

Charity registration number: 1152621

Project Seventeen

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Timothy Bull, Treasurer
	Mary Awoniyi
	Elizabeth Fry
	Clare Jennings
	Gwawr Thomas, Chair
	Claire McGuinness
	Olaitan Abiola
	Stephanie Kleynhans
	Jessie Porter
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Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees and officers

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

Trustees:	Kamena Dorling (resigned 28 September 2024)
	Timothy Bull, Treasurer
	Mary Awoniyi
	Elizabeth Fry
	Clare Jennings
	Gwawr Thomas, Chair
	Claire McGuinness (appointed 15 June 2024)
	Olaitan Abiola
	Stephanie Kleynhans
	Jessie Porter (appointed 15 June 2024)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 18th May 2013.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Advertising externally and among relevant groups and bodies; reviewing CVs and cover letters; interviews with the Chair and Director; shadowing trustee meetings; voting to join the board.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The relief of financial hardship amongst migrants with no recourse to public funds living in the UK by the provision of free advice and assistance to such persons.

For the public benefit to advance education of the public in the needs of migrants with no recourse to public funds by providing training and advice to other relevant agencies.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Project 17 works to reduce homelessness and severe poverty among families excluded from mainstream welfare by their immigration status.

Ultimately, we want to see laws and policies that do not perpetuate poverty and inequality. Until then, our specialist focus is around working with families experiencing exceptional poverty to improve their access to support from social services under a law called section 17 Children Act 1989.

We believe that all children have the right to a home and enough to eat, regardless of their parents' immigration status. To achieve our vision, we provide advice, advocacy and support for individuals. We build capacity in other organisations and we campaign for the improved implementation of statutory support.

Project 17 works towards ensuring that local authorities comply with the duties imposed on them by Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need. Section 17 enables local councils to provide accommodation and financial support to avoid children being taken into the care of the local authority.

This duty exists even if the family has no right to work, no access to welfare benefits and social housing and no leave to remain in the UK. Project 17 exists to ensure that individuals eligible for support under Section 17 are able to access it effectively.

The formal objectives set out in our governing document are:

- The relief of financial hardship amongst migrants with no recourse to public funds living in the UK by the provision of free advice and assistance to such persons.
- For the public benefit to advance education of the public in the needs of migrants with no recourse to public funds by providing training and advice to other relevant agencies

Objectives, strategies and activities

Advice and advocacy: working directly with families with no recourse to public funds to improve access to accommodation and financial support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 and related support.

Capacity building: working with organisations to improve their ability to work with families with no recourse to public funds. This includes training, case advice for professionals, and online resources.

Systemic change: ultimately, we believe that everyone should be entitled to a welfare safety net. Until then, our strategic work addresses systemic problems with the implementation of section 17 support and other issues affecting people with no recourse to public funds. Activities include engaging with local and national government, campaigns and litigation. We also resource and facilitate a group of people with personal experience of poverty caused by no recourse to public funds to build solidarity and work towards strategic change.

Public benefit

- a) Reducing homelessness and destitution among migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- b) Increasing awareness of rights and entitlements among individuals, professionals and the wider public.
- c) Improving the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds.
- d) Improving public awareness of the issues facing families with no recourse to public funds.

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

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and performance

Advice and advocacy:

We provide frontline advice, advocacy and casework to families facing homelessness and severe poverty because they have no recourse to public funds. We also provide emergency practical support, such as grants and support in kind.

In 2024-25, we worked with 440 families, including taking on 191 new clients.

56% of our clients were undocumented when we started working together, and 15% had limited leave to remain on the family life route. We also worked with families on health and social care, student and visit visas, and with small numbers of refused asylum seekers and people with pre-settled status.

93% of our clients were women, and 79% were lone parents.

We worked with clients from 58 different countries. 42% were Nigerian and 15% were Ghanaian.

We worked with families living in 70 local authorities across England, although 69% of clients lived in London.

62% of clients had tried to access support under section 17 before they approached us, but they came to Project 17 because they had been refused (67%), or because the support they received was inadequate or was being terminated (33%). Families who had been turned away from social services experienced a wide range of problems, including inadequate housing and homelessness, not having enough money, domestic abuse, threats to safety and exploitation.

62% of families had been destitute for more than 3 months when they approached us, and 28% had been destitute for more than a year.

With our support, 63% (278 families) accessed support under section 17 Children Act 1989. 56% accessed financial support, and 43% accessed accommodation. 46% accessed both.

We continue to be concerned about the adequacy of support provided by local authorities. 31% of families receiving financial support were given less than the lawful minimum, and a further 8% received vouchers instead of cash. Only 20% of those accessing accommodation found it to be suitable, with many housed in hotels and HMOs, far away from schools and support networks.

94% of families benefitted from at least one positive outcome following our intervention. Alongside section 17 support, 59% accessed emergency financial support from our Destitution Fund, and 33% accessed larger grants. 69% used foodbank vouchers. We funded emergency hotel stays for 5%. Other outcomes included Healthy Start vouchers, nursery placements and free prescriptions.

54 clients provided feedback about the service via an anonymous online form. 80% of respondents had their first appointment within a week of contacting us. 87% said their advisers helped them to understand their options 'very well'. 77% said their situation was 'a lot better' after working with us, and 80% rated their experience as 10/10. Comments included 'Project 17 is the best organization I have ever seen' and 'I am grateful for the help I received from Project 17. I had tried everywhere to find support but was turned down, until I contacted Project 17 and received the help I needed.'

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Capacity building:

We build knowledge and expertise in other organisations, supporting them to work with families with no recourse to public funds (“NRPF”) more effectively. Our capacity building work includes training; case advice for professionals; and online factsheets, booklets and letter templates.

This year, we delivered 24 training sessions to a range of voluntary sector staff and social services teams, reaching over 400 participants. We delivered a range of sessions, including joint training with Southwark Law Centre and the Care Rights Project. Four sessions were designed and delivered in collaboration with United Impact, the solidarity and action group we support.

We responded to 399 calls on our advice line for professionals, providing advice on individual cases. This represented a decrease on the previous year, driven by a change to our triage system that now filters ‘out of scope’ calls at an earlier stage.

35 callers provided feedback, and 88% found the advice ‘very helpful’. One caller wrote: “have called on multiple occasions to seek some advice around clients and getting s17 support from the council. On each occasion I think it has been successful when I have called them, and the council have provided accommodation under s17. The advice provided is always extremely detailed and clear for anyone to understand”.

This year we updated our online resources and improved their accessibility by moving away from downloadable factsheets to resources embedded in the site. These pages were visited over 5000 times this year.

Strategic work:

Our strategic work calls for an end to NRPF and the dismantling of the hostile environment. We use our specialist expertise and data to address systemic problems with section 17 support and demonstrate the need for wider reform through influencing, complaints and litigation.

In 2024-25 we worked in collaboration with 5 other organisations to form a Migrants Rights Group, which has been awarded core participant status in the last module of the Covid Inquiry, enabling us to put forward evidence on experiences of families with NRPF during the pandemic.

We also contributed evidence on the harms of NRPF to a sector-wide report for the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ahead of the UN’s examination on the UK this year. Our previous evidence led to the UN making recommendations on NRPF for the first time in 2023.

We resource and facilitate United Impact, an action group made up of around 60 clients. They speak out against the discrimination and disadvantage they experience and participate in social change work. Last year they gave evidence to the government’s Child Poverty Taskforce, and designed and distributed 3000 copies of a leaflet they created to raise awareness of support options for people with NRPF. Around 40% of United Impact’s time to devoted to wellbeing and training, acknowledging the importance of solidarity and knowledge when building power.

Looking ahead:

Towards the end of the year, we started work on our 2026-29 strategic plan. Our most significant plan is to expand our remit to incorporate work under the Care Act 2014. The Care Act gives local authorities powers to support adults with care needs by providing care, accommodation and financial support, even if the adults have no recourse to public funds. We intend to incorporate Care Act work into all areas of our work and will fundraise for additional staff posts to make this possible.

We also plan to review our mission and vision to be more explicitly anti-racist and be more ambitious and explicit about the change we want to see in the world. We intend to recruit a new Advice Support Officer to support the advice service. We will continue to critically reflect on how personal experience of NRPF is represented in the organisation.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

Project 17's total income for the year was £482,167, a decrease compared to the prior year comparative of £520,139. Total expenditure for the year was £423,300 compared to £402,408 for the year ended 31 March 2024. Overall, this resulted in net income of £58,867 for the year, compared to net income of £117,731 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Despite a decrease relative to the prior year, Project 17's income continues to reflect the strong recognition from funders around the importance of the work carried out by Project 17. Consistent with the prior year, Project 17 continues to be reliant on unrestricted funding to support the work of our restricted funds. This is evident through the designations of unrestricted funds in the current year, where funds will be required to support our restricted funds in the current year.

Policy on reserves

Project 17's reserve policy states that unrestricted funds should be maintained at a level equivalent to three to six months of expenditure. At this level the Trustees feel the reserves appropriately support Project 17's resilience against the key financial risks facing the organization, being the unforeseen loss of funding or incurring unforeseen expenditure, and are sufficient to cover associated expenditure commitments were Project 17 to be wound down. The reserves policy is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis, at least once a year.

At 31 March 2025, reserves were £195,187, equivalent to less than five months of Project 17's total budgeted expenditure for the following financial year and consistent with Project 17's reserve policy.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 11/10/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Gwawr Thomas
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Project Seventeen

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Project Seventeen (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

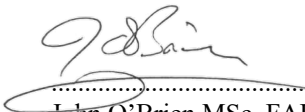
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member and Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 03/11/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	136,970	-	136,970	129,440
Charitable activities	3	13,732	331,465	345,197	390,699
Total Income		150,702	331,465	482,167	520,139
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(30,196)	(393,104)	(423,300)	(402,408)
Total Expenditure		(30,196)	(393,104)	(423,300)	(402,408)
Net movement in funds		120,506	(61,639)	58,867	117,731
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		238,388	219,307	457,695	339,964
Total funds carried forward	11	358,894	157,668	516,562	457,695

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 11.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

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

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	129,440	-	129,440
Charitable activities	3	<u>200</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>390,699</u>
Total Income		<u>129,640</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>520,139</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(35,022)</u>	<u>(367,386)</u>	<u>(402,408)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(35,022)</u>	<u>(367,386)</u>	<u>(402,408)</u>
Net income		94,618	23,113	117,731
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(95,000)</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(382)	118,113	117,731
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>238,770</u>	<u>101,194</u>	<u>339,964</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u><u>238,388</u></u>	<u><u>219,307</u></u>	<u><u>457,695</u></u>

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 1152621) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,264	1,239
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>516,798</u>	<u>458,096</u>
		518,062	459,335
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>(1,640)</u>
Net assets		<u>516,562</u>	<u>457,695</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	11	157,668	219,307
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>358,894</u>	<u>238,388</u>
Total funds	11	<u>516,562</u>	<u>457,695</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 11/10/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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Timothy Bull
Trustee

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

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

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

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Going concern

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

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

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Charitable activities

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

Taxation

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

Trade debtors

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

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

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

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

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	6,700	6,700	-
Donations from individuals	5,951	5,951	3,401
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	124,319	124,319	126,039
	<u>136,970</u>	<u>136,970</u>	<u>129,440</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants	-	331,465	331,465	375,766
Training income	13,707	-	13,707	14,256
Sundry income	25	-	25	677
	<u>13,732</u>	<u>331,465</u>	<u>345,197</u>	<u>390,699</u>

4 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Client Grant Partners	-	4,558	4,558
Reaching Communities	-	60,380	60,380
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	66,000	66,000
Trust for London	-	21,216	21,216
Groundwork UK	-	5,644	5,644
Mercers	-	25,000	25,000
Smallwood Trust	-	10,000	10,000
Masonic Charitable Fund	-	5,000	5,000
Awards for All	-	20,000	20,000
John Ellerman	-	21,000	21,000
Legal Education Foundation	-	56,000	56,000
Baring Foundation	-	30,000	30,000
BBC Children in Need	13,334	6,667	20,001
Hillcote Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Metropolitan Migration Foundation	27,000	-	27,000

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
CAF	5,000	-	5,000
Keystone Fund	38,985	-	38,985
Anonymous	35,000	-	35,000
Unity Trust	6,700	-	6,700
General donations	5,951	-	5,951
	136,970	331,465	468,435

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Client grants	-	16,571	16,571	15,555
Clinical supervision	5,565	-	5,565	4,545
Equipment	455	2,021	2,476	978
Insurance	650	-	650	595
Interpreting costs	-	3,596	3,596	2,356
Office supplies	70	1,119	1,189	1,919
Other expenses	1,697	262	1,959	4,236
Printing	-	1,066	1,066	1,062
Rent	1,431	12,877	14,308	13,669
Wages, Tax & NI	16,822	344,388	361,210	338,360
Solidarity group expense	-	6,996	6,996	8,566
Staff expenses	-	56	56	216
Subscription	35	45	80	202
Telephone, internet & fax	179	1,610	1,789	1,944
Training	971	299	1,270	5,504
Trustee expenses	749	-	749	255
Venue hire/ events	-	-	-	150
Volunteer expenses	-	-	-	126
Website and database	72	2,198	2,270	2,170
Legal & professional fees	1,500	-	1,500	-
	30,196	393,104	423,300	402,408

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Claire McGuinness

£345 (2024: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Claire McGuinness during the year.

Trustee was reimbursed travel and childcare costs.

Mary Awoniyi

£632 (2024: £470) of expenses were reimbursed to Mary Awoniyi during the year.

Trustees travel and child care costs were reimbursed. They are also part of a client group where they receive compensation.

Jessie Porter

£205 (2024: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Jessie Porter during the year.

Trustees travel and child care costs were reimbursed. They are also part of a client group where they receive compensation.

Kamena Dorling

£25 (2024: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Kamena Dorling during the year.

Trustees travel and child care costs were reimbursed.

Olaitan Abiola

£253 (2024: £375) of expenses were reimbursed to Olaitan Abiola during the year.

Trustees travel and child care costs were reimbursed. They are also part of a client group where they receive compensation.

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

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	310,973	296,898
Social security costs	37,416	29,514
Pension costs	12,821	11,948
	<u>361,210</u>	<u>338,360</u>

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

	2025 No	2024 No
Monthly paid staff	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

9 (2024 - 9) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £12,821 (2024 - £11,948).

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

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £52,374 (2024 - £50,299).

8 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	<u>1,264</u>	<u>1,239</u>

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	<u>516,798</u>	<u>458,096</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,640</u>

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	238,388	150,702	(30,196)	(163,707)	195,187
<i>Designated</i>					
Advice Designated	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Capacity Building Designated	-	-	-	28,707	28,707
Policy Designated	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,707</u>	<u>163,707</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>238,388</u>	<u>150,702</u>	<u>(30,196)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>358,894</u>

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	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Advice	93,875	120,829	(177,462)	-	37,242
Capacity Building	45,529	49,278	(58,926)	-	35,881
Policy	48,888	151,800	(140,146)	-	60,542
Destitution Fund	12,333	1,667	(7,303)	-	6,697
Hotel Fund	7,060	1,667	(2,253)	-	6,474
Small Grants Fund	11,622	1,667	(2,457)	-	10,832
Client Grant	-	4,558	(4,558)	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>219,307</u>	<u>331,466</u>	<u>(393,105)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,668</u>
Total funds	<u>457,695</u>	<u>482,168</u>	<u>(423,301)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>516,562</u>

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

Advice: to provide direct advice and advocacy services to migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Capacity building: to build capacity in other organisations working with migrant families with no recourse to public funds;

Client grants: to facilitate the provision of direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind;

Destitution fund: to provide emergency financial support to clients for food or other urgent essential items;

Hotel fund: to provide funding for short term stays in emergency accommodation for families left street homeless by a refusal of local authority support;

Policy: creating systemic change to improve the implementation of support for migrant families with no recourse to public funds, through engaging with local and national government, campaigning and strategic litigation;

Small grants fund: to provide direct financial support to clients in cash or in kind.

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	238,770	129,640	(35,022)	(95,000)	238,388

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	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Restricted					
Client Grants	-	5,258	(5,258)	-	-
Advice	59,412	154,461	(164,998)	45,000	93,875
Capacity Building	7,444	63,444	(55,359)	30,000	45,529
Policy	16,656	148,708	(131,476)	15,000	48,888
Destitution Fund	4,340	8,417	(5,424)	5,000	12,333
Hotel Fund	5,453	3,794	(2,187)	-	7,060
Small Grants Fund	7,889	6,417	(2,684)	-	11,622
Total restricted funds	<u>101,194</u>	<u>390,499</u>	<u>(367,386)</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>219,307</u>
Total funds	<u><u>339,964</u></u>	<u><u>520,139</u></u>	<u><u>(402,408)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>457,695</u></u>

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12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			2025
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	196,687	163,707	157,668	518,062
Current liabilities	(1,500)	-	-	(1,500)
Total net assets	<u>195,187</u>	<u>163,707</u>	<u>157,668</u>	<u>516,562</u>

	Unrestricted		2024
	General £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	240,028	219,307	459,335
Current liabilities	(1,640)	-	(1,640)
Total net assets	<u>238,388</u>	<u>219,307</u>	<u>457,695</u>

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

14 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination	1,250	1,200
	<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,200</u>