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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 needed 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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).

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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)
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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.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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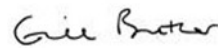
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Disclosure of information to auditor

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.



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;

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

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.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

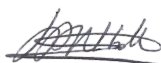
In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- 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
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SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
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.

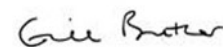
SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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

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 £	£	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

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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	-	-	-
	<u>743,384</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>744,384</u>	<u>14,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,786</u>

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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
	<u>7,760,214</u>	<u>1,334,812</u>	<u>9,095,026</u>	<u>7,121,697</u>	<u>1,417,236</u>	<u>8,538,933</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	<u>201,303</u>	<u>128,606</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

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

SOUTHERN DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Family and child projects 2025 £	Managed accommoda- tion 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Family and child projects 2024 £	Managed accommoda- tion 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
	<u>4,723,889</u>	<u>2,020,802</u>	<u>6,744,691</u>	<u>4,128,244</u>	<u>1,685,815</u>	<u>5,814,059</u>
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
	<u>6,194,667</u>	<u>2,376,945</u>	<u>8,571,612</u>	<u>5,484,915</u>	<u>1,911,147</u>	<u>7,396,062</u>
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
	<u>6,194,667</u>	<u>2,376,945</u>	<u>8,571,612</u>	<u>5,484,915</u>	<u>1,911,147</u>	<u>7,396,062</u>

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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
	<u>1,826,921</u>	<u>1,582,003</u>
Analysed between:		
Family and child projects	1,470,778	1,356,671
Managed accommodation	356,143	225,332
	<u>1,826,921</u>	<u>1,582,003</u>

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 Number	2024 Number
Project staff	178	162
Management and administration	19	18
Total	<u>197</u>	<u>180</u>

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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
	<u>5,827,450</u>	<u>5,156,536</u>

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 Number	2024 Number
£60,000 - £70,000	1	-
£70,000 - £80,000	-	1
£100,000 - £110,000	-	1
£110,000 - £120,000	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

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	<u>395,032</u>	<u>368,022</u>

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
	<u>78,326</u>	<u>117,533</u>

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13 Pension scheme provision remeasurements

	2025	2024
	£	£
Impact of changes in assumptions	4	-
Amendments to contribution schedule	614	-
Financing costs	7	21
	<u>625</u>	<u>21</u>

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
	<u>2,310,581</u>	<u>500,136</u>	<u>2,810,717</u>
At 31 March 2025			
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	9,705	327,149	336,854
Depreciation charged in the year	4,656	73,805	78,461
	<u>14,361</u>	<u>400,954</u>	<u>415,315</u>
At 31 March 2025			
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	2,296,220	99,182	2,395,402
	<u>957,277</u>	<u>75,215</u>	<u>1,032,492</u>
At 31 March 2024			

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
	<u>2,296,220</u>	<u>957,277</u>

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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)
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At 31 March 2025	2,126,512
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Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	2,126,512
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At 31 March 2024	2,137,575
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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
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	666,952	592,922
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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
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		586,515	515,018
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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	4.84%	5.31%
Rate of discount		

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:

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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)
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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)
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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

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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
	<u>115,995</u>	<u>1,335,812</u>	<u>(1,351,232)</u>	<u>100,575</u>

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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

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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.

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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.

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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 Accommodation	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 Dispersed Accommodation Value	1,950,000	74,975	2,024,975	(175,491)	1,849,484
Refuge Provision	127,615	741,662	869,277	1,410,475	2,279,752
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 Programme	419,620	(169,620)	250,000	-	250,000
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
	<u>6,051,958</u>	<u>(126,574)</u>	<u>5,925,384</u>	<u>1,663,260</u>	<u>7,588,644</u>

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.

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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)
	<u>10,522,143</u>	<u>100,575</u>	<u>10,622,718</u>
	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)
	<u>8,975,874</u>	<u>115,995</u>	<u>9,091,869</u>

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
	<u>956,557</u>	<u>1,212,878</u>

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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.