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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023  
FOR  
CHESHIRE WITHOUT ABUSE**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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The Trustees are pleased to present their report alongside the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023.

This reporting period marked a return to pre-COVID-19 service delivery for the MyCWA team, following the previous years' service disruptions due to lockdown measures. Despite the absence of lockdowns and restrictions - widely regarded as the primary cause of the surge in domestic abuse cases during the pandemic - we have seen a consistent month-on-month increase in referrals this year.

Against the backdrop of increasing demand, the team's determination has led to the overachievement on all service delivery targets, all while maintaining an exceptional standard of service. Key highlights from the reporting period are as follows:

- Answering 100% of calls to the 24/7 helpline
- Supporting 1,122 new adult victims and allocating them to a dedicated worker or an intervention (contracted KPI: 400)
- Delivering 141 peer support group sessions for domestic abuse survivors- a 34% increase from 2021/22
- 177 children and young people successfully completed safety or therapeutic work (contracted KPI: 80)
- 95% of adults reported positive change in individual Health & Wellbeing outcomes scores (contracted KPI: 75%)
- 97% occupancy of accommodation units (contracted KPI: 75%), with 91% of departures from accommodation noted as planned exits (contracted KPI: 60%)
- The MyCWA training team delivered 70 training and awareness sessions for teams in CEDSAP agencies (contracted KPI: 12)
- In alignment with our objective of promoting awareness about domestic abuse to the broader community, the MyCWA team participated in 27 community awareness events (contracted KPI: 4)

Going above and beyond core contracted services, the team's commitment to boosting client wellbeing whenever possible was demonstrated by the organisation and delivery of over 180 Easter eggs and gifts to clients (including 58 children). The team also organised four Christmas parties in Macclesfield and Crewe, attended by 47 children with their families. Guests were treated to a meet and greet with Santa (who gave each child a gift), various Christmas activities (including making reindeer food, biscuit decorating and painting festive pictures), music and party food; and a Monkey Bob workshop. Clients that attend Peer Support Lounge didn't miss out on the festive celebrations either, with Christmas craft sessions running throughout December, and two separate parties held (one in Macclesfield and one in Crewe), attended by 27 people. My CWA also provided over 1200 gifts to 256 children through our staff and volunteer-run Christmas grotto and treated 14 clients (adults and their children) to a complimentary festive pantomime.

The dedication of our team is exemplified by the compliments we received during this reporting period from both clients and partner organisations. See just a few examples below:

"I have worked with My CWA for many years. In my professional opinion, they are always professional, respectful and forward looking. They walk the walk as well as talk the talk, putting survivors at the heart of all their work.

A truly inspirational organisation who are held in high regard in Cheshire East."

"I feel like I have my life back now and I am loving it, I am six months clean and now understand emotions where before I was just numb. I dread to think where I would be without the support from My CWA as my life was out of control. Now though I am happy, healthy settled/safe and the best mummy to my daughter."

"People like you help women in domestic situations and give us confidence. I am so thankful for your support. My trust has been restored in professionals and I feel stronger now to face the future. You have been my lifeline."

The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and activities**

Cheshire Without Abuse (My CWA)'s core objective is to support families and individuals in Cheshire who are impacted by domestic abuse. The charity fulfils this objective through the provision of a 24-hour helpline, crisis accommodation, practical support clinics, and recovery and behaviour change programmes. We apply a 'whole family' holistic approach to our services, supporting all those impacted by domestic abuse - including the survivor, friends and family impacted; and those who harm, who want support in changing unhealthy behaviours. We also provide education, awareness, training and research on the subject of domestic abuse for the benefit of the wider community.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The Trustees report the progress of the activities that underpin each strategic priority and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

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

**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievement and performance**

This year, we continued to work to objectives linked to our core mission areas: client, services and partners.

During 2022-23 we supported over 3,000 adults and children across Cheshire - including 1,122 new adult victims - and answered 100% of calls to our 24/7 helpline; one of the most accessed services.

Peer support is another essential element of our work and we delivered 141 peer support group sessions for domestic abuse survivors- a 34% increase from FY22. The peer support lounges had a collective annual attendance of 477, with 115 new clients joining the groups across the year. We also provided critical - and in many cases, life-saving - support to 139 service users assessed as high-risk. As a testament to the quality of our service, 95% of adults reported experiencing positive changes in their individual Health & Wellbeing outcome scores, significantly surpassing the targeted 75%.

Crisis accommodation continued to be an integral part of our service this year. During this reporting period, our accommodation units maintained 97% occupancy rate per quarter, well above the 75% target. Equally noteworthy is the fact that 91% of accommodations departures adhered to planned exit strategies, surpassing the contracted 60% target.

This reporting period also saw us support 363 clients with Specialist Services Fund grants totalling £31,551 - spent on home safety equipment, white goods and other essentials. While counselling is not a funded service, thanks to time donated by 18 volunteer counsellors, we were able to provide clients with 230 hours of counselling. The cost to provide this privately at £50/hour would be £11,500.

Extending our reach to as many people in need of support across Cheshire, we held 168 domestic abuse advice clinics across Congleton, Knutsford, Crewe & Macclesfield; attended by 260 people. We also invited clients to attend 18 police clinics - attended by 84 people, and 12 legal clinics - attended by 72.

Client voices are central to our operations and decision-making; ensuring our services are shaped by those who use it. Many of our clients become volunteers and then staff members - with their valuable experiences not only influencing our practices but those of other organisations.

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During this reporting period, our commitment to maintaining an unwavering survivor-centric approach remained steadfast. Our Amplified Voice Lead played a pivotal role in fostering connections between survivors and the latest operational decisions and initiatives, inviting their invaluable input. For example, despite an initial assumption that clients would prefer a return to face-to-face services as soon as COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, a survey of our clients revealed a significant number of our clients preferred to continue accessing remote sessions. From this feedback, we ensured the continuation of online service delivery alongside in-person sessions.

In January 2023, we welcomed Cate Sheppard from SafeLives to our Peer Support Lounge. Cate listened to survivor's valuable insights into the barriers they've faced and what they feel needs to change across various organisations and partnerships to better support those impacted by domestic abuse. This feedback is to be incorporated into the Cheshire East Amplified Voice Toolkit, which is currently in development.

Building on the momentum from the launch of our ground-breaking Lighthouse initiative last year, our efforts to identify, reach and support communities with added barriers to support have yielded remarkable results during this reporting.

Highlights include:

- We commissioned research into the prevalence of gender-based violence in the transgender community to better inform our assessment of the inclusivity of our service offering for this community.
- We ran a focus group at the Body Positive Trans support group in Crewe to raise awareness of our services. When told by trans women attending the group that they tended to shop in charity shops due to limited finances, but were often made to feel uncomfortable in stores, our team ran a pop up My CWA charity shop at the Body Positive centre, taking clothes rails, clothes and accessories.
- Our team attended pride events across Cheshire to raise awareness of the inclusivity of our services. At Nantwich and Chester pride events, the team spoke to dozens of people from the LGBTQ+ community - both survivors and perpetrators - about the support available to them.
- After identifying additional barriers faced in accessing domestic abuse support within the Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) community, our team have worked closely with members of this community during this reporting period, and with partners as part of a multi-agency operational group, to create awareness around domestic abuse and the support available. Our team also attended a Pride of Romani event in Nantwich in June 2022 to speak to attendees about the support we offer.
- We created a short film to raise awareness of the issue of domestic abuse within the deaf community. The film tells the story of a young deaf girl's idyllic life being shattered when her father goes to work on an oil rig, leaving her trapped with her abusive stepmother. The film is based on true stories from both hearing and none-hearing women. It seeks to celebrate resilience and raise awareness of the importance of all of us learning BSL as a society, and has been entered into International Film Festivals.
- Ensuring digital inclusion for those service users with hidden disabilities and language barriers, we integrated accessibility software, Recite Me - a cloud-based inclusion toolbar for websites that includes personalisation features such as language, size, font and colour, and features like a screen reader and different reading support tools to broaden the access to other individual needs.
- We translated and distributed many of our leaflets into Polish amid increasing numbers of referrals from the community.

This reporting period also saw us join forces with Cheshire Constabulary to offer a revolutionary new custody programme designed to prevent reoccurrence of domestic abuse. Since November 2022, we have supported over 1,000 people arrested in domestic abuse incidents and taken into custody in Chester, Middlewich and Runcorn. These clients have been offered support from our team - starting with emotion-regulation tools and the opportunity for referral to one of our behavioural change programmes.

"I met Tiff in the Custody Suite and to be honest I was pretty low....Tiff offered me support while I was on bail. I had to stay at my Mum's because of the bail conditions. I can ring Tiff and her team any time night and day for support and now that I won't be going to court I am starting Engage (behaviour change programme)." - Custody Suite Client

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In addition to our team's collaboration with Cheshire Police in custody suites, we have also embraced co-location opportunities with our valued partners at our Crewe support centre. During this reporting period, our office space has been shared with Pure Insight, RASASC (Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre) Cheshire, Change Grow Live charity, and PSS (Person Shaped Support); fostering a collaborative and supportive environment.

Outside of public service partnerships, we also focused efforts on forging and strengthening existing corporate partnerships. In December 2022, we announced a new strategic partnership with Assurant, a global Fortune 500 Financial Services Organisation. Assurant's European head office is based in Crewe, housing over 900 employees. After My CWA was selected as their Cheshire charity of choice for the year in December 2022, Assurant donated £3,500 to support our Christmas activities.

At the core of our commitment to providing exceptional services is the strong collaboration we maintain with our multi-agency partners, ensuring a coordinated and cooperative approach. Sustaining these high standards demands continuous assessment and reflection on our successes and areas that warrant improvement. We regularly seek feedback from stakeholders regarding our partnerships and services. During this reporting period, we received an overwhelmingly positive response from over 50 partners, some of which are shared below:

"I work for four Authorities within Cheshire and I have got to say that My CWA are the most pro-active; approachable and dynamic of all."

**Christine Dunn, Youth Justice Services Manager and DA lead, Youth Justice Services - Cheshire**

"My CWA are one of our Expert Partners; we look to them for innovation and to identify patterns. They are always ahead of the crowd. We have worked collaboratively on the Engage Model since 2016 and this was one of the key successes of our 2020 report Connect. In recent years we have created an accredited qualification for professionals working with those who harm. This is the equivalent of an IDVA qualification for working with victims. My CWA are professional experts in behaviour change and we are proud to be a partner."

**Michelle Phillips Head of Innovation SafeLives**

"My CWA are integral to Cheshire's complex and expanding domestic abuse agenda. My CWA are a vital supportive partner in multidisciplinary working across Cheshire in both the adult and children's arenas. The team at My CWA offer an outstanding domestic abuse service who offer trauma informed support for survivors and people who harm- they are a vital service who I am privileged to work alongside."

**Sarah Martin Associate Director of Safeguarding Cheshire NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB**

#### **Financial review**

##### **Financial position**

During 2022-23 total income increased by around 5% on the prior year. This reflects the wider range of grant funders we have been able to engage with and attract funding from during the year following the recruitment of a dedicated Fundraising Lead within the organisation. Expenditure has increased by 21% on the prior year largely due to an increase in staff numbers required to deliver the increased activities being delivered by the Team during the year.

##### **Reserves policy**

My CWA holds a mix of restricted and unrestricted reserves.

Restricted reserves represent the unspent balance of restricted income received by the charity, where the funding is allocated to specific charitable activities and projects. Restricted reserves will be applied to the future funding of those specific activities and projects to which the funds were intended.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Financial review**

Unrestricted reserves are held to fund and support the overall operation of the charity and can be applied by the charity to fund any aspect of the charity's operations. Unrestricted reserves are also held as a buffer to enable the charity to (a) withstand any short term cash flow and working capital shortfalls; (b) mitigate against the financial impact of risks identified and monitored in the Risk Register, and (c) to cover any unforeseen expenditure.

Unrestricted reserves have reduced from £1,142,492 in 2021-22 to £1,037,474 in 2022-23. However, these remain above the target range of £750,000. This target range has been set by reference to the risks faced by the Charity (as documented by the Risk Register), and by reviewing the funding mix and funding risks of the Charity's operations and cost base.

Restricted expenditure has increased in the year from £1,401,457 in 2021-22 to £1,458,511 in 2022-23.

Restricted funds in this year included those from:

Cheshire Community Foundation	£6,500	Grant to support cost of living increase for clients
Lloyds Bank Foundation	£2,750	Grant to support cost of living increase for clients
JTI	£15,520	Funding to support our Volunteer Coordinator Salary plus contributions to days out for clients
Ministry of Housing (MHCLG)	£280,000	Funding for refuge accommodation
Morgan Foundation	£23,000	Funding for resources for Children
Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC)	£857,100	Pan Cheshire Perpetrator work
Julia and Hans Rausing	£50,000	Grant to support core costs
Active Cheshire	£10,000	Funding for community groups to find new ways to support people to be active
BBC Children in Need	£59,044	Funding for one to one and group support for children and young people who have experience of domestic abuse
NHS Cheshire CCG	£27,500	Grant for Mental Health support and interventions
Bentley - Cheshire Community Foundation	£24,000	Funding to support work with seldom seen communities
Cheshire East Council	£40,846	Funding to integrate a co-location model of delivery of domestic abuse support services
SafeLives	£18,000	Funding for Children affected by domestic abuse
Scottish Power Ltd	£5,000	Funding to support general charitable activity
Shout Loud Creative	£1,000	Funding to support educational material
Womens Aid Federation of England	£3,960	Funding to support therapy for clients
Health Education England	£31,103	Funding for Clinical Support Workforce Development
Lifestyle Services	£3,500	Funding to support Christmas Activity in the community

**Going concern**

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's plans and forecasts and the risk register and have concluded that there are no material risks or uncertainties which would bring into doubt the charity's ability to continue to operate as a going concern into the foreseeable future. In making this going concern assessment, the Trustees have taken into account the impact of the risks faced by the Charity on this year's actual and next year's projected outturn.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Financial review**

**Fundraising**

Historically, the majority of our fundraising has come from trusts and statutory sources. Our efforts to expand and diversify our financial avenues have traditionally encompassed initiatives such as the running of our charity shop, and taking part in community events and corporate collaborations. This year marked a pivotal shift in our fundraising approach, with the recruitment of My CWA's first designated Fundraising team member, Kate Ormerod. Kate has implemented a new fundraising strategy, resulting in further diversification of our income streams. She has been instrumental in securing several significant grant proposals and tender bids this year - including a £500,000 five-year National Lottery Fund bid to fund our work in reaching marginalised communities - and has helped amplify our corporate partnership support, establishing and building on key connections with influential partners including Assurant and Barclays.

**Financial and risk management objectives and policies**

Our key risks lie in the short-term nature of the majority of our income and the need for constant fundraising. The ongoing impact of the pandemic coupled with an uncertain financial climate and looming recession also present risks to the organisation - from funding volatility to the challenge of retaining staff. With this in mind we will maintain a monthly review of risks in line with our business continuity plan and make changes as required.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Cheshire Without Abuse (My CWA) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, which incorporated 2013; and registered as a charity the same year. The organisation is governed by its Articles of Association (as updated in 2018) but has existed continuously since its beginnings in 1977.

The organisation was set up in 1977, later becoming a registered charity. The Charity incorporated as a limited company on 29th April 2013 simultaneously closing the existing charity and re-registering for charitable status on 7th August 2013. It is governed by the Company's Articles of Association, as amended by Special Resolution on 23rd July 2013. A list of trustees serving during the year is set out in the following pages.

Trustees are appointed for a 3-year term that may be renewed twice more for 3 years. Trustees are selected on the basis of their skills and experience, and to ensure an appropriate mix of skills and diversity in the Board. There is a full induction programme for new Trustees and the chance to observe different activities of Cheshire Without Abuse (My CWA).

The Trustees are responsible for the governance of the charity according to the terms of the Articles of Association. They have delegated authority for the day-to-day running of the charity to the CEO. Trustees develop the strategic vision for the charity working with staff, volunteers and clients and delegate the responsibility for operational delivery to the senior leadership team.



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The Board of Trustees (also directors of the company) are accountable for ensuring the Charity's good governance, financial prudence and solvency. The Trustees must also be sure that legal and human resources responsibilities are met and that strategies and policies are consistent with the Charity's overall strategic objectives. To that purpose, throughout the year, the trustees pursued the Charity's strategic plan in line with the Charity's mission statement, strategies and governance and as a focus for developing core capabilities, pursuing resources and building a positive culture in the organisation.

The Charity's systems for internal controls and beneficiary records were reinforced in the year. It continues to include an annual report approved by the board of trustees, monthly scrutiny by the board of trustees of financial results, reviews of variances from budgets and progress against plan. As part of the effective delegation of authority, the trustees identify risks and delegate actions to management to ensure their effective mitigation.

Throughout the year, the trustees considered, pre-empted and managed the major risks to which the charity was exposed, and applied approaches to mitigate those risks. Internal risks were reduced by workforce and management changes and challenges to commercial performance data, explaining the management accounts, authorising transactions, the intelligent use of Sage data, outsourced bookkeeping services and applying enhanced resource controls across the Charity.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

As set out in the articles of association, all members are circulated with invitations to attend and have a right to speak at the Annual General Meeting. Members are invited to nominate officers prior to the AGM where The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are to be elected. Officials and Directors or the board have the power to fill vacancies arising amongst the board where this occurs after the last meeting of the AGM. Such persons shall serve until the next AGM and shall be eligible for election. Specific invitations to join the board may be made to ensure our organisational needs are met. Board members co-opted by invitation will serve until the next AGM and shall be eligible for election.

New trustees are recruited in two ways:

- By open advertisement in both news media and via the local CVS, identifying the skills sought and;
- By invitation based on the skills gap identified at Board level

Application is via an application form which is part of our trustee recruitment pack, this is then reviewed by a sub group of the board and then the candidate is subject to an interview by at least two board members. A clear set of policies and procedures including our trustee skills audit, role descriptions, code of conduct and competencies for trustees ensure that the recruitment of new trustees is focussed on the skills sought at Board level, is fair, transparent and meets both the needs of the charity and the requirements of the charity commission.

**Organisational structure**

The charity is led by the CEO and the Senior Leadership Team. We have a strong operational management team consisting of the specialists, service managers and team leads who are responsible for the implementation of our delivery plan, the tight oversight of our finances and development and support of our staff.

The average number of employees, on a full-time equivalent basis, for the year increased from 31 in 2021-22 to 44 in 2022-23.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

Following appointment, new trustees undergo an orientation day to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law, the charity's aims, the content of the governing document, policies, procedures and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction day, they meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role as well as the annual away day to revisit strategic planning and ensure the organisational vision is on-track.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Staff remuneration**

The Board sets remuneration policy which is generally in line with the Joint National Councils pay scales. This is reviewed periodically as changes to the scale occur. Trustees of the charity are committed to ensuring that every employee of the charity is paid a living wage as set by the Living Wage Commission and the Charity is a Living Wage Employer having achieved the Living Wage Foundation accreditation within this year.

The trustees policy on remuneration includes:

- Considering salary levels as part of our staff retention policy
- Paying every staff member a living wage in line with the Living Wage Foundation
- Paying fair salaries linked to the National Joint Council scale, including cost of living rises
- Keeping the highest salary no more than 3:1 ratio to the median salary
- Being transparent about salary scales both within and outside the organisation

The highest salary in the organisation is that of the Chief Executive which at the end of 2022-23 is £60,284 (2021-22 £58,047) the lowest salary in this period was £23,194 (2021-22 £19,336). Median salary in this period was £28,371 (2021-22 £25,357) with the average salary at £31,637 (2021-22 £27,849). Ratio of highest salary to median salary is 2.1:1 (2021-22 2.3:1).

There were management expenses relating to travel for the CEO, DCEO and Operations Manager in 2022-23 of £308 (2021-22 £11).

In 2022-23 no staff annual leave was accrued or paid out and therefore there is nothing to report.

**Risk management**

It is the responsibility of the trustees to identify and assess the risks that the charity may face, and to establish suitable controls to mitigate the possibility of fraud and errors.

Risk management remains a fundamental duty of the Board of Trustees. The charity employs a tailored risk management framework that monitors various risks affecting the organisation, encompassing shifts within the sector, shifts in demand for services, alterations in the political and economic environment, as well as variations in funding and staffing levels.

The risk register undergoes quarterly evaluation during Trustee meetings, where alterations in risk levels are duly acknowledged, and corresponding mitigation strategies are established.

The highest risks on the Risk Register during the reported period were funding-related. Given the sustained mounting demand for our services month-on-month, the 25% cut to our core contract - amounting to £150,000 - from 1.4.23/FY24 onwards meant a full analysis of current service delivery was needed.

**Safeguarding, Serious and Critical Incidents**

We take our responsibility for the safety of those who are experiencing (or have experienced) domestic abuse very seriously. Vicky Sail (Operations Manager) is our designated safeguarding lead. Vicky is experienced in working with safeguarding issues and has regular training in this field. All staff are trained in safeguarding and proficient in protocols around raising concerns about someone's welfare. We continue to report to the Board any unique issues raised as and when they occur.

There have been no serious incidents to be referred to the Charity Commission reported by Cheshire Without Abuse (My CWA) either in its own right, or in connection with any of our projects being carried out with project partners, during the last 12 months.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Cheshire Without Abuse for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

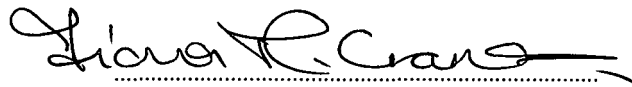
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, DTE Business Advisers Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on  
..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

  
F M Crane - Trustee

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF CHESHIRE WITHOUT ABUSE**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Cheshire Without Abuse (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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 charitable company'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 Report of the Independent Auditors 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

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

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

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes 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 charitable company'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.

### **Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

#### **As part of our planning process:**

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the charity has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are mostly susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged fraud. The charity did not inform us of any known, suspected or alleged fraud.
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity. We determined that the following were most relevant: Charities SORP (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2016, and health and safety legislation.
- We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the charity, including the extent of management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly.
- Using our knowledge of the charity, together with the discussions held with the charity at the planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

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

- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular those that were significant and unusual.
- Performing walkthrough tests of income and expenses to ensure that appropriate controls and segregation of duties are in place.
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and determining whether accounting policies have been appropriately applied.
- Reviewing and challenging the assumptions and judgements used by management in their significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to depreciation.
- Assessing the extent of compliance, or lack of, with the relevant laws and regulations.
- Testing key income lines for evidence of management bias.
- Obtaining third-party confirmation of material bank balances.
- Documenting and verifying all significant related party balances and transactions.
- Reviewing documentation such as the trustees minutes for discussions of irregularities including fraud.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities and fraud rests with the trustees of the entity.

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

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**Use of our 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 auditors' 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.

**DTE Business Advisers Limited**

Richard Bell (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of DTE Business Advisers Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
The Exchange  
5 Bank Street  
Bury  
BL9 0DN

Date: 26 September 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	44,773	-	44,773	29,941
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Education and training		-	-	-	601
Services and support		614,820	1,458,824	2,073,644	1,679,609
Temporary accommodation		182,652	-	182,652	451,737
Other trading activities	3	36,988	-	36,988	55,080
<b>Total</b>		<b>879,233</b>	<b>1,458,824</b>	<b>2,338,057</b>	<b>2,216,968</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Education and training		8,883	7,248	16,131	43,868
Services and support		938,490	1,451,264	2,389,754	1,720,266
Temporary accommodation		36,878	-	36,878	249,224
<b>Total</b>		<b>984,251</b>	<b>1,458,512</b>	<b>2,442,763</b>	<b>2,013,358</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(105,018)</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>(104,706)</b>	<b>203,610</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,142,492	85,531	1,228,023	1,024,413
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>1,037,474</b>	<b>85,843</b>	<b>1,123,317</b>	<b>1,228,023</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

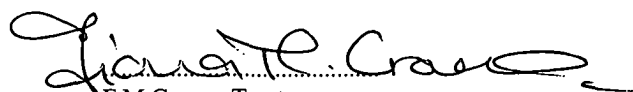


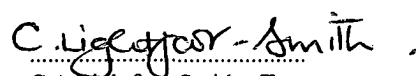
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	12	136,766	-	136,766	120,548
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	13	436,756	-	436,756	664,285
Cash at bank		573,320	85,843	659,163	516,783
		<u>1,010,076</u>	<u>85,843</u>	<u>1,095,919</u>	<u>1,181,068</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(109,368)	-	(109,368)	(73,593)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>900,708</u>	<u>85,843</u>	<u>986,551</u>	<u>1,107,475</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,037,474</u>	<u>85,843</u>	<u>1,123,317</u>	<u>1,228,023</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>1,037,474</u></u>	<u><u>85,843</u></u>	<u><u>1,123,317</u></u>	<u><u>1,228,023</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	16				
Unrestricted funds				1,037,474	1,142,492
Restricted funds				85,843	85,531
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>1,123,317</u></u>	<u><u>1,228,023</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
F M Crane - Trustee

  
C A Lightfoot-Smith - Trustee

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## CHESHIRE WITHOUT ABUSE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>190,133</u>	<u>(304,680)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>190,133</u>	<u>(304,680)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(47,753)</u>	<u>(17,637)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(47,753)</u>	<u>(17,637)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>142,380</u>	<u>(322,317)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>516,783</u>	<u>839,100</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>659,163</u></u>	<u><u>516,783</u></u>

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## NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(104,706)	203,610
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	31,535	30,534
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	227,529	(565,414)
Increase in creditors	35,775	26,590
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>190,133</u>	<u>(304,680)</u>

### 2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>516,783</u>	<u>142,380</u>	<u>659,163</u>
	<u>516,783</u>	<u>142,380</u>	<u>659,163</u>
Total	<u>516,783</u>	<u>142,380</u>	<u>659,163</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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), second edition - October 2019 (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, unless stated otherwise in the relevant accounting policy.

Cheshire Without Abuse meets the definition of a Public Benefit Entity ("PBE") as set out in FRS 100, and therefore apply the PBE prefixed paragraphs in FRS 102.

**Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

During the prior year the charity benefitted from the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ('Furlough'). Furlough income has been recognised in "other income" in the same period as the related wage costs.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition is met.

**Donated services and facilities**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued****Income**

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- Straight line over 10 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are funds that are set aside by the trustees out of general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

**Pension costs**

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 10. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties and loans to related parties.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Financial instruments**

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the income statement.

Section PBE34.90 to PBE34.97 of FRS 102 allows PBE to recognise concessionary loans at the amount paid/received with subsequent measurements being the carrying amount adjusted for any accrued interest receivable or payable.

Basic financial liabilities are initially measured at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

## 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Donations	44,773	-	44,773	29,941

## 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Rental income	5,760	-	5,760	20,483
Other	31,228	-	31,228	34,597
	36,988	-	36,988	55,080

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

			2023	2022
	Services and support £	Temporary accommodation £	Total activities £	Total activities £
Grants	2,073,644	-	2,073,644	2,015,609
Consultancy and training	-	-	-	601
Rents receivable	-	182,652	182,652	115,737
	<u>2,073,644</u>	<u>182,652</u>	<u>2,256,296</u>	<u>2,131,947</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cheshire East Council (Whole Family Specialist DA Service)	655,667	594,567
Cheshire Community Foundation	6,500	6,305
Lloyd Bank Foundation	2,750	30,000
JTI	15,520	13,500
Women's Community Centre	-	55,000
Julia and Hans Rausing	50,000	-
Morgan Foundation	23,000	23,000
Ministry of Housing	280,000	376,000
PCC Perpetrator Programme	857,100	897,100
Holroyd Foundation	-	20,137
Active Cheshire	10,000	-
BBC Children in Need	59,044	-
Bentley - Cheshire Community Foundation	24,000	-
NHS Cheshire CCG	27,500	-
Health Education England	31,103	-
Lifestyle Services	3,500	-
SafeLives	18,000	-
Scottish Power Ltd	5,000	-
Shout Loud Creative	1,000	-
Womens Aid Federation of England	3,960	-
	<u>2,073,644</u>	<u>2,015,609</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Education and training	16,131	-	16,131
Services and support	2,343,818	45,936	2,389,754
Temporary accommodation	36,878	-	36,878
	<u>2,396,827</u>	<u>45,936</u>	<u>2,442,763</u>

**6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	1,679,118	1,036,658
Accommodation	271,957	232,395
Marketing	64,665	44,986
Running costs	267,435	588,357
Training	16,131	43,868
Other	10,022	5,121
Consultancy	55,964	-
Depreciation	31,535	30,534
	<u>2,396,827</u>	<u>1,981,919</u>

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Services and support	<u>45,936</u>



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**7. SUPPORT COSTS - continued**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	Services and support	Total activities
	£	£
Audit fees	6,000	5,400
Payroll costs	3,430	5,425
Accountancy services	5,115	4,560
Legal and professional fees	31,391	16,054
	<u>45,936</u>	<u>31,439</u>

**8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
This stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation	31,535	30,534
Auditor's remuneration - audit fees	6,000	5,400

**9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: Nil).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2022: nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were nil (2022: nil). There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 10. STAFF COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	1,679,118	1,036,658
	<u>1,679,118</u>	<u>1,036,658</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
All staff	<u>51</u>	<u>36</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The average full time equivalent number of staff employed during the period was 44 (2021-22: 31)

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, the deputy Chief Executive, and the Operations Manager. The total employee costs of the key management personnel of the charity were £188,664 (2021-22: £183,250).

### 11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	29,941	-	29,941
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Education and training	601	-	601
Services and support	584,567	1,095,042	1,679,609
Temporary accommodation	115,737	336,000	451,737
Other trading activities	55,080	-	55,080
<b>Total</b>	<u>785,926</u>	<u>1,431,042</u>	<u>2,216,968</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Education and training	43,868	-	43,868
Services and support	548,435	1,171,831	1,720,266
Temporary accommodation	19,598	229,626	249,224
<b>Total</b>	<u>611,901</u>	<u>1,401,457</u>	<u>2,013,358</u>

**CHESHIRE WITHOUT ABUSE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>NET INCOME</b>	174,025	29,585	203,610
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	968,467	55,946	1,024,413
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>1,142,492</u>	<u>85,531</u>	<u>1,228,023</u>

**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2022	133,446	23,206	81,132	237,784
Additions	<u>6,524</u>	<u>27,274</u>	<u>13,955</u>	<u>47,753</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>139,970</u>	<u>50,480</u>	<u>95,087</u>	<u>285,537</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2022	46,726	17,920	52,590	117,236
Charge for year	<u>9,130</u>	<u>7,912</u>	<u>14,493</u>	<u>31,535</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>55,856</u>	<u>25,832</u>	<u>67,083</u>	<u>148,771</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2023	<u>84,114</u>	<u>24,648</u>	<u>28,004</u>	<u>136,766</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>86,720</u>	<u>5,286</u>	<u>28,542</u>	<u>120,548</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	414,323	643,050
Other debtors	-	977
Prepayments and accrued income	22,433	20,258
	<u>436,756</u>	<u>664,285</u>

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	25,680	-
Social security and other taxes	32,835	23,686
Other creditors and accrued expenses	50,853	49,907
	<u>109,368</u>	<u>73,593</u>

**15. LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	16,574	7,036
Between one and five years	42,679	13,097
	<u>59,253</u>	<u>20,133</u>

CWA has entered an agreement which allows it to rent houses for the purposes of providing safe accommodation. The agreement runs until 2025, however CWA can terminate this with six months notice. During the year the cost of this to CWA was £32k.

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### 16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,142,492	(105,018)	1,037,474
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire Community Foundation	5,531	(5,531)	-
Ministry of Housing (MHCLG)	40,000	(40,000)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)	-	3,035	3,035
CEC PCC MHCLG	40,000	(40,000)	-
Active Cheshire	-	6,070	6,070
Bentley - Cheshire Community Foundation	-	14,000	14,000
Cheshire East Council	-	38,846	38,846
Safe Lives	-	14,672	14,672
Health Education England	-	9,220	9,220
	<u>85,531</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>85,843</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,228,023</u></u>	<u><u>(104,706)</u></u>	<u><u>1,123,317</u></u>

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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	879,234	(984,252)	(105,018)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire Community Foundation	6,500	(12,031)	(5,531)
Lloyd Bank Foundation	2,750	(2,750)	-
JTI	15,520	(15,520)	-
Ministry of Housing (MHCLG)	280,000	(320,000)	(40,000)
Morgan Foundation	23,000	(23,000)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)	857,100	(854,065)	3,035
Julia and Hans Rausing	50,000	(50,000)	-
CEC PCC MHCLG	-	(40,000)	(40,000)
Active Cheshire	10,000	(3,930)	6,070
BBC Children in Need	59,044	(59,044)	-
NHS Cheshire CCG	27,500	(27,500)	-
Bentley - Cheshire Community Foundation	24,000	(10,000)	14,000
Cheshire East Council	40,846	(2,000)	38,846
Safe Lives	18,000	(3,328)	14,672
Scottish Power Ltd	5,000	(5,000)	-
Shout Loud Creative	1,000	(1,000)	-
Womens Aid Federation of England	3,960	(3,960)	-
Health Education England	31,103	(21,883)	9,220
Lifestyle Services	3,500	(3,500)	-
	<u>1,458,823</u>	<u>(1,458,511)</u>	<u>312</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>2,338,057</u></u>	<u><u>(2,442,763)</u></u>	<u><u>(104,706)</u></u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued

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## 16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

## Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	968,467	174,025	1,142,492
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire Community Foundation	29,200	(23,669)	5,531
Lloyd Bank Foundation	19,500	(19,500)	-
Ministry of Housing (MHCLG)	-	40,000	40,000
CRH Charitable Trust	7,246	(7,246)	-
CEC PCC MHCLG	-	40,000	40,000
	<u>55,946</u>	<u>29,585</u>	<u>85,531</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,024,413</u></u>	<u><u>203,610</u></u>	<u><u>1,228,023</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	785,926	(611,901)	174,025
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire Community Foundation	6,305	(29,974)	(23,669)
Lloyd Bank Foundation	30,000	(49,500)	(19,500)
JTI	13,500	(13,500)	-
Ministry of Housing (MHCLG)	336,000	(296,000)	40,000
PCC Perpetrator Programme	897,100	(897,100)	-
Morgan Foundation	23,000	(23,000)	-
CRH Charitable Trust	-	(7,246)	(7,246)
Women's Centre	55,000	(55,000)	-
Holroyd Foundation	20,137	(20,137)	-
CEC PCC MHCLG	40,000	-	40,000
Cheshire East Council (CEC) - Digital Learning	10,000	(10,000)	-
	<u>1,431,042</u>	<u>(1,401,457)</u>	<u>29,585</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>2,216,968</u></u>	<u><u>(2,013,358)</u></u>	<u><u>203,610</u></u>

**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	968,467	69,007	1,037,474
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire Community Foundation	29,200	(29,200)	-
Lloyd Bank Foundation	19,500	(19,500)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)	-	3,035	3,035
CRH Charitable Trust	7,246	(7,246)	-
Active Cheshire	-	6,070	6,070
Bentley - Cheshire Community Foundation	-	14,000	14,000
Cheshire East Council	-	38,846	38,846
Safe Lives	-	14,672	14,672
Health Education England	-	9,220	9,220
	<u>55,946</u>	<u>29,897</u>	<u>85,843</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,024,413</u>	<u>98,904</u>	<u>1,123,317</u>



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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,665,160	(1,596,153)	69,007
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire Community Foundation	12,805	(42,005)	(29,200)
Lloyd Bank Foundation	32,750	(52,250)	(19,500)
JTI	29,020	(29,020)	-
Ministry of Housing (MHCLG)	616,000	(616,000)	-
PCC Perpetrator Programme	897,100	(897,100)	-
Morgan Foundation	46,000	(46,000)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)	857,100	(854,065)	3,035
Julia and Hans Rausing	50,000	(50,000)	-
CRH Charitable Trust	-	(7,246)	(7,246)
Women's Centre	55,000	(55,000)	-
Holroyd Foundation	20,137	(20,137)	-
CEC PCC MHCLG	40,000	(40,000)	-
Cheshire East Council (CEC) - Digital Learning	10,000	(10,000)	-
Active Cheshire	10,000	(3,930)	6,070
BBC Children in Need	59,044	(59,044)	-
NHS Cheshire CCG	27,500	(27,500)	-
Bentley - Cheshire Community Foundation	24,000	(10,000)	14,000
Cheshire East Council	40,846	(2,000)	38,846
Safe Lives	18,000	(3,328)	14,672
Scottish Power Ltd	5,000	(5,000)	-
Shout Loud Creative	1,000	(1,000)	-
Womens Aid Federation of England	3,960	(3,960)	-
Health Education England	31,103	(21,883)	9,220
Lifestyle Services	3,500	(3,500)	-
	<u>2,889,865</u>	<u>(2,859,968)</u>	<u>29,897</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,555,025</u>	<u>(4,456,121)</u>	<u>98,904</u>

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**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**18. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address is disclosed on page 8.