SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

England & Wales · Charity number 1146773

Details

Other names	S.D.A.S.
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07975563
Registered	2012-04-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY IS ESTABLISHED FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES ONLY: 1.TO IMPROVE THE PROTECTION AVAILABLE TO THE VICTIMS OR POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE (MEANING PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, EMOTIONAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, MENTAL AND/OR FINANCIAL ABUSE WITHIN AN INTIMATE OR FAMILY RELATIONSHIP); 2. TO WORK TOWARDS THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC ABUSE THROUGH PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION; 3.TO PROVIDE A HIGH QUALITY OF SERVICE AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OR POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE; 4. TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE; 5. TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND REFUGE ACCOMMODATION FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE OR OF A PATTERN OF COERCIVE AND CONTROLLING BEHAVIOUR, INCLUDING FORCED MARRIAGE AND VICTIMS OF SO-CALLED ?HONOUR? CRIMES; 6. TO FURTHER THE STUDY OF THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE; 7. TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR ALL VICTIMS OR POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTS THE CHARITY MAY; 8.PROVIDE REFUGE ACCOMMODATION FOR VICTIMS OR POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THEIR DEPENDANTS WHO, BY REASON OF THEIR DOMESTIC CIRCUMSTANCES, ARE IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY IN NEED OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY AND PHYSICAL AND/OR MENTAL WELL-BEING; 9. PROMOTE, SPONSOR, FACILITATE, ENCOURAGE AND/OR UNDERTAKE RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS IN RELATION TO DOMESTIC ABUSE; 10. ADVANCE AND PROMOTE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; 11.PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE TO THIRD PARTIES; 12.SOLICIT, OBTAIN, COLLECT AND RECEIVE MONEY AND RESOURCES BY WAY OF CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS, LEGACIES GRANTS AND ANY OTHER LAWFUL METHOD AND ACCEPT AND RECEIVE GIFTS AND BEQUESTS OF PROPERTY OF ANY DESCRIPTION (WHETHER SUBJECT TO ANY SPECIAL TRUST OR NOT); 13.PROCURE AND PROVIDE GENERAL INFORMATION RELATING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE; 14.PROCURE TO BE WRITTEN AND PRINT, PUBLISH, ISSUE AND CIRCULATE IN PAPER OR ELECTRONIC FORM, GRATUITOUSLY OR OTHERWISE, REPOST, PERIODICALS, BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, LEAFLETS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS; 15.CARRY OUT SUCH LAWFUL ACTS AS MAY BE CONDUCTIVE TO FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTS.

Activities: We provide inclusive services to all people affected by domestic abuse, stalking and harassment. Services include: refuge and safe accommodation, community-based services, women only group work, specialist work with children/young people, Harmful Practices community work/development, work with people using abusive behaviours, domestic abuse preventative work and training.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Accommodation/housing, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

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Geography

- Hampshire
- Isle Of Wight
- Portsmouth City
- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£10,040,713	£8,588,190	£10,622,718	189
2024-03-31	£8,779,726	£7,405,683	£9,091,869	180
2023-03-31	£7,963,938	£6,337,339	£7,697,694	145
2022-03-31	£6,572,841	£4,667,778	£6,079,371	122
2021-03-31	£5,598,477	£4,073,620	£4,171,882	107

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GILLIAN BUTLER	Chair	2012-03-13
CLAIRE GODWIN		2012-10-19
Freia Pagdin		2025-07-17
JULIA MUNDAY		2012-03-13
Lauren Parrett		2023-07-28
Lucinda Gilmore		2025-07-20
MARGARET ANN POIL		2016-05-31
Maria Rose Norris		2023-11-13
Michelle Hurst		2025-07-20
Sarah Malcolm		2025-07-20
Tracey Stakes		2022-07-20
WENDY OSGOOD		2012-03-13

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1146773

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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G Butler (Chair)	
	Ms Julia Munday	
	W Osgood (Vice Chair)	
	Ms M A Poil	
	Ms C Godwin	
	Ms T Stakes	
	Ms L T Parrett	
	M Griffiths	
	Mrs L Gilmore	(Appointed 20 July 2025)
	Miss M Hurst	(Appointed 20 July 2025)
	Ms F Pagdin	(Appointed 17 July 2025)
	Mrs S Malcolm	(Appointed 20 July 2025)
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Charity number	1146773	
Company number	07975563	
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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

Objectives and activities
Southern Domestic Abuse Service trading as Stop Domestic Abuse is a charity providing services to all people affected by domestic abuse in the pan-Hampshire area and stalking in the pan-Hampshire and Isle of Wight area.

The organisation was originally set up in 1977 as Havant Women's Aid by a group of local women who realised that local statutory agencies were failing to meet the needs of women and children experiencing domestic abuse. Southern Domestic Abuse Service was established in 2012. In November 2018 we rebranded to Stop Domestic Abuse (trading name of Southern Domestic Abuse Service). Our branding defines the purpose of the organisation. Our message creates a powerful emotional connection between our organisation, those affected by domestic abuse and the wider public. We want to make our purpose clearer and bring domestic abuse out into the open. We want to stop domestic abuse and we aim to do this by campaigning and delivering direct services to those affected by domestic abuse.

Our name reflects that our services are truly inclusive to all. Although domestic abuse can happen to anyone, it is important to recognise that it is still a gendered crime. Recent data from Women's Aid (Annual Audit 2024) identified that 94.4% of perpetrators were male and 73.0% were a partner/ex-partner of the victim-survivor. We are a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. We are a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England and the organisation is managed by a Board of Trustees made up of women that have a wealth of skills, experience and knowledge.

Our Vision
Our vision is a world without domestic abuse.

Our Mission
We help all those affected by domestic abuse by providing innovative and unique services. We work to ensure that victims-survivors are supported to recover and perpetrators are supported to change their behaviour.

Our Values
We are committed to these core values:

- Equality
- Openness
- Honesty
- Respect for individual dignity and diversity
- Empowering women and children
- Care and compassion

Our Strategic Priorities 2025-2028
We will continue to concentrate our efforts to provide specialist services to those affected by domestic abuse. We will increase our capacity to help our service users to secure and maintain accommodation and with support, to live as independent and fulfilling lives as possible.

Core aims:

- To provide choice
- Provide person-centred solutions
- Keep the voices of adults and children, who are victims and survivors, central to our work
- Empower women
- Provide services that reduce and eradicate domestic abuse
- To be a sustainable organisation

1. **We will ensure that people affected by domestic abuse have a number of options available to them.**

   Stop Domestic Abuse will continue to develop effective and efficient holistic services to provide choice to service users. A comprehensive service offering a wide choice of support options and a variety of opportunities will mean that victims-survivors will be further empowered to make decisions about their future. We also want to ensure that the services we provide meet the needs, provide value for money and have tangible benefits for service users. Person-centred support planning and co-production ensures clients' views are central to service provision. Service design includes formal and informal consultation mechanisms maximising every "touch point".

   Refuge accommodation
   We will work to provide improved and additional units of refuge and safe accommodation. We will ensure that we provide well-managed and safe refuge accommodation to women and their children. Families will receive support and advice to ensure that they can enjoy a planned move on from refuge accommodation and live a life free from domestic abuse.

   Dispersed accommodation
   We will secure additional units of dispersed accommodation expanding our services to meet the needs of people traditionally unable to access refuge. We will explore opportunities to secure funding to provide care and support in all units of dispersed accommodation.

2. **We will continue to develop the range of community-based services that we provide for victims and survivors affected by domestic abuse.**

   We will seek to secure additional funding to provide additional staff working with victims-survivors and survivors living in the community. We want to secure funding to continue to provide support to medium and high-risk victims-survivors.

   We will continue to develop and deliver high quality services that provide improved outcomes for victims and survivors. We will also build awareness and understanding of domestic abuse and stalking, the services available and referral pathways to our partner agencies and support all multi-agency risk management processes.

3. **We will continue to provide relevant, cost-effective and beneficial group work services for women living in refuge accommodation and for those affected by domestic abuse living in the wider community.**

   We want to continue to work in partnership with other agencies. We also ensure that the services we provide meet need, provide value for money and have tangible benefits for service users.

   We will continue to deliver a range of group work to meet a diverse range of needs, guided by what victims and survivors tell us they need. We will continue ensuring women-only safe spaces are protected. We will continue to deliver innovative and relevant group work to all our clients.

4. **We will continue to provide high quality, efficient and effective Children and Young People's Services.**

   We will continue to provide inclusive services which meet the needs of children and young people who have lived with or are living with domestic abuse with particular regard to diversity and equal opportunities. These services are responsive to the individual needs of children and young people using our services.

   It is crucial that we work with the non-abusive parent to provide parenting support. This includes the delivery of services to adults whose children are violent towards them. We will strive to ensure that not only are the needs of children and young people living in refuge accommodation met, but that those living in the wider community are provided with support and services. We will continue to empower children and young people.

   We will continue to develop services for children and young people raising awareness of domestic abuse and related issues such as promoting healthy relationships in order to support children and young people to identify the warning signs of domestic abuse.

5. **We will continue to provide specialist support for perpetrators of domestic abuse.**

We will continue to explore ways to work with perpetrators in order to prevent domestic abuse, and to secure longer-term funding to expand our work with perpetrators. Our focus is to provide specialist interventions at the earliest opportunity, minimising harm to victims-survivors and their children.

6**. We will continue to develop and deliver a high quality stalking advocacy and support service.**

We will continue to provide a service that improves outcomes for victims-survivors across our delivery area. We will also build awareness and understanding of stalking, the service available and referral pathways to our partner agencies and support all multi-agency risk management processes.

7. **We will significantly enhance the range of alliances and partnerships that we have**.

Existing partnerships will be further developed and new partnership working explored in order to provide the best services to our clients. Partnership working is particularly crucial for community-based support services.

Fundraising
Stop Domestic Abuse is continuously sourcing opportunities to secure additional funding and also looking for fundraising opportunities. We are continuing to work to our Fundraising Strategy 2023-2026. We intend to increase income from a range of sources to improve our resilience and sustainability as a charity and to further our ambitions.

Volunteers
At Stop Domestic Abuse we have embedded a high-quality volunteering service which brings communities and people together through the giving of time, unique skills and experience to enhance resilience and outcomes for our service users. From providing an additional pair of hands at group work sessions, activities in refuge or community events, to supporting 'calls to action' for a variety of tasks, to supporting clients attending court hearings, we recognise the value and skills volunteers bring to our service. Through the selection process and the provision of a comprehensive induction training package, role related training, supervision, personal development reviews and appraisals our volunteering service join us to uphold our core values and beliefs and support our vision for a world without domestic abuse. Stop Domestic Abuse is committed to the creation of inclusive opportunities for community investment in our organisation and to empowering access to and recruitment of marginalised groups. Our volunteering service provides support into paid roles from volunteering positions.

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

Strategic report
The description under the headings "Achievements and performance" and "Financial review" meet the company law requirements for the trustees to present a strategic report.

Achievements and performance

We continue to deliver high quality services, to provide unrivalled support to victims, survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse. In 2024/2025 Stop Domestic Abuse worked with a total of 4,734 adults and 1,510 children and young people. This is a 16% increase compared to the prior year.

1. **We will ensure that people affected by domestic abuse have a number of options available to them.**
   Through our delivery of SPOC (Single Point of Contact) in Portsmouth, Front Door in Hampshire, referral routes to our Stalking Advocacy and Support Service, Helpline in Southampton and our co-delivery of PiPPA (Prevention Intervention and Public Protection Alliance) with Southampton City Council IDVA Service, we received over 45,000 calls through these helplines for advice and support, this is a 15% increase from the prior year. These helplines support people affected by domestic abuse and determine which support fits their needs.

   We provided additional one-to-one support to 511 victims-survivors to improve their mental health.

   We increased engagement across all services with groups that may be marginalised from traditional domestic abuse service provision through community engagement projects. During 2024/2025 we delivered targeted training and awareness raising activities in health settings to support engagement for vulnerable groups; we have seen an increase in victims and survivors being supported across the following groups:

   43.0% increase in those with a visual impairment

   23.6% increase in those with a substance misuse support need

   2% increase in those with No Recourse to Public Funds

   30.2% increase in those with a physical disability support need

   We continued to deliver behaviour-change programmes to people using abusive/unhealthy behaviours in their intimate relationships. In 2024/25, the number of attendees to behaviour change group work was 892, an increase of 20%

   We are continually looking to improve and want to provide services that are relevant and reflect the needs of our communities, doing things in a way that is accessible, progressive and innovative. We have a dedicated parent portal on our website, a secure area of our website which contains downloadable resources for parents to use with their children. Through our LiveChat function on our website, which we launched at the beginning of 2024, we have provided another route for people to contact us and receive support. In 2024/25 a total of 123 people were provided with advice and support via LiveChat.

   Refuge accommodation

   Stop Domestic Abuse delivered services in 18 refuges accommodating 106 families at any one time and continues to sub-contract refuge provision in the Test Valley to Finding Freedom from Abuse which provides a further 19 family spaces. We carry out a high standard of cyclical and emergency repairs and replacements to ensure our refuge provision are well maintained.

   Our refuges provided safety and support to 317 women and 405 children and young people.

   We provided more opportunities for migrant women and women with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) to access refuge accommodation.

   Following the success of new play equipment and landscaping at 3 refuge sites in the prior year, we have invested in new play equipment at a further 4 refuges during 2024/25.

   We continue to work with commissioners, housing providers and our local authorities to provide safe, supportive accommodation for families that have made the incredibly hard decision to leave their home to find safety.

Dispersed Accommodation
We provided self-contained accommodation that meets the needs of a diverse range of service users, including male victims-survivors, women with older male children and families with very complex needs.

In July 2024 Stop Domestic Abuse was generously gifted two properties which are being used to deliver part of the dispersed accommodation service.

In October 2024 Stop Domestic Abuse was commissioned by Hampshire County Council to deliver the dispersed accommodation service across 8 Hampshire districts providing independent living with specialist support for women (and their children) who are experiencing domestic abuse.
Throughout 2024-25 Stop Domestic Abuse also completed the purchase of a further two properties, increasing our offer of dispersed safe accommodation allowing us to support up to 11 families.

New Refuge
We have a vision to build our own refuge in Havant, where women and children can recover and begin to rebuild their lives. This purpose-built, trauma-informed refuge will provide a unique, child-centred, fully accessible, holistic centre where the physical environment will be as much a part of victims-survivors' recovery as the specialist support we will provide to our clients.

As included in our Fundraising Strategy 2023-2026, Stop Domestic Abuse is continuing to raise the final funds to build our new purpose-built refuge for women and children fleeing domestic abuse.

This accommodation will provide safe secure accommodation designed to a high standard, ensuring that despite it being emergency accommodation it is still suitable for families and has a homely atmosphere. We will ensure that our accommodation meets the expectations of our service users.

2. **We will continue to develop the range of community-based services that we provide for women, children, young people and men that have experienced domestic abuse.**
   Stop Domestic Abuse delivers community-based domestic abuse services in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.

   3,832 adult victims-survivors and 1083 children and young people received one-to-one support in the community This is an increase of 18% for adults and 42.9% for children and young people.

   10,378 people were referred to our outreach and Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) services.

   We continue specialist work addressing harmful cultural practices including female genital mutilation (FGM), forced marriage and honour-based violence, which is available across 11 Hampshire districts and Portsmouth. We continue to raise awareness of FGM through training events to educate professionals and community leaders on the impact of FGM, risk factors and existing protection for women and girls. 95 women, children, young people and men who had experienced Harmful Cultural Practices including Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation.

   We continue to provide and expand our specialist support services. Throughout 2024-25 we continued our Mental Health Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) Specialist service co-located within Havant and East Hants Mind, delivering direct advocacy support to victims-survivors of domestic abuse who access Mind Services. Whilst also providing support to Mind colleagues and other partners, we ensure groupwork is needs led to ensure those with historic trauma from domestic abuse are supported through recovery and work to prevent repeat victimisation.

   We also continued to provide a Hospital IDVA Specialist service co-located at Queen Alexandra (QA) Hospital providing support and advice hospital-wide with a focus on Accident and Emergency and Maternity Services. Delivering advocacy support to victims-survivors of domestic abuse who access QA Hospital, providing crisis intervention and safety planning with direct referral into support services.

Our Domestic Abuse Health Advocates work across Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, Royal Hampshire County Hospital Winchester and Andover War Memorial Hospital offering immediate advice and support to staff and patients.

In 2024-25 we increased our partnership work with local authorities to provide specialist expertise to Housing Teams at a further three local authorities; Eastleigh, Fareham and the New Forest. As well as continuing our partnerships within East Hampshire, Havant and Gosport, our Domestic Abuse Housing Advocates supported 74 victims-survivors.

We have continued to provide a target hardening service, 480 victims-survivors received target hardening to improve their safety at home. Our specialist workers visit homes to give safety advice as well as issue personal and home safety equipment.

3. **We will continue to provide relevant, cost-effective and beneficial group work services for women living in refuge accommodation and for those affected by domestic abuse living in the wider community.**
   Our groupwork programmes give adults, children, and young people the opportunity to learn about domestic abuse and how it has affected them, reducing risk of revictimisation, improving self-esteem and resilience and promoting healthy relationships. One of the biggest effects of domestic abuse is isolation. Through group work, victims-survivors listen to others' experiences and gain confidence in the knowledge that they are not alone. We have delivered empowering group work to 644 adults.

4. **We will continue to provide high quality, efficient and effective Children and Young People's Services.**
   We helped children and young people to recover and learn from their experiences. In 2024/2025 Stop Domestic Abuse provided workshops to 4,282 children and young people to raise awareness of domestic abuse and healthy relationships.

   96% of children and young people we worked with said that the advice they received was good or excellent.

   92% of children and young people who completed a group said they feel good about themselves sometimes or all of the time.

   83% of children and young people who completed a group said they felt happy either most of the time or all the time.

5. **We will continue to provide specialist support for perpetrators of domestic abuse.**
   We have developed our own new behaviour-change programme called Stop.Think.Change. It provides a package of support options for those using unhealthy and/or abusive behaviours in their intimate and non-intimate relationships. Stop.Think.Change. is a strengths-based, risk-led approach delivering a package of support that brings together therapeutic intervention, education and a support service. We launched this programme in March 2025.

6. **We will continue to develop and deliver a high quality stalking advocacy and support service.**
   In 2024-25 Stop Domestic Abuse continued to deliver the Police Crime Commissioner's Stalking Advocacy & Support Service across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. We provided specialist advice and support to 223 victims-survivors of stalking, 96% of whom were women; 96% of clients in the stalking service said they felt safer following support from our Stalking Advocates.

   In addition, we were commissioned by the Police & Crime Commissioner to deliver victim advocacy support as part of a multi-agency intervention service designed to reduce the risk of reoffending amongst stalkers. The service received 693 referrals and worked with 223 victims of stalking from 1st April 2024 until 31st March 2025, 96% of those using the service said they felt safer after they received the support.

7. **We will significantly enhance the range of alliances and partnerships that we have.**

We will continue to work in partnership with agencies such as Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary, The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner, Children's Centres, Social Care, Community Safety, Health, Education, Hampshire County Council, district councils, The Guinness Partnership, Bournemouth Churches Housing Association, Home Group, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City of Sanctuary, Victim Care Service, University of Portsmouth, the British Red Cross, Abri Housing, Portsmouth Hospitals, Hampshire Hospital Trust, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Trinity Winchester, Sovereign Housing, Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse.

We continue to work with Hampshire County Council and our partner Finding Freedom from Abuse (in the Test Valley district) to deliver the commissioned Hampshire community and accommodation-based services.

With our partners at Portsmouth City Council, we continue to develop innovative interventions for families, including specialist support for perpetrators of domestic abuse. We continue to deliver the commissioned service in Portsmouth to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse, children and young people affected by domestic abuse and people who use unhealthy and abusive behaviours and are committed to change. The service was commissioned by Portsmouth City Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner.

We continue our partnership with Two Saints to provide specialist domestic abuse support to homeless people in Portsmouth Respite Rooms.

We continue to work with Southampton City Council to deliver the commissioned service in Southampton to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse and children and young people affected by domestic abuse. The service was commissioned by Southampton City Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner. We work with our partners and sub-contractors Yellow Door and No Limits to deliver this contract to victims and survivors in Southampton.

Stop Domestic Abuse also continued the partnership with Women In Safe Houses (WISH) strengthening our safe accommodation provision to provide supported housing for women (and their children) who are experiencing domestic abuse.

We continue to work with The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner, with existing commissioned services we provide in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton which now include Stalking Advocacy and Support Services for Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Our Supporting Priorities

Sustainability

We will continue to explore opportunities for income generation and secure funding from different sources. We are committed to ensure the diversity of funding streams and pursuing opportunities for generating income using our expertise.

We will continue to develop training programmes to deliver to partner organisations.

In 2024/2025 Stop Domestic Abuse delivered training to 2,552 individuals on topics including Responding well to Domestic Abuse, Domestic Abuse and Children/Young People, Controlling or Coercive Behaviour, Non-Fatal Strangulation, Domestic Abuse Awareness, Post-separation Abuse, Responding to Disclosures of Domestic Abuse, Stalking Level 1 and 2, Introduction to Stalking and Cyber Stalking, Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment and Honour Based Violence Assessment (DASH) Risk Identification Checklist (RIC) Training, Introduction to Economic Abuse, Adolescent to Parent Abuse, Supporting LGBTQ+ victims-survivors of DA, Harmful Cultural Practices and Female Genital Mutilation.

In addition, we also deliver webinars for Recognising Domestic Abuse Affecting Older People, Economic Abuse, Domestic Abuse and Children, Adolescent to Parent Violence, Healthy Homes, Post-Separation Abuse and online workshops for Harmful Cultural Practices.

We have been commissioned to deliver training by Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner.

We also continue to deliver our programme of Stalking Awareness for professionals and partners engaging with the Stalking Advocacy and Support Service. In 2024-25 we held stalking awareness sessions in schools for over 300 students aged 16 to 18 and reached 776 individuals through presentations and events promoting stalking awareness.

Financial review

Overview

Stop Domestic Abuse continues to achieve organisational growth whilst weathering the ongoing challenges within the sector and economic climate. At the year end the charity remains in a strong financial position, exceeding financial targets set in the budget 2024-25.

In the year 2024-25 Stop Domestic Abuse generated a surplus of £1.53m, £0.14m higher than the prior year. Surplus funds will be used to continue to deliver under resourced projects including support services in refuge, work with children, community-based support to all people affected by domestic abuse and to pilot new innovations in domestic abuse services..

Income

Income totalled £10.13m in 2024-25, which is £1.35m (15%) higher than 2023-24. Income from charitable activities, including rental income, grants, contracts and housing management income, which has increased by £0.56m (6%) as a result of new contracts secured, extensions secured on existing contracts, increased dispersed accommodation, and careful management to minimise voids.

Expenditure

Expenditure totalled £8.59m, which is £1.18m (16%) higher than the prior year. This is primarily driven by increased spend on people. Our payroll costs are up £0.67m (13%) year on year. New contracts have required increased headcount, our average headcount increased by 9%. Other costs have increased due to high inflation and higher overheads to support a larger workforce, as well as the increased investment in play equipment. Designated reserves were used to continue the delivery of some projects in 2024-25 where funding had ended.

Reserves and other funds

Total reserves held at the year-end 31 March 2025 total £10.62m, of these reserves £0.10m are restricted reserves and £10.52m unrestricted reserves. Unrestricted reserves include £7.59m which are designated by the committee to ensure the charity has funds available to ensure accommodation is maintained to a high standard, that under-resourced services can continue to be delivered and future ambitions can be realised.

The carrying amount of fixed assets is shown in designated reserves, £2.28m of funds are invested in property providing dispersed accommodation which can be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets.

Surplus funds generated during the year have increased reserves by £1.53m, of which £1.41m has been designated by Trustees to increase our fund to purchase further dispersed properties to deliver our aim to increase the number of dispersed units to meet the needs of our service users.

The trustees have set a reserves policy which requires reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that Stop Domestic Abuse’s core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty and requires a proportion of reserves be maintained in a readily realisable form.

The reserves policy states that these funds should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month’s expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity’s current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

General unrestricted funds on the Balance Sheet provide 4 months coverage to continue operations.

Stop Domestic Abuse holds £2.13m of investments. Funds are held in a portfolio managed by Professional Connection and another portfolio managed by Shroders & Co. Both management companies are reputable, and investments held are low-risk and held on a short-term basis.

Principal Risks
The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Risk Register is clear providing a description of each risk and includes an assessment of the impact of each risk with controls in place and actions taken to mitigate the risk. The Board of Trustees agree that the following are the principal risks that Stop Domestic Abuse faces:

Financial Sustainability
We continue to deliver well managed services to ensure we deliver high quality services with high quality and committed staff. We adopt partnership working and develop new projects to spread risk by reducing dependence on one funder/funding stream. Our priority is to secure fundraising for our own refuge. We will continue our approach to financial planning as noted below under 'Plans for future periods'.

Cyber Security
We continue to implement robust cybersecurity measures including regular staff training, advanced encryption protocols, and continuous measuring, to safeguard our data and systems.

Staff Capacity and Continuity
We recognise the recruitment and retention challenges in our sector. We offer competitive salaries, continuous development opportunities and robust employee support programs to attract and retain skilled professionals. We are always looking for cost-effective employee benefits we can offer our existing staff and to attract candidates to be an employer of choice.

Cost of Living Impact
Since the cost-of-living crisis began in 2021, it is disproportionately affecting victims and survivors of domestic abuse both nationally and in Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight. Lack of financial independence and increased reliance on perpetrators makes it harder and sometimes impossible to leave, and economic abuse can limit a victims-survivor's options to access safety and support. Being unable to buy essential household items, having to use food banks and getting into debt are regular occurrences for our clients.

In 2024-25 we have seen a 17% increase in our clients needing financial support.
Stop Domestic Abuse accessed funding to enable our frontline teams to offer financial support to clients experiencing financial distress. Thanks to funds from Hampshire County Council (Connect4Communities), Basingstoke & Deane District Council, NatWest/SafeLives Circle Fund, The Big Give, and other community supporters, we provided clients with shopping vouchers to purchase food, household fuel, and family essentials.

We are grateful to all our funding partners for their support and commitment to our vision.

We are engaging with national and local agencies to raise awareness of the need for an Emergency Domestic Abuse Fund to help survivors of domestic abuse to pay for essential items and energy bills; together with better provision of legal services for survivors who are unable to afford legal representation and advice.

Funding sources
Stop Domestic Abuse is funded primarily through Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioning of domestic abuse and stalking services, rental income, grants/contracts from such organisations as The National Lottery Community Fund, National Lottery Awards For All, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Home Office, Ministry of Justice and other grant funding.

Prudent financial monitoring, active fundraising and rental income has resulted in a year-end surplus. This surplus will be used to ensure that we have adequate reserves and capital for our future ambitions and to develop innovative new projects and continue providing non-commissioned and under-resourced services such as work with children and young people and migrant women/women with no recourse to public funds.

We also continue to receive support and donations from local individuals, companies, groups and associations. This support is invaluable, and we use the donations to provide the important extras that improve the quality of life for the women, children, young people and men using our services. Our thanks go to those who have supported us through giving time, money or donations and to our partners who ensure that together we can offer the highest quality support to victims-survivors and survivors of domestic abuse.

We welcomed the opportunity to secure one-off payments from Women's Aid on behalf of our clients from the Home Office Flexible Fund. This followed a further investment in funding to provide one-off payments to survivors of domestic abuse to help them flee, and stay fled, from abusers.

Plans for future periods

Delivering high performance

We will continue to be a high performing organisation in order to achieve our vision of Stop Domestic Abuse in the coming years. We will continually improve our service delivery and develop our reporting and monitoring procedures. We will invest in staff through training, development and the promotion of a learning culture.

Developing services

We will continue to review opportunities and pursue those aligned to our mission to ensure that we deliver high quality and value for money services to as many people affected by domestic abuse as possible. This will ensure that the needs of victims, survivors and perpetrators are met, and we are able to spread risk to the business. We will seek additional funding to ensure that children and young people's services are secured in any new area that we work.

Transformation

We will continue to work collaboratively with commissioners to develop and deliver the transformation of domestic abuse services, which will improve outcomes and maximise use of resources for all people living within the boundaries of Hampshire.

Financial Planning

We have prepared a detailed budget for 2025-26, it is prudent and used to ensure our costs are affordable, this was approved by Board of Trustees in March 2025. This gives us a financial plan to support our Strategic Priorities 2023-2026.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 5 March 2012 and is a registered charity (number 1146773), registered on 3 April 2012. It commenced activities on 1 July 2012, taking over the services previously carried out by Havant Womens Aid (charity number 273775).

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G Butler (Chair)	
Ms Julia Munday	
W Osgood (Vice Chair)	
Ms M A Poil	
Ms S E Walker	(Resigned 17 April 2025)
Ms C Godwin	
Ms T Stakes	
Ms L T Parrett	
M Griffiths	
Mrs L Gilmore	(Appointed 20 July 2025)
Miss M Hurst	(Appointed 20 July 2025)
Ms F Pagdin	(Appointed 17 July 2025)
Mrs S Malcolm	(Appointed 20 July 2025)

The skills of Trustees are reviewed to identify any gaps in skills. Stop Domestic Abuse recognises that an effective Board of Trustees is essential if the charity is to be effective in achieving its objectives. The board seeks to be representative of the people with whom the charity works and must have available to it all of the knowledge and skills required to run the charity. Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role and to represent the Charity at meetings and other events.

When recruiting trustees a skills audit of the board is completed to ensure that there are no skills gaps. Recruitment takes place within the wider community including advertisements and direct approaches to professional bodies and to other voluntary organisations. Stop Domestic Abuse seeks to ensure diversity in its Board of Trustees as well as in its staff base and consideration will be given to ways in which groups that are under-represented on the board might be reached and encouraged to apply. Applicants who appear suitable are interviewed by two existing trustees and the CEO.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The charity is governed by an executive committee who have the power to co-opt additional members. They are unpaid and act as trustees of the charity.

Asset cover for funds

Note 25 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds and a description of the trusts. These assets are sufficient to meet the charities obligations on a fund-by-fund basis.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Sumer Audit be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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Disclosure of information to auditor
Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

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

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G Butler (Chair)
Trustee

Date: 22/9/2025.....

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors of Southern Domestic Abuse Service for the purpose 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).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity 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 charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Southern Domestic Abuse Service (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements;

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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.

Identification and assessment of irregularities including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, 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.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

· Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements and operations;

· Obtaining an understanding of the charity's policies and procedures on fraud risks, including knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;

· Discussing among the engagement team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud through our knowledge and understanding of the company and our sector-specific experience.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the association for fraud. We are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. As a result of performing the above, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have an impact on the financial statements: health & safety and employment law, as well as compliance with the UK Companies and Charities Acts.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

· Making enquiries of management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;

· Reviewing minutes of meetings of the board and senior management.

· Reading correspondence with regulators

· Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates; and

· Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance.

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

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

Jordan Abbott BSc ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Sumer Audit
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

20/10/2025

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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	743,384	1,000	744,384	14,786	-	14,786
Charitable activities	**4**	7,760,214	1,334,812	9,095,026	7,121,697	1,417,236	8,538,933
Investments	**5**	201,303	-	201,303	128,606	-	128,606
Total income		8,704,901	1,335,812	10,040,713	7,265,089	1,417,236	8,682,325
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**6**	15,953	-	15,953	9,600	-	9,600
Charitable activities	**7**	7,220,380	1,351,232	8,571,612	6,061,119	1,334,943	7,396,062
Other expenditure	**13**	625	-	625	21	-	21
Total expenditure		7,236,958	1,351,232	8,588,190	6,070,740	1,334,943	7,405,683
Net gains on investments	**12**	78,326	-	78,326	117,533	-	117,533
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		1,546,269	(15,420)	1,530,849	1,311,882	82,293	1,394,175
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		8,975,874	115,995	9,091,869	7,663,992	33,702	7,697,694
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		10,522,143	100,575	10,622,718	8,975,874	115,995	9,091,869

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**15**		2,395,402		1,032,492
Investments	**16**		2,126,512		2,137,575
			4,521,914		3,170,067
Current assets					
Debtors	**17**	666,952		592,922	
Cash at bank and in hand		6,020,987		5,844,151	
		6,687,939		6,437,073	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**18**	(586,515)		(515,018)	
Net current assets			6,101,424		5,922,055
Total assets less current liabilities			10,623,338		9,092,122
Provisions for liabilities			(620)		(253)
Net assets			10,622,718		9,091,869
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**22**		100,575		115,995
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	**23**	7,588,644		5,925,384	
General unrestricted funds		2,933,499		3,050,490	
			10,522,143		8,975,874
			10,622,718		9,091,869

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22/9/2025.....

G Butler (Chair)
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07975563

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**29**		676,896		858,729
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(791,371)		(858,405)	
Purchase of investments		(3,628,365)		(4,501,828)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		3,718,373		2,808,157	
Investment income received		201,303		128,606	
Net cash used in investing activities			(500,060)		(2,423,470)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			176,836		(1,564,741)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			5,844,151		7,408,892
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			6,020,987		5,844,151

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Southern Domestic Abuse Service is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Piper House, 4 Dukes Court, Bognor Road, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8FX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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

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

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure is either allocated directly or is apportioned to the individual areas. Funds are transferred from unrestricted funds to fund deficits on restricted areas where no further funding will be forthcoming.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Capital items costing more than £1,000 are treated as tangible fixed assets and are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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

Land and buildings	10% straight line or over the life of the lease
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33.3% straight line basis

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

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Provisions

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

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

1.12 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

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

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.14 Taxation

On the basis of the financial statements no provision has been made for Corporation Tax.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

Critical judgements

Pension scheme deficit payments

The association participates in a multi-employer pension scheme which is in deficit. Provision has been made for the deficit contributions payable and the trustee have relied upon the information received from the Pensions Trust.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	93,384	1,000	94,384	14,786	-	14,786
Donations of property	650,000	-	650,000	-	-	-
	743,384	1,000	744,384	14,786	-	14,786

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Family and child projects						
Services provided under contract	4,838,196	-	4,838,196	4,167,427	-	4,167,427
Performance related grants	178,272	1,334,812	1,513,084	501,302	1,417,236	1,918,538
Other income	7,831	-	7,831	52,269	-	52,269
Managed accommodation						
Charitable rental income	2,681,096	-	2,681,096	2,340,989	-	2,340,989
Performance related grants	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	-	6,000
Other income	48,819	-	48,819	53,710	-	53,710
	7,760,214	1,334,812	9,095,026	7,121,697	1,417,236	8,538,933

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	201,303	128,606

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Other fundraising costs	7,934	3,336
Investment management	8,019	6,264
Total costs	15,953	9,600

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Family and child projects 2025 £	Managed accommodation 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Family and child projects 2024 £	Managed accommodation 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Direct costs						
Staff costs	3,721,416	995,012	4,716,428	3,362,124	766,612	4,128,736
Refuge premises expenses	83,925	919,467	1,003,392	73,686	810,767	884,453
Travelling & subsistence	91,466	16,462	107,928	80,971	16,722	97,693
Administration & office expenses	72,721	22,671	95,392	29,827	2,696	32,523
Activities & training etc	746,951	37,748	784,699	565,670	66,390	632,060
Other expenses	7,410	29,442	36,852	15,966	22,628	38,594
	4,723,889	2,020,802	6,744,691	4,128,244	1,685,815	5,814,059
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)						
Support	1,377,786	333,624	1,711,410	1,274,640	214,298	1,488,938
Governance	92,992	22,519	115,511	82,031	11,034	93,065
	6,194,667	2,376,945	8,571,612	5,484,915	1,911,147	7,396,062
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	4,843,435	2,376,945	7,220,380	4,149,972	1,911,147	6,061,119
Restricted funds	1,351,232	-	1,351,232	1,334,943	-	1,334,943
	6,194,667	2,376,945	8,571,612	5,484,915	1,911,147	7,396,062

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	1,111,022	1,027,800
Depreciation	78,461	68,466
Premises expenses	86,206	73,446
Travel and subsistence	8,645	6,000
Administration & office expenses	223,717	194,788
Activities and training	70,635	45,170
Other expenses	132,724	73,268
Governance costs	115,511	93,065
	1,826,921	1,582,003
Analysed between:		
Family and child projects	1,470,778	1,356,671
Managed accommodation	356,143	225,332
	1,826,921	1,582,003

9 Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to the charity's auditor and associates:	2025	2024
	£	£
For audit services		
Audit of the financial statements of the charity	15,600	7,632
For other services		
All other non-audit services	2,700	1,440

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year, apart from the reimbursement of travel costs of £0 (2024 - £73).

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Project staff	178	162
Management and administration	19	18
Total	197	180

11 Employees **(Continued)**

Employment costs	**2025**	**2024**
	£	**£**
Wages and salaries	5,100,448	4,522,219
Social security costs	468,090	409,558
Other pension costs	258,912	224,759
	5,827,450	5,156,536

During the year there was a termination payment of £9,425 (2024 - £0).

The above numbers include job share, part time and sessional staff, the average number of full time equivalent staff was 189 (2024: 162).

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2025	**2024**
	Number	**Number**
£60,000 - £70,000	1	-
£70,000 - £80,000	-	1
£100,000 - £110,000	-	1
£110,000 - £120,000	1	-

Contributions totalling £38,895 (2024: £26,425) were made to defined contribution pension schemes on behalf of employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel
The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2025	**2024**
	£	**£**
Aggregate compensation	395,032	368,022

12 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025	**Unrestricted funds 2024**
Gains/(losses) arising on:	**£**	**£**
Revaluation of investments	26,956	20,132
Sale of investments	51,370	97,401
	78,326	117,533

13 Pension scheme provision remeasurements

	2025	2024
	£	£
Impact of changes in assumptions	4	-
Amendments to contribution shedule	614	-
Financing costs	7	21
	625	21

14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

15 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	966,982	402,364	1,369,346
Additions	1,343,599	97,772	1,441,371
At 31 March 2025	2,310,581	500,136	2,810,717
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	9,705	327,149	336,854
Depreciation charged in the year	4,656	73,805	78,461
At 31 March 2025	14,361	400,954	415,315
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	2,296,220	99,182	2,395,402
At 31 March 2024	957,277	75,215	1,032,492

The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Freehold	2,030,506	689,536
Long leasehold	265,714	267,741
	2,296,220	957,277

16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	2,137,575
Additions	3,628,365
Valuation changes	26,956
Movement in cash	619
Disposals	(3,667,003)
At 31 March 2025	2,126,512
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	2,126,512
At 31 March 2024	2,137,575

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments include investment portfolios managed by Transact and Cazenove and are included on the basis of market value, with an historical cost of £2,077,337 (2024 - £2,109,979).

17 Debtors

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	**£**
Trade debtors	379,363	71,479
Other debtors	3,845	1,454
Prepayments and accrued income	283,744	519,989
	666,952	592,922

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security		161,469	147,715
Deferred income	**20**	44,572	665
Trade creditors		200,632	203,993
Other creditors		90,695	78,497
Accruals		89,147	84,148
		586,515	515,018

19 Provisions for liabilities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Pension scheme deficit contribution provision	620	253
Movements on provisions:		
At 1 April 2024	253	542
Additional provisions in the year	618	-
Deficit contribution paid	(258)	(310)
Unwinding of discount	7	21
At 31 March 2025	620	253
Income and expenditure impact		
Interest expense	(7)	(21)
Remeasurements - impact of changes in assumptions	(4)	-
Remeasurements – amendments to the contribution schedules	(614)	-
Costs recognised in income and expenditure account	(625)	(21)
Assumptions		
Rate of discount	4.84%	5.31%

The discount rates shown above are the equivalent single discount rates which, when used to discount the future recovery plan contributions due, would give the same results as using a full AA corporate bond yield curve to discount the same recovery plan contributions.

20 Deferred income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Arising from government grants	43,907	-
Arising from rents received in advance	665	665
	44,572	665

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	44,572	665

Movements in the year:

20 Deferred income **(Continued)**

Deferred income at 1 April 2024	665	14,891
Released from previous periods	-	(14,226)
Resources deferred in the year	43,907	-
Deferred income at 31 March 2025	44,572	665

21 Retirement benefit schemes

SCHEME: TPT Retirement Solutions – The Growth Plan

The company participates in the scheme, a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 521 non-associated participating employers. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the company to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the company is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out at 30 September 2023. This valuation showed assets of £514.9m, liabilities of £531.0m and a deficit of £16.1m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee has asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions	
From 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028:	£2,100,000 per annum (payable monthly)

Unless a concession has been agreed with the Trustee the term to 31 March 2028 applies.

Note that the scheme's previous valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2020. This valuation showed assets of £800.3m, liabilities of £831.9m and a deficit of £31.6m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions	
From 1 April 2022 to 31 January 2025:	£3,312,000 per annum (payable monthly)

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the Series 1 and Series 2 scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

Present value of provision £620 (2024 £253) see note 19

22 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
Standing Together	51,935	-	(51,935)	-
NatWest SafeLives Circle Fund	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Move on Fund	26,202	-	-	26,202
Basingstoke and Deane Council Cost of Living Fund	2,358	-	(2,358)	-
Abri Housing - Refuge Project	1,500	-	(1,500)	-
Abri Housing - Garden Project	1,500	-	(1,500)	-
National Lottery	-	20,000	(20,000)	-
Hampshire County Council	32,500	36,252	(68,752)	-
B&Q Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Heinz Grant	-	280	(280)	-
PCC - MOJ IDVA	-	47,451	(47,451)	-
HCC East - MOJ IDVA	-	207,375	(207,375)	-
HCC West - MOJ IDVA	-	171,084	(171,084)	-
OPCC MOJ IDVA	-	434,164	(434,164)	-
OPCC FGM & HCP	-	32,000	(32,000)	-
Lottery Up2U	-	177,549	(133,162)	44,387
OPCC APA	-	30,000	(30,000)	-
OPCC TEAR	-	40,000	(40,000)	-
OPCC MASP	-	44,309	(44,309)	-
OPCC Foundation	-	47,748	(47,748)	-
John Lewis	-	1,000	-	1,000
East Hants District Council	-	20,000	-	20,000
Gosport Borough Council	-	12,600	(3,614)	8,986
	115,995	1,335,812	(1,351,232)	100,575

22 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
Southern Housing Group	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
NatWest SafeLives Circle Fund	2,500	-	(2,500)	-
Move on Fund	26,202	-	-	26,202
Lottery Cost of Living	-	75,000	(75,000)	-
Abri Housing - Refuge Project	-	1,500	-	1,500
Abri Housing - Garden Project	-	1,500	-	1,500
Basingstoke and Deane Council Cost of Living Fund	-	5,000	(2,642)	2,358
Hampshire County Council	-	42,500	(10,000)	32,500
BBC Children in Need	-	21,449	(21,449)	-
PCC Safer Streets Mentors in Violence Prevention	-	21,600	(21,600)	-
PCC - MOJ IDVA	-	47,451	(47,451)	-
HCC East - MOJ IDVA	-	207,375	(207,375)	-
HCC West - MOJ IDVA	-	171,084	(171,084)	-
OPCC MOJ IDVA	-	441,460	(441,460)	-
OPCC APA	-	3,560	(3,560)	-
OPCC TEAR	-	6,260	(6,260)	-
Nationwide Community grant	-	7,500	(7,500)	-
OPCC Police IDVA	-	19,600	(19,600)	-
OPCC FGM & HCP	-	32,000	(32,000)	-
Lottery Up2U	-	141,370	(141,370)	-
OPCC MASP	-	43,839	(43,839)	-
Standing Together	-	101,050	(49,115)	51,935
OPCC Foundation	-	26,138	(26,138)	-
	33,702	1,417,236	(1,334,943)	115,995

22 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Standing Together funding to deliver specialist Hospital IDVA and Mental Health IDVA services.

NatWest SafeLives Circle Fund was received to provide financial support through grants to individuals and families, for victims of economic abuse.

The Move On fund was received for the specific purpose of working with women and children living in refuge accommodation.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Cost of Living Community Fund to fund the essential provision of retail vouchers for food, fuel, and rising utility bills, and to purchase new furnishings to improve the environment for women and children staying in refuge.

Abri Community Fund Grant to deliver the Activity Space Creation project to benefit women and children living in one of our refuges which is an Abri home.

Abri Community Fund Grant to deliver Garden updates to benefit all women and children living in one of our refuges which is an Abri home.

Awards for All Lottery funding to contribute to the delivery of the advice and information service provided for victims of domestic abuse and to professional via LiveChat, phone and email.

Hampshire City Council Connect4Communities to provide vouchers or items such as help towards household bills, purchase of essential household appliances, food vouchers and clothing for families.

B&Q Foundation grant to provide essential household items, and purchase new furnishings to improve the environment for the women and children living in our dispersed properties.

Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation provided funding to purchase essential household items to benefit women and children living in one of our refuges.

Ministry of Justice (MoJ) funding received via OPCC for Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs) relating to services which addresses the safety of victims at high risk of harm from intimate partners, ex partners or family members to secure their safety and safety of their children.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Safer Communities Fund received to support those experiencing Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Harmful Cultural Practices (HCP).

The National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund provided funding for delivery of our Stop.Think.Change programme providing specialist support to people who use abusive or unhealthy behaviours in their relationships and are committed to change.

Portsmouth City Council funding was received to deliver the Safer Streets Mentors in Violence Prevention project delivering violence prevention training in schools and MOJ funded IDVAs to provide support services for Children and Young people in Portsmouth.

OPCC Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Interventions Fund Grant Multi-Agency Stalking Partnership (MASP) Home Office funding to deliver stalking advocacy and support.

OPCC Safer Communities Fund grant for an APA (Adolescent to Parent Abuse) Lead to deliver one-to-one support to decrease abusive behaviour and also deliver preventative group work.

OPCC Safer Communities Fund grant to deliver Project TEAR (Teenage Exploitation and Abusive Relationships), a programme of workshops to prevent young people entering abusive and/or exploitative relationships, delivered in schools and further education settings across Southwest Hampshire.

OPCC Safer Communities Fund grant for a pilot project to fund a Police IDVA specialist supporting victims of domestic abuse, who either work for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary or whose perpetrator does.

OPCC funding to expand Project Foundation across all 14 Policing Districts of Hampshire & Isle of Wight to relentlessly pursue serial and repeat Domestic Abuse Perpetrators through a whole system approach to risk management, providing a timely and streamlined process for earlier identification, management/engagement, and disruption of repeat and serial perpetrators in a family setting.

22 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

John Lewis Foundation provided funding to purchase essential household items to benefit women and children living in one of our refuges.

East Hants District Council providing The Whole Housing Approach Flexible Fund to support victims of domestic abuse with improving their housing situation.

Gosport Borough Council providing The Whole Housing Approach Flexible Fund to support victims of domestic abuse with improving their housing situation.

23 Designated funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2024	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Project Fund	912,193	(392,526)	519,667	-	519,667
Repairs and Renewals - Portsmouth	14,136	-	14,136	15,174	29,310
Repairs and Renewals - Hampshire	56,914	6,642	63,556	45,529	109,085
Repairs and Renewals - Dispersed Accomodation	147,069	(118,267)	28,802	25,575	54,377
Repairs and Renewals - Southampton	8,625	11,032	19,657	14,498	34,155
New Refuge Fundraising	1,950,000	74,975	2,024,975	(175,491)	1,849,484
Dispersed Accommodation Value	127,615	741,662	869,277	1,410,475	2,279,752
Refuge Provision Reserve	204,975	-	204,975	-	204,975
Pension Withdrawal Reserve	16,375	-	16,375	-	16,375
Redundancy Reserve	96,496	-	96,496	-	96,496
New Office Fund	450,000	-	450,000	-	450,000
Designated play equipment fund	256,480	-	256,480	(89,896)	166,584
Dispersed Properties Fund	1,272,289	(221,869)	1,050,420	(179,529)	870,891
Designated Project Fund - Portsmouth	419,620	(169,620)	250,000	-	250,000
Programme Developement Fund	113,567	(77,096)	36,471	(36,471)	-
Move On Fund	5,604	-	5,604	-	5,604
Affordable Justice	-	9,828	9,828	(53)	9,775
Hardship Funds	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Respite Rooms	-	7,165	7,165	7,998	15,163
Fareham Refuge Fund				620,000	620,000
Kingston Road Fund		-	-	5,451	5,451
	6,051,958	(126,574)	5,925,384	1,663,260	7,588,644

The above reserves were designated by the committee to provide for a minimum of three months operating costs. Reserves include operating costs for general and designated projects, furniture replacement funds, new refuge fund, redundancy reserve and staff pension reserve.

24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	2,395,402	-	2,395,402
Investments	2,126,512	-	2,126,512
Current assets/(liabilities)	6,000,849	100,575	6,101,424
Provisions	(620)	-	(620)
	10,522,143	100,575	10,622,718

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	1,032,492	-	1,032,492
Investments	2,137,575	-	2,137,575
Current assets/(liabilities)	5,806,060	115,995	5,922,055
Provisions	(253)	-	(253)
	8,975,874	115,995	9,091,869

25 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

Southern Domestic Abuse Service has been notified by The Pensions Trust of the estimated employer debt on withdrawal from the Plan based on the financial position of the Plan as at 30 September 2024. As of this date the estimated employer debt for Southern Domestic Abuse Service was £2,494.

26 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

Amounts recognised in profit or loss as an expense during the period in respect of operating lease arrangements are £616,191.

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	616,191	614,735
Between two and five years	308,871	501,476
In over five years	31,495	96,667
	956,557	1,212,878

27 Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

	2025 £	2024 £
Acquisition of land	67,500	67,500

The above payment for land is only payable if appropriate planning permissions are granted. These were granted at the end of June 2025.

28 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

29 Cash generated from operations

	2025 £	2024 £
Surplus for the year	1,530,849	1,394,175
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(201,303)	(128,606)
Gain on disposal of investments	(51,370)	(97,401)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(26,956)	(20,132)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	78,461	68,466
Gift of property included in income	(650,000)	-
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(74,030)	(227,318)
(Increase) in investment cash	(619)	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	27,590	(115,940)
(Decrease)/increase in provisions	367	(289)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	43,907	(14,226)
Cash generated from operations	676,896	858,729

30 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

England & Wales - Charity number 1146773

Accounts

Charity registration number 1146773

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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G Butler (Chair)	
	J Munday	
	W Osgood (Vice Chair)	
	M Poil	
	S Walker	
	C Godwin	
	T Stakes	
	L Parrett	(Appointed 28 July 2023)
	M Griffiths	(Appointed 13 November 2023)
Secretary	Ms J Munday	
Charity number	1146773	
Company number	07975563	
Principal address	PO Box 53 Havant Hampshire PO9 1UA	
Auditor	Sumer Audit Piper House 4 Dukes Court Bognor Road Chichester West Sussex PO19 8FX	
Bankers	Lloyds TSB West Street Havant	

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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

Objectives and activities
Southern Domestic Abuse Service trading as Stop Domestic Abuse is a charity providing services to all people affected by domestic abuse in the pan-Hampshire area and stalking in the pan-Hampshire area and Isle of Wight.

The organisation was originally set up in 1977 as Havant Women's Aid by a group of local women who realised that local statutory agencies were failing to meet the needs of women and children experiencing domestic abuse. Southern Domestic Abuse Service was established in 2012. In November 2018 we rebranded to Stop Domestic Abuse (trading name of Southern Domestic Abuse Service). Our branding defines the purpose of the organisation. Our message creates a powerful emotional connection between our organisation, those affected by domestic abuse and the wider public. We want to make our purpose clearer and bring domestic abuse out into the open. We want to stop domestic abuse and we aim to do this by campaigning and delivering direct services to those affected by domestic abuse.

Our name reflects that our services are truly inclusive to all. Although domestic abuse can happen to anyone, it is important to recognise that it is still a gendered crime. Recent data from Women's Aid (Annual Audit 2023) identified that 94.6% of perpetrators were male and 73.0% were a partner/ex-partner of the service user. We are a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. We are a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England and the organisation is managed by a Board of Trustees made up of women that have a wealth of skills, experience and knowledge.

Our Vision
Our vision is a world without domestic abuse.

Our Mission
We seek to help all those affected by domestic abuse by providing innovative and unique services. We protect and work with victims as well as helping perpetrators, the police and many other organisations.

Our Values
We are committed to these core values:

- Equality
- Openness
- Honesty
- Respect for individual dignity and diversity
- Empowering women and children
- Care and compassion

Our Strategic Priorities 2023-2026
We will continue to concentrate our efforts to provide specialist services to those affected by domestic abuse. We will increase our capacity to help our service users to secure and maintain accommodation and with support, to live as independent and fulfilling lives as possible.

Core aims:

- To provide choice
- To provide holistic solutions
- To use the strengths of service users
- To empower women to support other women
- To break the cycle of domestic abuse where families repeat behaviour as victims or perpetrators of domestic abuse
- To be a sustainable organisation

1. **We will ensure that people affected by domestic abuse have a number of options available to them.**

   Stop Domestic Abuse will continue to develop effective and efficient holistic services to provide choice to service users. A comprehensive service offering a wide choice of support options and a variety of opportunities will mean that victims and survivors will be further empowered to make decisions about their future. We also want to ensure that the services we provide meet the needs, provide value for money and have tangible benefits for service users.

   Refuge accommodation
   We will work to provide improved and additional units of refuge and safe accommodation. We will ensure that we provide well-managed and safe refuge accommodation to women and their children. Families will receive support and advice to ensure that they can enjoy a planned move on from refuge accommodation and live a life free from domestic abuse.

   Dispersed accommodation
   We will secure additional units of dispersed accommodation expanding our services to meet the needs of people traditionally excluded from refuge. We will explore opportunities to provide care and support in dispersed accommodation.

2. **We will continue to develop the range of community-based services that we provide for victims and survivors affected by domestic abuse.**

   We will seek to secure additional funding to provide additional staff working with victims and survivors living in the community. We want to secure funding to continue to provide support to medium and high-risk victims/survivors.

   We will continue to develop and deliver high quality services that provide improved outcomes for victims and survivors. We will also build awareness and understanding of domestic abuse and stalking, the services available and referral pathways to our partner agencies and support all multi-agency risk management processes.

3. **We will continue to provide relevant, cost-effective and beneficial group work services for women living in refuge accommodation and for those affected by domestic abuse living in the wider community.**

   We want to continue to work in partnership with other agencies. We also ensure that the services we provide meet the needs, provide value for money and have tangible benefits for service users.

   We will continue to deliver a range of group work to meet a diverse range of needs, guided by what victims and survivors tell us they need. We will continue ensuring women-only safe spaces are protected. We will continue to deliver innovative and relevant group work to all our clients.

4. **We will continue to provide high quality, efficient and effective Children and Young People's Services.**

   We will continue to provide inclusive services which meet the needs of children and young people who have lived with or are living with domestic abuse with particular regard to diversity and equal opportunities. These services are responsive to the individual needs of children and young people using our services.

   It is crucial that we work with the non-abusive parent to provide parenting support. This includes the delivery of services to adults whose children are violent towards them. We will strive to ensure that not only are the needs of children and young people living in refuge accommodation met but that those living in the wider community are provided with support and services. We will continue to empower children and young people.

   We will continue to develop services to children and young people raising awareness of domestic abuse and related issues such as promoting healthy relationships in order to support children and young people to identify the warning signs of domestic abuse.

5. **We will continue to provide specialist support for perpetrators of domestic abuse.**

We will continue to explore ways to work with perpetrators in order to prevent domestic abuse, and to secure longer-term funding to expand our work with perpetrators. Our focus is to provide intervention at the earliest opportunity, minimising harm to victims and their children.

6**. We will continue to develop and deliver a high quality stalking advocacy and support service.**

We will continue to provide a service that improves outcomes for victims across our delivery area. We will also build awareness and understanding of stalking, the service available and referral pathways to our partner agencies and support all multi-agency risk management processes.

7. **We will significantly enhance the range of alliances and partnerships that we have**.

Existing partnerships will be further developed and new partnership working explored in order to provide the best services to our clients. Partnership working is particularly crucial for community-based support services.

Stop Domestic Abuse is continuously sourcing opportunities to secure additional funding and also looking for fundraising opportunities. In Autumn 2023 we implemented our Fundraising Strategy 2023-2026. We intend to increase income from a range of sources to improve our resilience and sustainability as a charity and to further our ambitions.

Volunteers
At Stop Domestic Abuse we have embedded a high-quality volunteering service which brings communities and people together through the giving of time, unique skills and experience to enhance resilience and outcomes for our service users. From providing an additional pair of hands at group work sessions, activities in refuge or community events, to supporting 'calls to action' for a variety of tasks, to supporting clients attending court hearings, we recognise the amazing value and skills volunteers bring to our service. Through the selection process and the provision of a comprehensive induction training package, role related training, supervision, personal development reviews and appraisals our volunteering service join us to uphold our core values and beliefs and support our vision for a world without domestic abuse. Stop Domestic Abuse is committed to the creation of inclusive opportunities for community investment in our organisation and to empowering access to and recruitment of marginalised groups. Our volunteering service provides support into paid roles from volunteering positions.

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

Achievements and performance

We continue to deliver high quality services, to provide unrivalled support to victims, survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse. In 2023/2024 Stop Domestic Abuse worked with a total of 3,952 adults and 1,487 children and young people. This is a 16% increase compared to the prior year.

1. **We will ensure that people affected by domestic abuse have a number of options available to them.** Through our delivery of SPOC (Single Point of Contact) in Portsmouth, Front Door in Hampshire, referral routes to our Stalking Advocacy and Support Service, and our co-delivery of PiPPA (Prevention Intervention and Public Protection Alliance) with Southampton City Council IDVA Service, we provided direct support through over 39,000 calls through these helplines for advice and support, this is a 7% increase from the prior year. These helplines support people affected by domestic abuse determine which support fits their needs.

   We provided additional one-to-one support to 549 victims/survivors to improve their mental health.

   We continued to deliver behaviour-change programmes to people using abusive/unhealthy behaviours in their intimate relationships. 546 victims/survivors engaged in a behaviour-change programme to unpick unhealthy coping strategies, an increase of 23% compared to the prior year.

   We increased engagement across all services with groups that may be marginalised from traditional domestic abuse service provision through community engagement projects. During 2023/2024 we delivered targeted training and awareness raising activities in health settings to support engagement for vulnerable groups; we have seen an increase in victims and survivors being supported across the following groups:

   21% increase in those with hearing impairments

   32% increase in those with physical health support need

   112.5% increase in those with a visual impairment

   17% increase in those with a substance misuse support need

   40% increase in those with No Recourse to Public Funds

   We are continually looking to improve and want to provide services that are relevant and reflect the needs of our communities, doing things in a way that is accessible, progressive and innovative. We have a dedicated parent portal on our website. A secure area of our website which contains downloadable resources for parents to use with their children. We launched a new LiveChat function on our website at the beginning of 2024, providing another route for people to contact us and receive support. Research tells us that friends and family members are often the first people to identify domestic abuse when it affects a loved one. In response, we set up a Friends and Family advice service through which anyone concerned about a friend or family member can access confidential advice and information.

Refuge accommodation

Stop Domestic Abuse delivered services in 18 refuges accommodating 106 families at any one time and continues to sub-contract refuge provision in the Test Valley to Finding Freedom From Abuse which provides a further 19 family spaces. We carry out a high standard of cyclical and emergency repairs and replacements to ensure our refuge provision are well maintained.

Our refuges provided safety and support to 366 women and 441 children and young people.

We provided more opportunities for migrant women and women with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) to access refuge accommodation.

We plan to invest in new play equipment and landscaping at a further 8 refuges, following the success of new play equipment and landscaping at 3 refuge sites in September 2023.

We continue to work with commissioners, housing providers and our local authorities to provide safe, supportive accommodation for families that have made the incredibly hard decision to leave their home to find safety.

Dispersed Accommodation
We provided self-contained accommodation that meets the needs of a diverse range of service users, including male victims, women with older male children and families with very complex needs. During 2023-24 we also increased the number of dispersed accommodation units across Hampshire.

In June 2023 Stop Domestic Abuse began a new partnership with Women In Safe Houses (WISH) strengthening our safe accommodation provision to provide supported housing for women (and their children) who are experiencing domestic abuse.

In December 2023 Stop Domestic Abuse completed the purchase of its second property. In March 2024 Stop Domestic Abuse completed the purchase of its third property, increasing our offer of dispersed safe accommodation which allows for independent living with specialist support for up to 7 families.

We continue to explore opportunities to provide care and support in dispersed accommodation with our partners.

New Refuge
We have a vision to build our own refuge in Havant, where women and children can recover and begin to rebuild their lives. This purpose-built, trauma-informed refuge will provide a unique, child-centred, fully accessible, holistic centre where the physical environment will be as much a part of victims' recovery as the specialist support we will provide to our clients.

As included in our Fundraising Strategy 2023-2026, in May 2024 Stop Domestic Abuse launched an appeal to raise the final £1million towards building a new purpose-built refuge for women and children fleeing domestic abuse.

This accommodation will provide safe secure accommodation designed to a high standard ensuring that despite it being emergency accommodation it is still suitable for families and has a homely atmosphere. We will ensure that our accommodation meets the expectations of our service users.

2. **We will continue to develop the range of community-based services that we provide for women, children, young people and men that have experienced domestic abuse.**

Stop Domestic Abuse delivers community-based services in East Hampshire, West Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.

2,048 adult victims/survivors and 781 children and young people received one-to-one support in the community, the number of people receiving this support has increased by 14% compared to the prior year.

7,670 people were referred to our outreach and Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) services.

More than 10,065 people were referred to our outreach and Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) services.

We continue specialist work addressing harmful cultural practices including female genital mutilation (FGM), forced marriage and honour-based violence. Which is available across 11 Hampshire districts and Portsmouth. We continue to raise awareness of FGM through training events to educate professionals and community leaders on the impact of FGM, risk factors and existing protection for women and girls. 40 women, children, young people and men who had experienced Harmful Cultural Practices including Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation.

We continue to expand our specialist support services. In August 2023 we launched a new Mental Health Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) Specialist service co-located within Havant and East Hants Mind, delivering direct advocacy support to victims of domestic abuse who access Mind Services. Whilst also providing support to Mind colleagues and other partners, we ensure groupwork is needs led to ensure those with historic trauma from domestic abuse are supported through recovery and works to prevent repeat victimisation.

In November 2023 we launched a new Hospital IDVA Specialist service co-located at Queen Alexandra (QA) Hospital providing support and advice hospital-wide with a focus on Accident and Emergency and Maternity Services. Delivering advocacy support to victims of domestic abuse who access QA Hospital, providing crisis intervention and safety planning with direct referral into support services.

Our Domestic Abuse Health Advocates work across Royal Hampshire County Hospital Winchester and Andover War Memorial Hospital offering immediate advice and support to staff and patients. This service was expanded in 2023 to provide the service within Emergency Departments on Saturdays and Sundays.

In March 2023 we launched our LGBTQ+ Specialist Advocacy Support Service. Through which we provide support, advice and assistance to adults in the LGBTQ+ community in Southampton who have experienced or are at risk of domestic abuse, and we deliver training to other professionals in order to improve responses to LGBTQ+ victim-survivors of domestic abuse.

Our Domestic Abuse Housing Advocates supported 53 victims/survivors and provided specialist expertise to Housing Teams in East Hants, Gosport and Havant.

Our Police IDVA Specialist supported 46 victims of domestic abuse, who either work for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary or whose perpetrator does. This was a pilot project, funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Across Hampshire and the coastal cities, from deprived urban districts like Havant and Gosport, to rural areas (New Forest, East Hampshire), our clients face complex issues and barriers to accessing support (social isolation, financial and housing issues, long term health conditions, untraditional working patterns impacting on ability to access support services). We deliver support on a one-to-one basis, wherever it is needed.

Our IRIS (Identification & Referral to Improve Safety) service encourages general practice health professionals to ask patients about their experience of abuse and respond, record, safety check and refer to specialist services.

We have continued to provide a target hardening service, 391 victims/survivors received target hardening to improve their safety at home. Our specialist workers visit homes to give safety advice and issue personal and home safety equipment.

3. **We will continue to provide relevant, cost-effective and beneficial group work services for women living in refuge accommodation and for those affected by domestic abuse living in the wider community.**
   Our Group Work programmes give adults, children, and young people the opportunity to learn about domestic abuse and how it has affected them, reducing risk of revictimization, improving self-esteem and resilience and promoting healthy relationships. One of the biggest effects of domestic abuse is isolation. Through group work, victim-survivors listen to others' experiences and gain confidence in the knowledge that they are not alone. We have delivered empowering group work to 741 women and 278 children and young people.

4. **We will continue to provide high quality, efficient and effective Children and Young People's Services.**
   We helped children and young people to recover and learn from their experiences. 92% of children and young people told us they knew more about respectful relationships following support from our Children & Young People's team.

   96% of children and young people we worked with said they know more about how to stay safe.

   64% children and young people, where education was an identified support need, saw improved attainment at school after support.

   84% children and young people engaged in support stated the support had improved their coping strategies after engaging in support.

   In 2023/2024 Stop Domestic Abuse provided workshops to 5,119 children and young people to raise awareness of domestic abuse and healthy relationships.

5. **We will continue to provide specialist support for perpetrators of domestic abuse.**
   In partnership with Portsmouth City Council we supported 70 families through a specialist project for children and adolescents displaying abusive behaviours, supporting the whole family to learn the skills to have healthier relationships. We worked with 217 perpetrators who were supported to change their abusive behaviours.

6. **We will continue to develop and deliver a high quality stalking advocacy and support service.**
   In July 2023 Stop Domestic Abuse began delivering the Police Crime Commissioner's Stalking Advocacy & Support Service across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. We provided specialist advice and support to 127 victim-survivors of stalking, 93% of whom were women; 96% of clients in the stalking service said they felt safer following support from our Stalking Advocates.

   In addition we were commissioned by the Police & Crime Commissioner to deliver victim advocacy support as part of a multi-agency intervention service designed to reduce the risk of reoffending amongst stalkers. The service received 657 referrals and worked with 227 victims of stalking from 1st July 2023 until 31st March 2024, 96% of those using the service said they felt safer after they received the support.

7. **We will significantly enhance the range of alliances and partnerships that we have.**

We will continue to work in partnership with agencies such as Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary, The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner, Children's Centres, Social Care, Community Safety, Health, Education, Hampshire County Council, district councils, The Guinness Partnership, Bournemouth Churches Housing Association, Home Group, Portsmouth City Council, Victim Care Service, University of Portsmouth, the British Red Cross, Abri Housing, Portsmouth Hospitals, Hampshire Hospital Trust, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Trinity Winchester, Sovereign Housing, Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse.

We continue to work with Hampshire County Council and our partner Finding Freedom From Abuse (in the Test Valley district) to deliver the commissioned pan-Hampshire community and accommodation-based services.

With our partners at Portsmouth City Council we continue to develop innovative interventions for families, including specialist support for perpetrators of domestic abuse. We continue to deliver the commissioned service in Portsmouth to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse, children and young people affected by domestic abuse and people who use unhealthy and abusive behaviours and are committed to change. The service was commissioned by Portsmouth City Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner.

We continue our partnership with Two Saints to provide specialist domestic abuse support to homeless people in Portsmouth Respite Rooms.

We continue to work with Southampton City Council to deliver the commissioned service in Southampton to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse and children and young people affected by domestic abuse. The service was commissioned by Southampton City Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner. We work with our partners and sub-contractors Yellow Door and No Limits to deliver this contract to victims and survivors in Southampton.

We started a new commissioned service in Southampton in April 2023 delivering specialist advocacy support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse from the LGBTQ+ community, together with the provision of training to professionals supporting LGBTQ+ people.

In June 2023 Stop Domestic Abuse began a new partnership with Women In Safe Houses (WISH) strengthening our safe accommodation provision to provide supported housing for women (and their children) who are experiencing domestic abuse.

We continue to work with The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner, with existing commissioned services we provide in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. Now including Stalking Advocacy and Support Services for Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

We continue to work with Gosport Borough Council, Havant Borough Council and East Hants District Council to provide community-based specialist domestic abuse advocacy support. Our co-located Housing Advocates work collaboratively with local councils, with other local councils interested in replicating this model.

We began working in partnership with Standing Together Against Domestic Violence to deliver specialist advocacy support services.

Our Supporting Priorities

Sustainability

We will continue to; explore opportunities for income generation and secure funding from different sources. We are committed to ensure the diversity of funding streams and pursuing opportunities for generating income using our expertise.

We will continue to develop training programmes to deliver to partner organisations.
In 2023/2024 Stop Domestic Abuse delivered training to 2,428 individuals on topics including Responding well to Domestic Abuse, Domestic Abuse and Children/Young People, Controlling or Coercive Behaviour, Non-Fatal Strangulation, Domestic Abuse Awareness, Post-separation Abuse, Responding to Disclosures of Domestic Abuse, Stalking Level 1 and 2, Introduction to Stalking and Cyber Stalking, Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment and Honour Based Violence Assessment (DASH) Risk Identification Checklist (RIC) Training, Introduction to Economic Abuse, adolescent to parent abuse, supporting LGBTQ+ victims of DA, Harmful Cultural Practices and Female Genital Mutilation.

We also provide intensive domestic abuse training to serving officers and staff of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary.

In addition we also deliver Webinars for Recognising Domestic Abuse Affecting Older People, Economic Abuse, Domestic Abuse and Children, Adolescent to Parent Violence, Healthy Homes, Post-Separation Abuse and online workshops for Harmful Cultural practices.

We have been commissioned to deliver training by Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner.

We continue to deliver a project in Winchester and Andover Hospitals since July 2019 which includes providing Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) training to Maternity and Accident and Emergency staff. Since November 2023, we have delivered a Hospital IDVA provision in Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, this role provides crisis intervention and delivers training to hospital staff to improve responses to cases of domestic abuse.

Over the past year we have delivered Domestic Abuse Ambassador training to individuals working in the health and beauty industry and Hampshire Libraries. We have so far trained over 269 individuals to become certified Safe At Home Domestic Abuse Ambassadors. In December 2023, we relaunched our Community Ambassador training offer and opened this up to professionals working in domestic abuse, employers and members of the community, to strengthen the co-ordinated community response (CCR) to domestic abuse.

In July 2023 we launched a new programme of Stalking Awareness for professionals and partners engaging with the Stalking Advocacy and Support Service.

Financial review

Overview

Stop Domestic Abuse continues to achieve organisational growth whilst weathering the ongoing challenges within the sector and economic climate. At the year end the charity remains in a strong financial position, exceeding financial targets set in the budget 2023-24.

In the year Stop Domestic Abuse generated a surplus of £1.39m, £0.224m lower than the prior year. Surplus funds will be used to continue to deliver under resourced projects including support services in refuge, work with children, community based support to women and men affected by domestic abuse and to pilot new innovations in domestic abuse services.

Income

Income totalled £8.78m in 2023-24, which is £0.81m (10%) higher than 2022-23. Income from charitable activities, including rental income, grants, contracts and housing management income, has increased by £0.66m (8%) as a result of new contracts secured, extensions secured on existing contracts, increased dispersed accommodation, and careful management to minimise voids. Investment income increased significantly compared to the prior year by £0.21m by investing cash reserves to take advantage of interest rate rises. This is offset by a decline in donations by £0.05m 77%.

Expenditure

Expenditure totalled £7.40m, which is £1.06m (17%) higher than the prior year. This is primarily driven by increased spend on people. Our payroll costs are up £1.18m (30%) year-on year. New contracts have required increased headcount, our average headcount increased by 24%. Other costs have decreased however 2022-23 costs included investment in play equipment, high agency costs, and designated reserves were used to continue the delivery of projects in 2023-24 where funding had ended. Excluding these, other costs have increased by 8% due to high inflation and higher overheads to support a larger workforce. In addition to increased staff and consultancy spend, high inflation has pushed up non-staff costs across the board in 2023-24.

Reserves and other funds

Total reserves held at the year-end 31 March 2024 total £9.09m, of these reserves £0.12m are restricted reserves and £8.98m unrestricted reserves. Unrestricted reserves include £5.9m which are designated by the committee to ensure the charity has funds available to ensure accommodation is maintained to a high standard, that under resourced services can continue to be delivered and future ambitions can be realised.

The carrying amount of fixed assets is shown in designated reserves, £0.87million of funds are invested in property providing dispersed accommodation which can be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets.

Surplus funds generated during the year have increased reserves by £1.39m, of which £0.85m has been designated by Trustees to increase our fund to purchase further dispersed properties. To deliver our aim to increase the number of dispersed units to meet the needs of our service users.

The trustees have set a reserves policy which requires reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that Stop Domestic Abuse's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty, and requires a proportion of reserves be maintained in a readily realisable form.

The reserves policy states that these funds should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The charity aims to achieve reserves equivalent of a minimum of six months running costs. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

General unrestricted funds on the Balance Sheet provide 4.9 months coverage to continue operations, we have increased these reserves by £1.4m compared to the prior year.

Stop Domestic Abuse holds £2.14million of investments. This is £1.81m higher than the prior year following the investment of funds in a new portfolio managed by Shroders & Co. Funds are also held in a portfolio managed by Professional Connection. Both management companies are reputable and investments held are low-risk and held on a short-term basis.

Funding sources
Stop Domestic Abuse is funded primarily through Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioning of domestic abuse and stalking services, the rent we charge, grants/contracts from such organisations as The National Lottery Community Fund, National Lottery Awards For All, BBC Children In Need, Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, Home Office, Ministry of Justice and other grant funding.

Prudent financial monitoring, active fundraising and rental income has resulted in a year-end surplus. This surplus will be used to ensure that we have adequate reserves and capital for our future ambitions and to develop innovative new projects and continue providing non-commissioned and under-resourced services such as work with children and young people and migrant women/women with no recourse to public funds.

We also continue to receive support and donations from local individuals, companies, groups and associations. This support is invaluable, and we use the donations to provide the important extras that improve the quality of life for the women, children, young people and men using our services. Our thanks go to those who have supported us through giving time, money or donations and to our partners who ensure that together we can offer the highest quality support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

We welcomed the opportunity to secure one-off payments from Women's Aid on behalf of our clients from the Home Office Flexible Fund. This followed a £2million further investment in funding to provide one-off payments to survivors of domestic abuse to help them flee, and stay fled, from abusers.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Delivering high performance
We will continue to be a high performing organisation in order to achieve our vision of Stop Domestic Abuse in the coming years. We will continually improve our service delivery and develop our reporting and monitoring procedures. We will invest in staff through training, development and the promotion of a learning culture.

Developing services
We will continue to review opportunities and pursue those aligned to our mission to ensure that we deliver high quality and value for money services to as many people affected by domestic abuse as possible. This will ensure that the needs of victims, survivors and perpetrators are met, and we are able to spread risk to the business. We will seek additional funding to ensure that children and young people's services are secured in any new area that we work.

Transformation
We will continue to work collaboratively with commissioners to develop and deliver the transformation of domestic abuse services, which will improve outcomes and maximise use of resources for all people living within the boundaries of Hampshire.

Financial Planning
We have prepared a detailed budget for 2024-25, it is prudent and used to ensure our costs are affordable, this was approved by Board of Trustees in March 2024. This gives us a financial plan to support our Strategic Priorities 2023-2026.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 5 March 2012 and is a registered charity (number 1146773), registered on 3 April 2012. It commenced activities on 1 July 2012, taking over the services previously carried out by Havant Womens Aid (charity number 273775).

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G Butler (Chair)	
J Munday	
W Osgood (Vice Chair)	
M Poil	
S Walker	
C Godwin	
L Watkin	(Resigned 18 April 2023)
T Stakes	
L Parrett	(Appointed 28 July 2023)
M Griffiths	(Appointed 13 November 2023)

The skills of Trustees are reviewed to identify any gaps in skills. Stop Domestic Abuse recognises that an effective board of trustees is essential if the charity is to be effective in achieving its objects. The board seeks to be representative of the people with whom the charity works and must have available to it all of the knowledge and skills required to run the charity. Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role and to represent the Charity at meetings and other events.

When recruiting trustees a skills audit of the board is completed to ensure that there are no skills gaps. Recruitment takes place within the wider community including advertisements and direct approaches to professional bodies and to other voluntary organisations. Stop Domestic Abuse seeks to ensure diversity in its board of trustees as well as in its staff base and consideration will be given to ways in which groups that are under-represented on the board might be reached and encouraged to apply. Applicants who appear suitable are interviewed by two existing trustees and the CEO.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The charity is governed by an executive committee who have the power to co-opt additional members. They are unpaid and act as trustees of the charity. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Asset cover for funds

Note 24 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds and a description of the trusts. These assets are sufficient to meet the charities obligations on a fund by fund basis.

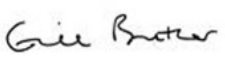
Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Sumer Audit be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

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



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G Butler (Chair)
Trustee
Dated: 7th November 2024

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors of Southern Domestic Abuse Service for the purpose 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).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity 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 charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Southern Domestic Abuse Service (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements;

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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.

Identification and assessment of irregularities including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, 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.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

· Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements and operations;

· Obtaining an understanding of the charity's policies and procedures on fraud risks, including knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;

· Discussing among the engagement team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud through our knowledge and understanding of the company and our sector-specific experience.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the association for fraud. We are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. As a result of performing the above, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have an impact on the financial statements: health & safety and employment law, as well as compliance with the UK Companies and Charities Acts.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

· Making enquiries of management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;

· Reviewing minutes of meetings of the board and senior management.

· Reading correspondence with regulators

· Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates; and

· Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance.

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

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Jordan Abbott BSc ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	14,786	-	14,786	64,709	-	64,709
Charitable activities	**4**	7,121,697	1,417,236	8,538,933	6,763,294	1,119,423	7,882,717
Investments	**5**	226,007	-	226,007	16,512	-	16,512
Total income		7,362,490	1,417,236	8,779,726	6,844,515	1,119,423	7,963,938
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**6**	9,600	-	9,600	23,383	-	23,383
Charitable activities	**7**	6,061,119	1,334,943	7,396,062	5,113,483	1,200,472	6,313,955
Other expenditure	**14**	21	-	21	1	-	1
Total expenditure		6,070,740	1,334,943	7,405,683	5,136,867	1,200,472	6,337,339
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**13**	20,132	-	20,132	(8,276)	-	(8,276)
Net income		1,311,882	82,293	1,394,175	1,699,372	(81,049)	1,618,323
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(26,381)	26,381	-
Net movement in funds	**10**	1,311,882	82,293	1,394,175	1,672,991	(54,668)	1,618,323
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		7,663,992	33,702	7,697,694	5,991,001	88,370	6,079,371
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		8,975,874	115,995	9,091,869	7,663,992	33,702	7,697,694

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**16**		1,032,492		242,553
Investments	**17**		2,137,575		326,371
			3,170,067		568,924
Current assets					
Debtors	**18**	592,922		365,604	
Cash at bank and in hand		5,844,151		7,408,892	
		6,437,073		7,774,496	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**19**	(515,018)		(645,184)	
Net current assets			5,922,055		7,129,312
Total assets less current liabilities			9,092,122		7,698,236
Provisions for liabilities			(253)		(542)
Net assets			9,091,869		7,697,694
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**23**		115,995		33,702
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	**25**	5,925,384		6,051,958	
General unrestricted funds		3,050,490		1,612,034	
			8,975,874		7,663,992
			9,091,869		7,697,694

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7th November 2024

G Butler (Chair)
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07975563

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**30**		858,729		2,256,005
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(858,405)		(85,831)	
Purchase of investments		(4,501,828)		(242,539)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		2,710,756		250,597	
Investment income received		226,007		16,512	
Net cash used in investing activities			(2,423,470)		(61,261)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(1,564,741)		2,194,744
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			7,408,892		5,214,148
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			5,844,151		7,408,892

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Southern Domestic Abuse Service is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Piper House, 4 Dukes Court, Bognor Road, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8FX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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

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

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure is either allocated directly or is apportioned to the individual areas. Funds are transferred from unrestricted funds to fund deficits on restricted areas where no further funding will be forthcoming.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Capital items costing more than £1,000 are treated as tangible fixed assets and are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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

Land and buildings	10% straight line or over the life of the lease
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33.3% straight line basis

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

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Provisions

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

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

1.12 Employee benefits

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

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.14 Taxation

On the basis of the financial statements no provision has been made for Corporation Tax.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

Critical judgements

Pension scheme deficit payments

The association participates in a multi-employer pension scheme which is in deficit. Provision has been made for the deficit contributions payable and the trustee have relied upon the information received from the Pensions Trust.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	14,786	64,709

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Family and child projects						
Services provided under contract	4,167,427	-	4,167,427	3,955,914	-	3,955,914
Performance related grants	501,302	1,417,236	1,918,538	798,333	1,116,733	1,915,066
Other income	52,269	-	52,269	12,696	2,690	15,386
Managed accommodation						
Charitable rental income	2,340,989	-	2,340,989	1,926,593	-	1,926,593
Performance related grants	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	-	6,000
Other income	53,710	-	53,710	63,758	-	63,758
	7,121,697	1,417,236	8,538,933	6,763,294	1,119,423	7,882,717

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	97,401	-
Interest receivable	128,606	16,512
	226,007	16,512

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Advertising	-	4,179
Other fundraising costs	3,336	13,303
	3,336	17,482
Investment management	6,264	5,901
Total costs	9,600	23,383

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Family and child projects 2024 £	Managed accommodation 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Family and child projects 2023 £	Managed accommodation 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Direct costs						
Staff costs	3,362,124	766,612	4,128,736	2,526,698	700,352	3,227,050
Depreciation and impairment	-	-	-	-	12,695	12,695
Refuge premises expenses	73,687	810,767	884,454	71,220	756,317	827,537
Travelling & subsistence	80,971	16,722	97,693	60,956	11,839	72,795
Administration & office expenses	29,827	2,696	32,523	45,312	7,821	53,133
Activities & training etc	91,380	66,390	157,770	200,531	50,956	251,487
Other expenses	15,966	22,628	38,594	20,849	17,786	38,635
	3,653,955	1,685,815	5,339,770	2,925,566	1,557,766	4,483,332
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	474,289	-	474,289	370,649	-	370,649
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)						
Support	1,274,640	214,298	1,488,938	930,278	324,903	1,255,181
Governance	82,031	11,034	93,065	150,739	54,054	204,793
	5,484,915	1,911,147	7,396,062	4,377,232	1,936,723	6,313,955
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	4,149,972	1,911,147	6,061,119	3,176,760	1,936,723	5,113,483
Restricted funds	1,334,943	-	1,334,943	1,200,472	-	1,200,472
	5,484,915	1,911,147	7,396,062	4,377,232	1,936,723	6,313,955

8 Grants payable

	Family and child projects 2024 £	Family and child projects 2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	474,289	370,649

9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	1,027,800	748,119
Depreciation	68,466	43,647
Premises expenses	73,446	76,887
Travel and subsistence	6,000	9,039
Administration & office expenses	194,788	236,494
Activities and training	45,170	64,298
Other expenses	73,268	76,697
Governance costs	93,065	204,793
	1,582,003	1,459,974
Analysed between:		
Family and child projects	1,356,671	1,081,017
Managed accommodation	225,332	378,957
	1,582,003	1,459,974

10 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable to the charity's auditor:		
- for the audit of the charity's financial statements	7,632	8,789
- for other financial services	1,440	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	68,466	56,342

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year, apart from the reimbursement of travel costs as disclosed in note 29.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Project staff	162	127
Management and administration	18	18
Total	180	145

12 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	4,522,219	3,533,146
Social security costs	409,558	320,455
Other pension costs	224,759	121,568
	5,156,536	3,975,169

The above numbers include job share, part time and sessional staff, the average number of full time equivalent staff was 162 (2023: 124).

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
£70,000 - £80,000	1	1
£100,000 - £110,000	1	1

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate compensation	368,022	286,261

13 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023
Gains/(losses) arising on:	£	£
Revaluation of investments	20,132	(8,276)

14 Pension scheme provision remeasurements

	2024	2023
	£	£
Impact of changes in assumptions	-	(14)
Financing costs	21	15
	21	1

15 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

16 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	143,802	367,139	510,941
Additions	823,180	35,225	858,405
At 31 March 2024	966,982	402,364	1,369,346
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2023	8,824	259,564	268,388
Depreciation charged in the year	881	67,585	68,466
At 31 March 2024	9,705	327,149	336,854
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	957,277	75,215	1,032,492
At 31 March 2023	134,978	107,575	242,553

The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Freehold	689,536	-
Long leasehold	267,741	134,978
	957,277	134,978

17 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	326,371
Additions	4,501,828
Valuation changes	20,132
Disposals	(2,710,756)
At 31 March 2024	2,137,575
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	2,137,575
At 31 March 2023	326,371

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments include an investment portfolios managed by Transact and Cazenove and are included on the basis of market value, with an historical cost of £2,109,979 (2023 - £329,875).

18 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	71,479	129,133
Other debtors	1,454	4,168
Prepayments and accrued income	519,989	232,303
	592,922	365,604

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security		147,715	82,049
Deferred income	21	665	14,891
Trade creditors		203,993	319,654
Other creditors		78,497	88,753
Accruals		84,148	139,837
		515,018	645,184

20 Provisions for liabilities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Pension scheme deficit contribution provision	253	542
Movements on provisions:		
At 1 April 2023	542	851
Deficit contribution paid	(310)	(310)
Unwinding of discount	21	15
Remeasurements - impact of any change in assumptions	-	(14)
At 31 March 2024	253	542
Income and expenditure impact		
Interest expense	(21)	(15)
Remeasurements - impact of changes in assumptions	-	14
Remeasurements – amendments to the contribution schedules	-	-
Costs recognised in income and expenditure account	(21)	(1)
Assumptions		
Rate of discount	5.31%	5.52%

The discount rates shown above are the equivalent single discount rates which, when used to discount the future recovery plan contributions due, would give the same results as using a full AA corporate bond yield curve to discount the same recovery plan contributions.

21 Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Arising from rents received in advance	665	14,891

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	665	14,891
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2023	14,891	-
Released from previous periods	(14,226)	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	14,891
Deferred income at 31 March 2024	665	14,891

22 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes
SCHEME: TPT Retirement Solutions – The Growth Plan

The company participates in the scheme, a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 638 non-associated participating employers. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the company to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the company is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out at 30 September 2020. This valuation showed assets of £800.3m, liabilities of £831.9m and a deficit of £31.6m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee has asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions	
From 1 April 2022 to 31 January 2025:	£3,312,000 per annum (payable monthly)

Unless a concession has been agreed with the Trustee the term to 31 January 2025 applies.

Note that the scheme’s previous valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2017. This valuation showed assets of £794.9m, liabilities of £926.4m and a deficit of £131.5m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions	
From 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2025:	£11,243,000 per annum (payable monthly and increasing by 3% each on 1st April)

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the Series 1 and Series 2 scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

Present value of provision £253 (2023 £542) see note 20

23 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Southern Housing Group	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
NatWest SafeLives Circle Fund	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
Move on Fund	26,202	-	-	-	26,202
Lottery Cost of Living	-	75,000	(75,000)	-	-
Abri Housing - Refuge Project	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Abri Housing - Garden Project	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Basingstoke and Deane Council Cost of Living Fund	-	5,000	(2,642)	-	2,358
Hampshire County Council	-	42,500	(10,000)	-	32,500
PCC Safer Streets Mentors in Violence Prevention	-	21,600	(21,600)	-	-
PCC - MOJ IDVA	-	47,451	(47,451)	-	-
HCC East - MOJ IDVA	-	207,375	(207,375)	-	-
HCC West - MOJ IDVA	-	171,084	(171,084)	-	-
OPCC MOJ IDVA	-	441,460	(441,460)	-	-
OPCC FGM & HCP	-	32,000	(32,000)	-	-
Lottery Up2U	-	141,370	(141,370)	-	-
BBC Children In Need	-	21,449	(21,449)	-	-
OPCC APA	-	3,560	(3,560)	-	-
OPCC TEAR	-	6,260	(6,260)	-	-
Nationwide community grant	-	7,500	(7,500)	-	-
OPCC Police IDVA	-	19,601	(19,601)	-	-
OPCC MASP	-	43,839	(43,839)	-	-
Standing Together	-	101,050	(49,115)	-	51,935
OPCC Foundation	-	26,138	(26,138)	-	-
	33,702	1,417,236	(1,334,943)	-	115,995

23 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
The National Lottery Fund	-	9,980	(9,980)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	1,148	42,287	(43,435)	-	-
HCC East - MOJ IDVA	-	176,860	(176,860)	-	-
HCC West - MOJ IDVA	-	192,998	(192,998)	-	-
Hive	333	-	(333)	-	-
Big Lottery Up2U	-	144,046	(162,796)	18,750	-
Reaching Communities IDVA	44,837	-	(44,837)	-	-
PCC	-	43,897	(43,897)	-	-
OPCC APA	-	72,425	(72,425)	-	-
MOJ	-	348,582	(352,264)	3,682	-
OPCC HCP	-	31,750	(34,763)	3,013	-
Labyrinth Project	14,629	22,500	(39,286)	2,157	-
Move On Fund	27,423	-	-	(1,221)	26,202
PCC Safer Streets 4 Programme	-	21,600	(21,600)	-	-
Southern Housing Group	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Natwest SafeLives Circle Fund	-	7,500	(5,000)	-	2,500
	88,370	1,119,423	(1,200,472)	26,381	33,702

23 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

The Move On fund was received for the specific purpose of working with women and children living in refuge accommodation.

BBC Children in Need fund was received to support children and young people in the Havant and Fareham refuges.

VAWG HCP Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Safer Communities Fund received to support those experiencing Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Harmful Cultural Practices (HCP).

Ministry of Justice (MoJ) funding received via OPCC for Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs) relating to services which addresses the safety of victims at high risk of harm from intimate partners, ex-partners or family members to secure their safety and safety of their children.

Southern Housing Group provide essential household support for families in Portsmouth affected by domestic abuse and facing financial hardship. The grant funded the essential provision of vouchers for food and household fuel.

NatWest SafeLives Circle Fund was received to provide financial support through grants to individuals and families, for victims of economic abuse

The National Lottery Fund provided funding for increased costs resulting from rising cost of living and delivery of our Up2U Creating Healthy relationships providing specialist support to people who use abusive or unhealthy behaviours in their relationships and are committed to change.

Abri Community Fund Grant to deliver the Activity Space Creation project to benefit women and children living in our refuge which is an Abri home.

Abri Community Fund Grant to deliver Garden updates to benefit all women and children living in our refuge which is an Abri home.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Cost of Living Community Fund to fund the essential provision of retail vouchers for food, fuel, and rising utility bills, and to purchase new furnishings to improve the environment for women and children staying in refuge.

Hampshire City Council Household Support Fund to provide school uniforms for children.

Hampshire City Council Connect4Communities to provide vouchers or items such as help towards household bills, purchase of essential household appliances, food vouchers and clothing for families.

Portsmouth City Council funding was received to deliver the Safer Streets Mentors in Violence Prevention project delivering violence prevention training in schools and MOJ funded IDVAs to provide support services for Children and Young people in Portsmouth.

OPCC Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Interventions Fund Grant Multi-Agency Stalking Partnership (MASP) Home Office funding to deliver stalking advocacy and support.

Standing Together funding to delivery specialist Hospital IDVA and Mental Health IDVA services.

OPCC Safer Communities Fund grant for an APA (Adolescent to Parent Abuse) Lead to deliver one-to-one support to decrease abusive behaviour and also deliver preventative group work.

23 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

OPCC Safer Communities Fund grant to deliver Project TEAR (Teenage Exploitation and Abusive Relationships), a programme of workshops to prevent young people entering abusive and/or exploitative relationships, delivered in schools and further education settings across Southwest Hampshire.

OPCC Safer Communities Fund grant for a pilot project to fund a Police IDVA specialist supporting victims of domestic abuse, who either work for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary or whose perpetrator does.

OPCC Safer Communities Fund grant to expand Project Foundation across all 14 Policing Districts of Hampshire & Isle of Wight to relentlessly pursue serial and repeat Domestic Abuse Perpetrators through a whole system approach to risk management, providing a timely and streamlined process for earlier identification, management/engagement, and disruption of repeat and serial perpetrators in a family setting.

Nationwide provided top up funding to allow us to continue to provide high quality support and advocacy to victims of domestic abuse who are seeking a residential tenancy due to resettlement from an abusive household in a different area of the country.

24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	1,032,492	-	1,032,492
Investments	2,137,575	-	2,137,575
Current assets/(liabilities)	5,806,060	115,995	5,922,055
Provisions	(253)	-	(253)
	8,975,874	115,995	9,091,869

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2023:			
Tangible assets	242,553	-	242,553
Investments	326,371	-	326,371
Current assets/(liabilities)	7,095,610	33,702	7,129,312
Provisions	(542)	-	(542)
	7,663,992	33,702	7,697,694

25 Designated funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2023	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Project Fund	363,399	548,794	912,193	(392,526)	519,667
Repairs and Renewals - Portsmouth	7,520	6,616	14,136	-	14,136
Repairs and Renewals - Hampshire	26,592	30,322	56,914	6,642	63,556
Repairs and Renewals - Dispersed Accomodation	20,728	126,341	147,069	(118,267)	28,802
New Refuge Fundraising	1,500,000	450,000	1,950,000	74,975	2,024,975
Dispersed Accommodation Value	127,615	-	127,615	741,662	869,277
Refuge Provision Reserve	204,975	-	204,975	-	204,975
Pension Withdrawal Reserve	16,375	-	16,375	-	16,375
Redundancy Reserve	96,496	-	96,496	-	96,496
FGM/HCP Reserve	20,000	(20,000)	-	-	-
Digital IT Fund	29,127	(29,127)	-	-	-
WISH	117,082	(117,082)	-	-	-
New office fund	300,000	150,000	450,000	-	450,000
Designated Project Fund	1,399,667	(1,399,667)	-	-	-
Designated play equipment fund	181,223	75,257	256,480	-	256,480
Dispersed Properties Fund	590,214	682,075	1,272,289	(221,869)	1,050,420
Designated Project Fund - Portsmouth	-	419,620	419,620	(169,620)	250,000
Programme Developement Fund	-	113,567	113,567	(77,096)	36,471
Repairs and Renewals - Southampton	-	8,625	8,625	11,032	19,657
Move On Fund	-	5,604	5,604	-	5,604
Affordable Justice	-	-	-	9,828	9,828
Hardship Funds	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
Respite Rooms	-	-	-	7,165	7,165
	5,001,013	1,050,945	6,051,958	(126,574)	5,925,384

The above reserves were designated by the committee to provide for a minimum of three months operating costs. Reserves include operating costs for general and designated projects, furniture replacement funds, new refuge fund, redundancy reserve and staff pension reserve.

26 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

Southern Domestic Abuse Service has been notified by The Pensions Trust of the estimated employer debt on withdrawal from the Plan based on the financial position of the Plan as at 30 September 2021. As of this date the estimated employer debt for Southern Domestic Abuse Service was £16,375.

27 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	614,735	477,841
Between two and five years	501,476	462,746
In over five years	96,667	-
	1,212,878	940,587

28 Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Acquisition of land	67,500	-

The above payment for land is only payable if appropriate planning permissions are granted, at the time of approving these financial statements the trustees are unable to determine the likelihood of permission being granted.

29 Related party transactions

Trustees were reimbursed a total of £73 in travel costs during the year (2023: £nil). There were no other disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

30	Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
	Surplus for the year	1,394,175	1,618,323
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(226,007)	(16,512)
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	(20,132)	8,276
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	68,466	56,342
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(227,318)	354,630
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(115,940)	220,364
	(Decrease) in provisions	(289)	(309)
	(Decrease)/increase in deferred income	(14,226)	14,891
	Cash generated from operations	858,729	2,256,005

31 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

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We work in partnership to empower victims and survivors and significantly improve the lives of those to whom we provide services.

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Our vision

Our vision is

a world without domestic abuse.

Our mission

Here at Stop Domestic Abuse we seek to help all those affected by domestic abuse by providing innovative and unique services. We protect and work with victims as well as helping perpetrators, the police and many other organisations.

Our values

At Stop Domestic Abuse we are committed to these core values:

- Equality
- Openness
- Honesty
- Respect for individual dignity and diversity
- Empowering women and children
- Care and compassion

By committing to these values and to support our vision of "a world without domestic abuse" we will:

- Work in partnership
- Lobby and campaign
- Involve those who use our service
- Provide services that reflect the diverse needs of the communities that we serve
- Be easily accessible
- Be relevant to service users' needs
- Be of real assistance to women, children, young people and men affected by domestic abuse
- Provide services by a diverse workforce
- Be well-managed and provide value for money
- Regularly monitor our services and outcomes
- Continually improve
- Ensure good governance of the charity
- Be open to progressive and innovative ways of doing things
- Ensure everyone counts.

By achieving our vision for Stop Domestic Abuse and committing ourselves to the values that underpin our work, we will significantly improve the lives of those to whom we provide services.

Chair's report

A message from the Chair

Supporting all who are affected by domestic abuse. A thank you to everyone who helps us deliver our mission.

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2023 Annual Report.

Having been involved with Stop Domestic Abuse for many years, it is a privilege to look back and see how far we have come since the early days as Havant Women's Aid, over 45 years ago. In 1978 a group of pioneering women opened our first refuge in Havant, which was initially run entirely on a voluntary basis.

Fast forward to 2023, Stop Domestic Abuse delivers specialist accommodation and community services to victims of domestic abuse across Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. We seek to ensure that anyone affected by domestic abuse receives caring, practical support and advice from our highly skilled staff teams. This expansion of our services is however a bittersweet story of success, as it reflects the increased recognition within society of the widespread presence of violence and abuse within intimate relationships and hence the need for a wider range of services.

Exciting new service

On 1st July, we started to deliver the Stalking Advocacy and Support Service, commissioned by the Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & Isle of Wight. Our team of Stalking Advocates provide specialist support to all victims of stalking, helping victims to improve their personal and cyber safety, to support their mental health and to access the additional specialist support services they need.

New Refuge Appeal

Looking ahead to the next new chapter, we are moving closer to creating a purpose-built refuge for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. It will be located in Havant and will provide a nurturing, safe space for victims to recover and heal. We have successfully raised £1.8 million towards our target, but there is still some way to go to realise our vision as costs continue to rise.

The progress that we have made in developing and delivering services is entirely due to the dedication and unstinting commitment of our staff, led by our CEO Claire Lambon. I would like to thank everyone working for Stop Domestic Abuse, as well as our partners, funders, volunteers and my fellow Trustees, for their part in working towards our vision of a world without domestic abuse. It is a long and challenging journey.

To function as an effective and dynamic organisation, strong governance is essential. We want to increase the diversity of the board to ensure it reflects the needs and experiences of our clients. To find out about becoming a Trustee, please do get in touch by contacting pa@stopdomesticabuse.uk to arrange an informal discussion with Claire our Chief Executive.

I do hope you enjoy reading about our work.

Gill Butler
Chair

What is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse comes in many forms. It is not always physical and the person experiencing abusive behaviours might not realise that their relationship is an abusive one.

The Crime Survey for England and Wales year ending March 2022 estimated that 5.0% of adults aged 16 years and over (2.4 million) experienced domestic abuse in the last year (Source: ONS Domestic Abuse Prevalence and trends report Nov 2022)

Domestic abuse is a largely hidden crime, occurring primarily at home. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men experience domestic abuse. Our aim is to support victims and survivors to recognise the signs of domestic abuse. We want to help those who feel scared, might be in denial of what is happening or feel that something just isn't right with their relationship.

Abusive behaviours can be subtle and hard to recognise, especially if they have been experiencing patterns of behaviour for many years. A comment might be brushed off or ignored, a threat could be subtle or used as a way of coercing a victim into acting a certain way.

To the victim it might seem normal because it happens on a regular basis. Someone experiencing abuse may be scared to come forward because they are afraid of the consequences, could be protecting children or family members or could even feel that somehow it is their fault or something that they did. Regardless of whether someone wants to leave or stay in their relationship, we want to work with individuals to improve their safety.

It is never their fault

Domestic abuse can be a one-off act or a pattern of acts of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour that seeks to isolate, exploit and deprive victims of their independence and regulate their everyday behaviour.

Forms of abuse include:

- Coercive control
- Psychological and/or emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Financial or economic abuse
- Harassment and stalking
- Online or digital abuse

Although domestic abuse can happen to anyone, it is important to recognise that it is still a gendered crime. Recent data from Women's Aid (Annual Audit 2023) identified that 94.6% of perpetrators were male and 73.0% were a partner/ex-partner of the service user.

We will continue to empower victims and survivors, giving them a voice and supporting them in trauma informed ways, to move forward and rebuild their lives.

CEO report

Chief Executive Claire Lambon celebrates the team's commitment to excellence as Stop Domestic Abuse continues to provide unrivalled support to victims, survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse.

2023 has been another year of organisational growth and development of our service offering to clients. I am proud of how much my colleagues continue to achieve by placing the needs of our clients at the heart of everything we do.

Supporting clients through the cost-of-living crisis

The cost-of-living crisis is disproportionately affecting survivors of domestic abuse. Lack of financial independence and increased reliance on perpetrators make it harder to leave and economic abuse can limit a victim's options to access safety and support. In the Spring, 48% of our clients told us they are experiencing financial abuse, and 51% of clients reported experiencing financial hardship.

Thanks to funders including Hampshire County Council (through the Household Support Fund Scheme), The Big Give, Southern Housing Group, Unite, M&S and so many generous supporters in our local community, we have distributed welfare support to victims and survivors in need, alleviating some of the constant worry of how they will provide for their family.

"The shopping vouchers made a big difference to our stay in refuge. They helped me buy new clothes and shoes for my children. We had to leave our home quickly to get to somewhere safe so we couldn't bring everything we needed."

New pan-Hampshire Stalking Advocacy Service

We are delighted to have been awarded the contract to deliver the new Stalking Advocacy and Support Service by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & Isle of Wight. We look forward to working in partnership with the Commissioner, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary and our other partners to improve outcomes for victims of stalking and harassment.

In the last year 51% of all Stop Domestic Abuse's community-based clients identified surveillance, harassment and stalking as factors in their abuse experience.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary data indicates that 83% of all stalking offences in 2021/2022 were classified as domestic abuse.

Embedding our Service in Southampton

Through our new commissioned service in Southampton, we have been developing effective community connections and partnerships to drive referrals and deliver best outcomes for victims and survivors in the city.

"You were there when I needed you. You allowed me to live free of harm and bring up my children away from domestic abuse. I was treated with respect and care. With your kindness I was able to go on and raise my children and gain skills and independence. Thank you."

Our partners at Southampton City Council are working with us to improve the facilities available to women and children in refuge in Southampton.

We have been successful in tendering to provide a specialist LGBTQ+ service for people from Southampton's LGBTQ+ communities affected by domestic abuse.

With additional funding from the Ministry of Justice (through the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner), we are building connections with schools and providing specialist support to children and young people in Southampton. We are proud to be working in partnership with Yellow Door and No Limits to deliver support services to victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence across the city.

High quality service provision in Portsmouth

More than 8,500 calls for support were made to our Portsmouth service last year. The team responded with care and professionalism to ensure positive outcomes for the adults, children and families affected by domestic abuse in Portsmouth who need our help.

With our partners at Portsmouth City Council we continue to develop innovative interventions for families, including specialist support for perpetrators of domestic abuse. In partnership with Portsmouth City Council we supported seventy families through a specialist project for children and adolescents displaying abusive behaviours, supporting the whole family to learn the skills to have healthier relationships.

Engaging with schools across Portsmouth continues to be key to engaging young people with conversations around consent, boundaries and healthy relationships. We joined forces with Portsmouth City Council to support their 'Is This Love?' campaign. We delivered 62 workshops in eleven secondary schools to over 2,730 students.

95% of children and young people told us they knew more about respectful relationships following support from our Children & Young People's team.

Supporting victims and survivors across Hampshire

Our Hampshire Advice Line responded to over 10,000 referrals from victims, professionals and Police across the county.

Working with our colleagues at Hampshire County Council and our partner Finding Freedom from Abuse (in the Test Valley district) we have continued to deliver services of the highest quality to the diverse communities of Hampshire. We delivered empowering group work; improved the safety of victims' homes; helped children and young people to recover and learn from their experiences; provided advocacy support to victims navigating the Criminal Justice System; and provided safe refuge accommodation to families fleeing from abuse.

Thanks to funding from the Police & Crime's Commissioner's Safer Communities Fund, we have delivered projects addressing child to parent abuse; supported victims living in isolated rural areas and supported victims of 'honour-based' abuse, forced marriage or female genital mutilation.

Working with Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary, we have been delivering workshops on healthy relationships in schools. My colleagues at Stop Domestic Abuse with our partners Finding Freedom From Abuse and Wight DASH have delivered 158 workshops across Hampshire, Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight, reaching 2,536 children and young people.

We delivered domestic abuse awareness training to 1,112 professionals.

Tackling Violence against Women and Girls

Throughout the year, the issue of male violence towards women and girls has been at the forefront of our conversations. In November, we organised eleven walks to raise awareness of the need to end violence against women and girls. For International Women's Day we collaborated with Winchester City Council to light the Guildhall in orange and Portsmouth's Spinnaker Tower glowed orange as a beacon of the city's commitment to the movement. We joined events in Southampton to shine a light on the issue of female empowerment and safety.

The pages of this report stand as a tribute to the hard work and dedication of my colleagues, volunteers, and Trustees.

All colleagues at Stop Domestic Abuse should be proud of their service to those affected by domestic abuse.

Our work

Refuge

We have 18 refuges across Hampshire and Portsmouth and can accommodate 106 women and their children. We also subcontract an additional refuge with Finding Freedom From Abuse in Test Valley, providing 19 more spaces. We make each refuge feel like a home and provide both one-to-one support and group activities for women and children.

One-to-one support

Tailored one-to-one support for adult victims and children affected by domestic abuse across Hampshire (in partnership with Finding Freedom From Abuse), Portsmouth and Southampton (in partnership with Yellow Door and No Limits).

Group Work Programmes

Our Group Work programmes give adults, children, and young people the opportunity to learn about domestic abuse and how it has affected them.

Harmful Cultural Practices

Specialist work addressing harmful cultural practices including female genital mutilation, forced marriage and 'honour-based' violence. Available across 11 Hampshire districts and Portsmouth.

Health Advocates

A Domestic Abuse Health Advocate works at Royal Hampshire County Hospital Winchester and Andover War Memorial Hospital offering immediate advice and support to staff and patients.

Target Hardening

Our specialist worker visits homes to give safety advice and issue personal and home safety equipment.

Up2U:My Choice

For victims of domestic abuse who through their own experience of abuse have developed some unhealthy relationship behaviours. Available in Portsmouth, Havant, Fareham, Gosport and East Hants.

Dispersed Accommodation

We provide self-contained accommodation that meets the needs of a diverse range of service users, including male victims, women with older male children and families with very complex needs. Available in Portsmouth and Havant.

Training

We deliver a range of courses for external organisations and professional partners in the community.

LGBTQ+ Advocacy

We provide support, advice and assistance to adults in the LGBTQ+ community who have experienced or are at risk of domestic abuse, and we deliver training to other professionals working with victims from LGBTQ+ communities. Available in Southampton.

IRIS (Identification & Referral to Improve Safety)

We encourage general practice health professionals to ask patients about their experience of abuse and respond, record, safety check and refer to specialist services. Available in Southampton.

Stalking Advocacy and Support

A specialist support and advocacy service for victims of stalking in Hampshire and Isle of Wight, offering a range of support, including risk and safety planning, advocacy support, emotional and practical support, specialist advice and support in relation to cyber stalking and support to access any other services the victim may need.

Child/Adolescent to Parent Abuse

We deliver one-to-one support to decrease the frequency and intensity of abusive and/or violent behaviour, and also deliver some preventative work to increase understanding of healthy/unhealthy relationship behaviours and attitude towards those behaviours.

Up2U: Creating Healthy Relationships

A behaviour-change programme delivered to people using abusive/unhealthy behaviours in the intimate relationships. Available in Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth.

Key to services

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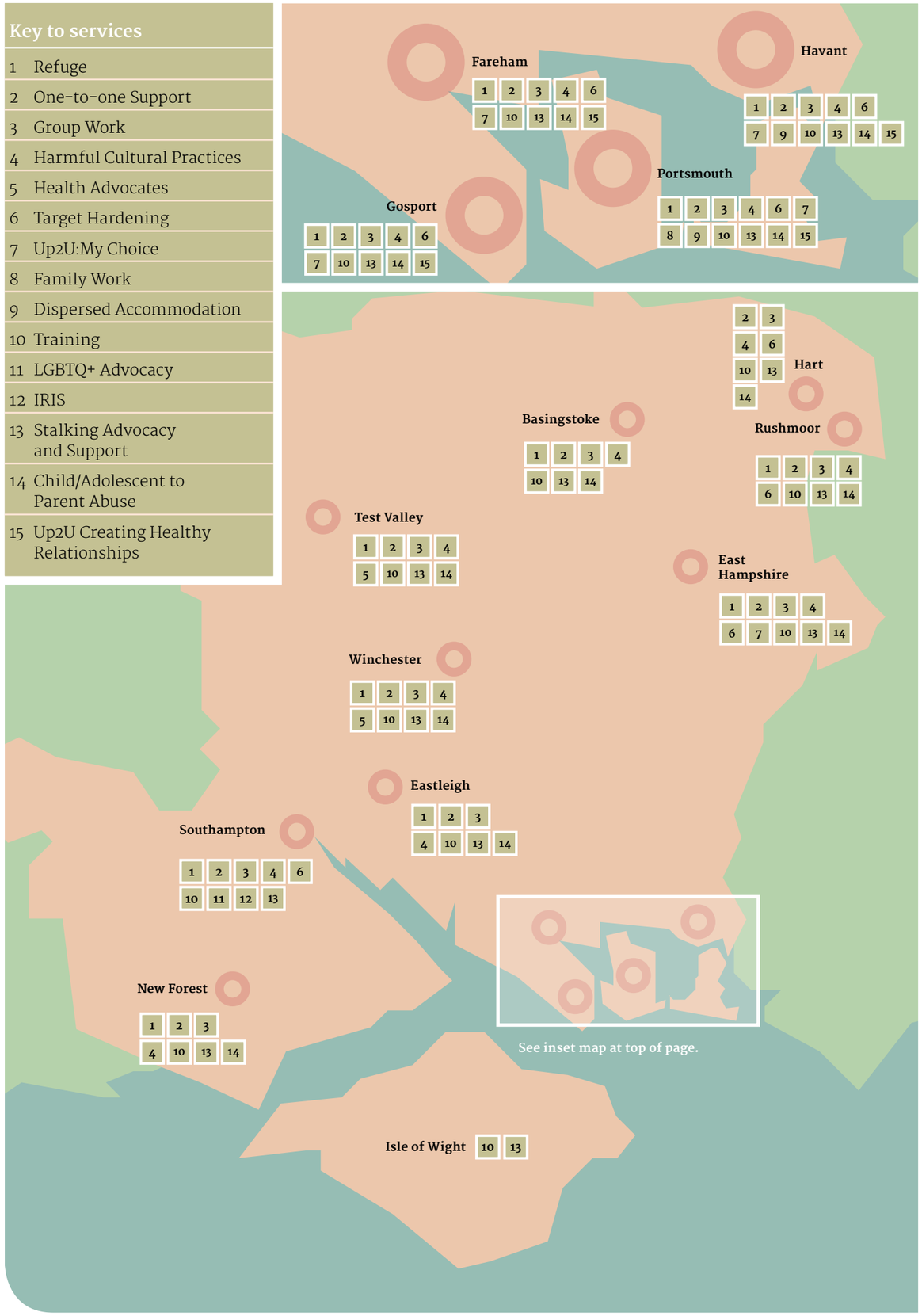


Year at a glance

We help thousands of people every year. This year at Stop Domestic Abuse has been no different.

Supported **384** women and **422** children and young people living in Stop Domestic Abuse refuges.

Supported **1,829** adults and **656** children and young people in the community (non-refuge).

Supported **3,361** adults and **1,343** children and young people in total (community & refuge).

Took **36,509** calls for advice and support

Provided **6,943** children and young people workshops

Supported **41** clients who had been affected by HCP and FGM

Provided training for **1,112** professionals to improve their response to domestic abuse

Worked with **262** perpetrators of domestic abuse

281 victims/survivors received Target Hardening to improve their safety at home.

91% of clients would recommend our services

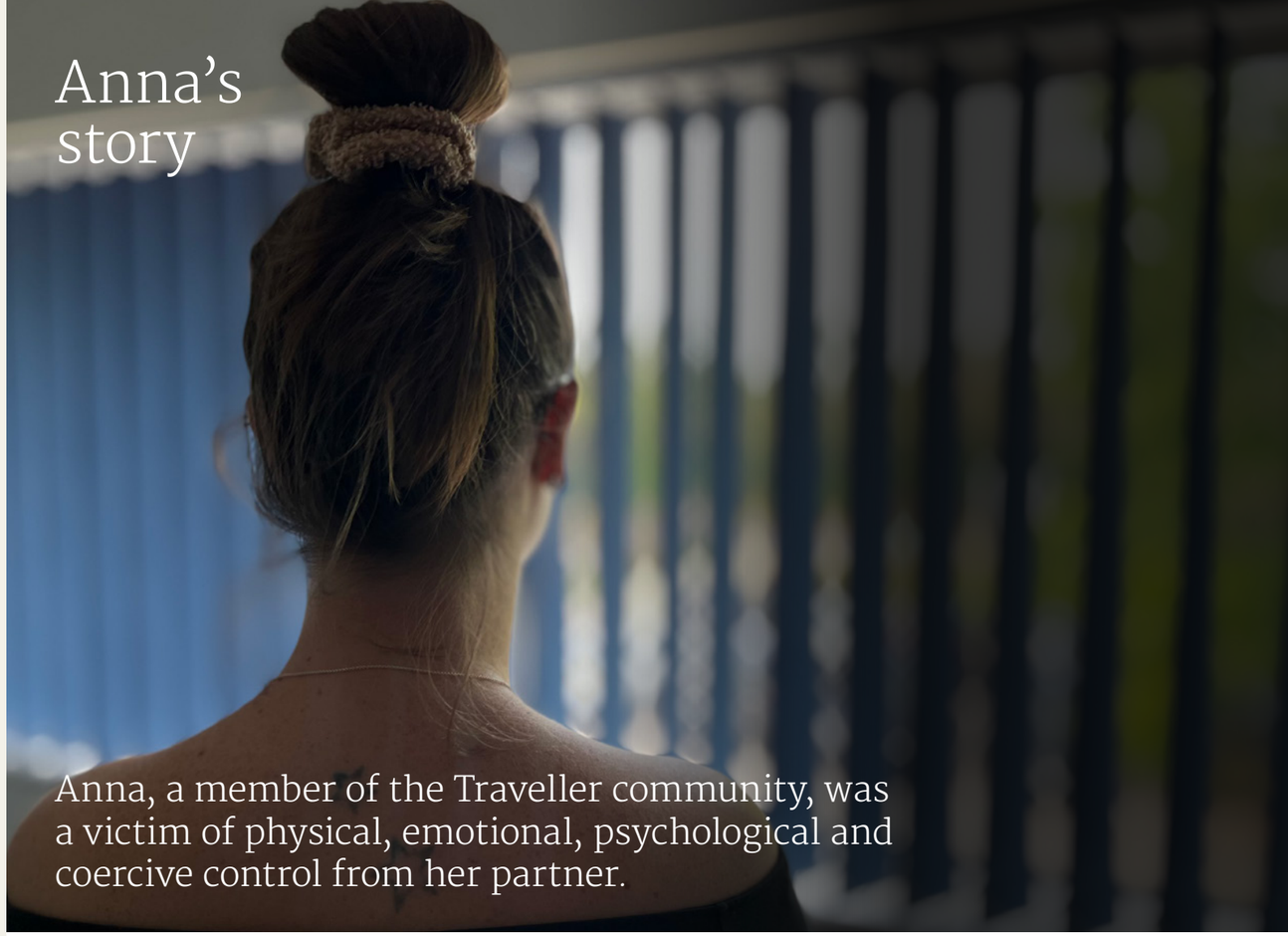
93% of all adult clients are more confident about asking for help when they need it

91% of high-risk clients said they felt safer after the support they received

89% of medium-risk clients said they felt safer after the support they received

93% of clients said they would know what to do if any further domestic abuse incidents occurred

94% of all adult clients are better able to recognise abusive behaviour



Anna's story

Anna, a member of the Traveller community, was a victim of physical, emotional, psychological and coercive control from her partner.

When Anna became pregnant, the abuse became more frequent and she took the brave decision to flee from her home and community. Stop Domestic Abuse was contacted by Children's Social Care who confirmed to us that 45 other refuge providers had turned Anna down before we offered Anna a safe place in refuge.

Support at all levels

Stop Domestic Abuse worked with teams at the local authority to access funding and appropriate support for Anna. It was not a straightforward process, as Anna did not have a birth certificate so was ineligible for benefits and welfare support. Our refuge team were determined to help Anna to open a bank account and begin to apply for public funds.

The team researched her background and made contact with a service in Ireland which provided us with information about documentation needed to continue with the process of registering the client. We were able to collate supporting evidence from various sources, including the church where Anna was baptised when she was two weeks old.

Having fled her abusive relationship, Anna also had to flee her whole family and community. This had a huge impact on her wellbeing and mental health. We provided mental health support around breaking away from her community whilst making sure we supported her to take the safe and comforting aspects of her heritage with her through her journey.

Anna's faith is important to her, so we supported her to make links with a local faith group she wanted to engage with. We asked the Food Bank for specific foods that Anna would have remembered from home and managed to find a particular brand of tea bags which brought back happy childhood memories for Anna.

What's happening now?

Anna's journey has been, and continues to be, tough to navigate. Thanks to her courage and the perseverance of her team, Anna is safe and settled. Due to the risk of abuse, her daughter was placed into care when born.

Stop Domestic Abuse supported Anna throughout this process and she has been reunited with her daughter who now lives with her in a Stop Domestic Abuse refuge .

We are currently working with our colleagues at the local authority to find a permanent place to live for Anna and her daughter in the community near the refuge.

In the media

Help us talk.
Help us break the silence.
Help us Stop Domestic Abuse.

Many victims don't talk about their experience of domestic abuse so we elevate their voices.

At Stop Domestic Abuse, we aim to reach a wide audience and have a strong presence both online and offline across television, print, radio and social media. We work with politicians and other influencers to get people talking about domestic abuse.

Ending FGM

In February, we joined forces with The British Red Cross to raise awareness of female genital mutilation (FGM) and its harmful impact on women and girls. We ran training events to educate professionals and community leaders on the impact of FGM, risk factors and existing protection for women and girls. Staff and supporters endorsed the campaign, whilst Pompey Women's Football Club showed their support towards the United Nation's agenda to end FGM by 2030.

International Women's Day

For International Women's Day in March, we shed light on our vision of a world without domestic abuse. Winchester City Council illuminated the Guildhall in Winchester and Stop Domestic Abuse lit the iconic Spinnaker Tower in orange to highlight the impact of domestic abuse on women and our shared commitment to a world that is inclusive and equitable.

FIFA World Cup: December 2022

Our Helplines responded to a 204% increase in calls the day following England's first match of the men's World Cup tournament. We increased frontline resources both on our Helplines and out in the community to ensure adequate support and advice was available to victims of domestic abuse who needed our help during the men's World Cup period and in the run up to Christmas. We worked with local media to raise awareness of the issue and of the support available to victims through our services across Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.

Expertise in action

Most recently our CEO, Claire Lambon, and our Operations Director, Rachel Windebank, have interviewed with both ITV Meridian and Politics South giving their expertise on some high profile subjects including domestic abuse and disability and recent domestic abuse news and policy.

Staff Conference

In June, staff, volunteers and Trustees came together for our Staff Conference, an opportunity for all colleagues working across Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton to learn from each other and share knowledge and expertise.

The theme of this year's conference was stalking. Guest speakers, Donna Jones, Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & Isle of Wight, and the Suzy Lamplugh Trust shared insight and context before we launched into a series of staff-led workshops.

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16 Days of Action

In November staff, supporters, commissioners and volunteers of Stop Domestic Abuse took part in mile long walks in eleven locations across the county to raise awareness of violence against women and girls.

We posted billboards in Gosport and Portsmouth to raise awareness of domestic abuse and our support services. A series of online training seminars were delivered to professionals and members of the public.

For more articles visit stopdomesticabuse.uk/news

Follow us on our social media platforms @Southerndas

Fundraising

Above: The Portsmouth Diocese donated gift vouchers for clients
Right: Waitrose chose to support our New Forest refuge

Your support brings us closer to our vision of a world without domestic abuse

For 46 years we have provided frontline services to those affected by domestic abuse.

In 2023 our work has never been more needed. Calls to our helpline increased by 36%. Victims are coming to us with a range of complex needs. The issue of male violence against women and girls has been recognised by the Home Office as a national threat. Against this backdrop, we are doing all we can to support every victim of domestic abuse and stalking who needs us.

Funding Grants

We are so grateful to our funding partners and commissioners for their support and commitment to our programmes for victims, survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Our local authority partners at Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, together with the Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & Isle of Wight have enabled us to deliver inclusive, innovative projects to our clients.

Thanks to funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, BBC Children in Need, Nationwide Foundation, The Big Give, Basingstoke and Deane Council, East Hampshire District Council and Hampshire connect4communities we have continued to deliver life-changing outcomes to adults and children affected by domestic abuse.

Fundraising events and donations – Our supporters

We are grateful to the many amazing members of our local communities, local partners, schools, churches, community groups, companies and organisations which continue to raise funds as well as donate clothes, toys, baby equipment, furniture and bedding for our refuge residents.

We couldn't do what we do without the support of our local communities.

Thank you

Below: Sinah Warren Leisure Club members donated Christmas gifts for our refuge residents

Support us now

To find out how you can get involved, as a fundraiser, campaigner or volunteer, get in touch changemaker@stopdomesticabuse.uk or visit stopdomesticabuse.uk to find out more.

Visit stopdomesticabuse.uk/support-us or scan the QR code to go straight to our donations page.

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New refuge appeal

Our vision for a new refuge in South East Hampshire where women and children can recover and begin to rebuild their lives

Refuge support for women and children is at the heart of what we do at Stop Domestic Abuse. We work with commissioners, housing providers and our local authorities to provide safe, supportive accommodation for families that have made the incredibly hard decision to leave their home to find safety.

The national network of refuges is under threat. Funding cuts have forced refuges to close. Nationally, two-thirds of victims in need of safe accommodation are being turned away because of a lack of suitable refuge space. Here in Hampshire, we provide safe and welcoming accommodation through the network of 18 refuges we run with our housing provider partners in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.

Our vision is to build our own refuge in Havant, where women and children can recover and begin to rebuild their lives. This purpose-built, trauma-informed refuge will provide a unique, child-centred, fully accessible, holistic centre where the physical environment will be as much a part of victims' recovery as the specialist support we will provide to our clients.

Just like in our existing refuges we will create a warm and welcoming environment where every person who walks through the door feels valued. Communal facilities will be developed to accommodate spaces for families to cook together, share meals, play and move forward on their journey of recovery. As well as a bright and fun playroom inside for children, there will be quality outside space including a play area and gardens providing a pleasant space for socialising and relaxation.

This welcoming building will be built in an energy-efficient and environmentally-sustainable way. It will provide safe refuge to hundreds of families in the years to come.

Thanks to our wonderful supporters, we are well on the way to meeting our fundraising target to start to build the new refuge.

If you would like to find out more about this project and how you can get involved, please visit us at stopdomesticabuse.uk

Staff profile:
Chelsea Haslett, Service Manager

Chelsea is one of Stop Domestic Abuse's Service Managers and has been with the Charity since 2013. Here is what she had to say about working at Stop Domestic Abuse.

The beginning

I came across Stop Domestic Abuse when I was working in the Community Safety Team for Havant Council. They were Havant Women's Aid then and Claire Lambon was speaking at a domestic abuse forum that I was at.

As soon as I heard Claire speak, I knew that's what I wanted to do. I also heard women from refuge speak at a participatory budgeting event, where they were bidding for funding and they were so inspiring it made me want to know more.

My experience of progression

I first started working at Stop Domestic Abuse in 2013 as an Outreach Project Worker (Adults) in East Hants. I would work with clients of all risk levels and I was the first person to work with a male client.

I was also one of the first staff members to be trained in Power to Change group work which I really enjoyed, delivering group work was one of my favourite things to do as an outreach worker. If I could still deliver group work now, I would jump at the chance. Although it is equally rewarding to support others developing into this role, delivering with confidence and passion.

I have always been someone with the drive to progress, asking for more responsibility and leading on new projects. I would look at potential positions that were being advertised and see not what skills I had, but what skills I needed to work towards having. I would attend any additional training on offer, sit in or lead on meetings and shadow others to help my development.

I felt like my offers of taking on more responsibility, additional training and opportunities to support my development had paid off and in 2019 I progressed into the role of Senior Outreach Worker.

Not long after taking on this new role, Stop Domestic Abuse took over a new area and I volunteered to base myself at refuge to lead on the change of service and manage the transition of staff from a different service provider. It was a great opportunity and really gave a taste of senior management learning, what a service looks like and shaping what goes into it.

Becoming part of the management team

Two weeks of secondment working on the new service turned into two months and at this point a Deputy Service Manager role was about to open up. I knew it was a big leap for me, but I knew I could do it. I began to learn more about the organisation's objectives, directions and what commissioners were expecting of us... and I got the job.

With lots of on the job learning and amazing support from the managers around me I relished in the new challenge. COVID-19 hit at this point, which I struggled with as I like to be surrounded by people, but I kept focused on tasks and rewrote several key programmes, making it more relevant to services users.

My next move was into a Service Manager position. I wasn't actually looking to move roles as I was content in what I was doing. The more I thought about it and with encouragement from others I decided to apply. I had the transferable skills and my knowledge of the service,

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drive and approachability meant I succeeded in getting the role.

It was a big change and I was nervous, feeling a lot of imposter syndrome, but again the support of everyone made all the difference. Throughout my progression there has been situations that have challenged me professionally, however I have learnt something from each of these. This has helped shape my approach and my working practice for the better.

A voice that's heard

From the minute I started at Stop Domestic Abuse, I felt I was always listened to. Whether it was a request for training and progression or an idea.

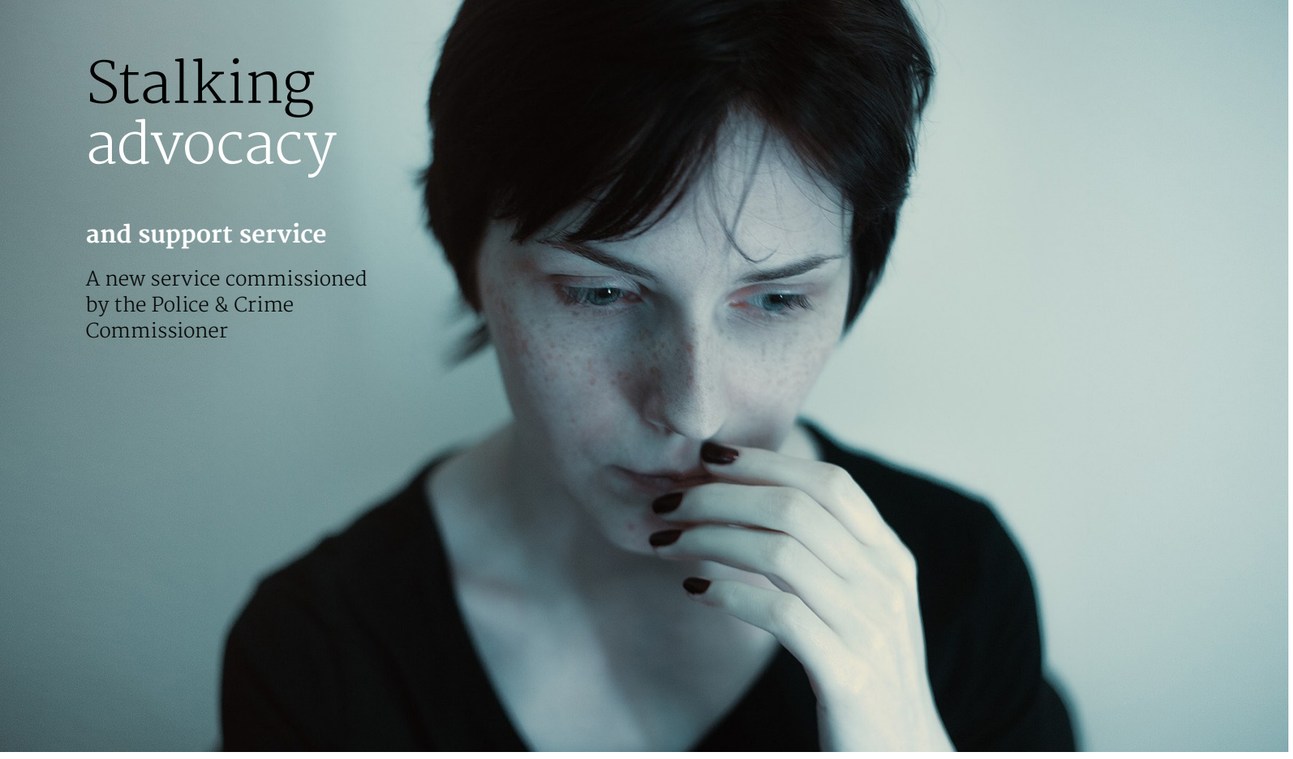
I've always felt it's important to work collaboratively, supporting and bringing colleagues on the journey. As a manager I want my team to feel they can approach me and speak about anything they need to, voice opinions and feedback to me.

A unique organisation

If you were to ask me what I love about working here, it is the people as much as the work. Everyone empowering each other to be the best they can be, all being each other's cheerleaders.

There has been so much growth since I have been here and there are so many different personalities all working on different projects, but you can really see the passion of everyone and that we all have one goal that we are working towards.

We are very unique as an organisation. I have been on an incredible journey so far and I am excited to see what comes next for both Stop Domestic Abuse and my own development.



Stalking advocacy

and support service

A new service commissioned by the Police & Crime Commissioner

DONNA JONES
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

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STALKING ADVOCACY & SUPPORT SERVICE
HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

On 1st July 2023, Stop Domestic Abuse launched a new specialist support and advocacy service for victims of stalking in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Our Stalking Advocates offer a full range of support to victims of stalking, including risk and safety planning, advocacy support (liaison with the Police, and support through the Court process), emotional and practical support, specialist advice and support in relation to cyber stalking and support to access any other services the victim may need.

Evidence shows that stalking is on the rise, following pandemic lockdowns and increased availability of monitoring devices and tracking software. In Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, reports of stalking offences have risen by 37% over the last three years. Victims' lives are often pulled apart by stalking behaviours from former partners, colleagues and from strangers, and require specialist support from experts to help them to improve their safety and access justice.

Donna Jones, Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & Isle of Wight addressed our staff team at the Organisational Conference. She said, "Stalking is a life-altering crime with many victims enduring years of abuse often resulting from an ex-partner. Thanks to Stop Domestic Abuse I am able to help protect thousands of people across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight."

Through this new service we are delivering training to professional colleagues to support them to achieve the best outcomes for victims of stalking across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

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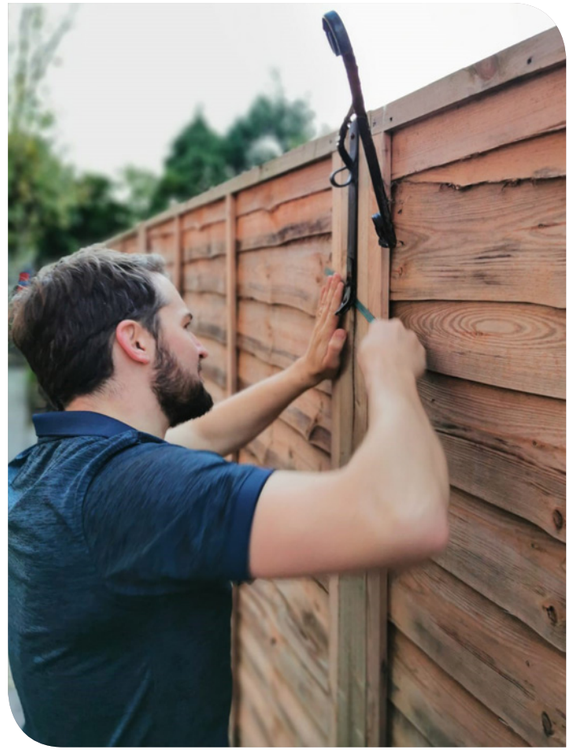
Transforming facilities

for our refuge residents



Each year, our refuges provide safety and support to hundreds of women and children fleeing from domestic abuse.

This year we've worked with our partners to upgrade facilities at several of our refuges, ensuring we deliver clean, fresh, welcoming and well-equipped refuge accommodation where women and children feel safe and comfortable.

Here are just a few of our recent projects:

Transformation of playground spaces for children in refuge

Playing together, making friends, and having fun are aspects of childhood that children who are victims of domestic abuse often do not get to experience. We are committed to children's recovery from domestic abuse, and we have been significantly upgrading the playground facilities and garden areas at several of our refuges to create fun, safe and interactive play areas. New garden furniture and playground equipment have been creating a fun and therapeutic outdoor space for our families.

We have committed our own funds to this project alongside some funding from local councils and organisations, and we will be prioritising this work throughout 2023 and 2024. Three refuges have had incredible transformations so far, with several more in progress, thanks to this project which was made possible through our Trustees' commitment to invest in play areas for our refuge residents.

"I love the garden! My babies were always cooped up in the room and now I can take them outside and let them learn to crawl and develop and use the new sensory toys outside"

New flooring and furniture in Havant refuge

With a contribution from our wonderful local fundraisers, we have laid new flooring at Havant refuge. Our communal spaces now have attractive, modern laminate flooring. Thanks to a donation from Cllr Jackie Branson, we were also able to upgrade the living room with new sofas.

New kitchens

The kitchen facilities in one of our Southampton refuges are being transformed to replace worn units and create a more functional and accessible communal space for women and children to cook and eat together. This will include replacing the current kitchen along with an additional kitchen that is being supplied under a social enterprise scheme.

Volunteering

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Volunteers thank you for your time, commitment and skills

Volunteers bring amazing value and skills to our service. Our volunteers are part of our mission to stop domestic abuse. They bring new perspectives and diverse experiences to our teams. This can enhance resilience and outcomes for our clients.

From wonderful individuals coming in to support group sessions, those giving our women a little bit of pampering with haircuts, individuals collecting community donations and small business offers of free sessions of holistic therapies, our community really do band together to give what they can.

If you would like to be play a part in putting a stop to domestic abuse, then please get in touch volunteer@stopdomesticabuse.uk.

Whether you would like to give your time regularly, or from time to time, there are opportunities to suit everyone.

As well as opportunities for individual volunteers, we also welcome corporate team activities. Corporate volunteer teams gain insights into domestic abuse and its impact on the local community as well as on their own workforce. We support volunteers to gain an understanding of this sensitive issue and to develop awareness within their teams and the wider workplace.

Teams of volunteers from Honeywell and HSBC have quite literally transformed the gardens at three of our refuges over the summer. They created vibrant outdoor spaces where children play and women socialise and relax together.

Thank you to all of our current volunteers and corporate volunteer supporters.

Our staff appreciate you:

"We look forward to Tuesdays when Rebecca comes in to help us with tasks in the refuge. She gets involved in the group sessions and is a massive help to everyone on the team."

"We're so grateful for their help. We showed new residents round the refuge and they commented on how lovely the garden looks!"

"They were really lovely and friendly too – no job was too big and even asked about other jobs to be done such as adjusting our garden fence or helping with moving heavy items to the front of the house to be taken away. They also insisted we give them a call anytime we need in the future."

Our service users appreciate you:

"The garden and play area looks so much better. The volunteers were lovely to chat to."

Quotes from volunteers:

"Get some exercise. Relieve burdens. Bring hope. Demonstrate decency. Act as an example. Inspire good. Make your loved ones proud. Be uplifted by the effect your deeds have on others. All of these gifts I have received, all it cost was time."

"It felt great to be involved with such an amazing local charity, to do our bit for the community and make a difference to someone's life."

"It was really great to see how in a short space of time we managed to transform the garden from overgrown and not very welcoming, to something that would hopefully brighten up someone's day."

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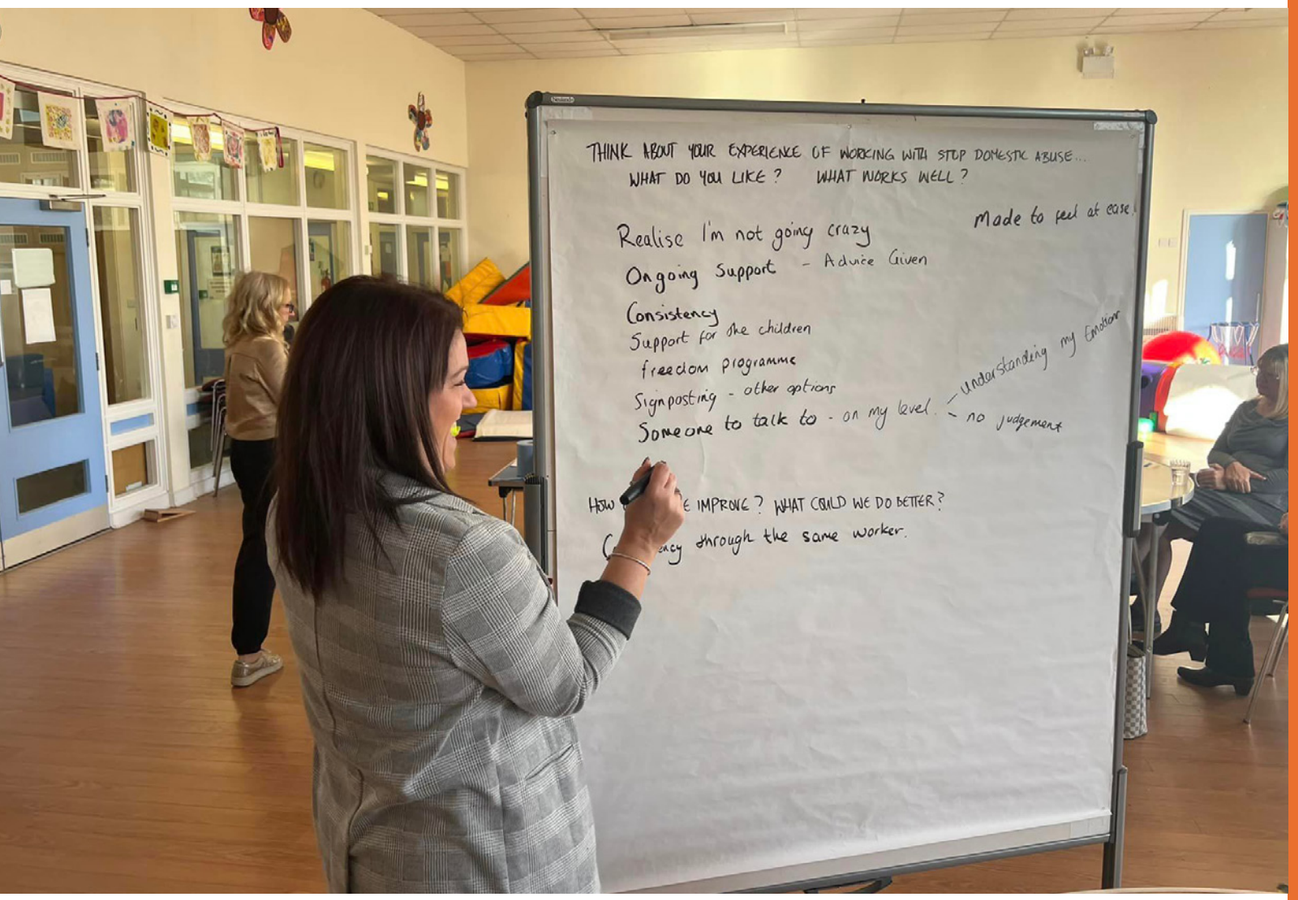
You said, we did



Service User Consultation Sessions

Getting feedback on the experience of our service users is an important part of our process that allows us to know what we are doing well as a service and what we can do to improve.

We are continually looking to improve and want to provide services that are relevant and reflect the needs of our communities, doing things in a way that is accessible, progressive and innovative.

As well as client surveys and refuge client meetings being an excellent source of feedback, we also host Service User Consultations. In our most recent ones we gave service users an open platform to voice their opinions and received some brilliant feedback and reflection of their experience with Stop Domestic Abuse.

We were excited to hear that 100% of survivors attending the user consultation said the event was great! They described the event as inspirational, invaluable and were pleased that it gave them the opportunity to feel like they're giving something back. Survivors mentioned that they would take away the fact that their voice was heard, that they're not being judged and that they're not alone.

Most importantly, as an outcome to this we have been able to implement a range of improvements based on suggestions:

You Said	We Did
Improvements for refuge - better washing machines/ tumble dryer	Stop Domestic Abuse have a planned process of upgrading washing machines and tumble dryers across refuges
22% of clients disclosed that they have a hearing disability	Stop Domestic Abuse are working to improve our resources to clients with auditory needs, including our website.
Other Agencies - Clients felt that medical professionals should be more proactive in facilitating a space where the client is alone to ask questions about their relationship.	Stop Domestic Abuse is currently working with Integrated Care Board to develop some health-wide training to strengthen knowledge and improve responses.
Dedicated parent portal on the website	Stop Domestic Abuse are putting together content for a secure parent portal area of our website which will contain downloadable resources for parents to use with their children.
Accessibility of services	Stop Domestic Abuse are working to ensure that more services are accessible to all our clients.

100%
of clients said that they felt safer after working with Stop Domestic Abuse.

75%
of clients said that they were more confident after working with Stop Domestic Abuse.

84%
of clients felt that Stop Domestic Abuse validated their experience making them feel believed.

"This has been a lifeline for me in helping to stay strong enough to get through the healing process since fleeing domestic abuse"

"Please never stop, it has been the most valuable organisation to helping me on the journey to getting my life back. I will always be grateful"

a world without domestic abuse.

Main Helpline: 0330 0533 630

Always dial 999 if you are in immediate danger or in an emergency.

STOP DOMESTIC ABUSE

We need to talk

Stop Domestic Abuse supports and protects victims and survivors of domestic abuse. We provide a range of flexible and accessible services across Hampshire to anyone affected by domestic abuse, including perpetrators. Our vision is a world without domestic abuse. We work in partnership with other service providers, commissioners, the police and our local community to tackle domestic abuse and stalking.

Stop Domestic Abuse is the commissioned service provider for domestic abuse services throughout Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.

Stop Domestic Abuse delivers the Police & Crime Commissioner's Stalking Advocacy & Support Service across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Stop Domestic Abuse is the trading name of Southern Domestic Abuse Service Registered Charity Number 1146773.

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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G Butler (Chair)	
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	S Walker	
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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

Objectives and activities

Southern Domestic Abuse Service trading as Stop Domestic Abuse is a charity providing services to women, children, young people and men affected by domestic abuse and stalking in the pan-Hampshire area.

The organisation was originally set up in 1977 as Havant Women's Aid by a group of local women who realised that local statutory agencies were failing to meet the needs of women and children experiencing domestic abuse. Southern Domestic Abuse Service was established in 2012. In November 2018 we rebranded to Stop Domestic Abuse (trading name of Southern Domestic Abuse Service). Our branding defines the purpose of the organisation. Our message creates a powerful emotional connection between our organisation, those affected by domestic abuse and the wider public. We want to make our purpose clearer and bring domestic abuse out into the open. We want to stop domestic abuse and we aim to do this by campaigning and delivering direct services to those affected by domestic abuse.

Our name reflects that our services are truly inclusive to all. However, we still recognise that many of our service users are disadvantaged due to gender disadvantage - women are more likely than men to experience abuse, over 80% (83%) of high frequency victims (more than 10 crimes) are women (Walby & Towers 2018). We are a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. We are a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England and the organisation is managed by a Board of Trustees made up of women that have a wealth of skills, experience and knowledge.

Services include:

- Refuge accommodation
- Dispersed properties providing safe accommodation
- Outreach and Resettlement Service
- Children and Young People's Service
- Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) Service
- Stalking Advocacy and Support Service (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight)
- Specialist Advocacy Support Services for LGBTQ people experiencing domestic abuse
- Multi-agency Stalking Partnership (MASP)
- Partnership with Two Saints to provide specialist domestic abuse support to homeless people in Portsmouth Respite Rooms
- Hampshire Advice Line
- Southampton Prevention Intervention and Public Protection Alliance (PiPPA)
- Portsmouth Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Advice Line
- Group work for young people and children
- Individual tailored advice for women, children, young people and men focusing on their current risks and options for safety
- Rural outreach service
- Women only group work
- Perpetrator Programme
- Group work for families
- IRIS (Identification & Referral to Improve Safety)
- Child and Adolescent to Parent Abuse support service
- Holiday activities
- Tailored workshops
- Website
- Female Genital Mutilation, Harmful Cultural Practices Community Work and development
- Domestic Abuse preventative work, awareness raising and training services
- Domestic Abuse Health Advocacy Service
- Domestic Abuse Housing Advocacy Service
- Police IDVA Specialist service
- Target Hardening

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

We remain committed to both the continuation of existing services and the development of new services. Stop Domestic Abuse recognises the need to grow, adapt and develop service delivery as a response to the changing needs of those who access the service and to the ever-changing economic climate and funding opportunities. We will continue to focus our limited resources to target women and children. New service development will encompass preventative work with families including work with perpetrators. Organisational growth must strengthen the organisation and benefit the communities we serve in accordance with our core values.

In April 2011 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering services in East Hampshire District.

In April 2011 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering community-based services to male victims of domestic abuse.

In April 2015 Stop Domestic Abuse secured the Hampshire County Council Integrated Domestic Abuse Service Hampshire (IDASH) contract to deliver community and accommodation-based services in Fareham, Gosport, Havant and East Hampshire.

In April 2015 Stop Domestic Abuse started a new partnership with Portsmouth City Council to deliver support to the non-abusive partners and the children of perpetrators attending the Up2U service in Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth.

In April 2016 Stop Domestic Abuse started working with perpetrators of domestic abuse in Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth through our continued partnership with Portsmouth City Council's Up2U Service.

In May 2017 Stop Domestic Abuse purchased its first property which provides dispersed safe accommodation and also provides the organisation with a capital asset.

In April 2018 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering the Portsmouth City Council and Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioned refuge (3 refuges with a total of 16 family bed -spaces) and medium risk community-based services in Portsmouth.

In April 2019 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering the Hampshire County Council and Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioned Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service victim and advice line contract in all 11 Hampshire districts in partnership with our sub-contractor Finding Freedom From Abuse in The Test Valley. This contract includes 92 family bedspaces across 13 refuges (one of which is delivered by with our sub-contractor Finding Freedom From Abuse in The Test Valley).

In July 2020 Stop Domestic Abuse opened a 5-bedroom refuge in Portsmouth in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In July 2021 Stop Domestic Abuse began a new commissioned service in Portsmouth to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse, children and young people affected by domestic abuse and people who use unhealthy and abusive behaviours and are committed to change. The service was commissioned by Portsmouth City Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner.

In July 2022 Stop Domestic Abuse began a new commissioned service in Southampton to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse and children and young people affected by domestic abuse. The service was commissioned by Southampton City Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner. This contract includes 12 family bedspaces across 2 refuges (one of which we newly opened on 1 July 2022). We work with our partners and sub-contractors Yellow Door and No Limits to deliver this contract to victims and survivors in Southampton.

In April 2023 Stop Domestic Abuse began a new commissioned service in Southampton delivering specialist advocacy support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse from the LGBTQ+ community, together with the provision of training to professionals supporting LGBTQ+ people.

In July 2023 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering the newly commissioned service for the provision of stalking advocacy and support services. Commissioned by the Police & Crime Commissioner, the service covers Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. In addition we were commissioned by the Police & Crime Commissioner to deliver victim advocacy support as part of a multi-agency intervention service designed to reduce the risk of reoffending amongst stalkers.

Achievements and performance

- In 2022/2023 Stop Domestic Abuse worked with a total of 3,361 adults and 1,343 children and young people. This is a 40% increase on pre-pandemic years.
- In 2022/2023 Stop Domestic Abuse provided workshops to 6,943 children and young people to raise awareness of domestic abuse and healthy relationships.

This included:

- 384 women and 422 children and young people living in Stop Domestic Abuse refuges.
- 1,829 adult victims/survivors and 656 children and young people that received one-to-one support in the community. This is a 45% increase on pre-pandemic years.
- 620 women and 265 children and young people who attended one of our group programmes
- 262 perpetrators who were supported to change their abusive behaviours
- 41 women, children, young people and men who had experienced Harmful Cultural Practices including Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation
- 91 victims/survivors engaged in a behaviour-change programme to unpick unhealthy coping strategies.
- 113 victims/survivors received additional one-to-one support to improve their mental health
- 272 victims/survivors received target hardening to improve their safety at home
- Provided training for 1,112 professionals to improve their response to domestic abuse

In addition to direct support provided to individuals, our teams have responded to over 36,500 calls through our helplines for advice and support.

Training

We continue to provide training including, Domestic Abuse Awareness, Portsmouth City Council's Responding to Domestic Abuse Training (Victims and Perpetrators), Hampshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership's Domestic Abuse webinars, DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment and Honour Based Violence) Risk Assessments, Female Genital Mutilation/Harmful Cultural Practices etc. to a number of organisations including HomeStart, Health Professionals, Education, Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care, Solent Mind, Hampshire Constabulary, Abri Housing etc. We work in partnership with other organisations to commission local domestic abuse training for professionals. In July 2023 we launched a new programme of Stalking Awareness for professionals and partners engaging with the Stalking Advocacy and Support Service.

We also provide initial domestic abuse awareness training and, as part of Safe Lives Domestic Abuse Matters Training, we provide intensive domestic abuse training to all serving officers and staff of Hampshire Constabulary. We also deliver Webinars for Recognising Domestic Abuse Affecting Older People, Economic Abuse, Domestic Abuse and Children, Adolescent to Parent Violence, Healthy Homes, Post-Separation Abuse and online workshops for Harmful Cultural practices.

Over the past year we have delivered certified "Safe at Home" domestic abuse training online to individuals working in the health and beauty industry and Hampshire Libraries. We have so far trained over 269 individuals to become certified Safe At Home Domestic Abuse Ambassadors.

Cost of Living Impact

The cost-of-living crisis is disproportionately affecting victims and survivors of domestic abuse both nationally and in Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight. Lack of financial independence and increased reliance on perpetrators makes it harder and sometimes impossible to leave, and economic abuse can limit a victim's options to access safety and support. Being unable to buy essential household items, having to use food banks and getting into debt are regular occurrences for our clients.

In the first quarter of 2023, 47.7% of our Hampshire clients told their Stop Domestic Abuse keyworker that they are experiencing economic abuse, and 50.6% of clients reported experiencing financial hardship.

With support from funding partners, Stop Domestic Abuse accessed additional voluntary and statutory funding to enable our frontline teams to offer financial support to clients experiencing financial distress. Thanks to funds from Hampshire County Council (Household Support Fund Scheme), Basingstoke & Deane District Council, Southern Housing Group, Marks & Spencer, NatWest and SafeLives Circle Fund, The Big Give, Churches Homeless Action and other community supporters, we provided clients with shopping vouchers to purchase food, household fuel, family essentials and school uniform.

We are grateful to all our funding partners for their support and commitment to our vision.

We are engaging with national and local agencies to raise awareness of the need for an Emergency Domestic Abuse Fund to help survivors of domestic abuse to pay for essential items and energy bills; together with better provision of legal services for survivors who are unable to afford legal representation and advice.

Funding

Stop Domestic Abuse is funded primarily through Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioning of domestic abuse services, the rent we charge, grants/contracts from such organisations as The National Lottery Community Fund, National Lottery Awards For All, BBC Children In Need, Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, the Home Office, Ministry of Justice and other grant funding.

Prudent financial monitoring, active fundraising and rental income has resulted in a year-end surplus. This surplus will be used to ensure that we have adequate reserves and capital for our future ambitions and to develop innovative new projects and continue providing non-commissioned and under-resourced services such as work with children and young people and migrant women/women with no recourse to public funds.

We also continue to receive support and donations from local individuals, companies, groups and associations. This support is invaluable, and we use the donations to provide the important extras that improve the quality of life for the women, children, young people and men using our services. Our thanks go to those who have supported us through giving time, money or donations and to our partners who ensure that together we can offer the highest quality support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Financial review

The statement of financial activities summarises the charity's financial results for the year, a surplus having been generated as referred to above. We have generated an increased surplus in the year and this surplus will be used to continue to deliver under resourced projects including support services in refuge, work with children, community based support to women and men affected by domestic abuse and to pilot new innovations in domestic abuse services.

The trustees have set a reserves policy which requires:

- Reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that Stop Domestic Abuse’s core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.
- A proportion of reserves be maintained in a readily realisable form.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month’s expenditure. The charity aims to achieve reserves equivalent of a minimum of six months running costs. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity’s current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 5 March 2012 and is a registered charity (number 1146773), registered on 3 April 2012. It commenced activities on 1 July 2012, taking over the services previously carried out by Havant Womens Aid (charity number 273775).

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G Butler (Chair)	
J Munday	
W Osgood (Vice Chair)	
M Poil (sabbatical from 14/11/2022)	
S Walker	
C Godwin	
L Watkin	(Resigned 18 April 2023)
T Stakes	(Appointed 20 July 2022)
L Parrett	(Appointed 28 July 2023)

The skills of Trustees are reviewed to identify any gaps in skills. Stop Domestic Abuse recognises that an effective board of trustees is essential if the charity is to be effective in achieving its objects. The board seeks to be representative of the people with whom the charity works and must have available to it all of the knowledge and skills required to run the charity. Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role and to represent the Charity at meetings and other events.

When recruiting trustees a skills audit of the board is completed to ensure that there are no skills gaps. Recruitment takes place within the wider community including advertisements and direct approaches to professional bodies and to other voluntary organisations. Stop Domestic Abuse seeks to ensure diversity in its board of trustees as well as in its staff base and consideration will be given to ways in which groups that are under-represented on the board might be reached and encouraged to apply. Applicants who appear suitable are interviewed by two existing trustees and the CEO.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The charity is governed by an executive committee who have the power to co-opt additional members. They are unpaid and act as trustees of the charity. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

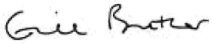
Asset cover for funds

Note 23 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds and a description of the trusts. These assets are sufficient to meet the charities obligations on a fund by fund basis.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Jones Avens Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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



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G Butler (Chair)

Trustee

Dated: 18/09/2023

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors of Southern Domestic Abuse Service for the purpose 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).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Southern Domestic Abuse Service (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The 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 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Identification and assessment of irregularities including fraud

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

- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including The Companies Act 2006 and The Charities Act 2011;
- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework by making appropriate enquiries of management as well as considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- we made enquiries of those charged with governance and management concerning:
    - the risks of fraud;
    - instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of actual, suspected, or alleged fraud is documented during the period;
- we allocated an engagement team that we considered collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

Audit response to the risk of irregularities including fraud
Based on the results of our risk assessment, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.
- evaluating whether the selection and application of accounting policies by the entity that may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting resulting from management's effort to manage earnings.
- assessing whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 2 were indicative of potential bias.
- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation.
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- reviewing the correspondence with relevant regulatory bodies.
- testing of journal entries to address the risk of fraud through management override.
- incorporating an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing, and extent of our audit procedures.

Conclusions regarding the risks of irregularities including fraud
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

We considered our audit was capable of detecting irregularities due to:

- the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls;
- the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures performed; and
- the absence of contradictory evidence.

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

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Claire Norwood BSc FCA ATII (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Jones Avens Limited

06/10/2023

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Piper House
4 Dukes Court
Bognor Road
Chichester
West Sussex
PO19 8FX

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

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	64,709	-	64,709	90,250	-	90,250
Charitable activities	**4**	6,763,294	1,119,423	7,882,717	5,406,430	1,075,672	6,482,102
Investments	**5**	16,512	-	16,512	489	-	489
Total income		6,844,515	1,119,423	7,963,938	5,497,169	1,075,672	6,572,841
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**6**	23,383	-	23,383	14,540	-	14,540
Charitable activities	**7**	5,113,483	1,200,472	6,313,955	3,617,421	1,037,692	4,655,113
Pension scheme provision remeasurements	**13**	1	-	1	(1,875)	-	(1,875)
Total expenditure		5,136,867	1,200,472	6,337,339	3,630,086	1,037,692	4,667,778
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**12**	(8,276)	-	(8,276)	2,426	-	2,426
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		1,699,372	(81,049)	1,618,323	1,869,509	37,980	1,907,489
Gross transfers between funds	**15**	(26,381)	26,381	-	45,315	(45,315)	-
Net movement in funds		1,672,991	(54,668)	1,618,323	1,914,824	(7,335)	1,907,489
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		5,991,001	88,370	6,079,371	4,076,177	95,705	4,171,882
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		7,663,992	33,702	7,697,694	5,991,001	88,370	6,079,371

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**16**		242,553		213,064
Investments	**17**		326,371		342,705
			568,924		555,769
Current assets					
Debtors	**18**	365,604		720,234	
Cash at bank and in hand		7,408,892		5,214,148	
		7,774,496		5,934,382	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**19**	(645,184)		(409,929)	
Net current assets			7,129,312		5,524,453
Total assets less current liabilities			7,698,236		6,080,222
Provisions for liabilities			(542)		(851)
Net assets			7,697,694		6,079,371
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**24**		33,702		88,370
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	**25**	6,051,958		5,001,013	
General unrestricted funds		1,612,034		989,988	
			7,663,992		5,991,001
			7,697,694		6,079,371

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 18/09/2023

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G Butler (Chair)
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07975563

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**30**		2,256,005		1,326,349
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(85,831)		(101,034)	
Purchase of investments		(242,539)		(319,935)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		250,597		273,570	
Investment income received		16,512		489	
Net cash used in investing activities			(61,261)		(146,910)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			2,194,744		1,179,439
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			5,214,148		4,034,709
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			7,408,892		5,214,148

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Southern Domestic Abuse Service is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Piper House, 4 Dukes Court, Bognor Road, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8FX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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

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

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure is either allocated directly or is apportioned to the individual areas. Funds are transferred from unrestricted funds to fund deficits on restricted areas where no further funding will be forthcoming.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Capital items costing more than £1,000 are treated as tangible fixed assets and are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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

Leasehold property	10% straight line or over the life of the lease
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33 1/3% straight line basis

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

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Provisions

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

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

1.12 Employee benefits

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

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.14 Taxation

On the basis of the financial statements no provision has been made for Corporation Tax.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

Critical judgements

Pension scheme deficit payments

The association participates in a multi-employer pension scheme which is in deficit. Provision has been made for the deficit contributions payable and the trustee have relied upon the information received from the Pensions Trust.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	**2022**
	£	**£**
Donations and gifts	64,709	90,250

4 Charitable activities

	Family and child projects 2023 £	Managed hostel 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Family and child projects 2022 £	Managed hostel 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable rental income	-	1,926,593	1,926,593	-	1,452,833	1,452,833
Services provided under contract	3,955,914	-	3,955,914	3,834,443	-	3,834,443
Performance related grants	1,871,169	49,897	1,921,066	1,129,096	2,720	1,131,816
Other income	79,144	-	79,144	63,010	-	63,010
	5,906,227	1,976,490	7,882,717	5,026,549	1,455,553	6,482,102
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	4,830,701	1,932,593	6,763,294	3,950,877	1,455,553	5,406,430
Restricted funds	1,075,526	43,897	1,119,423	1,075,672	-	1,075,672
	5,906,227	1,976,490	7,882,717	5,026,549	1,455,553	6,482,102

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	16,512	489

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Advertising	4,179	9,810
Other fundraising costs	13,303	1,082
Fundraising and publicity	17,482	10,892
Investment management	5,901	3,648
	23,383	14,540

6 Raising funds **(Continued)**

7 Charitable activities

	Family and child projects 2023 £	Managed hostel 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Family and child projects 2022 £	Managed hostel 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	2,526,698	700,352	3,227,050	2,340,900	145,790	2,486,690
Depreciation and impairment	-	12,695	12,695	-	6,424	6,424
Refuge premises expenses	71,220	756,317	827,537	32,988	736,263	769,251
Travelling & subsistence	60,956	11,839	72,795	38,168	1,200	39,368
Administration & office expenses	45,312	7,821	53,133	62,729	4,600	67,329
Activities & training etc	200,531	50,956	251,487	47,478	2,235	49,713
Other expenses	20,849	17,786	38,635	38,330	2,186	40,516
	2,925,566	1,557,766	4,483,332	2,560,593	898,698	3,459,291
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	370,649	-	370,649	223,465	-	223,465
Share of support costs (see note 9)	930,278	324,903	1,255,181	829,553	91,595	921,148
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	150,739	54,054	204,793	46,162	5,047	51,209
	4,377,232	1,936,723	6,313,955	3,659,773	995,340	4,655,113
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	3,176,760	1,936,723	5,113,483	2,622,081	995,340	3,617,421
Restricted funds	1,200,472	-	1,200,472	1,037,692	-	1,037,692
	4,377,232	1,936,723	6,313,955	3,659,773	995,340	4,655,113

8 Grants payable

	Family and child projects 2023 £	Family and child projects 2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	370,649	223,465

9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	748,119	-	748,119	532,704	-	532,704
Depreciation	43,647	-	43,647	46,499	-	46,499
Premises expenses	76,887	-	76,887	47,424	-	47,424
Travelling & subsistence	9,039	-	9,039	1,467	-	1,467
Administration & office expenses	236,494	-	236,494	209,245	-	209,245
Activities & training etc	64,298	-	64,298	60,336	-	60,336
Other expenses	76,697	-	76,697	23,473	-	23,473
Audit fees	-	8,789	8,789	-	8,206	8,206
Legal and professional	-	195,622	195,622	-	41,553	41,553
Other governance costs	-	382	382	-	1,450	1,450
	1,255,181	204,793	1,459,974	921,148	51,209	972,357
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	1,255,181	204,793	1,459,974	921,148	51,209	972,357

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £8,789 for audit fees and £0 for other services.

10 Trustees

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

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Project staff	127	109
Management and administration	18	13
Total	145	122

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	3,533,146	2,709,350
Social security costs	320,455	233,596
Other pension costs	121,568	76,448
	3,975,169	3,019,394

11 Employees (Continued)

The above numbers include job share, part time and sessional staff, the average number of full time equivalent staff was 124 (2021: 108).

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£70,000 - £80,000	1	-
£100,000 - £110,000	1	-
£110,000 - £120,000	-	1

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Revaluation of investments	(8,276)	2,426

13 Pension scheme provision remeasurements

	2023 £	2022 £
Impact of changes in assumptions	(14)	(20)
Amendments to contribution shedule	-	(1,876)
Financing costs	15	21
	1	(1,875)

14 Taxation

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

15 Transfers

The transfer from unrestricted funds to restricted funds represents additional funding for restricted fund projects that the charity has met through their unrestricted income.

16 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	135,559	289,551	425,110
Additions	8,243	77,588	85,831
At 31 March 2023	143,802	367,139	510,941
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2022	7,944	204,102	212,046
Depreciation charged in the year	880	55,462	56,342
At 31 March 2023	8,824	259,564	268,388
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	134,978	107,575	242,553
At 31 March 2022	127,615	85,449	213,064

17 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2022	342,705
Additions	242,539
Valuation changes	(8,276)
Disposals	(250,597)
At 31 March 2023	326,371
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	326,371
At 31 March 2022	342,705

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments include an investment portfolio managed by Transact and are included on the basis of market value, with an historical cost of £329,875 (2022 - £314,366).

18 Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	**£**
Trade debtors	129,133	384,133
Other debtors	4,168	2,369
Prepayments and accrued income	232,303	333,732
	365,604	720,234

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	**£**
Other taxation and social security		82,049	87,724
Deferred income	**22**	14,891	-
Trade creditors		319,654	236,320
Other creditors		88,753	25,894
Accruals and deferred income		139,837	59,991
		645,184	409,929

20 Auditor's ethical standards

In common with many entities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the statutory financial statements.

21 Provisions for liabilities

	2023	2022
	£	**£**
Pension scheme deficit contribution provision	542	851

21 Provisions for liabilities	2023	(Continued) 2022
Movements on provisions:		
At 1 April 2022	851	3,649
Deficit contribution paid	(310)	(923)
Unwinding of discount	15	21
Remeasurements - impact of any change in assumptions	(14)	(20)
Remeasurements - amendments to the contribution shedule	-	(1,876)
At 31 March 2023	542	851
Income and expenditure impact		
Interest expense	(15)	(21)
Remeasurements - impact of changes in assumptions	14	20
Remeasurements – amendments to the contribution schedules	-	1,876
Costs recognised in income and expenditure account	(1)	1,875
Assumptions		
Rate of discount	5.52%	2.35%

The discount rates shown above are the equivalent single discount rates which, when used to discount the future recovery plan contributions due, would give the same results as using a full AA corporate bond yield curve to discount the same recovery plan contributions.

22 Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Arising from funding received in advance	14,891	-

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	14,891	-
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2022	-	-
Resources deferred in the year	14,891	-
Deferred income at 31 March 2023	14,891	-

23 Retirement benefit schemes

SCHEME: TPT Retirement Solutions – The Growth Plan

The company participates in the scheme, a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 638 non-associated participating employers. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the company to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the company is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out at 30 September 2020. This valuation showed assets of £800.3m, liabilities of £831.9m and a deficit of £31.6m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee has asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions		
From 1 April 2022 to 31 January 2025:	£3,312,000 per annum	(payable monthly)

Unless a concession has been agreed with the Trustee the term to 31 January 2025 applies.

Note that the scheme’s previous valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2017. This valuation showed assets of £794.9m, liabilities of £926.4m and a deficit of £131.5m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions		
From 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2025:	£11,243,000 per annum	(payable monthly and increas by 3% each on 1st April)

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the Series 1 and Series 2 scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

Present value of provision £542 (2022 £851) see note 21

24 Restricted funds

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

		Movement in funds				Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cllr Dolan - E Hants	604	-	(604)	-	-	-	-	-	-
The National Lottery Fund	-	-	-	-	-	9,980	(9,980)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	6,118	39,325	(44,295)	-	1,148	42,287	(43,435)	-	-
HCC East - MOJ IDVA	-	87,446	(87,446)	-	-	176,860	(176,860)	-	-
HCC West - MOJ IDVA	-	163,131	(163,131)	-	-	192,998	(192,998)	-	-
Hive	841	-	(508)	-	333	-	(333)	-	-
Rural Communities	-	25,200	(25,200)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery Up2U	-	138,422	(138,422)	-	-	144,046	(162,796)	18,750	-
Hampshire Police CYP Project	-	25,725	(25,725)	-	-	-	-	-	-
PCC Safer Communities	-	1,257	(1,257)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reaching Communities IDVA	36,430	151,780	(143,373)	-	44,837	-	(44,837)	-	-
PCC	-	-	-	-	-	43,897	(43,897)	-	-
OPCC APA	22,021	170,033	(192,054)	-	-	72,425	(72,425)	-	-
MOJ	-	71,465	(71,465)	-	-	348,582	(352,264)	3,682	-
OPCC HCP	2,268	40,783	(40,783)	(2,268)	-	31,750	(34,763)	3,013	-
Henry Smith	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Labyrinth Project	-	56,250	(41,621)	-	14,629	22,500	(39,286)	2,157	-
Armed Forces Covenant	-	44,855	(1,808)	(43,047)	-	-	-	-	-
Move On Fund	27,423	-	-	-	27,423	-	-	(1,221)	26,202
PCC Safer Streets 4 Programme	-	-	-	-	-	21,600	(21,600)	-	-
Southern Housing Group	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Natwest and SafeLives Circle Fund	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	(5,000)	-	2,500
	95,705	1,075,672	(1,037,692)	(45,315)	88,370	1,085,325	(1,173,874)	26,381	33,702

24 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

The Reaching Communities IDVA fund was received to deliver Independent Violence Adviser Services to High Risk Victims in Havant, Fareham, Gosport and East Hampshire.

The Move On fund was received for the specific purpose of working with women and children living in refuge accommodation.

BBC Children in Need fund was received to support children and young people in the Havant and Fareham refuges.

VAWG HCP was received to support those experiencing Harmful Cultural Practices.

Armed Forces Covenant Fund is to deliver work with people who use domestically abusive behaviours in their intimate partner relationships.

OPCC provided grants for group work for young people and parents to promote healthy relationships.

Hive hardship funding provides essential items for people to gain or maintain a tenancy.

Labyrinth Project provided funding that was used to map services in Hampshire to deliver training and workshops to both victims and professionals.

MOJ IDVA funding relates to services which addresses the safety of victims at high risk of harm from intimate partners, ex-partners or family members to secure their safety and safety of their children.

Southern Housing Group provide essential household support for families in Portsmouth affected by domestic abuse and facing financial hardship. The grant funded the essential provision of vouchers for food and household fuel.

NatWest and SafeLives Circle Fund was received to provide financial support through grants to individuals and families, for victims of economic abuse

25 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2022	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Project Fund (2022/23)	313,493	49,906	363,399	548,794	912,193
Repairs and Renewals - Portsmouth	6,016	1,504	7,520	6,616	14,136
Repairs and Renewals - Hampshire	28,692	(2,100)	26,592	30,322	56,914
Repairs and Renewals - Dispersed Accommodation	14,404	6,324	20,728	126,341	147,069
New Refuge Fundraising	1,200,000	300,000	1,500,000	450,000	1,950,000
Dispersed Accomodation	131,595	(3,980)	127,615	-	127,615
Refuge Provision Reserve	204,975	-	204,975	-	204,975
Pension Withdrawal Reserve	18,282	(1,907)	16,375	-	16,375
Redundancy Reserve	96,496	-	96,496	-	96,496
FGM/HCP Reserve	40,000	(20,000)	20,000	(20,000)	-
Digital IT fund		29,127	29,127	(29,127)	-
WISH		117,082	117,082	(117,082)	-
New office fund		300,000	300,000	150,000	450,000
Designated project fund (2021/22)		1,399,667	1,399,667	(1,399,667)	-
Designated play equipment fund		181,223	181,223	75,257	256,480
Dispersed properties		590,214	590,214	682,075	1,272,289
Designated Project Fund - Portsmouth				419,620	419,620
Programme Developement Fund				113,567	113,567
Repairs and Renewals - Southampton				8,625	8,625
Move On Fund				5,604	5,604
	2,053,953	2,947,060	5,001,013	1,050,945	6,051,958

The above reserves were designated by the committee to provide for a minimum of three months operating costs. Reserves include operating costs for general and designated projects, furniture replacement funds, new refuge fund, redundancy reserve and staff pension reserve.

26 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	242,553	-	242,553	213,064	-	213,064
Investments	326,371	-	326,371	342,705	-	342,705
Current assets/(liabilities)	7,095,610	33,702	7,129,312	5,436,083	88,370	5,524,453
Provisions	(542)	-	(542)	(851)	-	(851)
	7,663,992	33,702	7,697,694	5,991,001	88,370	6,079,371

27 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

Southern Domestic Abuse Service has been notified by The Pensions Trust of the estimated employer debt on withdrawal from the Plan based on the financial position of the Plan as at 30 September 2021. As of this date the estimated employer debt for Southern Domestic Abuse Service was £16,375.

28 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	477,841	475,782
Between two and five years	462,746	548,182
	940,587	1,023,964

29 Related party transactions

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

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	286,261	242,338

30	Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
	Surplus for the year	1,618,323	1,907,489
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(16,512)	(489)
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	8,276	(2,426)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	56,342	52,923
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	354,630	(607,383)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	220,364	(20,967)
	(Decrease) in provisions	(309)	(2,798)
	Increase in deferred income	14,891	-
	Cash generated from operations	2,256,005	1,326,349

31 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

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Dear Trustees

REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

In accordance with our normal practice we are writing to draw your attention to various matters which arose during the course of our audit of the financial statements of Southern Domestic Abuse Service Limited T/A Stop Domestic Abuse (SDA) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

1. An appendix attached contains any comments or observations we have concerning the qualitative aspects of the entity's accounting practices and financial reporting.

2. We did not encounter any significant difficulties during the audit and there are no significant findings from the audit to draw to your attention. The comments in the attached appendix have not given us cause to alter the outcome of our audit report.

3. We have complied with the Ethical Standard for Auditors and all threats to our independence, as identified to you in our planning letter dated 21 March 2023, have been properly addressed through appropriate safeguards. No additional facts or matters have arisen during the course of the audit that we wish to draw to your attention and we confirm that we are independent and able to express an objective opinion on the financial statements.

4. Our proposed letter of representation is attached. We draw your attention to the paragraphs concerning Ethical standards, in other respects the letter is routine. We have uploaded a copy to our Portal; this should be printed on your headed paper, signed and dated and returned to us with the signed accounts.

5. A schedule is attached of all unadjusted misstatements determined during the course of our audit, except for those considered to be clearly trivial.

6. We have no comments or observations concerning the selection and application of accounting policies.

7. As you are aware from our letter of engagement, our audit procedures were directed towards testing the accounting systems in operation upon which we have based our assessment of the financial statements. Any recommendations provided as a result are not meant to be a full and accurate reflection of all weaknesses that may be present in your system.

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8. Any matter which might come to light would do so during the course of our normal audit tests which are designed to assist us in forming our opinion on the financial statements. Our tests may not necessarily disclose all errors or irregularities and should not be relied upon to do so. However, if any irregularity did come to our attention during our audit tests, we would, of course, inform you immediately.

9. We do not propose any modifications to our audit opinion and hence will be issuing a clean audit report.

   This report has been prepared for the sole use of the Board of SDA and must not be shown to third parties without our prior consent. No responsibilities are accepted by Jones Avens Limited towards any party acting or refraining from action as a result of this report.

   Finally, we would like to express our thanks to all members of SDA's staff who assisted us in carrying out our work.

   Yours faithfully

Jones Avens
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Southern Domestic Abuse Service

Points noted during the course of our audit for the year ended 31 March 2023:

Brought forward from 2022:

Reconciliation of restricted fund income and expenditure

Observation
We noted on our management letter for the year ended 31/03/21 that we were not provided a reconciliation for restricted fund movements for the year. A reconciliation was also not provided for the year ended 31/03/22.

Implication
Compiling a reconciliation of restricted funds combining the Sage records and management accounts, alongside discussion with SDA staff was possible however this is very time consuming. Not having a reconciliation available at planning increases the risk of a misstatement in this area and additionally potentially increases the audit work required. While we are more than happy to provide advice, the audit must not be relied upon to ensure the correct allocation between restricted and unrestricted funds.

Recommendation
It would be beneficial going forward if we can receive a detailed reconciliation of restricted funds that replicates the disclosure required in the accounts. We can then perform our audit testing based on this schedule.

2022/23 Comment
Further reconciliation was provided for this years audit however there was still some difficulty tying the funds into the table format required in the accounts so it may be useful to discuss this further for next years audit.

SDAS comment
The Finance Director has discussed this point with Jones Avens and agreed that a reconciliation showing restricted fund opening balances, movements and closing balances will be provided for 2023/24 year end audit.

Journals posted into reserves in Sage

Observation
There were some journals posted into Sage which debited expenditure and credited reserve codes directly.

Implication
The journals caused the reserve balance in Sage to differ from the closing financial statements but also expenditure to be artificially inflated as a result.

Recommendation
We would recommend that journals are not posted directly into reserve codes from income or expenditure nominals so that both opening reserves agree and only genuine expenditure occurred (or accrued) is included in the financial statements.

SDAS comment
This has been noted and month end processes updated so that journals are not posted directly into reserve codes.

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Unadjusted misstatements in respect of the year ended 31 March 2023 (except those deemed clearly trivial):

		Value £	Effect of potential correction on surplus £
1	Accrued income from 31/03/22 not reversed or confirmed as receivable	26,440	(26,440)
2	Hugg invoice pre-paid account top up not prepaid in financial statements	24,906	24,906

Stop Domestic Abuse

Adjustments to the financial statements agreed during the audit for the year ended 31 March 2023 (except those deemed clearly trivial):

		Value £	Effect of correction on surplus £
1	Correction to opening balance reserves, journal between grant income and reserves after error on roll forward	152,000	
2	Remove journals posted to expenditure against reserves which overstated the expenditure	51,071	51,071
3	Remove accrual for housing benefit income already invoiced for on sales ledger and therefore included twice	62,999	(62,999)

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Cover image: Children's work adorns the walls of our Refuges

Our Vision is

a world without domestic abuse.

Our mission

Here at Stop Domestic Abuse we seek to help all those affected by domestic abuse by providing innovative and unique services. We protect and work with victims as well as helping perpetrators, the police and many other organisations.

Our values

Our values are integral to how we work at Stop Domestic Abuse

- Equality
- Openness
- Honesty
- Respect for individual dignity and diversity
- Empowering women and children
- Care and Compassion

By committing to these values and to support our vision of "a world without domestic abuse" we will:

- Work in partnership
- Lobby and campaign
- Involve those who use our services
- Provide services that reflect the diverse needs of the communities we serve
- Be easily accessible
- Be relevant to service users' needs
- Be of real assistance to women, children, young people and men affected by domestic abuse
- Provide services by a diverse workforce
- Be well managed and provide value for money
- Regularly monitor our services and outcomes
- Continually improve
- Ensure good governance of the organisation
- Be open to progressive and innovative ways of doing things
- Ensure everyone counts.

By achieving our vision for Stop Domestic Abuse and committing ourselves to the values that underpin our work, we will significantly improve the lives of those to whom we provide services.

Chair's Report

Preventing abuse – now and in the future. A thank you to everyone who has played their part.

There is never a dull moment at Stop Domestic Abuse. Each year brings new challenges and opportunities: this year has been no exception.

The pandemic increased pressure on victims of domestic abuse while limiting access to support services. The cost of living crisis adds to these pressures. We're deeply grateful to our staff who have shown great resilience and commitment by continuing to deliver lifesaving support in these unprecedented times.

Stop Domestic Abuse celebrated its 45th anniversary in July. As understanding of the widespread nature of domestic abuse has increased, so too has recognition of the need for services, not only to support those experiencing abuse but also to prevent abuse in the future.

Our journey reflects these changes. We have grown rapidly, expanding our services while ensuring our ethos and values remain central to our strategic direction and service delivery.

Exciting new opportunity

Claire Lambon, CEO, and her team, have won multiple grants and funding to ensure the future of the service. Stop Domestic Abuse now delivers all commissioned domestic abuse services in Hampshire and Portsmouth.

Additionally in July, working in partnership with domestic and sexual abuse charity Yellow Door, and No Limits, a charity offering free and confidential information, advice, counselling, advocacy and support to children and young people under the age of 26 in Southampton and Hampshire, we were awarded the contract to deliver domestic abuse and sexual violence services in Southampton. This is an exciting new opportunity.

Our refuge appeal has now exceeded its original target. We raised £1.5 million to create a purpose-built refuge for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. However, more is needed to meet the soaring cost of land, materials and labour. A revised target of £1.8 million, and a relaunch of the campaign, is on our agenda for the year ahead.

Life-changing services

To function as an effective and dynamic organisation, strong governance is essential. We want to increase the diversity of the board to ensure it reflects the needs and experiences of our clients. To find out about becoming a trustee, please contact **info@stopdomesticabuse.uk** for a chat.

We greatly value the partnerships which enable us to provide these innovative, life changing services to those affected by domestic abuse. So, a huge thank you to everyone for the part you play in our fight for *a world without domestic abuse.*

Gill Butler
Chair

CEO's Report

Chief Executive Claire Lambon celebrates the commitment shown by everyone at Stop Domestic Abuse as the charity develops new services and embraces strategic partnerships.

I am proud of how much this amazing organisation has achieved during a year of organisational growth and intensive support for our clients. We respond with care, resilience and professionalism ensuring that all our clients have support to recover and heal.

Our clients have faced significant challenges throughout the pandemic, and these continue due to the cost of living crisis, further limiting a survivor's access to advice and support. With vital support from funding partners, we have provided welfare support to families facing hardship and upgraded facilities in our refuges.

Our clients face increasingly complex challenges

Demand for services is growing and it is essential that we are able to provide specialist support of the highest quality.

There is a steady increase in the number of clients experiencing mental health challenges and requiring specialist one to one support. Nearly 70 per cent of clients describe having higher self-esteem when they move on from our support; and clients report feeling better able to support their mental health.

Children are coming to us with a range of complex needs, and the number assessed as 'high risk' has increased by 26 per cent. Working with Hampshire Police, we have been delivering workshops on healthy relationships in schools across the county and this has led to unprecedented levels of children and young people coming forward for support.

98 per cent of children and young people told us that they felt safer following support from Stop Domestic Abuse's specialist Children and Young People's team.

We have worked with Portsmouth City Council and the Hampshire Police Crime Commissioner to deliver the Mentors in Violence Project and plan to extend this into other areas.

New Contract in Portsmouth

In July 2021 we began a new service in Portsmouth through which we provide support to victims of domestic abuse who use unhealthy and abusive behaviours and are committed to change. The service was re-commissioned by Portsmouth City Council and the Police Commissioner and is testament to the quality of our service provision.

Supporting community policing across Hampshire

In the light of the tragic case of Sarah Everard, we have been working with partner organisations and Commissioners to help Hampshire Police learn from the public response to this tragedy. We also supported a letter from Women's Aid to the Prime Minister outlining concerns about the Government's response to male violence.

We secured a contract to work with Hampshire Constabulary to support victims of domestic abuse where either the victim is connected to policing, or where the abuse is perpetrated connected to policing.

Community Partnerships

We are helping communities to recognise, discuss and signpost domestic abuse. The project builds awareness of domestic abuse within the beauty industry and Library service and creates a supportive environment for victims to access support from trained staff.

On White Ribbon Day we launched our night-time economy campaign, distributing beer mats which include our helpline numbers. We also worked with Portsmouth Football Club to encourage men to speak up against male violence against women.

It was a privilege to see Portsmouth's iconic Spinnaker Tower lit in orange in recognition of our fight against domestic abuse in the city.

Access to support for marginalised groups

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & the Isle of Wight, Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth City Council have funded a number of specialist posts, strengthening our support for marginalised communities and refuge clients, as well as launch a range of specialist interventions for perpetrators.

We responded to the needs of both Afghan and Ukrainian refugees with leaflets translated into their most commonly spoken languages and provided information about women's rights and domestic abuse.

Domestic abuse is a 'gendered crime'

Our name reflects that our services are truly inclusive to all. However, in the majority of cases, domestic abuse is experienced by women and perpetrated by men and is rooted in women's inequality and characterised by patterns of coercive control.

We recognise intersectional feminist principles and that women's particular experiences of violence and discrimination can be the result of multiple oppressions. Looking through the lens of intersectionality helps us understand that some women are affected more due to race, ethnicity, sexuality, ability, age, education, class, language and culture.

Expansion into Southampton

Our tender to provide domestic abuse and sexual violence services in Southampton was successful. The new service began on 1 July 2022 and includes both refuge and community-based services. We are particularly proud of the wonderful new refuge we opened in Southampton, made possible by the hard work of our colleagues and partners at Sovereign Housing Association. We're working with our partners Yellow Door and No Limits to deliver this exciting new service.

This has been an extraordinary year of growth and development and as we celebrated the charity's 45th Anniversary in July 2022 I was able to reflect that this has only been possible due to the hard work and dedication of both colleagues and Trustees at Stop Domestic Abuse.

I would like to thank all my colleagues, Trustees and partners for their commitment to our vision of a world without domestic abuse.

What is Domestic Abuse?

In 2021, the Domestic Abuse Bill received Royal Assent and gave the UK its first statutory definition of domestic abuse.

Domestic abuse is a one-off act or a pattern of acts of

-Controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading or violent behaviour

-Sexual, financial and economic, online, digital, psychological or emotional abuse

- harassment and stalking.

Gender and domestic abuse

While both men and women may experience incidents of inter-personal violence and abuse, women are considerably more likely to experience repeated and severe forms of abuse, including sexual violence.

The latest figures show that out of an estimated 2 million victims of domestic abuse in the last year, some 1.3 million were women. The majority (70 per cent) of victims of domestic violence deaths are female.

On average over 90 per cent of defendants in domestic violence court cases are male and over 80 per cent of victims are female. Every week in the UK, two women are murdered by a partner or ex-partner.

However, anyone can still experience domestic abuse regardless of their gender identity, ethnicity, ability, age, class, race or religion. Some victims who have experienced other forms of oppression and discrimination are faced with further barriers to disclosing the abuse, accessing support and finding help.

We need to challenge cultural stereotypes which still assume that the perpetrators of domestic violence are men and the victims are women. However, at the same time, we must recognise that the majority of perpetrators are men.

We still live in a patriarchal society where men have more power, more sense of entitlement, and (on average) more income than women. To ignore the impact of gender on domestic violence does a disservice to people of any gender.

Our work

Key to services

1 Refuge
2 One-to-one Support
3 Group Work
4 Child Sexual Exploitation
5 Harmful Cultural Practices
6 Health Advocate
7 Ask Me
8 Target Hardening
9 Up2U:My Choice
10 Family work

Community based services

Tailored one-to-one support for adult victims and children affected by domestic abuse across the whole of Hampshire and Portsmouth*.

**All services in Test Valley are delivered by our partner and sub-contractor Finding Freedom From Abuse.*

Refuge

We have 18 refuges across Hampshire, Southampton and Portsmouth and can accommodate 106 women and their children.

Group work

Delivered to adults, children, and young people.

Up2U

A behaviour-change programme delivered to people using abusive/unhealthy behaviours in the intimate relationships.

Up2U:MyChoice

For victims of domestic abuse who have some unhealthy relationship behaviours.

Ask Me

Ask Me Community Ambassadors raise awareness of domestic abuse in the areas we operate. We provide full training so they can create a safe environment where survivors can speak out.

CSE

Specialist support for young people affected by Child Sexual Exploitation.

Target Hardening

Target hardening provides practical home security items such as window alarms and locks.

Harmful Cultural Practices

Specialist work addresses harmful cultural practices including female genital mutilation, forced marriage and 'honour' based violence across the whole of Hampshire.

Health Advocate

A Domestic Abuse Health Advocate works at Winchester Hospital offering immediate advice and support to staff and patients.

Family Work

When safe, a whole family assessment takes place to recognise the dynamics in the relationship to enable the service to respond accordingly.

Client story

A joint working case study: Surviving with an ex-partner turned stalker

Jenny* had split up from her partner, but he was stalking her, bombarding her with phone calls, entering the building where she lived and watching her in the underground car park she used.

By the time Jenny was referred to Stop Domestic Abuse, the police had serious concerns about her safety.

Police had issued five Police Protection Notices (PPNs) which assessed her vulnerability and helped everyone understand the level of risk she faced. Other professionals became involved. These included the family's social worker, a housing officer and a stalking advocate.

But by the time she was referred to Stop Domestic Abuse, Jenny was at high risk of harm.

Our support worker first contacted Jenny in April 2022. Full safety and support plans were co-created. Stop Domestic Abuse also made contact with the family's social worker to let her know what we could do to help Jenny.

When he was released, a court order ensured he was electronically tagged

Working with third party organisations and getting Jenny's consent

The next task was to support Jenny to not only feel more secure, but also to come up with practical ways of stopping the stalker. This meant talking directly to the housing officer, who secured the flat where Jenny lived.

Stop Domestic Abuse became the main point of contact for Jenny. She found the number of phone calls from organisations trying to help difficult to deal with.

The Stop Domestic Abuse worker asked a stalking advocate from another organisation to liaise with her rather than Jenny. We also worked with them to assist with their stalking risk assessments and agreed safety actions. All this was done with Jenny's consent.

Keeping everyone updated is key to multi-agency approach

Jenny was concerned her smoke detectors weren't working so Stop Domestic Abuse arranged for a visit from Hampshire Fire and Rescue under the 'Safe and Well' scheme, a free home fire safety visit.

We used our Target Hardening Fund and a 'ring doorbell' was fitted. It lets people see who is at their door, whether they are at home or not.

Jenny was also supported through the MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) process and our support worker was key in obtaining Jenny's consent, thoughts and feelings, which were shared at these meetings.

All the professionals involved with the case were updated with the information needed to keep Jenny and her children as safe as possible until the stalker was apprehended.

Successful outcome and far lower risk

Eventually, the ex-partner was arrested and remanded by police. When he was released, a court order ensured he was electronically tagged. Also, both a non-molestation order and a prohibited steps order were issued by the courts, which further protected the children.

By working together with other professionals, Stop Domestic Abuse reduced Jenny's fear of danger from her ex-partner. The latest risk assessment showed Jenny was far safer and everybody involved in Jenny and her children's well-being saw this as a really successful outcome. For Jenny, it meant being able to sleep more soundly at night, knowing that she and her children were safe from harm.

**Client's name has been changed for anonymity*

Year at a glance

We help thousands of people *every* year.

This year at Stop Domestic Abuse has been no different.

Across Hampshire and Portsmouth, demand for our community, refuge and perpetrator services is growing. We supported twice as many people this year as we did during 2020–21 when access to services was affected by pandemic lockdowns.

Referrals and Support

In 2021–22 Stop Domestic Abuse received a total of **9660 referrals** and worked with a total of **3744 adults** and **1477 children and young people**.

This included:

- **350 women** and **435 children and young people** who stayed in one of our refuges
- **2348 adult** victims/survivors and **1233 children and young people** who received one-to-one support in the community
- **649 women** and **35 children and young people** (schools were still reluctant to do group activities mixing children from different classes) that attended one of our group programmes
- **48 adults** who were supported around harmful cultural practices
- **273 people** who were supported to change their abusive behaviours.
- **115 victims/survivors** received additional one-to-one support to improve their mental health
- **389 victims/survivors** received target hardening to improve their safety at home.

Advice Line

The number of calls to our advice line varies day to day. On average the team takes between 60 and 70 calls and answers 55 referral emails per day.

Across the UK **10,809 women** and **11,890 children** have been supported in refuges.

(Women's Aid: The Domestic Abuse Report 2022).

Staff case study

Name: Imogen Brennan
Role: Domestic Abuse Navigator

What is your background?

"Previously I was working in administration but I had always wanted to work in this sector and had been looking for a supportive environment to begin in. I was excited to find a frontline support role that gave me the opportunity to start my learning journey and work in an organisation that improves outcomes for victims and survivors of domestic abuse in Portsmouth, a city I'm proud to call home. I was immediately welcomed onto the team and began to love the role right away. The training package was such a helpful starting point and gave me the confidence to ask questions and test my knowledge with the team.

Why did you want to work at Stop Domestic Abuse?

I had read a lot about the charity and the unique services we provide to adults and children experiencing domestic abuse across Hampshire. I knew it would be right for me. When I started work at Stop Domestic Abuse I was surprised by all the different services we can offer to survivors to best support them.

Tell me about your role and any projects that you work on?

I mostly work with survivors of domestic abuse out in the community, however I've also begun some work within our refuges. I equally enjoy both, although they are very different roles. My main focus is doing the absolute best for the client and meeting all their needs, ensuring that the client feels that they have a voice and that they are heard and understood.

What does a typical day look like for you?

I think every day within Stop Domestic Abuse differs. However a typical day for me involves attending support sessions with clients, some face to face and some over the phone, and ensuring actions from our previous sessions have been completed. And finding out what the client needs, ensuring that they feel they're being supported properly. Making sure we have extensive safety planning around the survivor's situation and tailoring these to each and every client to suit them.

What is the best thing about your role and what you do?

At the heart of my role is the client. The best thing is empowering our clients while building great relationships and striving to make a difference for them while focusing on getting things to move to a healthy and safe place for that client.

What challenges do you have?

I think challenges differ depending on your current case load and what you need to complete that day. It is important to focus on prioritising and always asking for help if you feel you need it.

Why should people work for Stop Domestic Abuse?

If you're looking for a challenging yet rewarding role, Stop Domestic Abuse is a great place to work. Even the smallest success stories with clients are amazing and the rapport we build within our very supportive teams is brilliant. I have never felt so supported within a job."

In the media

Help us **talk**
Help us **break** the silence.
Help us **stop** domestic abuse.

Many victims don't talk about their experience of domestic abuse. They feel humiliated that it is happening to them and fearful of the repercussions from their abuser if they speak out, leaving them little option but to suffer in silence.

At Stop Domestic Abuse, we appear regularly in the media and work with politicians and other influencers to get people talking about domestic abuse. Through the year we have had a strong presence across television, print and radio.

Winter

Claire Lambon discussed White Ribbon Day and our 16 Days of Action campaign on Express FM, raising awareness of our the issue and challenging taboos.

International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation saw Stop Domestic Abuse, as members of the Portsmouth Harmful Practices Group, delivering trainning to professionals in the health, social care, emergency services, housing and voluntary sectors.

Spring

The Portsmouth skyline was lit up in orange as the Spinnaker Tower became a powerful symbol of the city's support for International Women's Day.

Summer

Southampton's Lord Mayor formally opened our two new refuges in Southampton as Stop Domestic Abuse became the domestic abuse and sexual violence commissioned service provider in the city.

Founders, Trustees and staff of Stop Domestic Abuse celebrated the charity's 45th Anniversary.

Autumn

BBC South Today filmed at one of our refuges and ran an insightful news story about domestic violence and our work.

Claire Lambon was interviewed by ITV News Meridian about the impact the cost of living crisis is having on survivors of domestic abuse.

For more news and events follow us on our social media platforms **@southerndas** or on our website **stopdomesticabuse.uk/news.**

VAWG Agenda

Engaging with the Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Agenda

Our monthly programme of talks for staff has included some fantastic presentations from agencies and experts from the VAWG field. Our guest speakers have covered topics including misogyny, feminist labelling, the Domestic Abuse Act, gender injustice, White Ribbon Day, the Femicide Census, domestic homicide and women with complex disadvantages.

We are very proud of the calibre of our speakers, the diverse conversations they have generated and the time they have dedicated to VAWG Hour.

VAWG Hour was created following consultation around how the ongoing issue of male violence towards women and girls remains at the forefront of our conversations. As an organisation and, as part of further embedding feminist principles into our work, we are looking forward to VAWG Hour continuing to be the important platform it has become.

Some of the speakers we have been delighted to host this year have included:

Karen Ingala Smith, CEO of Nia and Counting Dead Women blog author. Karen was inspired from fact finding for her blog and with other founded The Femicide Census in 2015. The Femicide Census has a range of uses to contribute to improving knowledge, strategy, policy and practice including: raising awareness of men's fatal violence against women; providing a clearer picture of men's fatal violence against women in the UK by factors including relationship between perpetrator and victim, age, form of violence selected, location of fatal incident and justice outcome; remembering and raising the status of women killed by men and; reducing men's violence against women and girls.

Nicole Jacobs joined us to discuss her role as the Domestic Abuse Commissioner and talked to us about the landscape for domestic abuse victims and survivors across England and Wales focusing on some of the key issues they face. Nicole is committed to championing victims and survivors of all ages, status, and backgrounds. Her goal is to improve the response to tackling domestic abuse by holding agencies to account as well as shining a light on good practice where it is seen across England and Wales.

Professor Tamsin Bradley, Professor in International Development Studies in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Portsmouth, was our inaugural speaker and provided valuable mentorship and guidance to our VAWG Hour project team. Tamsin has worked and partnered with Stop Domestic Abuse since 2013. Initially this was on a Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) in Hampshire research and capacity project followed by a Home Office funded Harmful Cultural Practices (HCP) project which culminated in the report "Transforming the Lives of Women and Girls by Ending Harmful Cultural Practices in Hampshire: Awareness, Prevention and Response".

Funding and fundraising

Your support brings us closer to our vision of a world without domestic abuse

For 45 years we have provided front line services to women, children and men affected by domestic abuse.

With demand for refuge places at an all time high and calls to our helpline and community services increasing, we are doing all we can to continue this vital work.

Fundraising Applications awarded in 2022

We are so grateful to our funding partners and commissioners for their support and commitment to our programmes for victims, survivors and perpetrators of domestic abuse.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, together with our local authority partners at Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, have enabled us to deliver inclusive, innovative projects to our clients.

Thanks to funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, BBC Children in Need and Henry Smith Charity, we have continued to deliver life-changing outcomes to adults and children affected by domestic abuse.

Fundraising events and donations – Our supporters

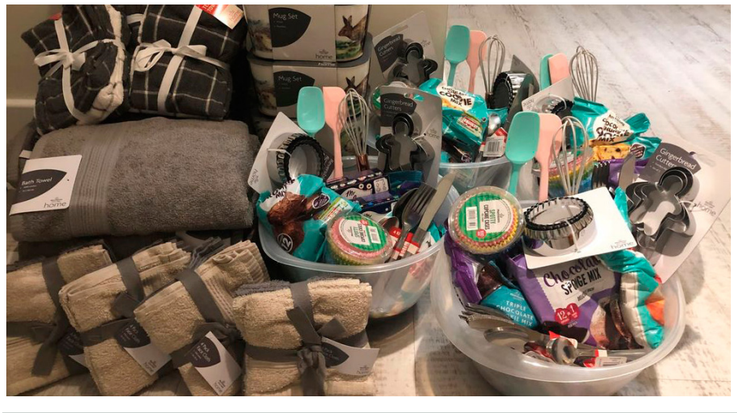
We are also grateful to our local partners who continue to donate and raise funds to support the fight against domestic abuse. There are too many to mention, but we would like to highlight just a few.

Thanks to Hampshire connect4communities, we provided food and fuel vouchers to clients struggling over the summer holidays. Over the winter, the fund provided warm bedding and laundry equipment for our refuges.

Christmas always sees an outpouring of generosity from the community, and we are enormously grateful. Across Hampshire, hundreds of organisations, community groups, churches and individuals give generously to ensure that women, children, young people and men using our services receive gifts, food, vouchers and other essential items. In Portsmouth additional support was offered, thanks to Portsmouth Diocese and The News, who provided gift vouchers for our Portsmouth clients to spend at Christmas.

We are grateful to companies and organisations who have provided valuable support to our programmes.

Thanks also to the generous members of our community who have offered donations of clothes, toys, baby equipment, furniture and bedding for our refuges.



Thank you.

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We couldn't do what we do without the support of our local communities

Every pound donated makes a difference to the lives of domestic abuse victims and survivors. Some of our supporters choose to make regular donations, others make a one-off donation. Some of our supporters make a donation instead of sending Christmas cards. Others organise fundraising events with friends or colleagues, having fun at a coffee morning, or a pub quiz, a raffle or a cake sale!

Support us now

stopdomesticabuse.uk/support-us

Scan here to go straight to our donations page

Other ways to help

Take on a Challenge for Stop Domestic Abuse

Fancy taking part in the Great South Run in the autumn, or the ABP Southampton Half Marathon in the Spring? Or joining us for the Santa Run in Southsea in December? You might even dream of doing a sponsored sky dive over Salisbury Plain!

Drop us a line to find out how you can take on a challenge and help us fight domestic abuse. We can help get your fundraising and training off to a great start!

Find out how our fundraising stars Lisa and Leeanne reached their target on page 18

Fundraise with Friends

However you choose to fundraise for us, we'll be there to help you have fun and raise money to help us continue providing life-saving services.

Trusts and Foundations

Trusts and foundations make a crucial contribution to the innovative services we offer to survivors of domestic abuse. To speak to our fundraising team, please contact changemaker@stopdomesticabuse.uk

Volunteer

Get in touch to find out how you could help us provide practical support to victims of domestic abuse.
Contact changemaker@stopdomesticabuse.uk

Play your local community lottery

Support our services in your local community and play the lottery at the same time. We're proud to be one of the charities benefiting from the Fareham, Southampton, Rushmoor and Hart community lotteries. Visit our website to find out how you can get involved.

Fundraise at Home

Sign up to AmazonSmile, select Southern Domestic Abuse service as your charity, and your everyday purchases will help us raise more money to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

"If it wasn't for Stop Domestic Abuse I wouldn't be here today. I felt like my life was ruined but now I have hope for the future..."

"I feel safe here, there are cameras outside to keep us safe. I like my new school but I miss my friends and my old big house."

Support our New Refuge Appeal

Refuge support for women and children is at the heart of what we do at Stop Domestic Abuse. We work with local authorities to provide safe, supportive accommodation for families who have made the incredibly hard decision to leave their home to find safety.

The national network of refuges is under threat. Funding cuts have forced refuges to close. Nationally, two-thirds of victims in need of safe accommodation are being turned away because of a lack of suitable refuge space. The situation has become worse due to increased isolation and financial difficulties during the pandemic placing additional pressures on personal relationships and local services. We are working with clients, commissioners, partners, housing associations and staff to deliver safe and welcoming accommodation through the network of 18 refuges we run for our local authority partners.

Our vision is to build our own refuge in South East Hampshire, where women and children can recover and begin to rebuild their lives. This purpose-built, expertly run refuge will provide a unique, child-centred holistic centre where the physical environment will be as much a part of victims' recovery as the specialist support we will provide to our clients. We have identified a location with good links to local transport hubs, schools and community services. And thanks to our wonderful supporters, we are well on the way to meeting our fundraising target to start to build the new refuge.

To find out how you can get involved, as a fundraiser, campaigner or volunteer, get in touch changemaker@stopdomesticabuse.uk

Thank you.

Fundraising stars

Athletes motivated to help domestic abuse victims and survivors

In the Summer, Leeanne Barber and Lisa Phipps, two fitness instructors from Havant, completed the IRONMAN Vitoria-Gasteiz challenge and raised over £5,000 for Stop Domestic Abuse.

Three years ago, Leeanne and Lisa decided to take on the ultimate challenge of completing a full IRONMAN, before COVID-19 put paid to their plans. Their intensive training regime and fundraising efforts finally paid off this year. In July they travelled to Spain and completed the challenge in under 12 hours.

The event was a gruelling 2.4 mile open water swim, 112 mile bike ride followed by a Marathon.

Mentally and physically tough

Leeanne and Lisa chose to support Stop Domestic Abuse through their epic challenge. Thanks to Leeanne, Lisa and many other generous supporters, we are now one step closer to building a dedicated refuge providing innovative support services to women and their children fleeing domestic abuse.

Leeanne said: *"This was such a tough challenge both physically and mentally. I'm delighted that we have successfully raised vital funds to help Stop Domestic Abuse build a new local, child-centred, holistic refuge. Knowing we are helping women and children affected by domestic abuse has kept us motivated throughout our journey."*

Would you like to support us?

We couldn't do what we do without the support of community supporters like Leeanne and Lisa. If you'd like to support us through a fundraising challenge, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch by contacting **changemaker@stopdomesticabuse.uk**

Thank you.

Why do we do this work?

We have one clear vision: A world without domestic abuse.

To make that vision a reality we offer many different services and projects, ensuring that domestic abuse is 'everyone's business', that victims are supported to recover and perpetrators are supported to change their behaviour. Every client's experience and journey is unique and our services reflect that.

We offer one-to-one support focussing on what is important to each client and we provide a wide range of group work programmes and complementary services that they can access.

REFUGES provide a safe place to live for women and children when they cannot stay in their own homes. We make each refuge feel like a home and provide both one-to-one support and group activities for women and children.

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES offer as many victims and survivors as possible the chance to stay in their homes. This may be one-to-one support in person in the home or a place the client feels safe. It could be on the phone, via video calling, email or text. We help improve their safety or address other issues affecting them.

We offer **TARGET HARDENING**. A specialist worker visits homes to give safety advice and issue personal and home safety equipment.

Our **GROUP WORK** programmes give participants the opportunity to learn about domestic abuse and how it has affected them. They can then recognise any warning signs in future relationships. Our clients tell us that they like meeting others with similar experiences and many friendships are made that continue after the group has finished.

We have specialist support for people affected by 'honour'-based violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage and other **HARMFUL CULTURAL PRACTICES.**

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES offer an opportunity for children to understand what they have experienced and to help them feel safe again. Domestic abuse can have a severe and traumatic impact on children and young people which can result in developmental delays, unhealthy coping strategies and difficulties in friendships and relationships.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT WORKERS offer additional support to clients in refuges and the community to address low-level mental health needs.

UP2U:MY CHOICE is a programme for victims who have some unhealthy relationship behaviours, often as a result of the abuse they've experienced.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMMES FOR PEOPLE WHO USE ABUSIVE AND UNHEALTHY BEHAVIOURS are key because domestic abuse won't end unless perpetrators are supported to change. Up2U:Creating Healthy Relationships works with people who admit that they have been abusive or used unhealthy behaviours and are committed to changing.

EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTATIVE WORK includes training professionals from other organisations to recognise domestic abuse and be confident in talking about it.

This helps them understand the different types of support available for victims, survivors and perpetrators and the impact domestic abuse can have on their clients.

Children and young people

Support in many forms

Children are victims of domestic abuse too. Children and young people's reactions to the trauma of witnessing domestic abuse are just as varied as adult reactions.

This trauma can have physical, social, emotional, and behavioural impacts, often with these impacts overlapping. Physically, they can experience bed-wetting, develop eczema, struggle with sleep.

Socially and emotionally, they can develop entrenched feelings of fear and anxiety, they can develop a sense of responsibility for protecting others, struggle with self-worth and find it difficult to make or keep friends. Behaviourally, they will often either internalise or externalise the feelings that are having. Externalised behaviour can present as aggressive, bursts of anger, internalised feelings can present as being withdrawn or even detached and uninterested.

Children and young people experiencing any of these feelings or behaviours need support so they can recover and learn how to cope with their experiences. Support from our service comes in many forms. It could be programmes and groups, school workshops and support interventions, one-to-one sessions from a specialist children and young person (CYP) outreach worker or joining activities with a funded playworker. We support the children to gain improved understanding around safety, mental and physical health, friendships and relationships, confidence and self-esteem.

School projects

Throughout the year we have continued to support children and young people both in schools and within the community. Pupils aged eight to eleven are introduced to the concepts of healthy relationships, safe people and ways of managing emotions, through a range of interactive and discussion-led activities.

Our Safe Little Bear groups continue to be in demand in schools across the region, with a group of four to seven year old children introduced to simple concepts of healthy behaviours and safety through five weekly sessions.

Thousands of teenagers

We have delivered one-to-one sessions tailored to meet individual needs and our ongoing support continues to make a marked difference in young people's lives. Our support sessions have been delivered to young people who have witnessed domestic abuse in their homes and through our APA work (adolescent to parent abuse) we have also been able to support young people who are displaying abusive behaviours themselves. We continue to receive referrals for support from schools, social workers and many other family services.

In addition to our one-to-one support sessions, we continue to deliver group work helping both to educate and to support young people. A new project we have successfully delivered has focussed on the prevention of inappropriate sexualised behaviour. The workshop has been delivered to thousands of teenagers all over Hampshire and our feedback forms have demonstrated just how much pupils have taken away from the sessions.

Everyday scenario

Our skilled workers have delivered interactive sessions in hundreds of mainstream and specialist schools across the county. The interactive sessions presented pupils with a range of different behaviours and they were encouraged to share their opinions as to which behaviours may be appropriate.

Specialist children and young people's workers were able to create an environment where pupils could challenge each other and have complex discussions about healthy relationship behaviour. Case studies were presented and encouraged pupils to apply the ideas to an everyday scenario.

Refuge

Families come to refuges because they have no other option. It is not safe for them to remain in their homes. As a refuge is only a temporary place to stay, it is crucial that children and young people are supported through this unsettling and potentially upsetting period of their lives, until they can move into a permanent home with their non-abusive parent.

Our Children and Young People refuge workers and play workers welcome women and their children into refuge and provide them with support to meet their needs. Our team works collaboratively to identify the needs of individual children, young people and their mothers so that they manage the impact of trauma and begin the healing process of their domestic abuse experience.

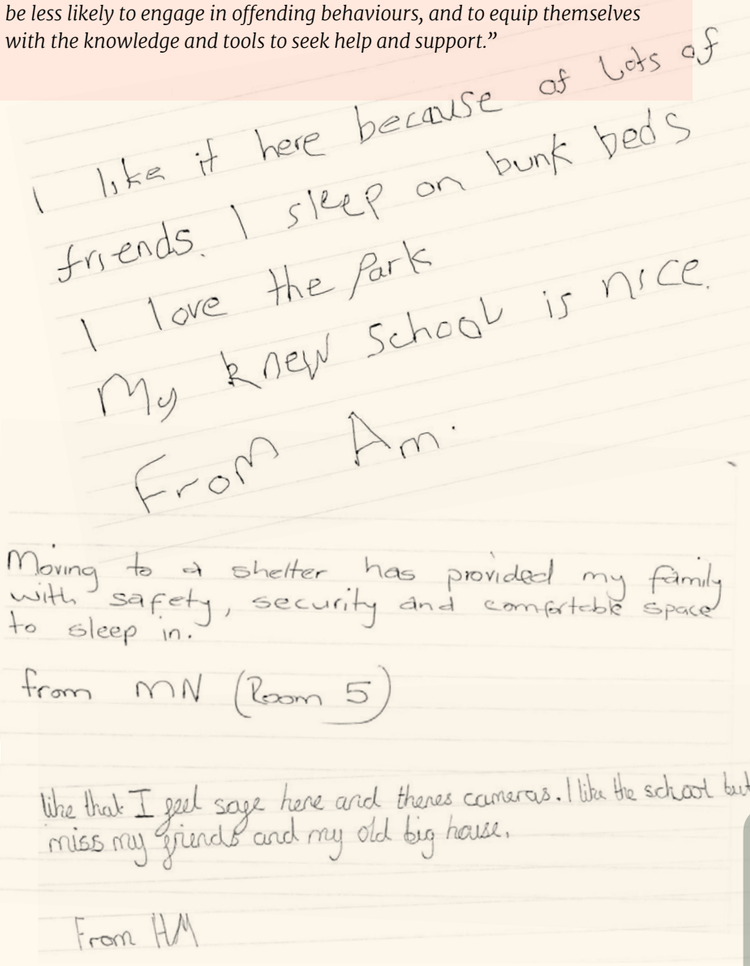
In each refuge we have a dedicated play room or play area which which we fill with toys, play and craft equipment. Throughout their stay in refuge, Stop Domestic Abuse staff organise and supervise children's activities during the day and after school as needed.

Allow children to be children

A child who has experienced emotional trauma is more likely to adapt unusual communication methods and challenging behaviours. This is also likely to impact on their mental health. Applied intervention (play therapy) can minimise the long-term impact and be implemented as a means of treatment to these behaviours and feelings. Play therapy is a structured, theoretically based approach to therapy that builds on the normal communicative and learning processes of children

A variety of play sessions and activities are delivered through therapeutic play initiatives and are often themed to various events throughout the year and aim to allow children time to be what they are – children.

Rachel Windebank, Operations Director said, *"We provide a model for healthy relationships which enables children and young people to identify risks, navigate personal/social challenges, and to stay healthy and safe. The team educates children and young people to recognise signs of abuse, be less likely to engage in offending behaviours, and to equip themselves with the knowledge and tools to seek help and support."*


I like it here because of lots of friends. I sleep on bunk beds
I love the Park
My new school is nice.
From Am.

Moving to a shelter has provided my family with safety, security and comfortable space to sleep in.

from MN (Room 5)

like that I feel safe here and theres cameras. I like the school but miss my friends and my old big house.

From AM

Marie's case study

Adolescent to Parent Abuse Programme

There is no single cause of adolescent to parent violence. Parental domestic abuse, mental health needs, substance abuse, learning difficulties and other behavioural problems present in some, but not all, cases.

There are some situations where there is no explanation for the behaviour and other children in the family are not violent or abusive.

Stop Domestic Abuse's Adolescent to Parent Abuse (APA) programme delivers one-to-one support to decrease the frequency and intensity of abusive and violent behaviour. It addresses the underlying cause of behaviour in a non-judgemental way. We also carry out preventative work in small groups to understand unhealthy relationship behaviours and attitudes.

Our client-centred approach aims to bring about positive changes in relationships for the long term. We aim to reduce children and young people's violent and abusive behaviours and improve relationships with parents and other family members.

Therapeutic, educational and creative activities embed progress and deepen reflection. They develop empathy, improve immediate child and parent relationships and improve expectations for the child's future partner relationships.

Our lead worker in the APA programme enables clients to understand and express their emotions healthily and improve their communication with parents and carers.

A healthier future for Marie*

Background and reasons for referral to service
A 15-year-old girl was referred because of her unmanageable and abusive behaviour towards her mum and dad, who were separated. Most of the physical and mental abuse was targeted at her mum. Marie was using cannabis and alcohol as coping mechanisms and had depression and anxiety. She had witnessed domestic abuse at home.

Challenges

She was frequently missing school. She slammed an iron into the wall, grabbed the steering wheel when her mum was driving and poured a bottle of Coke over her mum's head. She was arrested by police for physical violence and for damage to her mum's home. The mum was scared of having her at home and Marie went to stay with her grandmother.

Stop Domestic Abuse programme of work

Our first sessions focused on Marie understanding family dynamics and her feelings on each family relationship. Sessions included discussions and activities around anger management, triggers, unhealthy coping mechanisms and how this intensifies unhealthy behaviours. It included activities connecting thoughts, feelings and behaviours, demonstrating the power of making the right choices by understanding the consequences.

Progress and outcomes

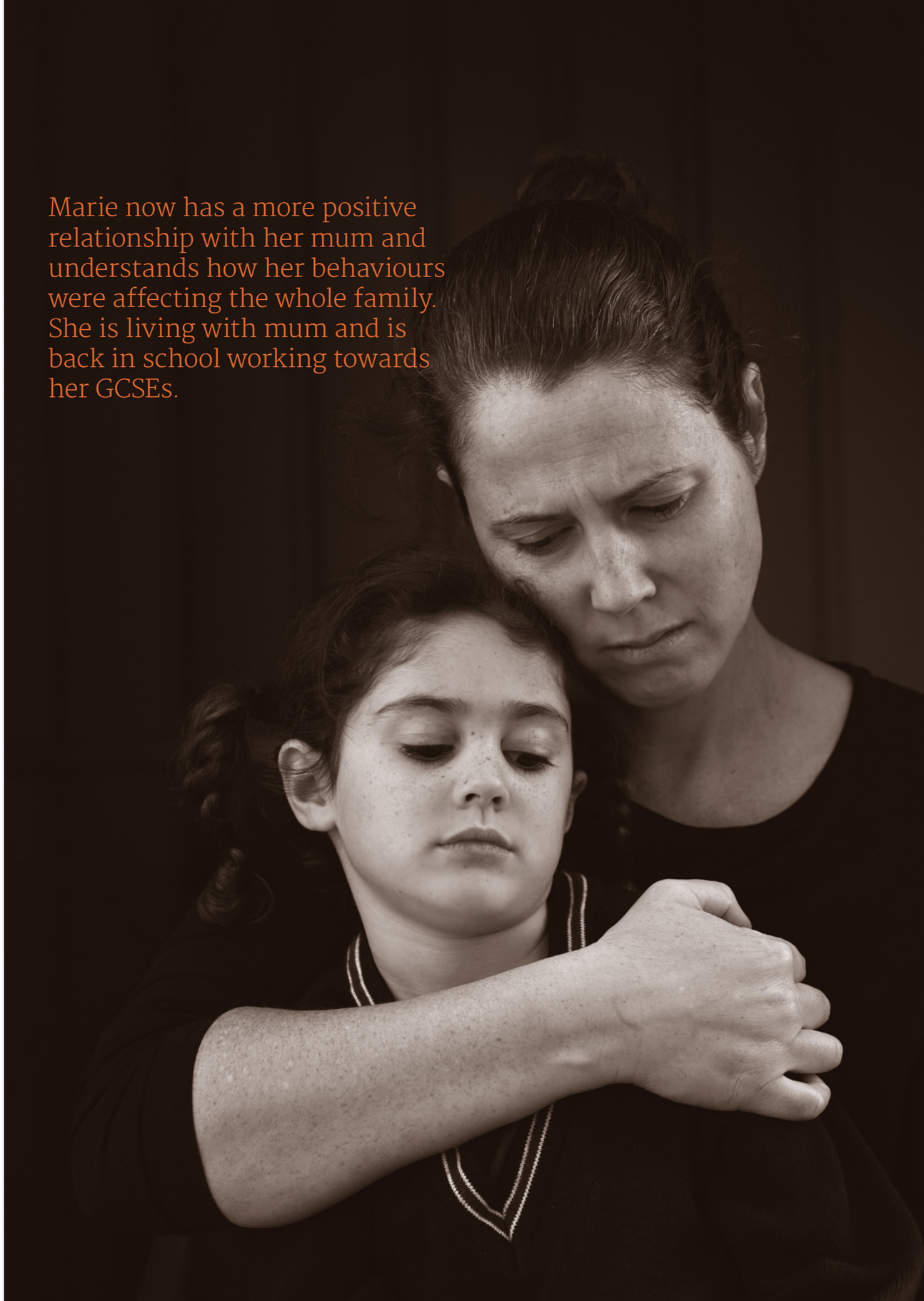
Stop Domestic Abuse worked with Marie every week, liaising with her social worker to get her back to school. We provided help to end cannabis and alcohol use which led her to feel more energetic and able to focus on her school work and family relationships.

Marie now has a more positive relationship with her mum and understands how her behaviours were affecting the whole family. She is living with mum and is back in school working towards her GCSEs and is considering sixth form college.

Marie's support worker said: *"Marie has definitely grown in confidence when we talk about her future. The fact that she is predicted 7s and 8s for her GCSEs is really positive."*

This project is made possible by funding from Hampshire County Council and the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

**Name has been changed for anonymity*



Harmful Cultural Practices

Stop Domestic Abuse offers specialist support for anyone affected by 'honour' based violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage and other harmful cultural practices.

Nazia Shah works for Stop Domestic Abuse as a Community Development Worker – Harmful Cultural Practices. Read on to hear what she has to say about this vital area of work and the communities she is working with.

Why is this role so important at Stop Domestic Abuse?

When I was working as a community worker, many women used to come to me and share their experience of domestic abuse. At that time, I couldn't identify the abusive behaviour they were going through. I just knew that they were not having happy, healthy relationships and I really wanted to understand, help and support them. The women who used to confide in me also used to tell me how British people would not understand their culture and how they felt they would be judged or not given the support they needed.

Is there a problem reporting domestic abuse in minority communities?

I unfortunately witness abusive and violent behaviour in my local community. Women do not report the abuse or violence they are going through because they feel that if they do, they would be shaming their families or community. Therefore, they would rather stay quiet and suffer in silence. This way of thinking is unfortunately common in many cultures but I knew I could understand their issues and build a good rapport with victims.

There is so much work to be done to encourage the reporting of domestic abuse in the minority ethnic communities. My work is a step towards an open culture in the area of domestic abuse.

Tell me about your role and any projects that you work on?

My job title includes the words 'harmful cultural practices'. This means supporting the victims of domestic abuse who are also victims of honour-based abuse, forced marriages or female genital mutilation.

I give one-to-one emotional and practical support to victims and also offer training to professionals and communities about honour-based violence, forced marriages, FGM and other harmful cultural practices.

At the moment, I am trying to engage with women's groups from minority ethnic communities in Hampshire as I cover the whole of the Stop Domestic Abuse area. It is also about identifying professionals who can benefit from education and training in harmful cultural practices so that they can give a tailored support to the community.

What sort of feedback have you had?

I recently offered training about female genital mutilation to professionals from different backgrounds (nurses, midwives, social workers and others) and got great interest and feedback from them.

"This was an absolutely brilliant course... really informative and so shocking... thank you." (Caroline, attendee at an FGM training session.)

How are you empowering women?

I also run a women's group for ethnic minorities which aims to tackle isolation, combat loneliness and empower these women to lead and connect with others in their community.

We offer wellbeing, awareness and informative sessions on many topics such as sexual health, parenting, mental health, domestic abuse and FGM. The women really enjoy connecting with each other. At one session, I gave awareness training about honour-based abuse and got great feedback from the attendees.

A member of Nazia Shah's women's group, said:

"The talk about honour-based abuse was insightful and useful. I know honour-based abuse happens mostly in my country, but I didn't know it happens here too. I got to know this when we had the discussion within the women's group. It's useful, educative and makes people more aware. The group is also a great place for me. It really helps me mentally and means I can educate others on the issues."

What is the best thing about your role and what you do?

The best thing about my job is seeing practically how my work has had a positive impact on a victim's life. It is not easy though, as the victims go through many phases before being able to turn their life around and be the actor of their life. But these small phases, these small changes, mean a lot to them and to me too.

Up2U:MyChoice

Learning skills to change

The Stop Domestic Abuse Up2U:MyChoice programme supports those who feel that their previous intimate relationships have impacted upon everyday interactions with their partner, family, friends and professionals.

Even though they are no longer trapped in a harmful relationship, the effects can continue with many victims and survivors finding it difficult to trust others. They experience feelings of blame, guilt, shame or embarrassment and have difficulty expressing feelings and their needs and wants.

Up2U:MyChoice operates across Portsmouth, Havant, Fareham, Gosport and East Hants. It's suitable for anyone age 16 and over who feels they want to change behaviours in their relationships and who wants to learn the skills to do this.

One client said: *"I had some reservations with Up2U:MyChoice as I had to speak about my life. However things were so bad I knew I had to get help. I didn't know what to expect when meeting my facilitator and I felt really anxious, too wrapped up in myself. But the first meeting felt warm and welcoming."*

Petra's story

It can be a tough decision to come forward and acknowledge that you need support. One of our recent service users had this to say:

"I heard about the My Choice programme through my support worker. At the time, I was in such an emotional fog but I felt happy about the referral as I knew I needed help. My relationship with my son was awful, he was physically destructive in the home, excessively verbally abusive towards me and extremely controlling. He would say things like "I wish you'd die of cancer". I was very scared of him.

I did have some reservations regarding engaging with Up2U:MyChoice as I did not want to involve anybody from outside of my relationships. I had problems trusting people and I wanted to keep things private. Despite this, I felt as though I was in a dilemma as I was at a point of desperation.

Right amount of input

At first I was quite guarded, for example I did not want to mention the names of people within my life, however gradually I developed more trust as I got to know my facilitator. I was extremely guarded during the assessment process and I found it difficult to let go of any information.

Further down the line my trust improved and I felt my facilitator was listening. The assessment process was hard for me as I was having to look at things which gave me a lot of anxiety, but as I continued the programme I started to feel more relaxed.

I feel my programme provided me with the right level of support. At the beginning it seemed like a massive road ahead, however now I think it was the right amount of input for me.

Go for it!

I found the sessions helpful, especially when looking at different behaviours and thinking about responses. I also found skills such as relaxation techniques, breathing exercises, distraction and how to manage excessive rumination helpful, especially when it came to managing my anxiety.

By completing the programme via video conferencing I have also improved my computer skills. I am no longer as emotional as I was before and I'm looking after myself a lot better.

I can now recognise bad relationships and I know that I do not want to be in an abusive relationship again. I also have boundaries, I know what to put up with and that I can walk away if I want to. My son is still controlling, however I can now stand up for myself.

For people who are considering making a referral, I would say "go for it",even if you feel like you're completely lost or like you're walking through treacle. They have your best interests at heart and they will do everything they can to help you. You will be amazed, it's like a flower starting to open. Just go with it."

This project is made possible thanks to funding from Portsmouth City Council and Hampshire County Council.

Advice line: 0330 0533 630

Always dial 999 if you are in immediate danger or in an emergency.

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We need to talk

STOP DOMESTIC ABUSE

Stop Domestic Abuse supports and protects victims and survivors of domestic abuse. We provide a range of flexible and accessible services across Hampshire. We help perpetrators, the police and other agencies.

Our vision is a world without domestic abuse

Stop Domestic Abuse is the trading name of Southern Domestic Abuse Service Registered Charity Number 1146773.

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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G Butler (Chair)	
	J Munday	
	W Osgood (Vice Chair)	
	M Poil	
	S Walker	
	C Godwin	
	L Watkin	(Appointed 11 October 2021)
	T Stakes	(Appointed 20 July 2022)
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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

Objectives and activities

Southern Domestic Abuse Service trading as Stop Domestic Abuse is a charity providing services to women, children, young people and men affected by domestic abuse in the pan-Hampshire area.

The organisation was originally set up in 1977 as Havant Women's Aid by a group of local women who realised that local statutory agencies were failing to meet the needs of women and children experiencing domestic abuse. Southern Domestic Abuse Service was established in 2012. In November 2018 we re-branded to Stop Domestic Abuse (trading name of Southern Domestic Abuse Service). Our branding defines the purpose of the organisation. Our message creates a powerful emotional connection between our organisation, those affected by domestic abuse and the wider public. We want to make our purpose clearer and bring domestic abuse out into the open. We want to stop domestic abuse and we aim to do this by campaigning and delivering direct services to those affected by domestic abuse.

Our name reflects that our services are truly inclusive to all. However, we still recognise that many of our service users are disadvantaged due to gender disadvantage - women are more likely than men to experience abuse, among people subject to 4 or more incidents of abuse 89% are women and the majority (73%) of family violence victims are females (WAFE 2012). We are a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. We are a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England and the organisation is managed by a board of Trustees made up of women that have a wealth of experience and knowledge.

Our vision is a world without domestic abuse.

Services include:

- Refuge accommodation
- Safe accommodation
- Outreach and Resettlement Service
- Young People and Children's Service
- Independent Domestic Violence Advocate Service
- Hampshire Advice Line
- Southampton Prevention Intervention and Public Protection Alliance (PiPPA)
- Portsmouth Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Advice Line
- Group work for young people and children
- Individual tailored advice for women, children, young people and men focusing on their current risks and options for safety
- Women only group work
- Perpetrator Programme
- Group Work for families
- IRIS (Identification & Referral to Improve Safety)
- Holiday activities
- Tailored workshops
- Website
- Female Genital Mutilation, Harmful Cultural Practices Community Work and development
- Domestic Abuse preventative work, awareness raising and training services
- Domestic Abuse Health Advocates
- Target Hardening

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

We remain committed to both the continuation of existing services and the development of new services. Stop Domestic Abuse recognises the need to grow, adapt and develop service delivery as a response to the changing needs of those who access the service and to the ever-changing economic climate and funding opportunities. We will continue to focus our limited resources to target women and children. New service development will encompass preventative work with families including work with perpetrators. Organisational growth must strengthen the organisation and benefit the communities we serve in accordance with our core values.

In April 2011 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering services in East Hampshire District.

In April 2011 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering community-based services to male victims of domestic abuse.

In April 2015 Stop Domestic Abuse secured the Hampshire County Council Integrated Domestic Abuse Service Hampshire (IDASH) contract to deliver community and accommodation-based services in Fareham, Gosport, Havant and East Hampshire.

In April 2015 Stop Domestic Abuse started a new partnership with Portsmouth City Council to deliver support to the non-abusive partners and the children of perpetrators attending the Up2U service in Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth.

In April 2016 Stop Domestic Abuse started working with perpetrators of domestic abuse in Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth through our continued partnership with Portsmouth City Council's Up2U Service.

In May 2017 Stop Domestic Abuse purchased its first property which provides dispersed safe accommodation and also provides the organisation with a capital asset.

In April 2018 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering the Portsmouth City Council and Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioned refuge (3 refuges with a total of 16 family bed -spaces) and medium risk community-based services in Portsmouth.

In April 2019 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering the Hampshire County Council and Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioned Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service victim and advice line contract in all 11 Hampshire districts in partnership with our sub-contractor Andover Crisis Support Centre in The Test Valley. This contract includes 92 family bed-spaces across 13 refuges (one of which is delivered by with our sub- contractor Andover Crisis Support Centre in The Test Valley).

In July 2020 Stop Domestic Abuse opened a 5-bedroom refuge in Portsmouth in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In July 2021 Stop Domestic Abuse began a new commissioned service in Portsmouth to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse, children and young people affected by domestic abuse and people who use unhealthy and abusive behaviours and are committed to change. The service was re-commissioned by Portsmouth City Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner and is testament to the quality of our service provision.

In July 2022 Stop Domestic Abuse began a new commissioned service in Southampton to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse and children and young people affected by domestic abuse. The service was commissioned by Southampton City Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner. This contract includes 12 family bed-spaces across 2 refuges (one of which we newly opened on 1 July 2022). We work with our partners and sub-contractors Yellow Door and No Limits to deliver this contract to victims and survivors in Southampton.

Achievements and performance

In 2021/2022 Stop Domestic Abuse worked with a total of 3,744 adults (40% increase compared to last year 2020/2021) and 1,477 children and young people.
This included:

- 350 women and 435 children and young people who lived in a Stop Domestic Abuse Refuge
- 2,348 adult victims/survivors (20% increase on 2020/2022) and 1,233 children and young people that received one-to-one support in the community
- 649 women and 35 children and young people (schools were still reluctant to do group activities mixing children from different classes) that attended one of our group programmes
- 273 perpetrators who were supported to change their abusive behaviours
- 48 women, children, young people and men that had experienced Harmful Cultural Practices including Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation
- 109 victims/survivors engaged in a behaviour change programme to unpick unhealthy coping strategies.
- 115 victims/survivors received additional one-to-one support to improve their mental health
- 389 victims/survivors received target hardening to improve their safety at home
- In addition to direct support provided to individuals, our Advice Line Team responded to nearly 11,000 calls for advice and support.

Training

We continue to provide training including, Domestic Abuse Awareness, DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment and Honour Based Violence) Risk Assessments, Female Genital Mutilation/Harmful Cultural Practices etc. to a number of organisations including HomeStart, Health Professionals, Education, Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care, Solent Mind, Hampshire Constabulary, Abri Housing etc. We work in partnership with other organisations to commission local domestic abuse training for professionals.

We also provide initial domestic abuse awareness training and, as part of Safe Lives Domestic Abuse Matters Training, we provide intensive domestic abuse training to all serving officers and staff of Hampshire Constabulary. We also deliver Webinars for Recognising Domestic Abuse Affecting Older People, Economic Abuse, Domestic Abuse and Children, Adolescent to Parent Violence, Healthy Homes, Post-Separation Abuse and online workshops for Harmful Cultural practices.

Over the past year we have delivered certified "Safe at Home" domestic abuse training online to individuals working in the health and beauty industry and Hampshire Libraries. We have so far trained over 214 individuals to become certified Safe At Home Domestic Abuse Ambassadors.

COVID-19 Pandemic

The first six months of the year remained affected by the pandemic and Government restrictions. They exacerbated the impact of domestic abuse on our clients and had an impact on the way we delivered our services. Commissioners provided high levels of support and additional funding was made available to tackle emergency staffing issues and invest in resources (IT, PPE).

Stop Domestic Abuse continued to operate all of our services. All referral pathways for our services remained open and included COVID-19 specific assessments.
Stop Domestic Abuse followed Government and Public Health guidelines to keep everyone as safe as possible. A hybrid service delivery model has been successfully implemented across all our services ensuring clients can engage in person and remotely according to their particular needs and preference.

As restrictions eased (children returned to school, clients gradually migrated back to in-person contact with our teams), we saw a 34% increase in adult clients assessed as 'high risk'. Similarly, during the period, the number of children assessed as at risk of continuing harm by Children's Social Care has increased by 26%. Our front line teams reported heightened incidents of abuse coupled with increased incidence of unhealthy coping mechanisms adopted by clients.

We sought additional funding to help us respond to the increased need for support. Hampshire County Council (HCC), OPCC and Trusts / Foundations responded with significant levels of funding and partnership support.

We saw a surge in demand for our children's services as schools reopened and children returned to school and community settings. We have been pleased to work in partnership with Hampshire Constabulary to deliver workshops in schools on healthy relationships across Hampshire, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight (working with our partners Wight DASH and Andover Crisis and Support Centre) and with Portsmouth City Council and the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner to deliver the Mentors in Violence Project and look forward to extending the reach of this project to include Fareham, Gosport and Havant over the next eighteen months.
The cost of living crisis has presented and will continue to present increased challenges to our clients, we have introduced initiatives to provide them with emergency support.

Research by Women's Aid shows that the cost of living is adding to the pressures survivors face and is preventing women from fleeing domestic abuse. We are engaging with national and local agencies to raise awareness of the need for an Emergency Domestic Abuse Fund to help survivors of domestic abuse to pay for essential items and energy bills; together with better provision of legal services for survivors who are unable to afford legal representation and advice. We have accessed emergency funding from Hampshire County Council and other funders to help clients with rising fuel and food costs, and we will continue to provide bespoke packages of support to the women and children staying in our refuges, as well as to our clients remaining in their homes through this crisis period**.**

Funding
Stop Domestic Abuse is funded primarily through Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioning of domestic abuse services, the rent we charge, grants/contracts from such organisations as The National Lottery Community Fund, National Lottery Awards For All, BBC Children In Need, Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, the Home Office, Ministry of Justice and other grant funding.

Prudent financial monitoring, active fundraising and rental income has resulted in a year-end surplus. This surplus will be used to ensure that we have adequate reserves and capital for our future ambitions and to develop innovative new projects and continue providing non-commissioned and under-resourced services such as work with children and young people and migrant women/women with no recourse to public funds.

We also continue to receive support and donations from local individuals, companies, groups and associations. This support is invaluable, and we use the donations to provide the important extras that improve the quality of life for the women, children, young people and men using our services. Our thanks go to those who have supported us through giving time, money or donations and to our partners who ensure that together we can offer the highest quality support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Financial review
The statement of financial activities summarises the charity's financial results for the year, a surplus having been generated as referred to above. We have generated an increased surplus in the year and this surplus will be used to continue to deliver under resourced projects including support services in refuge, work with children, community based support to women and men affected by domestic abuse and to pilot new innovations in domestic abuse services.

The trustees have set a reserves policy which requires:

- Reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that Stop Domestic Abuse's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.
- A proportion of reserves be maintained in a readily realisable form.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The charity aims to achieve reserves equivalent of a minimum of six months running costs. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 5 March 2012 and is a registered charity (number 1146773), registered on 3 April 2012. It commenced activities on 1 July 2012, taking over the services previously carried out by Havant Womens Aid (charity number 273775).

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G Butler (Chair)	
J Munday	
W Osgood (Vice Chair)	
S Lee	(Resigned 10 November 2021)
M Poil	
D Cullimore	(Resigned 14 June 2021)
S Walker	
C Godwin	
L Watkin	(Appointed 11 October 2021)
T Stakes	(Appointed 20 July 2022)

The skills of Trustees are reviewed to identify any gaps in skills. Stop Domestic Abuse recognises that an effective board of trustees is essential if the charity is to be effective in achieving its objects. The board seeks to be representative of the people with whom the charity works and must have available to it all of the knowledge and skills required to run the charity. Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role and to represent the Charity at meetings and other events.

When recruiting trustees a skills audit of the board is completed to ensure that there are no skills gaps. Recruitment takes place within the wider community including advertisements and direct approaches to professional bodies and to other voluntary organizations. Stop Domestic Abuse seeks to ensure diversity in its board of trustees as well as in its staff base and consideration will be given to ways in which groups that are under-represented on the board might be reached and encouraged to apply. Applicants who appear suitable are interviewed by two existing trustees and the CEO.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The charity is governed by an executive committee who have the power to co-opt additional members. They are unpaid and act as trustees of the charity. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Asset cover for funds

Note 23 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds and a description of the trusts. These assets are sufficient to meet the charities obligations on a fund by fund basis.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Jones Avens Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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

Gill Butler

G Butler (Chair)
Trustee
Dated: 14th November 2022

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees, who are also the directors of Southern Domestic Abuse Service for the purpose 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).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

Opinion

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

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The 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 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Identification and assessment of irregularities including fraud

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

- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including The Companies Act 2006 and The Charities Act 2011;
- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework by making appropriate enquiries of management as well as considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- we made enquiries of those charged with governance and management concerning:
    - the risks of fraud;
    - instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of actual, suspected, or alleged fraud is documented during the period;
- we allocated an engagement team that we considered collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

Audit response to the risk of irregularities including fraud
Based on the results of our risk assessment, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.
- evaluating whether the selection and application of accounting policies by the entity that may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting resulting from management's effort to manage earnings.
- assessing whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 2 were indicative of potential bias.
- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation.
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- reviewing the correspondence with relevant regulatory bodies.
- testing of journal entries to address the risk of fraud through management override.
- incorporating an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing, and extent of our audit procedures.

Conclusions regarding the risks of irregularities including fraud
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

We considered our audit was capable of detecting irregularities due to:

- the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls;
- the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures performed; and

the absence of contradictory evidence.

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

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Claire Norwood BSc FCA ATII (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Jones Avens Limited

25/11/2022

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Piper House
4 Dukes Court
Bognor Road
Chichester
West Sussex
PO19 8FX

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

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	90,250	-	90,250	85,906	-	85,906
Charitable activities	**4**	5,406,430	1,075,672	6,482,102	4,928,249	582,354	5,510,603
Investments	**5**	489	-	489	1,968	-	1,968
Total income		5,497,169	1,075,672	6,572,841	5,016,123	582,354	5,598,477
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**6**	14,540	-	14,540	2,914	-	2,914
Charitable activities	**7**	3,617,421	1,037,692	4,655,113	3,447,409	623,075	4,070,484
Pension scheme provision remeasurements	**13**	(1,875)	-	(1,875)	222	-	222
Total expenditure		3,630,086	1,037,692	4,667,778	3,450,545	623,075	4,073,620
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**12**	2,426	-	2,426	54,592	-	54,592
Net incoming resources before transfers		1,869,509	37,980	1,907,489	1,620,170	(40,721)	1,579,449
Gross transfers between funds	**14**	45,315	(45,315)	-	(34,588)	34,588	-
Net movement in funds		1,914,824	(7,335)	1,907,489	1,585,582	(6,133)	1,579,449
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		4,076,177	95,705	4,171,882	2,490,595	101,838	2,592,433
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		5,991,001	88,370	6,079,371	4,076,177	95,705	4,171,882

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**15**		213,064		164,953
Investments	**16**		342,705		293,914
			555,769		458,867
Current assets					
Debtors	**18**	720,234		112,851	
Cash at bank and in hand		5,214,148		4,034,709	
		5,934,382		4,147,560	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**19**	(409,929)		(430,896)	
Net current assets			5,524,453		3,716,664
Total assets less current liabilities			6,080,222		4,175,531
Provisions for liabilities			(851)		(3,649)
Net assets			6,079,371		4,171,882
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**23**		88,370		95,705
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	**24**	5,001,013		2,053,953	
General unrestricted funds		989,988		2,022,224	
			5,991,001		4,076,177
			6,079,371		4,171,882

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

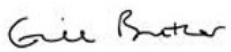
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14th November 2022



G Butler (Chair)
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07975563

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**29**		1,326,349		1,781,086
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(101,034)		(45,557)	
Purchase of investments		(319,935)		-	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		273,570		2,887	
Investment income received		489		1,968	
Net cash used in investing activities			(146,910)		(40,702)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			1,179,439		1,740,384
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			4,034,709		2,294,325
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			5,214,148		4,034,709

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Southern Domestic Abuse Service is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Piper House, 4 Dukes Court, Bognor Road, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8FX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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

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

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure is either allocated directly or is apportioned to the individual areas. Funds are transferred from unrestricted funds to fund deficits on restricted areas where no further funding will be forthcoming.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Capital items costing more than £1,000 are treated as tangible fixed assets and are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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

Leasehold property	10% straight line or over the life of the lease
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33 1/3% straight line basis

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

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Provisions

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

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

1.12 Employee benefits

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

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.14 Taxation

On the basis of the financial statements no provision has been made for Corporation Tax.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

Critical judgements

Pension scheme deficit payments

The association participates in a multi-employer pension scheme which is in deficit. Provision has been made for the deficit contributions payable and the trustee have relied upon the information received from the Pensions Trust.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	90,250	85,906

4 Charitable activities

	Family and child projects 2022	Managed hostel 2022	Total 2022	Family and child projects 2021	Managed hostel 2021	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable rental income	-	1,452,833	1,452,833	-	1,150,769	1,150,769
Services provided under contract	3,605,333	229,110	3,834,443	2,021,644	452,626	2,474,270
Performance related grants	1,129,096	2,720	1,131,816	1,804,472	21,000	1,825,472
Other income	63,010	-	63,010	60,092	-	60,092
	4,797,439	1,684,663	6,482,102	3,886,208	1,624,395	5,510,603
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	3,721,767	1,684,663	5,406,430	3,313,854	1,614,395	4,928,249
Restricted funds	1,075,672	-	1,075,672	572,354	10,000	582,354
	4,797,439	1,684,663	6,482,102	3,886,208	1,624,395	5,510,603

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	489	1,968

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021
	£	£
Fundraising and publicity		
Fundraising agents	758	-
Advertising	9,810	-
Other fundraising costs	324	-
Fundraising and publicity	10,892	-
Investment management	3,648	2,914

6 Raising funds **(Continued)**

	14,540	2,914

7 Charitable activities

	Family and child projects 2022	Managed hostel 2022	Total 2022	Family and child projects 2021	Managed hostel 2021	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	2,340,900	145,790	2,486,690	1,881,954	371,777	2,253,731
Depreciation and impairment	-	6,424	6,424	-	3,910	3,910
Premises expenses	32,988	736,263	769,251	65,647	681,950	747,597
Travelling & subsistence	38,168	1,200	39,368	15,527	3,170	18,697
Administration & office expenses	62,729	4,600	67,329	7,619	8,802	16,421
Activities & training etc	47,478	2,235	49,713	94,521	5,018	99,539
Other expenses	38,330	2,186	40,516	52,977	4,459	57,436
	2,560,593	898,698	3,459,291	2,118,245	1,079,086	3,197,331
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	223,465	-	223,465	191,522	-	191,522
Share of support costs (see note 9)	829,553	91,595	921,148	570,862	11,633	582,495
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	46,162	5,047	51,209	97,156	1,980	99,136
	3,659,773	995,340	4,655,113	2,977,785	1,092,699	4,070,484
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	2,622,081	995,340	3,617,421	2,354,710	1,092,699	3,447,409
Restricted funds	1,037,692	-	1,037,692	623,075	-	623,075
	3,659,773	995,340	4,655,113	2,977,785	1,092,699	4,070,484

8 Grants payable

	Family and child projects 2022	Family and child projects 2021
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Other	223,465	191,522

9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	532,704	-	532,704	347,001	-	347,001
Depreciation	46,499	-	46,499	29,915	-	29,915
Premises expenses	47,424	-	47,424	54,358	-	54,358
Travelling & subsistence	1,467	-	1,467	268	-	268
Administration & office expenses	209,245	-	209,245	83,591	-	83,591
Activities & training etc	60,336	-	60,336	20,986	-	20,986
Other expenses	23,473	-	23,473	46,376	-	46,376
Audit fees	-	8,206	8,206	-	5,735	5,735
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	1,560	1,560
Legal and professional	-	41,553	41,553	-	91,643	91,643
Other governance costs	-	1,450	1,450	-	198	198
	921,148	51,209	972,357	582,495	99,136	681,631
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	921,148	51,209	972,357	582,495	99,136	681,631

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £8,206 for audit fees and £0 for other services.

10 Trustees

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

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Project staff	109	89
Management and administration	13	18
Total	122	107

11 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	2,709,350	2,338,209
Social security costs	233,596	194,284
Other pension costs	76,448	68,239
	3,019,394	2,600,732

The above numbers include job share, part time and sessional staff, the average number of full time equivalent staff was 108 (2021: 93).

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
£60,000 - £70,000	-	1
£110,000 - £120,000	1	-

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Revaluation of investments	2,426	54,592

13 Pension scheme provision remeasurements

	2022 £	2021 £
Impact of changes in assumptions	(20)	125
Amendments to contribution shedule	(1,876)	-
Financing costs	21	97
	(1,875)	222

14 Transfers

The transfer between restricted and unrestricted funds represents income received in arrears for a project undertaken in the previous financial year. The total amount is not considered material to the financial statements.

15 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	135,559	188,517	324,076
Additions	-	101,034	101,034
At 31 March 2022	135,559	289,551	425,110
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2021	7,064	152,058	159,122
Depreciation charged in the year	880	52,044	52,924
At 31 March 2022	7,944	204,102	212,046
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2022	127,615	85,449	213,064
At 31 March 2021	128,495	36,458	164,953

16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2021	293,914
Additions	319,935
Valuation changes	2,426
Disposals	(273,570)
At 31 March 2022	342,705
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	342,705
At 31 March 2021	293,914

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments include an investment portfolio managed by Transact and are included on the basis of market value, with an historical cost of £314,366 (2021 - £229,252).

17 Financial instruments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	342,705	293,914

18 Debtors

	2022	2021
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	384,133	38,145
Other debtors	2,369	418
Prepayments and accrued income	333,732	74,288
	720,234	112,851

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	87,724	56,635
Trade creditors	236,320	255,996
Other creditors	25,894	17,969
Accruals and deferred income	59,991	100,296
	409,929	430,896

20 Auditor's ethical standards

In common with many entities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the statutory financial statements.

21 Provisions for liabilities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Pension scheme deficit contribution provision	851	3,649

21	Provisions for liabilities	2022	(Continued) 2021
	Movements on provisions:		
	At 1 April 2021	3,649	4,323
	Deficit contribution paid	(923)	(896)
	Unwinding of discount	21	97
	Remeasurements - impact of any change in assumptions	(20)	125
	Remeasurements - amendments to the contribution shedule	(1,876)	-
	At 31 March 2022	851	3,649
	Income and expenditure impact		
	Interest expense	(21)	(97)
	Remeasurements - impact of changes in assumptions	20	(125)
	Remeasurements – amendments to the contribution schedules	1,876	-
	Costs recognised in income and expenditure account	1,875	(222)
	Assumptions		
	Rate of discount	2.35%	0.66%

The discount rates shown above are the equivalent single discount rates which, when used to discount the future recovery plan contributions due, would give the same results as using a full AA corporate bond yield curve to discount the same recovery plan contributions.

22 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

SCHEME: TPT Retirement Solutions – The Growth Plan

The company participates in the scheme, a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 638 non-associated participating employers. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the company to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the company is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out at 30 September 2020. This valuation showed assets of £800.3m, liabilities of £831.9m and a deficit of £31.6m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee has asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions		
From 1 April 2022 to 31 January 2025:	£3,312,000 per annum	(payable monthly)

Unless a concession has been agreed with the Trustee the term to 31 January 2025 applies.

Note that the scheme's previous valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2017. This valuation showed assets of £794.9m, liabilities of £926.4m and a deficit of £131.5m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions		
From 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2025:	£11,243,000 per annum	(payable monthly and increas by 3% each on 1st April)

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the Series 1 and Series 2 scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

Present value of provision £851 (2021 £3,649) see note 21

23 Restricted funds

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

		Movement in funds				Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cllr Dolan - E Hants	604	1,000	(1,000)	-	604	-	(604)	-	-
Reaching Communities Up2U	2,380	42,010	(44,390)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children in Need	-	22,594	(16,476)	-	6,118	39,325	(44,295)	-	1,148
HCC East - MOJ IDVA	-	-	-	-	-	87,446	(87,446)	-	-
HCC West - MOJ IDVA	-	-	-	-	-	163,131	(163,131)	-	-
Hive	2,000	-	(1,159)	-	841	-	(508)	-	333
Rural Communities	-	9,000	(9,000)	-	-	25,200	(25,200)	-	-
Big Lottery Up2U	-	100,000	(100,000)	-	-	138,422	(138,422)	-	-
HCC East Safe Communities	-	-	-	-	-	25,725	(25,725)	-	-
PCC Safer Communities	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	1,257	(1,257)	-	-
Reaching Communities IDVA	33,477	149,956	(147,003)	-	36,430	151,780	(143,373)	-	44,837
OPCC	14,054	55,142	(47,175)	-	22,021	170,033	(192,054)	-	-
MOJ	-	25,870	(25,870)	-	-	71,465	(71,465)	-	-
VAWG HCP	-	30,000	(27,732)	-	2,268	40,783	(40,783)	(2,268)	-
Henry Smith	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-
Labrynth Project	-	34,588	-	(34,588)	-	56,250	(41,621)	-	14,629
Armed Forces Covenant	23,122	49,972	(73,094)	-	-	44,855	(1,808)	(43,047)	-
Landlord Incentive Scheme	26,201	1,222	-	-	27,423	-	-	-	27,423
	101,838	582,354	(553,899)	(34,588)	95,705	1,075,672	(1,037,692)	(45,315)	88,370

23 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

The Reaching Communities IDVA fund was received to deliver Independent Violence Adviser Services to High Risk Victims in Havant, Fareham, Gosport and East Hampshire.

The Move On fund and Landlord Incentive Scheme was received for the specific purpose of working with women and children living in refuge accommodation.

BBC Children in Need fund was received to support children and young people in the Havant and Fareham refuges.

VAWG HCP was received to support those experiencing Harmful Cultural Practices.

Armed Forces Covenant Fund is to deliver work with people who use domestically abusive behaviours in their intimate partner relationships.

Councillor Dolan relates to funding for East Hampshire Refuges.

OPCC provided grants for group work for young people and parents to promote healthy relationships.

Hive hardship funding provides essential items for people to gain or maintain a tenancy.

Labyrinth Project provided funding that was used to map services in Hampshire to deliver training and workshops to both victims and professionals.

MOJ IDVA funding relates to services which addresses the safety of victims at high risk of harm from intimate partners, ex-partners or family members to secure their safety and safety of their children.

24 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2021	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Hostel Operating costs	277,048	36,445	313,493	49,906	363,399
Portsmouth Repairs and Renewals	12,032	(6,016)	6,016	1,504	7,520
Furniture Replacement Fund	23,060	5,632	28,692	(2,100)	26,592
Dispersed Accomodation Renewals/ Repairs Reserve	11,982	2,422	14,404	6,324	20,728
New Refuge Fundraising	508,619	691,381	1,200,000	300,000	1,500,000
Dispersed Accomodation	131,595	-	131,595	(3,980)	127,615
Refuge Provision Reserve	-	204,975	204,975	-	204,975
Staff Pension Reserve	17,608	674	18,282	(1,907)	16,375
Redundancy Reserve	96,496	-	96,496	-	96,496
FGM/HCP Reserve	20,000	20,000	40,000	(20,000)	20,000
Digital IT fund				29,127	29,127
WISH				117,082	117,082
New office fund				300,000	300,000
Designated project fund				1,399,667	1,399,667
Designated play equipment fund				181,223	181,223
Dispersed properties				590,214	590,214
	1,098,440	955,513	2,053,953	2,947,060	5,001,013

The above reserves were designated by the committee to provide for a minimum of three months operating costs. Reserves include operating costs for general and designated projects, furniture replacement funds, new refuge fund, redundancy reserve and staff pension reserve.

25 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	213,064	-	213,064	164,953	-	164,953
Investments	342,705	-	342,705	293,914	-	293,914
Current assets/(liabilities)	5,436,083	88,370	5,524,453	3,549,707	166,957	3,716,664
Provisions	(851)	-	(851)	(3,649)	-	(3,649)
	5,991,001	88,370	6,079,371	4,004,925	166,957	4,171,882

26 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

Southern Domestic Abuse Service has been notified by The Pensions Trust of the estimated employer debt on withdrawal from the Plan based on the financial position of the Plan as at 30 September 2017. As of this date the estimated employer debt for Southern Domestic Abuse Service was £16,375.

27 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	475,782	293,293
Between two and five years	548,182	589,476
In over five years	-	126,723
	1,023,964	1,009,492

28 Related party transactions

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

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2022 £	2021 £
Aggregate compensation	242,338	372,833

29	Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
	Surplus for the year	1,907,489	1,579,449
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(489)	(1,968)
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	(2,426)	(54,592)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	52,923	33,825
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(607,383)	132,113
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(20,967)	213,628
	(Decrease) in provisions	(2,798)	(674)
	(Decrease) in deferred income	-	(120,695)
	Cash generated from operations	1,326,349	1,781,086

30 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

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Dear Sirs

REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

In accordance with our normal practice we are writing to draw your attention to various matters which arose during the course of our audit of the financial statements of Southern Domestic Abuse Service Limited T/A Stop Domestic Abuse (SDA) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

1. An appendix attached contains any comments or observations we have concerning the qualitative aspects of the entity's accounting practices and financial reporting.

2. We did not encounter any significant difficulties during the audit and there are no significant findings from the audit to draw to your attention. The comments in the attached appendix have not given us cause to alter the outcome of our audit report.

3. We have complied with the Ethical Standard for Auditors and all threats to our independence, as identified to you in our planning letter dated 23 March 2022, have been properly addressed through appropriate safeguards. No additional facts or matters have arisen during the course of the audit that we wish to draw to your attention and we confirm that we are independent and able to express an objective opinion on the financial statements.

4. Our proposed letter of representation is attached. We draw your attention to the paragraphs concerning Ethical standards, in other respects the letter is routine. We have uploaded a copy to our Portal; this should be printed on your headed paper, signed and dated and returned to us with the signed accounts.

5. A schedule is attached of all unadjusted misstatements determined during the course of our audit, except for those considered to be clearly trivial.

6. We have no comments or observations concerning the selection and application of accounting policies.

7. As you are aware from our letter of engagement, our audit procedures were directed towards testing the accounting systems in operation upon which we have based our assessment of the financial statements. Any recommendations provided as a result are not meant to be a full and accurate reflection of all weaknesses that may be present in your system.

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8. Any matter which might come to light would do so during the course of our normal audit tests which are designed to assist us in forming our opinion on the financial statements. Our tests may not necessarily disclose all errors or irregularities and should not be relied upon to do so. However, if any irregularity did come to our attention during our audit tests, we would, of course, inform you immediately.

9. We do not propose any modifications to our audit opinion and hence will be issuing a clean audit report.

   This report has been prepared for the sole use of the Board of SDA and must not be shown to third parties without our prior consent. No responsibilities are accepted by Jones Avens Limited towards any party acting or refraining from action as a result of this report.

   Finally, we would like to express our thanks to all members of SDA's staff who assisted us in carrying out our work.

   Yours faithfully

Jones Avens
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Southern Domestic Abuse Service

Points noted during the course of our audit for the year ended 31 March 2022:

Reconciliation of restricted fund income and expenditure

Observation
We noted on our management letter for the year ended 31/03/21 that we were not provided a reconciliation for restricted fund movements for the year. A reconciliation was also not provided for the year ended 31/03/22.

Implication
Compiling a reconciliation of restricted funds combining the Sage records and management accounts, alongside discussion with SDA staff was possible however this is very time consuming. Not having a reconciliation available at planning increases the risk of a misstatement in this area and additionally potentially increases the audit work required. While we are more than happy to provide advice, the audit must not be relied upon to ensure the correct allocation between restricted and unrestricted funds.

Recommendation
It would be beneficial going forward if we can receive a detailed reconciliation of restricted funds that replicates the disclosure required in the accounts. We can then perform our audit testing based on this schedule.

SDAS comment
Regular Balance Sheet reconciliations will be implemented, with a fully reconciled balance sheet at the year end. A reconciliation of restricted funds will be available to auditors in future as part of this process.

Reconciliation of contract income with the accounts

Observation
We had some difficulty reconciling the ongoing contract income with the figures in Sage and the financial statements, especially in cases where ongoing contracts have seen additional or related funding.

Implication
As part of our audit testing, we need to be able to agree the values in the financial statements to third party contracts and/or other documentation to ensure that it is not only correctly recorded as income but that the values in the accounts are complete as at the year end and that accruals or deferred income are not missed.

Recommendation
We would recommend that the departments or nominal codes within Sage could be utilised and that any other form of reconciliation ties into agreements directly to make it easier to agree the accounts with related records.

SDAS comment
New processes are being developed to ensure contract income is reconciled to the budget. Actual income will then be reviewed against budget as part of the management accounts review.

Aged Debtors balances within Sage

Observation
We noted when testing the aged debtors' balances within Sage that there are many older balances which have not been matched off in Sage against later related transactions. In some cases this relates to transactions that have been put through to allocate funds to correct departments but which have not been matched off against related contracts.

Implication
While the transactions have been posted up to date to ensure that the yearend balance is correct not ensuring that transactions are allocated against the correct invoices could lead to balances being incorrectly classified in the accounts or balances being missed when monitoring receipts internally.

Recommendation
We would recommend that the ledgers are tidied up within Sage.

SDAS comment
Work is underway to tidy up the ledgers during the current financial year 2022/23.

Availability of invoices and other documentation

Observation
We noted over the course of the audit that there was some difficultly in locating certain expenditure invoices, and to some degree grant contracts/agreements. We understand from discussions with SDA staff that this followed from the financial recruitment difficulties over the course of the financial year being audited leading to some invoices not being filed or collated as expected.

Implication
We appreciate SDA staff worked hard to find invoices and related documents or obtain copies where these were not immediately available in order to respond to our audit queries, and we were therefore able to complete our testing for audit purposes. There is a risk however that further gaps in the availability of invoices or other documentation may exist within SDA's records which could have potential implications outside of the audit. This could cause issues with HMRC or grant funders for example.

Recommendation
We would recommend that a system is implemented to ensure documentation to back up the charities income and expenditure is kept together and can be easily located when required.

SDAS comment
Electronic copies of invoices are now attached to the ledger posting on Sage. Details of grant contracts and agreements are now documented on one spreadsheet which includes links to the location of relevant documentation.

Our comments above are based on our findings from our audit for the year ended 31/03/22. We understand that there were difficulties recruiting appropriate finance staff during the financial year audited and that recruitments have been made following the year end. We also understand that these difficulties likely contributed to our findings above and that efforts are underway to address these issues.

Southern Domestic Abuse Service

Unadjusted misstatements in respect of the year ended 31 March 2022

		Value £	Effect of potential correction on surplus £
1	Grant income not accrued for in the 2020/21 financial statements	44,855	(44,855)
2	Computer equipment over the £1,000 threshold not capitalised (net effect after depreciation)	5,214	(5,214)

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Accounts

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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

Objectives and activities

Southern Domestic Abuse Service trading as Stop Domestic Abuse is a local charity providing services to women, children, young people and men affected by domestic abuse in Hampshire.

The organisation was originally set up in 1977 as Havant Women's Aid by a group of local women who realised that local statutory agencies were failing to meet the needs of women and children experiencing domestic abuse. Southern Domestic Abuse Service was established in 2012. In November 2018 we re-branded in 2018 to Stop Domestic Abuse (trading name of Southern Domestic Abuse Service). Our new branding defines the purpose of the organisation. Our message creates a powerful emotional connection between our organisation, those affected by domestic abuse and the wider public. We want to make our purpose clearer and bring domestic abuse out into the open. We want to stop domestic abuse and we aim to do this by campaigning and delivering direct services to those affected by domestic abuse.

Our name reflects that our services are truly inclusive to all. However, we still recognise that many of our service users are disadvantaged due to gender disadvantage - women are more likely than men to experience abuse, among people subject to 4 or more incidents of abuse 89% are women and the majority (73%) of family violence victims are females (WAFE 2012). We are a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. We are a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England and the organisation is managed by a board of Trustees made up of women that have a wealth of experience and knowledge.

Our vision is a world without domestic abuse

Services include:

- Refuge accommodation
- Outreach and Resettlement Service
- Young People and Children's Service
- Independent Domestic Violence Advocate Service
- Hampshire advice line
- Group work for young people and children
- Individual tailored advice for women, children, young people and men focusing on their current risks and options for safety
- Women only group work
- Perpetrator Programme
- Group Work for families
- Holiday activities
- Specially provided workshops
- Website
- FGM/HCP Community Work/Development
- Domestic abuse preventative work/awareness raising/training services
- Ask Me Ambassadors
- Domestic Abuse Health Advocates
- Target Hardening

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

We remain committed to both the continuation of existing services and the development of new services. Stop Domestic Abuse recognises the need to grow, adapt and develop service delivery as a response to the changing needs of those who access the service and to the ever-changing economic climate and funding opportunities. We will continue to focus our limited resources to target women and children. New service development will encompass preventative work with families including work with perpetrators. Organisational growth must strengthen the organisation and benefit the communities we serve in accordance with our core values.

In April 2011 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering services in East Hampshire District.

In April 2011 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering community-based services to male victims of domestic abuse.

In April 2015 Stop Domestic Abuse secured the Hampshire County Council Integrated Domestic Abuse Service Hampshire (IDASH) contract to deliver community and accommodation-based services in Fareham, Gosport, Havant and East Hampshire.

In April 2015 Stop Domestic Abuse started a new partnership with Portsmouth City Council to deliver support to the non-abusive partners and the children of perpetrators attending the Up2U service in Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth.

In April 2016 Stop Domestic Abuse started working with perpetrators of domestic abuse in Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth through our continued partnership with Portsmouth City Council's Up2U Service.

In May 2017 Stop Domestic Abuse purchased its first property which provides move-on accommodation for families leaving refuge and also provides the organisation with a capital asset.

In April 2018 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering the Portsmouth City Council and Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioned refuge (3 refuges with a total of 16 family bed-spaces) and medium risk community-based services in Portsmouth.

In April 2019 Stop Domestic Abuse started delivering the Hampshire County Council and Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioned Hampshire Domestic Abuse Service victim and advice line contract in all 11 Hampshire districts in partnership with our sub-contractor Andover Crisis Support Centre in The Test Valley. This contract includes 92 family bed-spaces across 13 refuges (one of which is delivered by with our sub-contractor Andover Crisis Support Centre in The Test Valley).

In July 2020 Stop Domestic Abuse opened a 5-bedroom refuge in Portsmouth in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Achievements and performance

In 2020/21 Stop Domestic Abuse worked with a total of 2,673 adults and 754 children and young people.

This included:

- 378 women and 274 children and young people who stayed in one of our refuges
- 1,958 adult victims/survivors and 461 children and young people that received one-to-one support in the community
- 461 women and 35 children and young people that attended one of our group programmes
- 32 adults who were supported around harmful cultural practices either on a one-to-one basis or in a group
- 159 perpetrators who were supported to change their abusive behaviours
- 104 victims/survivors were supported to change their unhealthy relationship behaviours, often developed as coping mechanisms due to the abuse
- 116 victims/survivors received additional one-to-one support to improve their mental health
- 386 victims/survivors received target hardening to improve their safety at home

Training

We continue to provide training including, Domestic Abuse Awareness, DASH Risk Assessments, FGM/HBV etc. to a number of organisations including HomeStart, Children's Centres, Health Professionals, Education, Royal Navy Welfare, The Church of England Diocese of Portsmouth, Adult Social Care etc. We work including partnership with other organisations to commission local domestic abuse training for professionals.

We also provide initial domestic abuse awareness training to probationary officers and, as part of Safe Lives Domestic Abuse Matters Training, we provide intensive domestic abuse training to all serving officers and staff of Hampshire Constabulary. . We have also delivered Webinars for Recognising Domestic Abuse Affecting Older People, Economic Abuse and online workshops for Harmful Cultural practices.

Over the past year we have delivered certified "Safe at Home" domestic abuse training online to individuals working in the health and beauty industry and Hampshire Libraries. We have so far trained over 80 individuals to become certified Safe At Home Domestic Abuse Ambassadors.

COVID-19 Pandemic

The impact of COVID-19 and the national lockdown on domestic abuse victims has been immense. Services have had to rise to the challenge of meeting increased demand following changing government guidance, changing their way of working, adapting to new service formats and new technologies, all at a very fast pace. Stop Domestic Abuse, along with other services have embraced new ways of working, including new uses of technology, to ensure that survivors continue to get the support they need.

At least 100 UK women have been killed by men (or where a man is the principal suspect) so far in 2021

A Women's Aid survey in April 2020 with victims and survivors found that 67.4% said the abuse had got worse since COVID-19 and 71.7% said that their abuser had more control over their lives.

The full lockdown period, from 23rd March to 31st May 2020, saw a 40.6% reduction in the number of refuge vacancies in England added to the UK-wide Routes to Support database compared to the same period in 2019. In June 2020 there were half the number of daily refuge vacancies in the UK than in June 2019. In 2021, demand is still higher than the provision available, with 57.2% of national refuge referrals declined during the year – 18.1% of all referrals were turned down due to lack of capacity in refuges across the UK.

Stop Domestic Abuse's priority throughout the pandemic has been to ensure that our clients are safe and supported and that our staff are able to work safely and are supported effectively.

All Stop Domestic Abuse refuges remained open throughout, with staff providing support to residents, remotely early on and later, in person as COVID-19 restrictions allowed.

The majority of our community-based staff were able to work from home, delivering support via video calls and phone to clients and we successfully adapted group work programmes to be delivered via Zoom.

For younger children where remote support wasn't suitable, we offered support to their non-abusive parent so they could help their child. With the continuing easing of restrictions, Our Children and Young Person Workers have also been able to get back into some schools to offer support to children who have been affected by domestic abuse.

In July 2020 we opened a 5-bed refuge in response to the additional need during COVID-19, and we are pleased to have now signed and extended this lease for a further 5 years.

In July 2021 we started delivering a new commissioned service in Portsmouth, which supports victims and survivors of domestic abuse, children and young people affected by domestic abuse and people who use unhealthy and abusive behaviours who want to change. Having been re-commissioned by Portsmouth City Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner this is a testament to the excellent work delivered by the Portsmouth team during the previous contract.

Stop Domestic Abuse continues to deliver the victim service contract commissioned by Hampshire County Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner for the 11 Hampshire County Council districts (working with our sub-contractor and partner Andover Crisis Support Centre in the Test Valley).

Funding

Stop Domestic Abuse is funded primarily through Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and The Office of the Police Crime Commissioner commissioning of domestic abuse services, the rent we charge, grants/contracts from such organisations as The Community Fund, Awards For All, Children In Need, Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government, Ministry of Justice, Reaching Communities, Henry Smith, Armed Forces Covenant Fund and other grant funding.

Prudent financial monitoring, active fundraising and minimal rental voids have resulted in a year-end surplus. This surplus will be used to ensure that we have adequate reserves and capital for our future ambitions and to continue providing non-commissioned and under-resourced services such as work with children and young people.

We also continue to receive support and donations from local individuals and groups. This support is invaluable, and we use the donations to provide the important extras that improve the quality of life for the women, children, young people and men using our services. Our heartfelt thanks go to the those that have supported us through giving time, money or donations and for our partners who ensure that together we can offer the highest quality support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Financial review

The statement of financial activities summarises the charity's financial results for the year, a surplus having been generated as referred to above. We have generated an increased surplus in the year and this surplus will be used to continue to deliver under resourced projects including support services in refuge, work with children, community based support to women and men affected by domestic abuse and to pilot new innovations in domestic abuse services.

The trustees have set a reserves policy which requires:

- Reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that Stop Domestic Abuse's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.
- A proportion of reserves be maintained in a readily realisable form.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The charity aims to achieve reserves equivalent of a minimum of six months running costs. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 5 March 2012 and is a registered charity (number 1146773), registered on 3 April 2012. It commenced activities on 1 July 2012, taking over the services previously carried out by Havant Womens Aid (charity number 273775).

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G Butler	
J Munday	
W Osgood	
S Lee (Vice and Acting Chair)	
M Poil	
R Williams	(Resigned 10 November 2020)
D Cullimore	(Resigned 14 June 2021)
S Walker	
C Godwin	

The skills of Trustees are reviewed to identify any gaps in skills. Stop Domestic Abuse recognises that an effective board of trustees is essential if the charity is to be effective in achieving its objects. The board seeks to be representative of the people with whom the charity works and must have available to it all of the knowledge and skills required to run the charity. Individual trustees must have sufficient knowledge, both of trusteeship in general and of the Charity's activities, to enable them to carry out their role and to represent the Charity at meetings and other events.

When recruiting trustees a skills audit of the board is completed to ensure that there are no skills gaps. Recruitment takes place within the wider community including advertisements and direct approaches to professional bodies and to other voluntary organizations. Stop Domestic Abuse seeks to ensure diversity in its board of trustees as well as in its staff base and consideration will be given to ways in which groups that are under-represented on the board might be reached and encouraged to apply. Applicants who appear suitable are interviewed by two existing trustees and the CEO.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The charity is governed by an executive committee who have the power to co-opt additional members. They are unpaid and act as trustees of the charity. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Asset cover for funds

Note sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds and a description of the trusts. These assets are sufficient to meet the charity's obligations on a fund by fund basis.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Jones Avens Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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

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S Lee (Vice and Acting Chair)
Trustee
Dated: 15/11/21

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees, who are also the directors of Southern Domestic Abuse Service for the purpose 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).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

Opinion

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

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The 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 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Identification and assessment of irregularities including fraud

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

- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including The Companies Act 2006 and The Charities Act 2011;
- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework by making appropriate enquiries of management as well as considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- we made enquiries of those charged with governance and management concerning:
    - the risks of fraud;
    - instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of actual, suspected, or alleged fraud is documented during the period;
- we allocated an engagement team that we considered collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

Audit response to the risk of irregularities including fraud
Based on the results of our risk assessment, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.
- evaluating whether the selection and application of accounting policies by the entity that may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting resulting from management's effort to manage earnings.
- assessing whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 2 were indicative of potential bias.
- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation.
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- reviewing the correspondence with relevant regulatory bodies.
- testing of journal entries to address the risk of fraud through management override.
- incorporating an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing, and extent of our audit procedures.

Conclusions regarding the risks of irregularities including fraud
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

We considered our audit was capable of detecting irregularities due to:

- the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls;
- the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures performed; and

the absence of contradictory evidence.

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

Claire Norwood BSc FCA ATII (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Jones Avens Limited

18/11/21

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Piper House
4 Dukes Court
Bognor Road
Chichester
West Sussex
PO19 8FX

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

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	85,906	-	85,906	48,466	-	48,466
Charitable activities	4	4,928,249	582,354	5,510,603	3,702,874	701,716	4,404,590
Investments	5	1,968	-	1,968	2,988	-	2,988
Total income		5,016,123	582,354	5,598,477	3,754,328	701,716	4,456,044
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	2,914	-	2,914	3,016	-	3,016
Charitable activities	7	3,447,409	623,075	4,070,484	2,614,958	681,222	3,296,180
Pension scheme provision remeasurements	13	222	-	222	(52)	-	(52)
Total resources expended		3,450,545	623,075	4,073,620	2,617,922	681,222	3,299,144
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	54,592	-	54,592	(10,174)	-	(10,174)
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources before transfers		1,620,170	(40,721)	1,579,449	1,126,232	20,494	1,146,726
Gross transfers between funds	14	(34,588)	34,588	-	29,127	(29,127)	-
Net movement in funds		1,585,582	(6,133)	1,579,449	1,155,359	(8,633)	1,146,726
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		2,490,595	101,838	2,592,433	1,335,236	110,472	1,445,708
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		4,076,177	95,705	4,171,882	2,490,595	101,839	2,592,434

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**15**		164,953		153,222
Investments	**16**		293,914		242,209
			458,867		395,431
Current assets					
Debtors	**18**	112,851		244,964	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,034,709		2,294,325	
		4,147,560		2,539,289	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**19**	(430,896)		(337,963)	
Net current assets			3,716,664		2,201,326
Total assets less current liabilities			4,175,531		2,596,757
Provisions for liabilities			(3,649)		(4,323)
Net assets			4,171,882		2,592,434
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**24**		95,705		101,839
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	**25**	2,053,953		1,098,440	
General unrestricted funds		2,022,224		1,392,155	
			4,076,177		2,490,595
			4,171,882		2,592,434

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2021, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15/11/21

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S Lee (Vice and Acting Chair)
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07975563

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**30**		1,781,086		1,275,046
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(45,557)		(18,255)	
Purchase of investments		-		(73,316)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		2,887		26,250	
Investment income received		1,968		2,988	
Net cash used in investing activities			(40,702)		(62,333)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			1,740,384		1,212,713
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			2,294,325		1,081,612
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			4,034,709		2,294,325

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Southern Domestic Abuse Service is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Piper House, 4 Dukes Court, Bognor Road, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8FX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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

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

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure is either allocated directly or is apportioned to the individual areas. Funds are transferred from unrestricted funds to fund deficits on restricted areas where no further funding will be forthcoming.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Capital items costing more than £1,000 are treated as tangible fixed assets and are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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

Leasehold property	10% straight line or over the life of the lease
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33 1/3% straight line basis

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

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.10 Financial instruments

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

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

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

1 **Accounting policies** **(Continued)**

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Provisions

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

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

1.12 Employee benefits

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

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

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.14 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

1.15 Taxation

On the basis of the financial statements no provision has been made for Corporation Tax.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

Critical judgements

Pension scheme deficit payments

The association participates in a multi-employer pension scheme which is in deficit. Provision has been made for the deficit contributions payable and the trustee have relied upon the information received from the Pensions Trust.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	85,906	48,466

4 Charitable activities

	Family and child projects 2021 £	Managed hostel 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Family and child projects 2020 £	Managed hostel 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Charitable rental income	-	1,150,769	1,150,769	-	360,913	360,913
Services provided under contract	2,021,644	452,626	2,474,270	2,210,699	396,193	2,606,892
Performance related grants	1,804,472	21,000	1,825,472	1,278,287	-	1,278,287
Other income	60,092	-	60,092	158,498	-	158,498
	3,886,208	1,624,395	5,510,603	3,647,484	757,106	4,404,590
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	3,313,854	1,614,395	4,928,249	2,945,768	757,106	3,702,874
Restricted funds	572,354	10,000	582,354	701,716	-	701,716
	3,886,208	1,624,395	5,510,603	3,647,484	757,106	4,404,590

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Interest receivable	1,968	2,988

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Investment management	2,914	3,016
	2,914	3,016

7 Charitable activities

	Family and child projects 2021 £	Managed hostel 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Family and child projects 2020 £	Managed hostel 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Staff costs	1,881,954	371,777	2,253,731	1,880,847	299,644	2,180,491
Depreciation and impairment	-	3,910	3,910	-	6,006	6,006
Premises expenses	65,647	681,950	747,597	1,855	152,608	154,463
Travelling & subsistence	15,527	3,170	18,697	68,285	20,156	88,441
Administration & office expenses	7,619	8,802	16,421	10,446	-	10,446
Activities & training etc	94,521	5,018	99,539	113,886	5,334	119,220
Other expenses	51,755	4,459	56,214	9,397	1,716	11,113
Charitable expenditure heading 6	1,222	-	1,222	-	-	-
	2,118,245	1,079,086	3,197,331	2,084,716	485,464	2,570,180
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	191,522	-	191,522	118,482	-	118,482
Share of support costs (see note 9)	570,862	11,633	582,495	519,469	58,193	577,662
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	97,156	1,980	99,136	27,057	2,799	29,856
	2,977,785	1,092,699	4,070,484	2,749,724	546,456	3,296,180
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	2,354,710	1,092,699	3,447,409	2,068,502	546,456	2,614,958
Restricted funds	623,075	-	623,075	681,222	-	681,222
	2,977,785	1,092,699	4,070,484	2,749,724	546,456	3,296,180

8 Grants payable

	Family and child projects 2021 £	Family and child projects 2020 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	191,522	118,482

9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	347,001	-	347,001	343,438	-	343,438
Depreciation	29,915	-	29,915	18,158	-	18,158
Premises expenses	54,358	-	54,358	50,321	-	50,321
Travelling & subsistence	268	-	268	3,933	-	3,933
Administration & office expenses	83,591	-	83,591	80,682	-	80,682
Activities & training etc	20,986	-	20,986	37,013	-	37,013
Other expenses	46,376	-	46,376	44,117	-	44,117
Audit fees	-	5,735	5,735	-	7,267	7,267
Accountancy	-	1,560	1,560	-	1,560	1,560
Legal and professional	-	91,643	91,643	-	15,041	15,041
Other governance costs	-	198	198	-	5,988	5,988
	582,495	99,136	681,631	577,662	29,856	607,518
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	582,495	99,136	681,631	577,662	29,856	607,518

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £5,735 for audit fees and £1,560 for other services.

10 Trustees

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

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Project staff	89	88
Management and administration	18	18
Total	107	106

Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	2,338,209	2,275,399
Social security costs	194,284	182,994
Other pension costs	68,239	65,536

11 Employees (Continued)

	2,600,732	2,523,929

The above numbers include job share, part time and sessional staff, the average number of full time equivalent staff was 93 (2020: 63.6).

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
£60,000 - £70,000	1	1

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	54,592	(10,174)

13 Pension scheme provision remeasurements

	2021	2020
	£	£
Impact of changes in assumptions	125	(117)
Financing costs	97	65
	222	(52)

14 Transfers

The transfer between restricted and unrestricted funds represents income received in arrears for a project funded in the previous financial year.

15 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	135,559	142,959	278,518
Additions	-	45,557	45,557
At 31 March 2021	135,559	188,516	324,075
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2020	6,184	119,113	125,297
Depreciation charged in the year	880	32,945	33,825
At 31 March 2021	7,064	152,058	159,122
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2021	128,495	36,458	164,953
At 31 March 2020	129,375	23,847	153,222

16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2020	242,209
Valuation changes	51,705
At 31 March 2021	293,914
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2021	293,914
At 31 March 2020	242,209

Fixed asset investments revalued

Listed investments include an investment portfolio managed by Transact and are included on the basis of market value, with an historical cost of £229,252 (2020 - £229,252).

17 Financial instruments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	293,914	242,209

18 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	38,145	197,759
Other debtors	418	222
Prepayments and accrued income	74,288	46,983
	112,851	244,964

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security		56,635	64,058
Deferred income	22	-	120,695
Trade creditors		255,996	125,479
Other creditors		17,969	17,200
Accruals and deferred income		100,296	10,531
		430,896	337,963

20 Auditor's ethical standards

In common with many entities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the statutory financial statements.

21 Provisions for liabilities

	2021 £	2020 £
Pension scheme deficit contribution provision	3,649	4,323

21	**Provisions for liabilities**	**2021**	**(Continued) 2020**
	Movements on provisions:		
	At 1 April 2020	4,323	5,245
	Deficit contribution paid	(896)	(870)
	Unwinding of discount	97	65
	Remeasurements - impact of any change in assumptions	125	(117)
	At 31 March 2021	3,649	4,323
	Income and expenditure impact		
	Interest expense	(97)	(65)
	Remeasurements - impact of changes in assumptions	(125)	117
	Remeasurements – amendments to the contribution schedules	-	-
	Costs recognised in income and expenditure account	(222)	52
	Assumptions		
	Rate of discount	0.66%	2.53%

The discount rates shown above are the equivalent single discount rates which, when used to discount the future recovery plan contributions due, would give the same results as using a full AA corporate bond yield curve to discount the same recovery plan contributions.

22	**Deferred income**	**2021**	**2020**
		£	**£**
	Arising from funding received in advance	-	120,695

23 Retirement benefit schemes

SCHEME: TPT Retirement Solutions – The Growth Plan

The company participates in the scheme, a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 950 non-associated participating employers. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the company to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the company is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out at 30 September 2017. This valuation showed assets of £794.9m, liabilities of £926.4m and a deficit of £131.5m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee has asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions		
From 1 April 2019 to 31 January 2025:	£11,243,000 per annum	(payable monthly and increa by 3% each on 1st April)

Unless a concession has been agreed with the Trustee the term to 31 January 2025 applies.

Note that the scheme's previous valuation was carried out with an effective date of 30 September 2014. This valuation showed assets of £793.4m, liabilities of £969.9m and a deficit of £176.5m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee has asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme as follows:

Deficit contributions		
From 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2025:	£12,945,440 per annum	(payable monthly and increa by 3% each on 1st April)
From 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2028:	£54,560 per annum	(payable monthly and increasing by 3% each on 1st April)

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the Series 1 and Series 2 scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

Present value of provision £3,649 (2020 £4,323) see note 21

24 Restricted funds

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

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cllr Dolan - E Hants	-	604	-	-	604	1,000	(1,000)	-	604
Reaching Communities Up2U	13,003	167,594	(178,217)	-	2,380	42,010	(44,390)	-	-
Children in Need	-	40,287	(40,287)	-	-	22,594	(16,476)	-	6,118
Awards for All	4,640	-	(4,640)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hive	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	-	(1,159)	-	841
CIL Neighbourhood Fund	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	9,000	(9,000)	-	-
Big Lottery Up2U	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	(100,000)	-	-
Portsmouth Mayor	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
STF New Forest	29,127	-	-	(29,127)	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Comunity Fund	-	148,155	(114,678)	-	33,477	149,956	(147,003)	-	36,430
OPCC	-	46,729	(32,675)	-	14,054	55,142	(47,175)	-	22,021
OPCC	-	61,968	(61,968)	-	-	25,870	(25,870)	-	-
HCP VAWG (OPCC)	-	15,620	(15,620)	-	-	30,000	(27,732)	-	2,268
Henry Smith	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	-
VAWG GHC	33,947	31,829	(65,776)	-	-	34,588	-	(34,588)	-
Armed Forces Covenant	2,953	124,930	(104,761)	-	23,122	49,972	(73,094)	-	-
Landlord Incentive Scheme	26,802	-	(600)	-	26,201	1,222	-	-	27,423
	110,472	701,716	(681,222)	(29,127)	101,838	582,354	(553,899)	(34,588)	95,705

24 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Reaching Communities Up2U fund is to deliver work with people who use domestically abusive behaviours in their intimate partner relationships.

The Reaching Communities IDVA fund was received to deliver Independent Violence Adviser Services to High Risk Victims in Havant, Fareham, Gosport and East Hampshire.

The Move On fund and Landlord Incentive Scheme was received for the specific purpose of working with women and children living in refuge accommodation.

BBC Children in Need fund was received to support children and young people in the Havant and Fareham refuges.

VAWG HCP was received to support those experiencing Harmful Cultural Practices.

Armed Forces Covenant Fund is to deliver work with people who use domestically abusive behaviours in their intimate partner relationships.

Councillor Dolan relates to funding for East Hampshire Refuges.

OPCC provided grants for group work for young people and parents to promote healthy relationships.

Hive hardship funding provides essential items for people to gain or maintain a tenancy.

25 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2019	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2020	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Hostel Operating costs	262,172	14,876	277,048	36,445	313,493
Portsmouth Repairs and Renewals	6,016	6,016	12,032	(6,016)	6,016
Furniture Replacement Fund	17,420	5,640	23,060	5,632	28,692
Dispersed Accomodation Renewals/ Repairs Reserve	9,549	2,433	11,982	2,422	14,404
New Refuge Fundraising	460,432	48,187	508,619	691,381	1,200,000
Dispersed Accomodation	131,595	-	131,595	-	131,595
Refuge Provision Reserve	-	-	-	204,975	204,975
Staff Pension Reserve	22,684	(5,076)	17,608	674	18,282
Redundancy Reserve	96,496	-	96,496	-	96,496
FGM/HCP Reserve	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	40,000
	1,026,364	72,076	1,098,440	955,513	2,053,953

The above reserves were designated by the committee to provide for a minimum of three months operating costs. Reserves include operating costs for general and designated projects, furniture replacement funds, new refuge fund, redundancy reserve and staff pension reserve.

26 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	164,953	-	164,953	153,222	-	153,222
Investments	293,914	-	293,914	242,209	-	242,209
Current assets/ (liabilities)	3,549,707	166,957	3,716,664	2,099,487	101,839	2,201,326
Provisions	(3,649)	-	(3,649)	(4,323)	-	(4,323)
	4,004,925	166,957	4,171,882	2,490,595	101,839	2,592,434

27 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

Southern Domestic Abuse Service has been notified by The Pensions Trust of the estimated employer debt on withdrawal from the Plan based on the financial position of the Plan as at 30 September 2017. As of this date the estimated employer debt for Southern Domestic Abuse Service was £16,375.

28 Operating lease commitments

28 Operating lease commitments **(Continued)**

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	293,293	168,015
Between two and five years	589,476	589,476
In over five years	126,723	253,446
	1,009,492	1,010,937

29 Related party transactions

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

Remuneration of key management personnel
The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	372,833	337,235

30 Cash generated from operations

	2021	2020
	£	£
Surplus for the year	1,579,449	1,146,726
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,968)	(2,988)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(54,592)	10,174
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	33,825	24,164
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	132,113	(63,474)
Increase in creditors	213,628	91,342
(Decrease) in provisions	(674)	(922)
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income	(120,695)	70,024
Cash generated from operations	1,781,086	1,275,046

31 Analysis of changes in net funds
The charity had no debt during the year.