

Charity registration number: 1144548

Company registration number: 07630160

DEVON RAPE CRISIS AND SEXUAL ABUSE SERVICES LTD  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### Trustees

L Regan

M Parks

R Wilder (Resigned 13 December 2022)

J H S Stavert (resigned 20 February 2023)

L Jones

M Gilbert

M Hester

A Lawson

### Charity Registration Number

1144548

### Company registration number

07630160 (England and Wales)

### Principal address

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Devon  
EX4 6RY

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Dawn O'Connor FCA  
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The Gallery  
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## **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Objects and Aims**

To preserve and protect the health and relieve the distress and trauma of any adult or child over the age of 13 years (or partner, friend or relative) who has experienced any form of sexual abuse or violence at any time of their lives through the provision of counselling, information, advice, support and practical help where necessary.

To promote education and research in the subject of sexual abuse or violence and its effects on the victim, whether physical, mental, psychological or social and to train volunteers and others so as to be able to cope with the problems of rape by the provision of medical, legal and emotional counselling.

### **Public Benefit**

The activities undertaken which are for public benefit include; a telephone helpline, an email support service, both of which are for victims of sexual violence, their family, friends and partners. Direct support is also delivered to victims/survivors of rape, childhood sexual abuse and sexual assault and these include counselling, specialist trauma support, advocacy and practical support.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

### **Achievements and performance**

The year April 22 to March 23 was a consolidation year after the Covid pandemic. We have worked hard to return to 'normal' as much as possible, but the long-term effects of Covid, on both service users and staff, are very clear.

We managed to re-establish a service that is the best of what we offered before lockdown, with improvements that are a positive effect of the huge changes that occurred during the pandemic. We now offer a fully hybrid service to everyone, so they can choose whether they receive support in person, on the phone or via video call. We have found this also means we can do the occasional session online if someone has a problem making it to an in-person session – before the pandemic they would have missed that session but now we can offer an alternative. This development makes us more efficient and helps reduce the number of gaps.

All our staff have returned to the office, however everyone now works a minimum of one day a week at home, giving them a little flexibility in their working week and reducing commuting. We have found that seeing all staff in person every week is important to team dynamics and for the mental health support of our workers.

We are delivering around half our sessions face to face now, with the other half done either online or by phone.



The unprecedented rise in the number of referrals we saw during the pandemic, caused by the increased isolation and anxiety that followed the national lockdown of spring 2020, has still not tailed off, and some months during 22-23 saw our highest ever referrals.

Overall the number of referrals across the financial year was 99% of the 21-22 figure. December was remarkably quiet, while March was notably busy and our highest ever monthly referral rate. We carried out 4,095 sessions of direct support – 99.5% of the number in the previous year.

During the year we supported 820 people with direct one-to-one support, and another 604 people via our helpline or confidential email support service.

We began working in partnership this year with other organisations in the South West. This was prompted by new funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner which is encouraging partnership working across the Devon and Cornwall peninsula, but then also led to a partnership bid for Ministry of Justice funding at the end of the financial year.

We have entered into a partnership with The Women's Centre Cornwall, CLEAR and the Olive Project for adult specialist support across the peninsula, and one with The Children's Society, First Light and The Women's Centre Cornwall for counselling for children and young people. We are also working with Trevi in Plymouth, and The Women's Centre Cornwall on a new peer support project for women. These partnerships will provide a platform for shared training and mutual support to upskill our workforce and share learning.

We continued to support the University of Exeter around their support for students who have experienced sexual violence – either at the university or historically. This work is ongoing and we continue to offer advice to the University on the impact of sexual violence and how to provide the care and support needed for students affected. We are pleased to now be supported financially by the University for our work supporting students.

We organised another very successful Reclaim the Night march in Exeter in November 2022, which brought hundreds of people onto the city streets to mark 16 days of Action to end Violence Against Women and Girls. This is a powerfully visible, noisy event intended to reclaim the street after dark in a show of defiance against male violence against women.

### **Use of volunteers**

Devon Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Services has a roughly equal balance between paid staff and volunteers, who are central to the provision of support to the public.

In 2022-23 we ran our 15<sup>th</sup> volunteer recruitment and training programme to add to our pool of regular helpline volunteers. This is a 6-month accredited programme that prepares volunteers to fulfil specific functions within the organisation, namely staffing our regular telephone helpline sessions and responding to people who email our anonymous support line.

In autumn 2022 we brought in 13 new volunteers, who have now joined the team that delivers our telephone helpline and email service over three dedicated sessions per week. They receive support and supervision and follow strict policy guidance. We estimate that volunteers provide over 1,600 hours to our organisation per year (2002: 1,600).

We have noticed it becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and train volunteers – something experienced across the charity sector since the Covid pandemic. Introducing new women to the organisation is crucial to maintain the efficiency and reliability of our helpline. Despite the difficulties of recruitment, we are proud that we have maintained our commitment to offering three helpline sessions every week, except on bank holidays and between Christmas and New Year.

A new national Rape Crisis helpline opened in late 2022, operating 24/7 all year round. As yet we haven't noticed any clear drop off in the number of calls we receive on our own line but will be monitoring to see whether it has any effect. We will also be increasing the promotion of our own helpline number to counteract any impact the national helpline has.

Our volunteers also help support us with 'holding calls'. Because of the increase in need we do hold a waiting list for our specialist support service. After getting their permission to do so, we endeavour to call everyone at least every six weeks to let them know we haven't forgotten them, to update them on where they are on the waiting list and to check in with them and see how they are doing. With well over 300 people now on the waiting list this is a task that has grown throughout the year, so volunteer help with this is extremely valuable.

We know that those people who choose to receive the calls find them encouraging – just knowing they haven't been forgotten can be helpful and we continue to signpost them to the helpline and online self-help resources.

Thanks to the sterling work of our volunteers we maintained our telephone helpline sessions all year, and took 397 calls, - up 4% on the previous year. We responded to 198 emails coming into our email support service, which was 80% of the number received in the previous year.

### **Financial review**

The organisation ended the financial year with a loss of under £10,000, which was covered by reserves and we brought forward a generous amount of reserves, which will help compensate next year for a lower than bid for award from the Ministry of Justice.

Additional funding awarded mid-year from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner enabled us to expand our Children and Young Person's Counselling team with two new recruits and maintain our adult specialist support offer.

The longest agreed funding the organisation now has is a 20-month settlement from the Ministry of Justice which lasts until end March 2025. As is often said to commissioners and funders, it is difficult to plan strategically for the organisation when so much funding is offered on a 1-2-year basis. This situation makes staff retention a challenge due to the inability to offer too many long-term contracts, it makes it difficult to factor in pay awards, to develop new services or have the confidence to recruit new staff. If the sector is to mature and develop then all organisations need a greater commitment that funding will be maintained at least at current levels.

### **Policy on reserves**

The reserves are maintained at a level which ensures that core activities could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. Devon Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Services Ltd aims to have a minimum reserve amounting to three months running costs for the organisation as a whole. In the event of reserves dipping below this figure the organisation will aim to restore the reserves at the

first possible opportunity via increased fundraising, increasing earned income or reducing expenditure. If reserves exceed this figure DRCSAS will consider the likely expenditure over the next year and aim to reduce the reserves appropriately via increased staffing, reduced fundraising, and allocating less time to earned income activities. The calculation of the required level of reserves is an integral part of DRCSAS's planning, budget and forecast cycle and, as such, the trustees will review the reserves policy annually.

## **Structure, governance and management**

### **Nature of governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 11 May 2011 under the Companies Act 2006 as company number 7630160. It was registered as a charity with effect from 7 November 2011 with charity number 1144548. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which set out the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of a company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

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

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Any person aged 18 years or over who is resident or works in the county of Devon and who is willing and permitted by law to do so may be appointed as director by ordinary resolution or by a decision of the directors.

## **Major risks and management of those risks**

### **Risk Management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. A Risk Register is maintained and assessed annually. Risk is also overseen and managed at monthly trustee meetings and through the monthly line management of the Chief Executive Officer by the Co-Chairs.

### **Future Plans**

Our hybrid service, offering in-person support and remote support sessions by telephone and using online sessions will continue across Devon and Torbay.

We have a new office base in Torquay and hope to start working from there in summer 2023. This new base will enable us to expand our work in Torbay with three counselling rooms instead of two, space for group work and for admin/management to work from there.

We are also expecting to negotiate with Exeter City Council to expand our office premises in Exeter, giving us more room for group work and counselling.

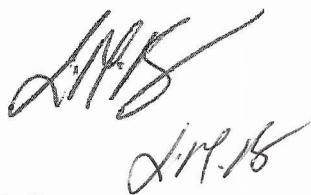


We continue to try and find ways to address our large waiting list, through increased efficiencies, more group work and some preparatory work for women on the waiting list before they come into direct support.

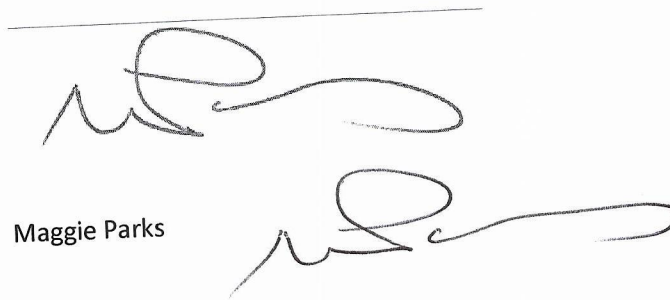
We also intend to increase the work we do around prevention and education. We will be starting a new project in summer/autumn 2023 that will involve training in awareness of sexual harassment for those working in the night-time economy in Torquay. The project will support pub and club venues to become a safer environment for women who are working or socialising in the night-time economy.

We will also be part of the steering group for a Devon County Council project, aimed at working with schools around prevention of sexual violence.

Our CEO Caroline Voaden left in May 2023 and her replacement Davina Cull took up office in late August.



Linda Regan



Maggie Parks

Co-Chairs of the Board of Trustees.

Date:

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Devon Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Services Ltd  
(‘the Company’)**  
Charity Number 1144548

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 as set out on pages 10 to 18.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (“the 2011 Act”). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

**Independent examiner's statement**

The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Name:** D O'Connor FCA

**Relevant professional body:** The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

**Address:** The Gallery, New Quay Street, Teignmouth, Devon, TQ14 8DA

**Date:**

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds this year £	Last year funds £
<b>Income (Note 3)</b>				
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations, legacies and grants	24,899	485,959	510,858	554,315
Investments	884		884	150
Training	11,067		11,067	3,500
Other	138,000	0	138,000	4,000
<b>Total</b>	<u>174,850</u>	<u>485,959</u>	<u>660,809</u>	<u>561,965</u>
<b>Expenditure (Notes 5)</b>				
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	153,544	509,768	663,312	614,208
Training	3,096	3,537	6,633	4,302
<b>Total</b>	<u>156,640</u>	<u>513,305</u>	<u>669,945</u>	<u>618,511</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>18,210</u>	<u>-27,346</u>	<u>-9,136</u>	<u>-56,546</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>18,210</u>	<u>-27,346</u>	<u>-9,136</u>	<u>-56,546</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward	309,051	47,798	356,849	413,395
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>327,261</u>	<u>20,451</u>	<u>347,712</u>	<u>356,849</u>

Company registration number 07630160

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	(Note 10)	18,366	16,088	34,454	57,309
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors		45,565		45,565	26,817
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 14)	345,633	4,838	350,471	297,818
<b>Total current assets</b>		391,198	4,838	396,036	324,635
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	(Note 12)	82,303	475	82,778	25,095
<b>Net current assets</b>		308,895	4,363	313,258	299,540
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		327,261	20,451	347,712	356,849
<b>Total net assets</b>		327,261	20,451	347,712	356,849
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	(Note 16)		20,451	20,451	47,798
Dedicated Fund	(Note 15)	140,000		140,000	
Unrestricted funds		187,261		187,261	309,051
<b>Total funds</b>		327,261	20,451	347,712	356,849

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Signed by one trustee/director  
on behalf of all the  
trustees/directors

Print Name:

LINDA M. REGAN.

Signature:



Date:

02/11/23

Signature of director  
authenticating accounts being  
sent to Companies House

Signature:

Date:

Print Name:



## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

### 1. Charity Status

The charity is a private company, registered in England and Wales, registration number 07630160, limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation. The registered office is The Gallery, 3 New Quay Street, Teignmouth, Devon, TQ14 8DA. The principal place of business is Verney House, 115 Sidwell Street, Exeter, Devon, EX4 6RY.

### 2. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.  
The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

#### Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Recognition of income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

#### Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP). In the case of performance related grants, these are only included in the SOFA once the charity has provided the related services or met the performance related conditions.

#### Government grants

The charity has received government grants in the reporting period (note 4).

#### Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid represents the amount received from HMRC during the year. Any Gift Aid recovered directly in respect of donations received via third parties is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

#### Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

#### Expenditure and liabilities

##### Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

##### Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

##### Basic financial instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

## Assets

### Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised and valued at cost if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. 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

Office equipment  
Fixtures and fittings  
Property improvements  
Leasehold refurbishment

#### Depreciation

25% straight line basis  
33% and 25% reducing balance basis  
33% straight line basis  
Over the life of the lease

## 3. Analysis of Income

### Donations, legacies and grants:

Donations and gifts  
Gift Aid  
General grants provided by government/other agencies  
**Total**

### Charitable activities:

Other

### Other trading activities:

Events income

### Income from investments:

Interest income

### Separate material item of income

Training income

### Other:

Employment allowance

### TOTAL INCOME

Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
20,223	239	20,462	12,383
4,676	485,720	490,396	0
24,899	485,959	510,858	541,932
132,969	0	132,969	0
31	0	31	0
884	0	884	150
11,067	0	11,067	3,500
5,000		5,000	4,000
174,850	485,959	660,809	561,965

## 4. Analysis of receipts of government grants

### Ministry of Justice

Restricted - Provision of support services for male and female victims of sexual violence aged 13 and over  
JRS Grant

Total

This year £	Last year £
217,862	181,046
0	354
217,862	181,400

## 5. Expenditure

### Analysis of expenditure

### Expenditure on raising funds:

### Expenditure on charitable activities

General activities  
Depreciation  
Staff costs  
Governance costs - note 6  
Total expenditure on charitable activities

### Separate material item of expense

Training and consultancy

### TOTAL EXPENDITURE

Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
69,761	66,801	136,562	116,072
3,904	20,419	24,323	25,099
79,880	419,548	499,428	470,518
3,000		3,000	2,520
156,545	506,768	663,313	614,209
3,096	3,537	6,633	4,302
159,641	510,305	669,946	618,511

## 6. Support Costs

Independent examiner's fee  
Other governance costs  
**Total**

This year	Last year
£	£
3,000	2,520
0	0
<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,520</u>

## 7. Details of certain types of expenditure

### Note 7.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

#### Support cost

Independent examiner's fees  
Other fees paid to examiner  
**Total**

This year	Last year
£	£
1,000	945
2,000	1,575
<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,520</u>

## 8. Paid employees

### 8.1 Staff Costs

Salaries and wages  
Social security costs  
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)  
Other staff costs  
**Total staff costs**

This year	Last year
£	£
435,307	411,039
38,142	31,934
24,448	24,316
1,531	3,229
<u>499,428</u>	<u>470,518</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

### 8.2 Average head count in the year

**The parts of the charity in which the employees work**  
Management  
Service provision  
Administration  
**Total**

This year	Last year
Number	Number
4	3
13	16
2	2
<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>

## 9. Pension contributions

### Pension costs

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year amounted to £24,228 (2022: £24,316).

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes. The pension scheme costs for the year represent contributions due by the charity to the schemes.

## 10. Tangible fixed assets

### Cost

At the beginning of the year
Additions
Disposals
At end of the year

### Depreciation

At the beginning of the year
Eliminated on disposals
Charge for the year
At end of the year

### Net book value

Net book value at the end of the year
Net book value at the beginning of the year

Other tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
£	£	£
108,952	56,464	165,416
0	1,469	1,469
0	0	0
108,952	57,933	166,885
65,698	42,409	108,107
0	0	0
12,193	12,130	24,323
77,891	54,539	132,430
31,061	3,394	34,455
43,254	14,055	57,309

## 11. Debtors and prepayments

Prepayments and accrued income
Other debtors
Total

This year	Last year
£	£
7,536	7,040
37,914	19,777
45,450	26,817

## 12. Creditors and accruals

Trade creditors
Taxes and social security
Accruals and deferred income
Total

This year	Last year
£	£
4,809	11,417
8,513	9,681
69,456	3,997
82,778	25,095

## 13. Provisions for liabilities and charges

### Other financial commitments

As at 31 March 2023 the charity had total commitments under operating leases expiring between 2 and 5 years and after more than 5 years as follows:

### Leases expiring in less than 2 years

The total amount of other financial commitments not provided in the financial statements was £nil (2022 - £2,638).

### Leases expiring between 2 and 5 years

The total amount of other financial commitments not provided in the financial statements was £48613 (2022 - £61,198).

### Leases expiring in over 5 years

The total amount of other financial commitments not provided in the financial statements was £nil (2022 - £nil).

## 14. Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand
Total

This year	Last year
£	£
350,471	297,818
350,471	297,818

## 15. Dedicated Fund

This fund has been set up to ensure that closure of the charity could be undertaken in an ethical manner if funding was not forthcoming (covers expenses including, but not limited to, redundancy £22k, 2 months' notice £86k and 3 months of non-staff running costs £23k).



## 16. Charity funds

### 16.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

Fund names	Purpose and Restrictions	Type	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£
General		UR	309,051	174,850	-156,640	327,261
Blue Moon	Support for the work of the REDD Group	R		5,000		5,000
Clothworkers' Foundation	Capital funding for building development	R	20,000		-5,000	15,000
Comic Relief	Homeless Women's Project	R	14,922		-14,922	0
Homeless Women						
Devon Community Foundation	Funding for volunteer advanced training and support	R	667		-667	0
DWP	Specialist office equipment	R	2,129		-1,678	451
Lloyds Bank Foundation	Contribution towards core costs	R		33,057	-33,057	0
Ministry of Justice	Support for male victims of sexual violence	R		3,845	-3,845	0
Ministry of Justice	Support for victims of sexual violence	R		214,017	-214,017	0
Ministry of Justice	Additional funding for Covid-19	R	8,414		-8,414	0
Reclaim The Night	Annual march to reclaim the streets during 16 days of Action to end violence against women and girls	R		1,039	-1,039	0
Screwfix	Funding for replacement of heaters	R	1,666		-1,666	0
Victim Support	To deliver support to victims of sexual abuse aged 13 years or older in Devon & Torbay (excl. Plymouth)	R		229,000	-229,000	0
Total restricted income funds			47,798	485,958	-513,305	20,451
Total Funds as per balance sheet			356,849	660,808	-669,945	347,712

#### Blue Moon

The money is for the REDD group, which is a group of older women who have been involved with Rape Crisis England and Wales and rape crisis centres in the past and who are looking at how 'institutional memory', succession planning, pension and retirement issues affect centres and what can be done to help/improve etc. This could include the production of guidelines/reports, undertaking direct research and producing and delivering training/workshops. REDD is independent of Rape Crisis England and Wales although supported/appreciated by them. Blue Moon offered REDD £5K to support its work (travel, accommodation, printing, cost of zoom meetings, attendance at Rape Crisis England and Wales national conference, etc etc) but the money needed to be deposited with a charity in the Rape Crisis sector. As two of the founder members of REDD are board members for DRCSAS, we volunteered DRCSAS. The money will be spent during the current (2023-24) and possibly the next financial year (2024-25). Invoices will be submitted as and when money is needed/spent.

## 16.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the previous reporting period

Fund names	Purpose and Restrictions	Type	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund balances carried forward £
General		UR	337,638	300,834	-329,421	309,051
Tesco Bags of Help 21/22	Support for victims of sexual violence	R	0	2,000	-2,000	0
Clothworkers' Foundation	Capital funding for building development	R	25,000	0	-5,000	20,000
Comic Relief Homeless Women	Homeless Women's Project	R	22,350	39,856	-47,284	14,922
Devon Community Foundation	Funding for volunteer advanced training and support	R	0	5,000	-4,333	667
DWP	Specialist office equipment	R	3,852	0	-1,723	2,129
Lloyds Bank Foundation	Contribution towards core costs	R	4,860	32,429	-37,289	0
Ministry of Justice	Support for victims of sexual violence	R	0	181,046	-181,046	0
Ministry of Justice	Additional funding for Covid-19	R	16,362	0	-7,948	8,414
Reclaim The Night	Annual march to reclaim the streets during 16 days of Action to end violence against women and girls	R	0	800	-800	0
Screwfix	Funding for replacement of heaters	R	3,333	0	-1,667	1,666
Total restricted income funds			75,757	261,131	-289,090	47,798
Total Funds as per balance sheet			413,395	561,965	-618,511	356,849

The Clothworkers' Foundation grant was fully spent during 18/19; the balance carried forward represents the net book value of office expansion expenses purchased with these funds and is being written off over 8 years.

The Screwfix grant was fully spent on storage heaters during 20/21; the balance carried forward represents the net book value of these which are being written off over 3 years.

The extra funding from the MOJ was fully spent during 20/21; the balance carried forward represents the net book value of laptops and screens purchased with these funds and is being written off over 3 and 4 years.

The DWP grant was fully spent on office equipment 20/21; the balance carried forward represents the net book value of this which is being written off over 3 years.

## 17. Transactions with trustees and related parties

### Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

### Trustees' expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with 1 of the trustees (2022: 1 of the trustees).

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year £	Last year £
Meeting expenses	479	269
Travel		267
TOTAL	479	536

### Transactions with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.



**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Devon Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Services Ltd  
('the Company')**  
Charity Number 1144548

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 as set out on pages 10 to 18.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

**Independent examiner's statement**

The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *D.O'Connor*

Name: D O'Connor FCA

Relevant professional body: The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address: The Gallery, New Quay Street, Teignmouth, Devon, TQ14 8DA

Date: *7 November 2023*

Independent expert's report on the impact of the Financial Services Law  
The Commission  
January 2013

I have been asked to provide an expert opinion on the impact of the Financial Services Law  
on the basis of the information provided to me.

Proposed changes and impact of impact

A review of the Financial Services Law is being conducted by the Commission  
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