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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024  
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, 2024.

This reporting period marked one of the most difficult and uncertain times in the organisation's existence. This was due to a significant and sudden cut to our core funding which immediately impacted our services and had the further consequence of a commensurate reduction in our staff team to reduce costs.

Despite the impact of the funding challenges, and against the backdrop of increasing demand, the team's determination led to the overachievement on service delivery targets; all while maintaining an exceptional standard of service.

Key highlights from the reporting period include:

- Answering 100% of calls to the 24/7 helpline
- Supporting 217 families where shared adult/child recovery work is taking place (KPI: 50)
- Delivering 117 peer support group sessions for domestic abuse survivors, with 677 total attendees
- Losing 87% of adult victim cases with completed plans (Target: 50%)
- 88% of clients allocated to the Gateway Programme successfully completing their intervention (KPI: 70%)
- Providing 134 consultations or tools to, or while co-working with, other practitioners to support children's health & wellbeing (KPI: 50)
- 95% of adults reporting positive change in individual health and wellbeing outcomes scores (contracted KPI: 75%)
- 100% occupancy of accommodation units (contracted KPI: 75%), with an overall successful move on rate of 81%

Faced with the challenge of funding constraints, capacity limitations, and subsequent risk of waiting lists for survivors to access face-to-face support and recovery work, the MyCWA team achieved a significant milestone this year, by creating and rolling out an online self-paced survivor recovery programme, called 'Step Forward to Recovery'. Developed in collaboration with survivors, the programme addresses a nationwide gap in support, helping survivors awaiting face-to-face support, supplementing those currently in support, and aiding those who may be hesitant or unable to access traditional support services. Initial feedback has been hugely positive, and we look forward to seeing the impact of this programme rolled out nationally.

During the reporting period, the team continued to go above and beyond the usual service delivery for clients; organising seasonal celebrations such as Easter egg deliveries, summer beach trips and Christmas grottos.

The summer beach trips took place in August, with 40 clients in total attending: 24 children and young people and 16 adults. Each attendee received a packed lunch, a bucket and spade, and an ice cream of their choice. Much fun was had by all, and this was invaluable for families who would otherwise not have had the opportunity to take a trip to the seaside. The MyCWA team of staff and volunteers also organised a Christmas Grotto in the Crewe support centre, which allowed parents to come and select presents for their children. This year, the team created a wrapping station where parents could have a hot drink, mince pie and wrap the presents from the Grotto. The Christmas Grotto provided 780 gifts to 195 children. Additionally, three Christmas parties were held, during which survivors and their children enjoyed lots of fun Christmas games, crafts and snacks; and a guest appearance from Santa who provided an early Christmas present to all the children who attended.

The impact of these initiatives, and the organisation's wider support services, is illustrated by the compliments we received during this reporting period. See just a few examples below:

"It was such a lovely surprise for me and my children to each receive an egg. I can't express enough how much I appreciate this. It's a kind gesture, and I want the people who donated the Easter eggs to know just how much this means to us. Thank you."

"Who would have believed I am where I am today? A year ago, I had no future other than drugs and alcohol but now I have everything to live for and am looking forward to a healthy future for me and my daughter"

"I would not have been here today if I wasn't able to come to this group two weeks ago. I cannot thank you enough for not turning your back on me and sending me away which has happened to me before with other organisations"

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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).

**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 range of services including a helpline, crisis accommodation, practical support clinics, recovery programmes and behaviour change interventions. MyCWA applies a 'whole family' holistic approach to its 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.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievement and performance**

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

Despite the funding cuts and the resulting reduction in service delivery, our team exceeded KPIs and maintained our high-quality service amidst the uncertainty. This included holding 117 peer support lounge sessions across Crewe, Congleton, Macclesfield and Knutsford, with 677 attendees. We also now have 615 members in our closed Facebook peer support group.

Crisis accommodation continued to be an integral part of our service this year. During this reporting period, our accommodation occupancy rate was 100%, well above the 75% target. We also recorded an overall successful move on rate of 81%, surpassing the contracted 60% target.

"You take really good care of my children and pay attention to them so well.  
You have made me so happy in a situation like this. I am so glad to have you and to have met you."

Guided by the voices of the survivors we support, we adopt a whole-family approach to our services: supporting adult and child victims as a priority and keeping them safe by providing behaviour change interventions for those who harm. Through this approach, we aim to tackle the root cause of abuse and break the cycle of abuse to create lasting change. During this reporting period, we named this approach 'Engage' and began promoting our training offering under 'Engage' to both public and private sector partners through a new training and consultancy arm of MyCWA called 'Domestic Abuse Experts' (more information on this on page 5 - Financial and risk management objectives and policies).

With survivor voice at the forefront of our service, we listened to increasing frustrations at the lack of awareness of and support for domestic abuse victims in the workplace and we've worked hard to address this issue during this reporting period; educating employers so they can support employees affected by domestic abuse in the workplace. As mentioned in the report's Introduction, we also developed Step Forward to Recovery this year, and are encouraging partners (whether local authorities, charities, private sector employers or schools & universities) to make this readily available to those in their employment or charge. With plans to significantly expand this aspect of our service in the coming year, we'll be helping even more organisations throughout Cheshire and nationally to incorporate domestic abuse support into their health & wellbeing policies.

The team's commitment to educating communities on domestic abuse and the support available resulted in many impactful community initiatives this year, despite the significant financial and resourcing challenges previously outlined. Highlights included:

- Participating in numerous Pride events taking place across Cheshire, highlighting our commitment to and support for the LGBTQ+ community. Moving forward, we look to establish stronger connections with this community. Thanks to a five-year funding secured with the National Lottery, we can extend our support services to communities facing additional barriers in accessing domestic abuse support - specifically Trans & Non-Binary.
- Proudly joining forces with Cheshire Police, Cheshire East Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner's Office, RASASC and Motherwell for a Day of Action focused on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in our community. During the Day of Action, our teams carried out house-to-house visits in Shavington, Crewe; engaging with residents and encouraging them to participate in a survey on safety. Hundreds of local residents completed the survey and we'll be working with our valued partners to use the results to help shape our support services across Cheshire.
- Through our Lighthouse initiative, we aim to establish vital support pathways for marginalised communities and one of our most significant achievements was the official launch of Trans Without Abuse - an initiative created to support transgender people impacted by domestic abuse. During the online launch this year, we shared findings from research we commissioned into the prevalence of gender-based violence within the transgender community, and the subsequent resources developed for both the transgender community and professionals who can support them.

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- Collaborating with Barclays UK for a fireside chat. Organised by the Barclays Win Respond! task force (which was set up following the murder of Sarah Everard in 2022) we joined Barclays and other stakeholders in a panel discussion that focused on how to address violence against women sensitively within corporate environments. This event coincided with National Inclusion Week, which gave us the perfect opportunity to collaborate with Barclays UK once again. This time, we launched Firefly - a short film addressing the unique challenges faced by the deaf community in accessing domestic abuse support. Through the film, we aim to raise awareness, initiate crucial conversations and encourage collective action in supporting the deaf community.
- The team attended the Social Work Show 2023 in Manchester to showcase to attendees our brand new Step Forward to Recovery online survivor recovery programme and our Monkey Bob training. The positive reception received indicates a growing interest in our initiatives and we're actively following up with interested parties to provide training and demonstrations.
- Coinciding with our White Ribbon Day activities, we also launched a collaborative Dear Son survivor video, created with the Adult Safeguarding Cheshire East team. Dear Son describes one woman's hopes and dreams for her young boy's future. Narrated by the survivor herself, we premiered the video at the White Ribbon Day to hugely positive feedback.
- Strengthening corporate volunteer partnerships - Assura, Assurant, and Barclays have gone above and beyond by not only maintaining their support but actively participating in improving refuge spaces. They've helped prepare and paint these areas, creating environments of comfort and peace for individuals seeking refuge. Their donations have also bolstered our ability to provide essential services to those in need, further strengthening our community.

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. This includes newly sharing a support centre with South Cheshire counselling service CLASP, continuing our various multi-agency groups (for example, taking part in a cross-Cheshire Gypsy Romani Traveller operational group as part of our commitment to supporting this community) and working with Our YMCA/My CWA has been invaluable in terms of building positive partnership working between the two organisations. We have delivered training and provided resources to the YMCA staff team that have widened our knowledge base around domestic abuse and improved our practice with service users.

"Having (MyCWA team members) on-site at the YMCA has been useful in making my MyCWA's services more visible to our residents, which has broken down barriers in terms of discussing domestic abuse, reducing the stigma around the subject and encouraging residents to engage with their services."

- Rhian McKnight | Housing and Support Manager, YMCA

**Financial review**

**Financial position**

During 2023-24 total income increased by around 2% on the prior year with expenditure increasing by 9% on the prior year largely due to an increase in staffing and accommodation costs.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Financial review**

**Reserves policy**

Cheshire Without Abuse (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.

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.

**Financial review**

Unrestricted reserves have reduced from £1,037,474 in 2022-23 to £754,516 in 2023-24. 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 £1,458,511 in 2022-23 to £1,495,153 in 2023-24.

Restricted funds in this year included those from:

Cheshire Community Foundation	£5,000	Grant to support cost of living and children's activities
JTI	£13,500	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	£11,500	Funding for resources for Children
Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC)	£943,779	Pan Cheshire Perpetrator work
Julia and Hans Rausing	£10,000	Grant to support core costs
BBC Children in Need	£34,581	Funding for one to one and group support for children and young people who have experience of domestic abuse
SafeLives	£26,913	Funding for Children affected by domestic abuse
Womens Aid Federation of England	£10,750	Funding to support therapy for clients
NL Cost of Living Fund	£75,000	Funding to support cost of living increases
Kids Out	£200	Funding to support Children's activities
Lyons Trust	£11,280	Funding to support refuge refurbishment
National Lottery Community Fund	£60,808	Funding to provide specialist support pathways for adults from marginalised communities affected by domestic abuse
Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS	£20,000	Funding to support domestic violence survivors by addressing their critical mental health needs

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Financial review**

**Going concern**

The Trustees have thoroughly reviewed the charity's plans, forecasts, and risk register and have identified material risks and uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future. These concerns primarily stem from a significant reduction in MyCWA's core funding at the start of the reporting period. This sudden cut in funding immediately affected the delivery of our services and necessitated a reduction in our staff team as part of cost-saving measures.

In response to these risks, the Trustees have initiated a strategic plan to scale up efforts aimed at reducing reliance on statutory funding. This plan focuses on diversifying funding streams and achieving greater self-sustainability by monetising the wealth of expertise within our team. These efforts are designed to safeguard the charity's future and ensure the continued provision of vital services to those affected by domestic abuse. All activities remain aligned with MyCWA's charitable objectives of supporting individuals impacted by domestic abuse, as well as raising awareness and providing education on the issue.

Based on these actions and the forecasts considered, the Trustees conclude that the going concern basis of accounting remains appropriate for the preparation of the financial statements.

**Fundraising**

The majority of our funding has typically relied on trusts and statutory sources, along with fundraising initiatives such as operating our charity shop, participating in community events, and forming corporate collaborations. Last year, to both expand and diversify our financial avenues, we recruited MyCWA's first designated Fundraising team member, Kate Ormerod. Kate's impact was felt immediately, and she was instrumental in securing several significant grant proposals and tender bids, as well as driving our corporate partnership support; the latter resulting in much-needed corporate donations.

To support Kate with her wide fundraising remit, this year saw the recruitment of a new Community Fundraiser, Michaela East. Michaela's appointment and focus on community fundraising, has allowed Kate to focus on larger bids and grants. Thanks to the increased fundraising resource, we have seen a palpable increase in community support and subsequent donations and fundraising campaigns from various clubs and individuals; including an aesthetics clinic, a beauty influencer, a dedicated fundraiser who walked from Manchester to Paris, a golf club and even a local ukulele club. These collaborations extend beyond financial donations; they amplify our awareness to help us stand out in a crowded landscape of worthy causes.

**Financial and risk management objectives and policies**

Our key risks lie in the short-term nature of most of our income and the need for constant fundraising. At the start of the reporting period, MyCWA experienced a significant and sudden cut to our core funding, which immediately impacted our services and had the further consequence of a commensurate reduction in our staff team to reduce costs. Following the funding cut, we immediately assessed and scaled up our existing plan to steer our funding streams away from reliance on statutory sources and towards self-sustainability, by monetising the wealth of expertise within our team. This new approach is coming to fruition through the creation of a training arm of the organisation called 'Domestic Abuse Experts'. Through Domestic Abuse Experts, we will monetise our training and consultancy products and expertise to replace the funding cut earlier in the year; with an aim to future-proof our organisation to ensure continued services for those who need them. The activities carried out under Domestic Abuse Experts are in line with delivering our charitable objects of supporting those impacted by domestic abuse and raising awareness of and educating on the issue. This is not trading activity and does not require the set-up of a separate organisation.

With all this in mind, we will maintain a monthly review of risks in line with our business continuity plan and make changes as required.



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**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.

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.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**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 subgroup 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 decreased from 44 in 2022-23 to 39 in 2023-24 (at time of reporting) due to staff redundancies following a sudden and significant funding cut.

**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.

**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 trustee's 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 2023-24 is £67,185 (2022-23 £60,284) the lowest salary in this period was £25,119 (2022-23 £23,194). Median salary in this period was £30,296 (2022-23 £28,371) with the average salary at £33,702 (2022-23 £31,637). Ratio of highest salary to median salary is 2.2:1 (2022-23 2.1:1).

There were management expenses relating to travel for the CEO, and COO in 2023-24 of £0 (2022-23 £308).

In 2023-24 no staff annual leave was accrued or paid out and therefore there is nothing to report.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**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, and the cut to our core contract meant a significant reduction in service delivery, redundancies within the staff team and an urgent review of our funding streams.

**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.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

08508288 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

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C A Lightfoot-Smith (resigned 26.3.24)  
T J Murray (resigned 4.8.23)  
F Baxandall  
C Barlow  
S Blair  
G Aston  
K Butterworth  
A Stathers-Tracey (appointed 30.1.24)

**Company Secretary**

R V Brock

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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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).

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.

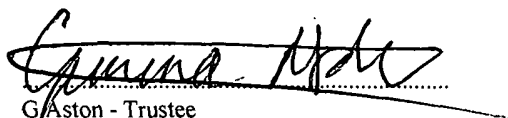
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- 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, DJH Audit Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 12 December 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:

  
G. Aston - Trustee

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

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cheshire Without Abuse (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 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 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 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 Independent Auditors.

### 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.

DJH Audit Limited

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

Date: 17th December 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	50,692	-	50,692	44,773
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Services and support	4	469,115	1,503,310	1,972,425	2,073,644
Temporary accommodation		287,986	-	287,986	182,652
Other trading activities	3	68,398	-	68,398	36,988
<b>Total</b>		<b>876,191</b>	<b>1,503,310</b>	<b>2,379,501</b>	<b>2,338,057</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Education and training	5	-	2,609	2,609	16,131
Services and support		1,132,157	1,492,544	2,624,701	2,389,754
Temporary accommodation		26,992	-	26,992	36,878
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,159,149</b>	<b>1,495,153</b>	<b>2,654,302</b>	<b>2,442,763</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(282,958)</b>	<b>8,157</b>	<b>(274,801)</b>	<b>(104,706)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,037,474	85,843	1,123,317	1,228,023
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>754,516</b>	<b>94,000</b>	<b>848,516</b>	<b>1,123,317</b>

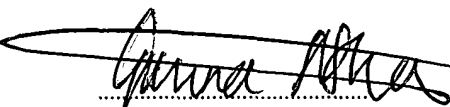
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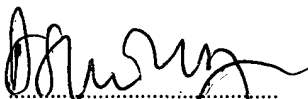


STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	13	114,773	-	114,773	136,766
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	14	313,092	-	313,092	436,756
Cash at bank		406,435	94,000	500,435	659,163
		<u>719,527</u>	<u>94,000</u>	<u>813,527</u>	<u>1,095,919</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(79,784)	-	(79,784)	(109,368)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>639,743</u>	<u>94,000</u>	<u>733,743</u>	<u>986,551</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>754,516</u>	<u>94,000</u>	<u>848,516</u>	<u>1,123,317</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>754,516</u>	<u>94,000</u>	<u>848,516</u>	<u>1,123,317</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	17				
Unrestricted funds				754,516	1,037,474
Restricted funds				94,000	85,843
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>848,516</u>	<u>1,123,317</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
G Aston - Trustee

  
A Stathers-Tracey Trustee

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**CHESHIRE WITHOUT ABUSE**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(144,989)</u>	<u>190,133</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(144,989)</u>	<u>190,133</u>
 <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(13,739)</u>	<u>(47,753)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(13,739)</u>	<u>(47,753)</u>
 <b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		 <u>(158,728)</u>	 <u>142,380</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>659,163</u>	<u>516,783</u>
 <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		 <u><u>500,435</u></u>	 <u><u>659,163</u></u>

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**CHESHIRE WITHOUT ABUSE**

**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2024 £	2023 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(274,801)	(104,706)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	35,732	31,535
Decrease in debtors	123,664	227,529
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(29,584)	35,775
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(144,989)</u>	<u>190,133</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	659,163	(158,728)	500,435
	<u>659,163</u>	<u>(158,728)</u>	<u>500,435</u>
Total	<u>659,163</u>	<u>(158,728)</u>	<u>500,435</u>

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## CHESHIRE WITHOUT ABUSE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 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.

##### **Going concern**

The Trustees have thoroughly reviewed the charity's plans, forecasts, and risk register and have identified material risks and uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future. These concerns primarily stem from a significant reduction in MyCWA's core funding at the start of the reporting period. This sudden cut in funding immediately affected the delivery of services and necessitated a reduction in staff as part of cost-saving measures.

In response to these risks, the Trustees have initiated a strategic plan to scale up efforts aimed at reducing reliance on statutory funding. This plan focuses on diversifying funding streams and achieving greater self-sustainability by monetising the wealth of expertise within the team. These efforts are designed to safeguard the charity's future and ensure the continued provision of vital services to those affected by domestic abuse. All activities remain aligned with MyCWA's charitable objectives of supporting individuals impacted by domestic abuse, as well as raising awareness and providing education on the issue.

Based on these actions and the forecasts considered, the Trustees conclude that the going concern basis of accounting remains appropriate for the preparation of the financial statements.

##### **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.

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.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Income**

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.

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**

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Fund accounting

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.

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 £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Donations	<u>50,692</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,692</u>	<u>44,773</u>

### 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Rental income	16,511	-	16,511	5,760
Other	<u>51,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,887</u>	<u>31,228</u>
	<u>68,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,398</u>	<u>36,988</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

			2024	2023
	Services and support £	Temporary accommodation £	Total activities £	Total activities £
Grants	1,972,425	-	1,972,425	2,073,644
Rents receivable	-	287,986	287,986	182,652
	<u>1,972,425</u>	<u>287,986</u>	<u>2,260,411</u>	<u>2,256,296</u>

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Cheshire East Council (Whole Family Specialist DA Service)	469,115	655,667
Cheshire Community Foundation	25,000	6,500
Lloyd Bank Foundation	-	2,750
JTI	13,500	15,520
Julia and Hans Rausing	10,000	50,000
Morgan Foundation	11,500	23,000
Ministry of Housing	280,000	280,000
PCC Perpetrator Programme	943,779	857,100
Active Cheshire	-	10,000
BBC Children in Need	34,581	59,044
Bentley - Cheshire Community Foundation	-	24,000
NHS Cheshire CCG	-	27,500
Health Education England	-	31,103
Lifestyle Services	-	3,500
SafeLives	26,913	18,000
Scottish Power Ltd	-	5,000
Shout Loud Creative	-	1,000
Womens Aid Federation of England	10,750	3,960
NL Cost of Living Fund	75,000	-
Kids Out	200	-
Lyons Trust	11,280	-
National Lottery Community Fund	60,807	-
	<u>1,972,425</u>	<u>2,073,644</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Education and training	2,609	-	2,609
Services and support	2,586,907	37,794	2,624,701
Temporary accommodation	26,992	-	26,992
	<u>2,616,508</u>	<u>37,794</u>	<u>2,654,302</u>

**6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	1,778,691	1,679,118
Accommodation	370,305	271,957
Marketing	41,666	64,665
Running costs	230,575	267,435
Training	82,058	16,131
Other	8,591	10,022
Consultancy	68,890	55,964
Depreciation	35,732	31,535
	<u>2,616,508</u>	<u>2,396,827</u>

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Services and support	<u>37,794</u>

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

	2024 Services and support £	2023 Total activities £
Audit fees	6,600	6,000
Payroll costs	4,125	3,430
Accountancy services	4,540	5,115
Legal and professional fees	22,529	31,391
	<u>37,794</u>	<u>45,936</u>



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This stated after charging/(crediting):	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	35,732	31,535
Auditor's remuneration - audit fees	6,600	6,000

### 9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: 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 (2023: nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were nil (2023: 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 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### 10. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,778,691	1,679,118
	<u>1,778,691</u>	<u>1,679,118</u>

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

	2024	2023
All staff	45	51
	<u>45</u>	<u>51</u>

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

	2024	2023
£60,001 - £70,000	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The average full time equivalent number of staff employed during the period was 39 (2022-23: 44)

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 £142,840 (2022-23: £188,664).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	44,773	-	44,773
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Services and support	614,820	1,458,824	2,073,644
Temporary accommodation	182,652	-	182,652
Other trading activities	36,988	-	36,988
<b>Total</b>	<b>879,233</b>	<b>1,458,824</b>	<b>2,338,057</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Education and training	8,883	7,248	16,131
Services and support	938,490	1,451,264	2,389,754
Temporary accommodation	36,878	-	36,878
<b>Total</b>	<b>984,251</b>	<b>1,458,512</b>	<b>2,442,763</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(105,018)</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>(104,706)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	1,142,492	85,531	1,228,023
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>1,037,474</b>	<b>85,843</b>	<b>1,123,317</b>

**12. REDUNDANCY COSTS**

Included within wages in the detailed statement of financial activities, there are redundancy costs of £102,209.

**CHESHIRE WITHOUT ABUSE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2023	139,970	50,480	95,087	285,537
Additions	-	4,228	9,511	13,739
Disposals	-	-	(50,150)	(50,150)
At 31 March 2024	139,970	54,708	54,448	249,126
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2023	55,856	25,832	67,083	148,771
Charge for year	9,782	8,364	17,586	35,732
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(50,150)	(50,150)
At 31 March 2024	65,638	34,196	34,519	134,353
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2024	74,332	20,512	19,929	114,773
At 31 March 2023	84,114	24,648	28,004	136,766

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	293,797	414,323
Prepayments and accrued income	19,295	22,433
	<u>313,092</u>	<u>436,756</u>

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	19,450	25,680
Social security and other taxes	30,108	32,835
Other creditors and accrued expenses	30,226	50,853
	<u>79,784</u>	<u>109,368</u>

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**16. LEASING AGREEMENTS**

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	13,403	16,574
Between one and five years	29,966	42,679
	<u>43,369</u>	<u>59,253</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.

**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,037,474	(282,958)	754,516
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
PCC Perpetrator Programme	3,035	90,965	94,000
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>85,843</u>	<u>8,157</u>	<u>94,000</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,123,317</u>	<u>(274,801)</u>	<u>848,516</u>

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**17. 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	876,191	(1,159,149)	(282,958)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire Community Foundation	25,000	(25,000)	-
JTI	13,500	(13,500)	-
Ministry of Housing (MHCLG)	280,000	(280,000)	-
PCC Perpetrator Programme	943,779	(852,814)	90,965
Morgan Foundation	11,500	(11,500)	-
Julia and Hans Rausing	10,000	(10,000)	-
Active Cheshire	-	(6,070)	(6,070)
BBC Children in Need	34,581	(34,581)	-
Bentley - Cheshire Community Foundation	-	(14,000)	(14,000)
Cheshire East Council	-	(38,846)	(38,846)
Safe Lives	26,912	(41,584)	(14,672)
Womens Aid Federation of England	10,750	(10,750)	-
Health Education England	-	(9,220)	(9,220)
NL Cost of Living Fund.	75,000	(75,000)	-
Kids Out	200	(200)	-
Lyons Trust	11,280	(11,280)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	60,808	(60,808)	-
	<u>1,503,310</u>	<u>(1,495,153)</u>	<u>8,157</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,379,501</u>	<u>(2,654,302)</u>	<u>(274,801)</u>

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**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for 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 Commissionr	-	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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### 17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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	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 Commissionr	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>2,338,057</u>	<u>(2,442,763)</u>	<u>(104,706)</u>

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

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,142,492	(387,976)	754,516
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire Community Foundation	5,531	(5,531)	-
Ministry of Housing (MHCLG)	40,000	(40,000)	-
PCC Perpetrator Programme	-	90,965	90,965
Police and Crime Commissionr	-	3,035	3,035
CEC PCC MHCLG	40,000	(40,000)	-
	<u>85,531</u>	<u>8,469</u>	<u>94,000</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,228,023</u>	<u>(379,507)</u>	<u>848,516</u>

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**17. 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	1,755,425	(2,143,401)	(387,976)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire Community Foundation	31,500	(37,031)	(5,531)
Lloyd Bank Foundation	2,750	(2,750)	-
JTI	29,020	(29,020)	-
Ministry of Housing (MHCLG)	560,000	(600,000)	(40,000)
PCC Perpetrator Programme	943,779	(852,814)	90,965
Morgan Foundation	34,500	(34,500)	-
Police and Crime Commissionr	857,100	(854,065)	3,035
Julia and Hans Rausing	60,000	(60,000)	-
CEC PCC MHCLG	-	(40,000)	(40,000)
Active Cheshire	10,000	(10,000)	-
BBC Children in Need	93,625	(93,625)	-
NHS Cheshire CCG	27,500	(27,500)	-
Bentley - Cheshire Community Foundation	24,000	(24,000)	-
Cheshire East Council	40,846	(40,846)	-
Safe Lives	44,912	(44,912)	-
Scottish Power Ltd	5,000	(5,000)	-
Shout Loud Creative	1,000	(1,000)	-
Womens Aid Federation of England	14,710	(14,710)	-
Health Education England	31,103	(31,103)	-
Lifestyle Services	3,500	(3,500)	-
NL Cost of Living Fund.	75,000	(75,000)	-
Kids Out	200	(200)	-
Lyons Trust	11,280	(11,280)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	60,808	(60,808)	-
	<u>2,962,133</u>	<u>(2,953,664)</u>	<u>8,469</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,717,558</u>	<u>(5,097,065)</u>	<u>(379,507)</u>



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**18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**19. 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.