term goal is to continue to deliver excellent support tailored to the needs of our service users.

Our longer term goals are to secure sustainable funding in order to ensure that any victim of domestic abuse will have the support they need when they need it and that no woman with or without children will be turned away from refuge accommodation.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Women's Aid Leicestershire Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is 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 auditor is aware of that information.

Going Concern

Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future (12 months after signing this report) and have therefore, used the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Auditor

Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited are deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

This report was approved by the board of Trustees on 30 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by



A Lockley
Chair

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Women's Aid Leicestershire Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the 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 trustees 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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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.

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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 trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our 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 directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

We considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas: timing of recognition of income, posting of unusual journals along with complex transactions and manipulating the Charity's key performance indicators to meet targets. We discussed these risks with client management, designed audit procedures to test the timing of income, tested a sample of journals to confirm they were appropriate and reviewed areas of judgement for indicators of management bias to address these risks.

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

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A.M. Clifford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew Clifford (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited, Statutory Auditor
264 Banbury Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX2 7DY

Date: 4 December 2023

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Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-23 £
Incoming Resources				
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and Legacies	2	92,273	-	92,273
Charitable activities:				
Licence fee income	3a	953,523	-	953,523
Grants and contracts receivable	3b	119,000	555,443	674,443
Investments		536	-	536
Other	4	7,906	-	7,906
Total income		<u>1,173,238</u>	<u>555,443</u>	<u>1,728,681</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		<u>1,067,249</u>	<u>560,732</u>	<u>1,627,981</u>
Total resources expended	5	<u>1,067,249</u>	<u>560,732</u>	<u>1,627,981</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		105,989	(5,289)	100,700
Transfers between funds		<u>(8,589)</u>	<u>8,589</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds during the year	6	97,400	3,300	100,700
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>599,962</u>	<u>1,577</u>	<u>601,539</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		<u><u>697,362</u></u>	<u><u>4,877</u></u>	<u><u>702,239</u></u>

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

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 17 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Incoming Resources				
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	59,837	-	59,837
Charitable activities:				
Licence fee income	3a	1,003,439	-	1,003,439
Grants and contracts receivable	3b	119,919	967,570	1,087,489
Investments		8	-	8
Other	4	7,050	-	7,050
Total income		<u>1,190,253</u>	<u>967,570</u>	<u>2,157,823</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		<u>944,821</u>	<u>990,460</u>	<u>1,935,281</u>
Total resources expended	5	<u>944,821</u>	<u>990,460</u>	<u>1,935,281</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>245,432</u>	<u>(22,890)</u>	<u>222,542</u>
Transfers between funds		<u>(13,267)</u>	<u>13,267</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds during the year	6	<u>232,165</u>	<u>(9,623)</u>	<u>222,542</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		<u>367,797</u>	<u>11,200</u>	<u>378,997</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		<u><u>599,962</u></u>	<u><u>1,577</u></u>	<u><u>601,539</u></u>

WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	192,666	335,183
Cash at bank and in hand	12	750,148	499,764
		<u>942,814</u>	<u>834,947</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(240,575)	(233,408)
		<u>702,239</u>	<u>601,539</u>
Total net assets		<u>702,239</u>	<u>601,539</u>
Capital and reserves			
Restricted funds	14	4,877	1,577
Designated funds	15	682,841	583,742
Unrestricted funds	15	14,521	16,220
		<u>702,239</u>	<u>601,539</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 November 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:


A Lockley – Chair

Company Number: 7171654

The notes on pages 17 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED
Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 Funds £	2022 Funds £
Cash flow from operating activities:			
Net cash used in operating activities	9	249,848	225,806
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		536	8
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		250,384	225,814
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2022		499,764	273,950
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2023	10	750,148	499,764

The notes on pages 17 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting policies

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

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102 (2019), have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (2019) '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 Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

Legal form

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. Its registered office is shown on page 1.

Incoming resources

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Policies on specific income streams are:

Income from government grants is recognised under the performance model and is not deferred.

Income from other grants is recognised on an accruals basis. Income received in advance for the provision of a specified service is deferred.

Licence fee income is recognised on an accruals basis.

Donations are recognised on a cash received basis.

Bank interest receivable is recognised on an accruals basis.

Resources expended

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.

Grants payable are charged in the year they become payable. Other resources expended are allocated directly to the particular activity where the cost relates to that activity. However certain overhead and administrative costs are apportioned to each activity based on an estimate of staff time attributable to each activity.

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity such as the cost of board meetings, statutory compliance and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Financial instruments

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income under administrative expenses.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Fixed assets

Fixtures, fittings and equipment are written off in the year of purchase because the nature of the organisation means that they have virtually nil residual value by the end of the year of acquisition. Proceeds on disposal are brought into the income and expenditure account in the year of sale.

Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Pensions

The Company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities on a payable basis. The contributions paid are shown in note 6.

Joint Venture

A joint venture was entered into whereby the Company and other parties are undertaking an economic activity which is subject to joint control and a separate entity was established. Joint ventures are recognised at cost, less any amounts written off. The cost was nil during this and the previous financial year.

Fund accounting

The Charity maintains various types of funds as follows:

Restricted funds - are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by funders or which have been raised by the organisation for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted reserve is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds - comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Board for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated reserve is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Unrestricted funds - are available for use at the discretion of the Board in furtherance of the general objectives of the organisation and which have not been designated for other purposes.

WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	43,155	-	43,155	59,837
Legacies	49,118	-	49,118	-
	<u>92,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,273</u>	<u>59,837</u>

3. Charitable activities

3a. Licence fee income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Housing benefit	881,705	-	881,705	946,334
Personal contributions	71,818	-	71,818	57,105
	<u>953,523</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>953,523</u>	<u>1,003,439</u>

3b. Grant Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Leicestershire County Council – Accommodation	119,000	-	119,000	119,919
Oadby & Wigston Housing	-	14,444	14,444	-
Leicester City Council -Safe Homes	-	158,000	158,000	213,664
Leicester City Council -Safe Homes Variation	-	41,099	41,099	-
Leicester City Council – LLR	-	-	-	459,717
Harborough County Council – KIDVA	-	12,853	12,853	12,446
JADA	-	8,750	8,750	34,268
North West Leicestershire Housing	-	32,513	32,513	24,755
ISAC	-	-	-	29,770
OPCC - MARAC IDVA	-	29,204	29,204	23,298
OPCC - HIDVA	-	29,204	29,204	27,451
OPCC - Referrals	-	-	-	11,862
OPCC - Add Accommodation	-	-	-	9,767
OPCC – BAME	-	29,204	29,204	23,298
OPCC – Screening	-	19,642	19,642	15,876
OPCC – HIDVA MARAC	-	29,204	29,204	23,298
MOJ – ADAM	-	3,237	3,237	16,186
AIG	-	-	-	12,226
Positive Communities	-	10,178	10,178	9,188
Circle Fund	-	5,000	5,000	2,500
Resettlement	-	-	-	10,000
Leicestershire & Rutland Community Fund	-	-	-	8,000
Leicestershire County Council - ADAM	-	36,395	36,395	-
Leicestershire County Council - JADA	-	64,369	64,369	-
OPCC – Empowerment Practitioner	-	19,194	19,194	-
OPCC – Empowerment Administrator	-	12,953	12,953	-
	<u>119,000</u>	<u>555,443</u>	<u>674,443</u>	<u>1,087,489</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

4. Other income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Miscellaneous income	7,906	-	7,906	7,050
	<u>7,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,906</u>	<u>7,050</u>

5. Analysis of costs

Charitable activities

Refuges	1,019,635	-	1,019,635	933,518
Outreach	1,354	456,019	457,373	862,558
Support costs - Refuges	44,731	-	44,731	10,251
Support costs - Outreach	-	101,442	101,442	124,704
	<u>1,065,720</u>	<u>557,461</u>	<u>1,623,181</u>	<u>1,931,031</u>

Governance costs

	1,529	3,271	4,800	4,250
	<u>1,529</u>	<u>3,271</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,250</u>

Total

	1,067,249	560,732	1,627,981	1,935,281
	<u>1,067,249</u>	<u>560,732</u>	<u>1,627,981</u>	<u>1,935,281</u>

Support costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Establishment (rent, rates etc.)	2,352	8,167	10,519	7,719
Management (management and admin salaries)	13,409	28,681	42,090	58,582
Legal and professional	9,466	29,413	38,879	33,458
Information technology	15,794	26,797	42,591	28,743
Printing, postage and stationery	2,686	2,170	4,856	5,167
Human resources	261	4,620	4,881	-
Communication and marketing	56	161	217	19
Sundry expenditure	707	1,433	2,140	1,267
	<u>44,731</u>	<u>101,442</u>	<u>146,173</u>	<u>134,955</u>

Governance costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Audit fees	1,529	3,271	4,800	3,840
Other financial services	1,051	2,249	3,300	410
	<u>2,580</u>	<u>5,520</u>	<u>8,100</u>	<u>4,250</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

6. Net movement in funds is stated after charging

	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating lease costs –property	308,343	332,034
Auditor's remuneration:		
In their capacity as auditors	4,800	3,840
Other financial services	3,300	410
	<u>8,100</u>	<u>4,250</u>

7. Staff costs and number

Staff costs during the year were as follows:	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries	702,963	965,433
Temporary Staff	10,575	23,275
Social Security costs	55,712	68,839
Pension costs	13,566	17,331
	<u>782,816</u>	<u>1,074,878</u>

No employee (2022: none) received emoluments in excess of £60,000 in the year. The remuneration for key management personnel, who are considered to be the Chief Executive and the two Domestic Violence Service Managers totals £112,213.

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

	2023	2022
	No	No
Administrative staff	1	1
Advisory staff	38	52
	<u>39</u>	<u>53</u>

The trustees received no remuneration for their services (2022 £nil).

Travel and subsistence expenses were reimbursed to no trustees (2022: £nil).

8. Taxation

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

9. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating income

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the reporting period	100,700	222,542
Adjustments for:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(536)	(8)
Decrease in fixed assets	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	142,517	17,252
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	7,167	(13,980)
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Net cash used in operating activities	249,848	225,806
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10. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash and cash equivalents	750,148	499,764
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11. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	48,688	207,333
Prepayments and accrued income	143,978	127,850
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	192,666	335,183
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12. Cash at bank and in hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank	747,960	498,413
Cash	2,188	1,351
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	750,148	499,764
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WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

13. Creditors: (amounts falling due within one year)

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	63,845	136,409
Other creditors	79	119
Other taxes and social security	9,694	14,364
Pension	2,546	3,373
Accruals and deferred income	164,411	79,143
	<u>240,575</u>	<u>233,408</u>

Deferred income relates to non-government grant service contracts for salaried posts to be performed in the next financial year.

	£
Balance as at 31 March 2022	52,382
Amount released to incoming resources	(52,382)
Amount deferred in year	139,600
	<u>139,600</u>
Balance as at 31 March 2023	<u>139,600</u>

14. Restricted reserves

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer of Reserves £	Closing balance £
Oadby & Wigston Housing	-	14,444	(14,444)	-	-
Leicester City Council – DA Accommodation	-	158,000	(158,000)	-	-
Leicester City Council – DA Accommodation Variation	-	41,099	(41,099)	-	-
Harborough District – KIDVA	-	12,853	(12,853)	-	-
JADA Plus	-	8,750	(8,750)	-	-
North West Leicestershire Housing	-	32,513	(32,513)	-	-
OPCC - MARAC IDVA	-	29,204	(29,204)	-	-
OPCC - HIDVA	-	29,204	(34,273)	5,069	-
OPCC - BAME	-	29,204	(29,204)	-	-
OPCC - Screening IDVA	-	19,642	(21,949)	2,307	-
OPCC - HIDVA MARAC	-	29,204	(29,204)	-	-
MOJ – ADAM	-	3,237	(4,450)	1,213	-
Leicestershire County Council – Adam	-	36,395	(36,395)	-	-
Leicestershire County Council – JADA	-	64,369	(63,208)	-	1,161
Positive Communities	-	10,178	(10,178)	-	-
OPCC – Empowerment Practitioner	-	19,194	(19,194)	-	-
OPCC – Empowerment Administrator	-	12,953	(12,953)	-	-
Circle Fund	1,577	5,000	(2,861)	-	3,716
	<u>1,577</u>	<u>555,443</u>	<u>(560,732)</u>	<u>8,589</u>	<u>4,877</u>

WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

Restricted reserves (comparative)

	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer of Reserves	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Oadby & Wigston Housing	11,200	-	(11,200)	-	-
Leicester City Council - Safe Homes	-	213,664	(213,904)	240	-
Leicester City Council - LLR	-	459,717	(459,751)	34	-
Harborough District – KIDVA	-	12,446	(12,446)	-	-
JADA Plus	-	34,268	(34,268)	-	-
North West Leicestershire Housing	-	24,755	(24,755)	-	-
ISAC	-	29,770	(29,770)	-	-
OPCC - MARAC IDVA	-	23,298	(23,298)	-	-
OPCC - HIDVA	-	27,451	(27,451)	-	-
OPCC - Referrals	-	11,862	(11,862)	-	-
Leicestershire & Rutland Community Fund	-	8,000	(8,000)	-	-
OPCC - Additional Accommodation	-	9,767	(11,712)	1,945	-
OPCC - BAME	-	23,298	(23,298)	-	-
OPCC - Screening IDVA	-	15,876	(15,876)	-	-
OPCC - HIDVA MARAC	-	23,298	(23,298)	-	-
MOJ – ADAM	-	16,186	(16,186)	-	-
LCC Communities Fund	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
AIG	-	12,226	(12,226)	-	-
Positive Communities	-	9,188	(20,236)	11,048	-
Circle Fund	-	2,500	(923)	-	1,577
	<u>11,200</u>	<u>967,570</u>	<u>(990,460)</u>	<u>13,267</u>	<u>1,577</u>

Oadby and Wigston Housing – To provide advice and outreach support to domestic violence victims in the Oadby & Wigston

Leicester City Council – Safe Homes – Sub contracted to deliver the safe home project in the city

Leicester City Council – LLR - Sub contracted to deliver support to high risk victims of domestic abuse

Harborough District KIDVA – To support children and young people in Harborough whose parents have been identified as high-risk victims of domestic abuse.

JADA Plus – Family service in Leicestershire for children and their non-abusing parent.

ISAC – This project was set up to support victims of stalking and harassment.

NWL Housing - To provide advice and outreach support to domestic violence victims in Northwest Leicestershire.

OPCC HIDVA - Funding for hospital based IDVA.

OPCC Referrals – To add temporary capacity to current service.

OPCC Additional Accommodation – Covid Funding to add capacity

WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

Leicestershire Community Fund – Additional cleaning due to Covid

OPCC BAME – Funding received for a BAME specialist IDVA

OPCC HIDVA MARAC - Funding received for high-risk clients presenting at UHL

MOJ ADAM Project – Funding received to support male victims

LCC Communities Fund – To support families in the community once they have left refuge

AIG – Working in partnership with AIG supporting BAME women experiencing domestic abuse

Positive Communities – Is a project involving twelve voluntary organisations, working at grassroot level to support some of the most vulnerable people in our community, including those affected by domestic abuse

Circle Fund - To provide financial support through grants to victims of economic abuse and to help survivors move forward and promote recovery and resilience.

LCC - ADAM Project – Funding received to support male victims in Leicestershire

LCC – JADA - Family service in Leicestershire for children and their non-abusing parent.

OPCC Empowerment Practitioner - Delivery of an Empowerment Programme to survivors of domestic abuse

OPCC Administrator - to provide administrative support

The transfer from unrestricted to restricted funds are to finance deficits in restricted funds.

WOMEN'S AID LEICESTERSHIRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

15. Unrestricted and designated reserves

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted reserves	16,220	1,173,238	(1,067,249)	(107,688)	14,521
Designated funds					
Transferred from unrestricted fund in line with reserves policy	299,242	-	-	4,980	304,222
Working in Partnerships	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Staffing and Benefits Review Including Pensions	42,000	-	-	-	42,000
Property Procurement & Refurbishment	237,500	-	-	25,000	262,500
Project Development	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Refuge Children's Worker				49,119	49,119
	583,742	-	-	99,099	682,841
	599,962	1,173,238	(1,067,249)	(8,589)	697,362

Unrestricted and designated reserves (Comparative)

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted reserves	15,533	1,190,253	(942,821)	(246,745)	16,220
Designated funds					
Transferred from unrestricted fund in line with reserves policy	309,988	-	-	(10,746)	299,242
Tendering/Legal Consultancy	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Working in Partnerships	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Cost Associated with Volunteers Staffing and Benefits Review	3,276	-	-	(3,276)	
Including Pensions	32,000	-	-	10,000	42,000
Property Procurement & Refurbishment	-	-	-	237,500	237,500
	352,264	-	(2,000)	233,478	583,742
	367,797	1,190,253	(944,821)	(13,267)	599,962

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Tendering/Legal Consultancy – This fund has been designated by the board, to cover costs associated to tendering for services and contracts.

Development of specialist projects working in partnerships - To allow us to build partnerships with specialist providers.

Costs Associated with Volunteers - Volunteers contribute to the work of the organisation, this will ensure that all volunteers are effectively trained and supervised to develop their skills, which will allow them to return to further education or employment.

Staff & Benefits Review including Pensions – Pay review to take place in line with new service delivery model.

Project Development – Addressing gaps in services and meeting local need.

Property Procurement & Refurbishment – To procure and refurbish accommodation.

Refuge Children's Worker – To fund a children's worker for refuge.

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total
	£	£	£
Current assets	973,937	4,877	942,814
Current liabilities	(240,575)	-	(240,575)
	<u>697,362</u>	<u>4,877</u>	<u>702,239</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds (Comparative)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total
	£	£	£
Current assets	833,370	1,577	834,947
Current liabilities	(233,408)	-	(233,408)
	<u>599,962</u>	<u>1,577</u>	<u>601,539</u>

17. The liability of the guarantors

The company does not have a share capital and is limited by guarantee. In the event of the charity being wound up, the maximum amount which each member is liable to contribute is ten pounds. There were 7 members at 31 March 2023 (2022: 7).

18. Capital commitments

The charity had no capital commitments at 31 March 2023 or 2022.

19. Contingent liabilities

The charity had no contingent liabilities at 31 March 2023 or 2022.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (continued)

20. Related Parties

During the year the charity had no related party transactions.

In 2022 the charity had related party transactions with United Against Violence and Abuse Limited (UAVA). UAVA was a consortium set up with FREEVA and Living Without Abuse to deliver services across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland under the commissioned services for those aged 13 and over, affected by sexual and domestic abuse across LLR and services procured independently by Leicester City Council. As a subcontractor of the consortium Women's Aid Leicestershire Ltd received £673,381 from UAVA to deliver services. The amounts due from UAVA at 31 March 2022 totalled £156,704 and is included within trade debtors. At 31 March 2022 £0 was due from FREEVA and £0 from Living Without Abuse and was included within trade debtors.

21. Joint Venture

On the 22 October 2015 United Against Violence and Abuse Limited (UAVA) was registered as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act 2006. This Company consists of FREEVA whose distribution proportion is 30%, Living Without Abuse 30% and WALL 40%. Each member has 3 directors appointed to the UAVA board. Each member has one vote. Women's Aid Leicestershire Ltd received £673,381 from UAVA to deliver services last year. The carrying amount of the investment is nil.

UAVA was dissolved on the 11 April 2023.

22. Post Balance Sheet Event

Women's Aid Leicestershire Ltd are looking to purchase a property that will be funded through reserves and a loan.