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# Sheffield Women's Aid

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

## **Sheffield Women's Aid**

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## **Sheffield Women's Aid**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

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	Clare Fowler
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## Sheffield Women's Aid

### Chair's Report

#### Chair's Report

I am pleased to present the annual accounts for Sheffield Women's Aid for the period 2024/2025.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our CEO, Hollie Venn, the leadership team, all staff and volunteers for their continued dedication and commitment to Sheffield Women's Aid. The board recognises the hard work that each and every member of the team consistently illustrates to the Charity. We recognise without the commitment of our staff team, we would not be where we are today.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our commissioners for their continued support and all those that have kindly provided us with funds to allow us to continue to do the important work that we do.

The year of 2024/2025 marked a historic year for Sheffield Women's Aid. We were delighted to celebrate our 50th anniversary at Sheffield Town Hall. The event was well attended and was a great display of all the work we have achieved to date. We were fortunate to work alongside artists and actors to create wonderful visual displays for the event whilst also hosting engaging speakers. It was an incredible experience to be part of and be able to show the historic and ongoing change Sheffield Women's Aid has made to women and children.

We have had an excellent year in respect of donations. This is in part due to my fellow board member, Clare Fowler who completed a lengthy and challenging sponsored walk of Sheffield and the increase in media work by our CEO, Hollie Venn and Janet Goodinson, Head of Operations. Hollie and Janet have been a constant presence at bringing awareness to the work of Sheffield Women's Aid by way of their engagement with media outlets.

We have also had an excellent year in terms of diversifying the service we are able to offer with the inclusion of our dispersed housing. We are grateful for the opportunity to vary our service and would like to thank Women in Social Housing and Resonance for their assistance in the growth of our services and organisation.

We continue to thrive in a difficult landscape. The demand for services remains high and presents new challenges which we meet with passion. We continue to meet the challenges, overcome these and grow.

Sadly, this reporting period saw the resignation of our longest standing board member, Maureen Storey, MBE. Maureen has been an integral part of the women's movement and Sheffield Women's Aid. We all wish to thank Maureen for her service to the organisation and her passion will remain. Maureen will continue with Sheffield Women's Aid as an Ambassador.

Nicola Mosley-Walia

Chair, Sheffield Women's Aid.

## Sheffield Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Nicola Mosley-Walia, Chair
	Jacqueline Davison, Treasurer
	Maureen Storey (resigned 4 September 2025)
	Clare Fowler
	Nicola Speake
	Sarah Sonne
	Laura Patchett (resigned 23 July 2024)

#### Structure, governance and management

##### *Nature of governing document*

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 12 July 2010 and most recently amended 25 January 2024. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

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

All members of the Board of Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and members may be re-elected or re-appointed. SWA Trustee positions are recruited through a variety of means; advertising locally and regionally, undertaking targeted recruitment to increase diverse board members, word of mouth, and through strategic contacts. Formal interviews are held following an application and short-listing process and induction period conducted by the CEO.

The trustee recruitment process is supported by a dedicated policy to ensure a breadth and range of recruitment processes are explored to ensure SWA is a diverse board in terms of skills sets and reflecting the communities we serve.

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

The CEO is responsible for the induction of new Trustees and identifying additional training needs, in consultation with the Chair of the Board. The induction process for new Trustees involves the Chair, or another Board member appointed by her, ensuring that copies of the documentation listed below is made available and explained to the new member:

- The Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- Supporting documentation - Aims & Objectives, key Policies & Procedures etc.
- Roles & Responsibilities & Delegated Authorities
- Copies of the most recent annual accounts and management accounts.

##### *Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration*

SWA uses local and national benchmarking against similar organisations to ensure its salaries for key managers are fair and reflect the level of responsibility they hold.

## Sheffield Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

#### *Organisational structure*

SWA is managed by a voluntary Board of Trustees, with paid staff undertaking the work of the organisation and dealing with the day to day administration. The Board meets every other month. Task groups which report to the Board meet when necessary, and the Board considers Quarterly Management Accounts. The Board and staff team together agree the forward strategy for the organisation, in consultation with service users, and set out in our strategic business plan. Progress is monitored against the plan and risk register, and policies and procedures are reviewed in a regular cycle.

The organisation has been in existence as a charity since the 1970's, and is also now a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12 July 2010, and registered as a charity on 18 October 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which establishes the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31st March 2025 was 6 (2024: 6). The Trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The Trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### *Objects and aims*

To relieve and support women and children who have suffered, or are in danger of suffering violence from perpetrators known to them;  
To educate and inform the public in all aspects of domestic violence.

##### *Objectives, strategies and activities*

##### **The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes**

To provide access to safe and secure temporary accommodation for those service users that are at risk of significant harm, or are at risk of homelessness due the actions of a perpetrator known to them, and ensure that they are able to access safe and secure permanent accommodation.

We support female survivors of domestic abuse to make choices about their future, including supporting them, through specialist practitioners, to recognise abuse and controlling behaviour, understand the effect this has on them individually, their children, friends and family, and to prevent repeat victimisation.

## **Sheffield Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Refuge Service for women and families affected by domestic abuse**

SWA are commissioned to provide two safe and secure self-contained refuges, accommodating a total of 37 women and their children at any one time. Single women are accepted into the service and accommodated in single use/smaller flats to ensure SWA maximise the accommodation to meet need. SWA are commissioned to provide support for an average period of 6 months, however survivors may receive support for a longer period whilst specialist practitioners support them to move into alternative/permanent accommodation safely. One of the flats is an emergency crash pad enabling survivors to access SWA support out of office hours and is usually accessed by the Police or Social Care to facilitate a swift response and make survivors safe.

Survivors are assessed by Sheffield City Council's Housing Support Pathway to be eligible for referral into SWA accommodation and to ensure their primary support need is that they are, or have been, a victim of domestic abuse (including coercive control) and are at medium to high risk of harm. SWA do not operate any blanket exclusions and assess each referral on a case by case basis to ensure we are able to meet the needs of survivors. Children and young people who are dependants of survivors can also be accommodated with no limitations on age or sex.

Pets are accepted at one refuge site and our dispersed accommodation as SWA recognise the barriers for those leaving with pets and the national shortage of safe accommodation available to survivors with pets.

#### **Dispersed Accommodation**

During this period SWA increased their dispersed accommodation which sits separately from the commissioned refuge accommodation. As the Women's Aid Annual Audit has highlighted, the demand for safe accommodation continues to outstrip supply. SWA are acutely aware of the need for women and children to be able to exit swiftly from abusive relationships, and through this partnership and development of additional accommodation we are able to offer more accommodation than we are commissioned to respond to this unmet need.

As all properties are self-contained it enables SWA to offer flexible accommodation for women and families, and also to accept direct referrals, meaning survivors can receive a prompt pathway into the accommodation.

During this reporting period we presented the development of our dispersed accommodation at the national Women's Aid conference in Birmingham.

#### **Multiple and Complex Needs**

SWA accommodate women and families with a wide diversity and complexity of needs, which can include but are not limited to substance use; mental and physical health; disability; language barriers etc. Having multiple and complex needs are not barriers to accessing our support as SWA work in a trauma-informed way recognising the intersecting barriers survivor experience and the many ways in which survivors cope and recover from domestic abuse.

SWA seeks to balance the needs of existing service users against new referrals with similar needs, to ensure women and children are not placed at risk. We reserve the right to decline referrals where risk and safety may be compromised. SWA work in partnership with external agencies to ensure support is maximised and where required additional support with complex needs is provided.

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### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Safeguarding**

Children and Adults Safeguarding, and management of risk, is the essential framework of SWA's work and is the cornerstone of how we work to keep survivors safe. Where there are concerns or evidence indicating that a survivor, her children or others may be at risk SWA will complete appropriate evidence that indicates that the survivor or her children may be at risk of harm in the refuge, or others may be at risk, SWA will request additional information and guidance from professionals that may be involved with the family before taking any decisions.

It is essential that all assessments consider existing and potential safeguarding issues and SWA ensure that our risk assessments (including the DASH assessment) at referral are as thorough as possible. The safety of the family, and others within the refuge, staff and visitors, are our priority. Where risk is identified as escalating and safeguarding concerns are present, SWA will always make the appropriate early interventions and ensure that survivors and families are involved in measures to support keeping them safe. SWA has a named safeguarding lead at each refuge.

#### **Safety and Security**

Ensuring survivors are safe where they live is a key priority for SWA. To facilitate this our refuges have a range of security measures and equipment in place to ensure women and families are safe. Each refuge has CCTV, secure entry and access systems and they are flagged to South Yorkshire Police, Fire and Rescue and Ambulance services for a rapid response. There are concierge services on both sites to ensure there is a staff presence each evening and overnight alongside an on-call rota provided by staff. No visitors are allowed on site unless they are arranged in advance, and of a professional nature, unless by agreement.

Each flat is self-contained, which gives greater security of tenure to ensure there is privacy for families, and these are checked monthly for health and safety purposes. SWA have robust fire safety systems across each site that are tested twice a year alongside weekly fire tests. To further maintain the safety and security of the refuges a PO Box is used for all correspondence and is the SWA registered address. All survivors are asked to adhere to maintaining the confidential location and address and SWA only use agreed contractors and taxi services to ensure the address is only disclosed on a need to know basis.

#### **Specialist support**

Each survivor has their own named key worker and children and young people have dedicated practitioners across both sites. Following initial needs assessments, support plans are then formulated with survivors to create a person centred approach, assisting service users to reach their goals and outcomes.

SWA have well trained and experienced practitioners to assist in areas such as securing the right to remain for survivors with no recourse to public funds, writing reports to assist in case conferences, family court and civil/criminal proceedings, and delivering trauma-informed group work. Some of our practitioners speak community languages to help meet the communication and cultural needs of our residents. Practitioners are on site over 5 days a week, evenings and Bank Holidays, to be responsive to survivor needs and take referrals more flexibly.

All SWA staff work within a trauma informed framework and themselves receive regular supervision and monthly reflective practice sessions to ensure they are supported in their roles which can be challenging.



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### Trustees' Report

#### **Moving on to independent living**

Throughout their stay in our refuges, survivors are encouraged to identify their aspirations and are supported to achieve their goals, including move on into their own accommodation. SWA have positive relationships with external providers outside of the City Council, to widen the opportunities for move on. SWA will assist with this process along the way, to give survivors the best possible chance of success in the future. Where support is needed after moving on independently, SWA work with Shelter to ensure there is a smooth transition into maintaining their own accommodation, as well as applying for grants to assist those we support to have a smoother move on experience.

#### **Public benefit**

Annually the charitable aims are reviewed by the Board of Trustees and this annual report reviews what the achievements have been for SWA during the reporting period.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Approximately 40% of the organisation's total income is from rent and service charge relating to the tenancies. This income covers the rental of the buildings, expenditure required to stock and maintain the tenancies and also covers some of the staff costs associated with intensive housing management.

SWA's main source of income is derived from Sheffield City Council, which covers both the rent and service charge element for the building maintenance and upkeep, alongside a contract to deliver a support service to survivors. SWA engage in a procurement and commissioning process every 3-5 years to continue to secure this work. In 2022 SWA, in partnership with IDAS, secured the Safe Accommodation tender to ensure these services remained with specialist providers, with the contract awarded for a maximum of 5 years. This provides stability for SWA and enables us to secure additional external funding to compliment the commissioned support.

Additionally, SWA are successful in securing a range of weekly volunteer hours to bring added value to the organisation and support the operational activity, in areas such as gardening, arts and crafts, wraps and chats, picnics, work ready support, walking groups and cooking sessions.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

## Sheffield Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

#### Achievements and performance

##### Celebrating 50 Years of Life-Saving Work: A Year in Reflection

This reporting period marks an extraordinary milestone for Sheffield Women's Aid (SWA) - our 50th anniversary. Since our founding in 1974 by a committed group of volunteers, we have grown into a trusted, specialist organisation supporting women and children escaping domestic abuse. As one of the earliest Women's Aid groups in England, our legacy has helped shape the national movement that began in the 1970s - and continues to inspire change today.

To honour half a century of life-saving work, we hosted a series of inspiring events, bringing together the women and communities who have shaped our journey:

- **A Legacy Gathering:** We reunited pioneering volunteers, early staff, and key partners to reflect on SWA's history and contribute to our Journey Map, a timeline celebrating five decades of progress.
- **Fundraising for the Future:** A vibrant community fundraiser at Crookes Social Club supported our continued work.
- **Celebratory Art and Storytelling:** Artist Emma Dolan of Virago Women's Arts worked with survivors in workshops to create a beautiful tapestry, symbolising the strength and resilience of those we serve.
- **A 50th Anniversary Celebration at Sheffield Town Hall:** Opened by Sheffield City Council CEO Kate Josephs, the event featured powerful speakers, including:
  - o Liz Kelly, CBE, Professor and Director of the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit at London Metropolitan University
  - o Sarah Poolman, Deputy Chief Constable, South Yorkshire Police
  - o BreakOut Arts, performing a drama piece inspired by SWA's survivors' stories, which previously toured local schools
  - o Sarah Lynch, retired Circuit Judge, reflecting on the legal system's role in protecting women and children.

Kindly sponsored by Norrie Waite Solicitors, the event was a resounding success - a chance to honour our roots, celebrate our impact, and recommit to our mission.

The event was an opportunity for all attendees to hear speakers celebrate the work of our small lifesaving charity, review art work and documents we have produced over the years and hear how our services have been developed and shaped by survivors. A well-attended event, celebrating our 50 years was a milestone we are incredibly proud of.

Equally, over the reporting period we achieved some positive outcomes with the survivors we supported across our accommodation, this includes:

- 98% of adults reported improved mental health upon leaving SWA support
- 94% of adults left the service in a positive way
- 94% of survivors feeling safer as a result of using our support
- 90% of parents recognising the impact abuse has had on their children
- 100% of children and young people report being able to access therapeutic support whilst in our services and feeling greater well-being as a result

Survivors were involved in the recruitment of new staff during the reporting period, assisting us to raise awareness in our media pieces we delivered, and worked specifically with our Board of Trustees to shape internal policies. This affirms SWA's approach to ensuring those with lived experience are centred in our practices.

## Sheffield Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

Over the period we supported significant levels of adults, children and young people. The data below provides further information:

Number of survivors supported		
Adult survivors supported – refuge accommodation	94	<p>56 of those supported were parents.</p> <p>6 women arrived into the service pregnant</p> <p>42% were between the ages of 25-34</p> <p>40% supported were from outside of the Sheffield area</p>
Adult survivors supported – dispersed accommodation (this was increasing during the reporting period)	6	<p>5 of those supported were parents</p> <p>83% of those supported were from outside of the Sheffield area.</p>
Children and young people survivors supported – refuge accommodation	70	<p>54.28% female children</p> <p>45.72% male children</p> <p>26% of children and young people were between 12-16 years of age, and with 53% between the ages of 1-7 years.</p>
Children and young people survivors supported – dispersed accommodation	10	<p>42% male children</p> <p>58% female children</p> <p>33% of children and young people were between 12 and 16 years. 33% between 4 and 12 years.</p> <p>33% under 3 years old.</p>

## Sheffield Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

Equality and Diversity related information			
Adult survivors -- refuge accommodation	94	<p><u>Ethnicity</u></p> <p>50% are White British;</p> <p>50% are from Ethnic Minority groups including: Pakistani; Bangladeshi; Chinese; Arab; African; Eastern European.; Caribbean</p> <p><u>Health and Disability</u></p> <p>8% of women experience physical disability or long term health condition;</p> <p>69% of women identified as experiencing poor mental health</p> <p><u>Language</u></p> <p>20% of women have been supported with an interpreter.</p>	
Adult survivors -- dispersed accommodation	6	<p><u>Ethnicity</u></p> <p>33% are White British;</p> <p>67% are from Ethnic Minority groups including: Pakistani (1); Caribbean (2); Arab (1);</p> <p><u>Health and Disability</u></p> <p>50% of women experience physical disability or long term health condition;</p> <p>80% of women reported experiencing poor mental health;</p> <p><u>Language</u></p> <p>33% of women have been supported with an interpreter.</p>	

## Sheffield Women's Aid

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Children and young people - refuge accommodation	70	<u>Ethnicity</u> 47% are White British; 53% are from Ethnic Minority groups. <u>Health and Disability</u> 15% of children reported a disability or long term health condition with 10% experiencing a learning disability.
Children and young people - dispersed accommodation	10	<u>Ethnicity</u> 100% of children are from Ethnic Minority groups including: Pakistani; Caribbean; white and black African. <u>Health and Disability</u> 50% of children experienced a disability or health condition.

The true impact of our work is best heard in survivors' own words:

*'After moving to the refuge, I have learned so much about my rights and what an abusive relationship truly is. Understanding my rights has increased my confidence as well. For instance, when I first arrived, I didn't feel confident in public spaces. However, after making a safety plan with my support worker, I knew what I should do if the abuser saw me in public. This automatically boosted my confidence. My support network has definitely improved. I now have a family solicitor and am in the process of getting a divorce. My immigration issues have been resolved through an immigration solicitor. I am attending college and have improved my English. Yes, I strongly believe that what happened was not my fault'*

*'Everything has changed, I was a shell of myself before coming here. I was riddled with Anxiety and did not know what would happen to me and my son. I felt like you guys in refuge where like a family and (name of son) warmed to you so well. Honestly can not thank you enough. .... If I had not come here fear something bad would have happened to me and (name of son) because (name of perpetrator) was a psychopath. I was not myself and he had stripped everything away me'*

*'Just being able to talk about my experiences and having help I was able to access really helped me. I couldn't thank the service enough; the staff were brilliant'*

*'I am feeling safe and hopeful for my future'*

## Sheffield Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

#### Financial review

During this reporting period SWA were fortunate to receive funding in addition to the commissioned contract from Sheffield City Council. Those funders were:

- SWA were fortunate to receive an increase in charitable donations from individual donors and companies during this period. Following national and local media pieces for Channel 4 and ITV Sheffield Women's Aid saw their profile increase and attract interest in our work, and we would like to thank all those that took the time to donate to our life saving work and learn more about what we do!
- One of our trustees completed a walking challenge to both raise funds and awareness of our work in celebration of our 50th year.
- Donations from Arthrex and Women's Institute who have made SWA their chosen charity for this period have included support with household items (supporting preparation for move on); toiletries and household essentials; clothing as well as gifts for celebrations such as Easter, Mother's Day, Eid and Christmas.
- PilotLight funded a specific piece of support to enable SWA to review its Governance processes and formulate a plan to further develop our strategic plans.
- A donation from Pavers Shoes to support our activities with survivors.
- A variety of donations specifically for adults and children to help celebrate Christmas, religious celebrations and Easter.
- Masonic Charitable Foundation - providing £60,000 over 3 years to enable the recruitment of a specialist children and young person's practitioner and ensure over each refuge there is equity of support available. Sheffield City Council additionally contributed to the funding for this post. The work relating to this funding will start in the next financial year and so this funding as been deferred.

#### Policy on reserves

SWA aim to hold between 3-6 months total expenditure as unrestricted reserves in order to meet its liabilities and unforeseen expenditure. Unrestricted reserves (taking into account only current assets) at the year-end represent around 10 months' anticipated total expenditure.

Currently total reserves are £903,898 (2024: £596,912) these are made up of restricted reserves £142,840 (2024: £174,133), designated reserves for building repairs £86,394 (2024: £76,394) and general fund unrestricted reserves of £674,664 (2024: £346,385).

The general fund free reserves after discounting the fixed assets value amount to £653,502 (2024: £322,897).

Quarterly budget reporting is undertaken to recognise SWA's financial position and mitigate any risks where there may be a material variance that may affect the Charity's ability to maintain the current level of reserves.

## Sheffield Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

#### *Principal risks and uncertainties*

##### *Risk management*

The Trustees are responsible for identifying, assessing and managing risks, to the organisation, our staff and service users. The Risk Register and Business Plan identify the strategic aims, structure, activities, challenges, resources required and major risks to which the organisation is exposed. The Risk Register is approved by the Board of Trustees annually and reviewed regularly.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level that equates to at least 3-6 months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration support costs and to respond to emergency applications for grants, which may arise from time to time. Risk assessment and management is undertaken and recorded in relation to the specific services delivered and in response to changes in legislation and funding available. The Finance Policy and Procedures outline those authorised to make payments, place orders and take other actions with financial consequences.

During this reporting period we anticipated a financial increase to our expenditure following the proposed National Insurance increases that apply from April 2025. SWA met with their Local MP's to raise this impact on small charities, and also worked with our Local Authority to plan how this would be absorbed. For a small charity like Sheffield Women's Aid this was an additional financial burden that was challenging to absorb.

##### **Plans for future periods**

SWA's future plans involve finalising the completion and handover of all dispersed units during 2025 to complete the portfolio of 10 additional homes for survivors and their children. Working with both Resonance/WISH and Sheffield City Council has enabled this growth for SWA. In addition to the properties SWA will be looking to secure funding to support the women and families that will be accessing the properties.

SWA will be preparing to undertake the Women's Aid Federation of England (WAFE) accreditation during 2026 and planning this work to ensure we are able to evidence and showcase our services effectively.

Lastly, over the coming year SWA will be seeking to recruit and increase the number of Trustees to support the wider Governance and Strategic work of the Charity.

##### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

## Sheffield Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

#### Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Sheffield Women's Aid for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 its 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 that can 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.

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

#### Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Nicola Mosley-Walia  
Trustee



## **Sheffield Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Sheffield Women's Aid**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Sheffield Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

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

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were 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 auditor's report 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Sheffield Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Sheffield Women's Aid**

#### **Opinion on other matter 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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' 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 charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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.
- the directors 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 Statement of Responsibilities (set out on page 14), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

#### **Auditor 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.

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

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### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Sheffield Women's Aid**

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:

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the company has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are mostly susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged fraud.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the company. We determined that the following were most relevant: FRS 102, Companies Act 2006, health and safety and employment law.
- We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the company, including the extent of management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly.
- Using our knowledge of the company, together with the discussions held with the company at the planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:

- Identifying and testing journal entries and the overall accounting records, in particular those that were significant and unusual.
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- Obtaining third-party confirmation of material bank balances.
- Reviewing documentation such as the company board minutes for discussions of irregularities including fraud.

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

#### **Other matters**

The comparatives for the year ended 31 March 2024 were unaudited.

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#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, 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 charity's trustees 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Jonathan Wilson FCA, CTA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Barnett & Turner Accountants Ltd

Cromwell House  
68 West Gate  
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NG18 1RR

Date: 8/12/25

## Sheffield Women's Aid

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	45,702	-	45,702	19,755
Charitable activities	4	1,069,930	53,401	1,123,331	952,553
Investment income	5	8,324	-	8,324	157
Total income		<u>1,123,956</u>	<u>53,401</u>	<u>1,177,357</u>	<u>972,465</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	<u>(808,745)</u>	<u>(61,626)</u>	<u>(870,371)</u>	<u>(848,696)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(808,745)</u>	<u>(61,626)</u>	<u>(870,371)</u>	<u>(848,696)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		315,211	(8,225)	306,986	123,769
Transfers between funds		<u>23,068</u>	<u>(23,068)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		338,279	(31,293)	306,986	123,769
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>422,779</u>	<u>174,133</u>	<u>596,912</u>	<u>473,143</u>
Total funds carried forward	21	<u>761,058</u>	<u>142,840</u>	<u>903,898</u>	<u>596,912</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 21.

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	19,755	-	19,755
Charitable activities	4	884,071	68,482	952,553
Investment income	5	157	-	157
Total income		<u>903,983</u>	<u>68,482</u>	<u>972,465</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	6	<u>(807,930)</u>	<u>(40,766)</u>	<u>(848,696)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(807,930)</u>	<u>(40,766)</u>	<u>(848,696)</u>
Net income		<u>96,053</u>	<u>27,716</u>	<u>123,769</u>
Net movement in funds		96,053	27,716	123,769
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>326,726</u>	<u>146,417</u>	<u>473,143</u>
Total funds carried forward	21	<u>422,779</u>	<u>174,133</u>	<u>596,912</u>

The notes on pages 23 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 07311689)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	21,162	23,488
		<u>21,162</u>	<u>23,488</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	11	70,894	68,623
Cash at bank and in hand	12	865,051	632,776
		935,945	701,399
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	(53,209)	(127,975)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>882,736</u>	<u>573,424</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>903,898</u>	<u>596,912</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds	21	142,840	174,133
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>761,058</u>	<u>422,779</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	21	<u>903,898</u>	<u>596,912</u>

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

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 19 to 33 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
Jacqueline Davison  
Trustee

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## Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	(As restated) 2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash income		306,986	123,769
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation		7,054	3,172
Investment income	5	(8,324)	(157)
		305,716	126,784
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	11	(2,271)	30,044
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	13	(4,544)	12,390
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income	13	(70,222)	37,895
Net cash flows from operating activities		228,679	207,113
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	8,324	157
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	10	(4,728)	(13,972)
Net cash flows from investing activities		3,596	(13,815)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		232,275	193,298
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		632,776	439,478
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		865,051	632,776
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds</b>			
Increase in cash		232,275	193,298
Net funds at 1 April 2024		632,776	439,478
Net funds at 31 March 2025		865,051	632,776

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 23 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.



## **Sheffield Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1 General information**

The charitable company is a private company limited by guarantee and registered charity, incorporated and registered in England & Wales.

The address of its registered office is:  
159 Drewry Lane  
Derby  
DE22 3QT

#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Sheffield Women's Aid meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

##### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### **Donations and legacies**

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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#### *Deferred income*

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

#### *Investment income*

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

#### *Expenditure*

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### *Charitable activities*

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### *Governance costs*

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### *Taxation*

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### *Tangible fixed assets*

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### *Depreciation and amortisation*

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Office furniture & equipment	25% reducing balance
Fixtures & fittings (Refuge)	25% reducing balance

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#### Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	27,144	27,144	19,134
Donations from individuals	18,558	18,558	621
	<u>45,702</u>	<u>45,702</u>	<u>19,755</u>

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#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants & donations	-	53,401	53,401	68,482
Service agreements	584,492	-	584,492	404,665
Housing benefit	458,881	-	458,881	447,339
Residents contributions	24,159	-	24,159	31,182
Services	2,398	-	2,398	885
	<u>1,069,930</u>	<u>53,401</u>	<u>1,123,331</u>	<u>952,553</u>

#### 5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>8,324</u>	<u>8,324</u>	<u>157</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Housing costs	377,939	5,626	383,565	349,947
Bank charges	507	-	507	552
Depreciation	7,054	-	7,054	3,172
Advertising	1,000	-	1,000	-
Activities & trips	3,351	1,544	4,895	4,710
Insurance	14,075	-	14,075	14,506
Legal & professional	18,047	-	18,047	12,320
Equipment, repairs & IT	11,459	-	11,459	7,743
Office administration	3,344	12	3,356	9,434
Printing & stationery	5,358	-	5,358	4,506
Publications & subscriptions	660	-	660	725
Staff travel	1,992	-	1,992	2,162
Training & conferences	6,538	-	6,538	1,716
Sundry payments	-	-	-	654
Telephone & postage	19,531	98	19,629	23,025
Welfare costs	1,353	145	1,498	394
Wages, NI & pension	336,432	54,201	390,633	413,130
Volunteer expenses	105	-	105	-
	<u>808,745</u>	<u>61,626</u>	<u>870,371</u>	<u>848,696</u>

Included in the expenditure analysed above, there are governance costs of £10,018 (2024 - £2,190) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 9 for further details.

#### 7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fees	8,002	-
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>7,054</u>	<u>3,172</u>

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#### 8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	343,048	364,255
Social security costs	26,563	26,481
Pension costs	21,022	22,394
	<u>390,633</u>	<u>413,130</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Average number of employees	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>

14 (2024 - 15) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £21,022 (2024 - £22,394).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £146,731 (2024 - £139,231).

#### 9 Analysis of governance and support costs

##### Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Audit fees</b>			
Audit of the financial statements	8,002	8,002	-
<b>Independent examiner fees</b>			
Examination of the financial statements	-	-	2,190
Other governance costs	2,016	2,016	-
	<u>10,018</u>	<u>10,018</u>	<u>2,190</u>

Support costs have not been separately allocated and disclosed as the Trustees believe they are immaterial to the financial statements.

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### 10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings (Refuge) £	Office furniture & equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	56,839	35,897	92,736
Additions	1,128	3,600	4,728
At 31 March 2025	57,967	39,497	97,464
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	36,346	32,902	69,248
Charge for the year	5,406	1,648	7,054
At 31 March 2025	41,752	34,550	76,302
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	16,215	4,947	21,162
At 31 March 2024	20,493	2,995	23,488

### 11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	23,058	25,314
Prepayments	3,516	1,829
Other debtors	44,320	41,480
	70,894	68,623

### 12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	1,364	1,196
Cash at bank	863,687	631,580
	865,051	632,776

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £ (As restated)
Other taxation and social security	6,385	5,794
Other creditors	10,824	15,959
Deferred income	36,000	106,222
	53,209	127,975

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 14 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

##### Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Land and buildings</b>		
Within one year	216,250	160,000
Between one and five years	560,260	480,000
After five years	48,093	-
	<u>824,603</u>	<u>640,000</u>
<b>Other</b>		
Within one year	10,320	5,450
Between one and five years	-	6,358
	<u>10,320</u>	<u>11,808</u>

#### 15 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

#### 16 Auditors' remuneration

	2025 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>8,002</u>

#### 17 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from corporation taxation.

#### 18 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

#### 19 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.



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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 20 Prior year adjustment

The 2024 accounts did not separately disclose deferred income as part of the creditors balance. The Trustees believe that it is appropriate to provide this further analysis and therefore have restated the comparative figures for both the creditors note and statement of cash flows.

There is no direct impact from this restatement on the results for the year ended 31 March 2024 or to net assets at that date.

#### 21 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
General Fund	346,385	1,123,956	(808,745)	13,068	674,664
<i>Designated</i>					
Building repairs	76,394	-	-	10,000	86,394
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>422,779</u>	<u>1,123,956</u>	<u>(808,745)</u>	<u>23,068</u>	<u>761,058</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Children in Need	18,740	8,401	(27,141)	-	-
Ministries for Housing, Communities & Local Govt.	106,222	-	(1,023)	-	105,199
Global Charities	25,852	30,000	(28,451)	-	27,401
John Lewis	23,319	-	(251)	(23,068)	-
Clothworkers (property improvements)	-	15,000	(4,760)	-	10,240
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>174,133</u>	<u>53,401</u>	<u>(61,626)</u>	<u>(23,068)</u>	<u>142,840</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>596,912</u>	<u>1,177,357</u>	<u>(870,371)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>903,898</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Children in Need: This is to fund two play-leaders, sessional play workers and activities;  
 Ministries for Housing, Communities & Local Government: To adapt to the Covid lockdown, providing laptops, smart phones and VPN's for staff to work remotely;  
 Global Charities: This is a 2 year grant awarded to provide dedicated funding towards the costs of a mental health practitioner;  
 John Lewis Foundation: This funding is to provide employability education and training for residents;  
 The Clothworkers funding was a one-off grant secured to re-carpet communal and self-contained areas of the SWA refuges and to purchase carpet cleaners;  
 The Designated fund is funding put aside for the upkeep of the building.

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The transfer from the John Lewis fund to the General fund relates to activities which have ceased, and the release of any restrictions on the use of these funds.  
The transfer to the designated Building repairs fund from the General fund was a budgeted increase to this fund, to cover the future building costs.

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
General Fund	260,332	903,983	(807,930)	(10,000)	346,385
<i>Designated</i>					
Building repairs	66,394	-	-	10,000	76,394
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>326,726</u>	<u>903,983</u>	<u>(807,930)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>422,779</u>
<b>Restricted</b>					
Children in Need	8,623	33,482	(23,365)	-	18,740
Ministries for Housing, Communities & Local Govt.	108,319	-	(2,097)	-	106,222
Global Charities	-	35,000	(9,148)	-	25,852
John Lewis	29,475	-	(6,156)	-	23,319
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>146,417</u>	<u>68,482</u>	<u>(40,766)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,133</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>473,143</u>	<u>972,465</u>	<u>(848,696)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>596,912</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

### 22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			2025
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	21,162	-	-	21,162
Current assets	706,711	86,394	142,840	935,945
Current liabilities	(53,209)	-	-	(53,209)
Total net assets	<u>674,664</u>	<u>86,394</u>	<u>142,840</u>	<u>903,898</u>

	Unrestricted			2024
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	23,488	-	-	23,488
Current assets	450,872	76,394	174,133	701,399
Current liabilities	(127,975)	-	-	(127,975)
Total net assets	<u>346,385</u>	<u>76,394</u>	<u>174,133</u>	<u>596,912</u>