HULL WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales · Charity number 1160440

Details

Other names	HWA
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-02-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE SAFE ACCOMMODATION, PRACTICAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING OR WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC ABUSE.TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN HOMES TO ENABLE THEM TO LIVE FREE FROM ABUSE.TO RECOGNISE AND RESPOND TO THE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED. TO EDUCATE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC, THE MEDIA AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE ABUSE OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.TO WORK WITH PARTNER ORGANISATIONS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING WITH/FLEEING DOMESTIC ABUSE.TO SUPPORT WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ESTABLISHING SAFE, INDEPENDENT LIVES FREE FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE. TO OPERATE PRINCIPALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE CITY OF KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.

Activities: HWA supports women, children & young people that are suffering or have suffered domestic abuse to establish safe independent lives. Core work is delivered in a secure refuge for women & children. Support is also delivered on outreach basis to women, children & young people. HWA delivers training and awareness raising programmes and also works in partnership with statutory and voluntary bodies.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kingston Upon Hull City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£755,310	£905,973	£600,928	25
2024-03-31	£806,664	£922,568	£751,591	26
2023-03-31	£875,586	£850,174	£867,495	26
2022-03-31	£685,501	£727,065	£842,083	23
2021-03-31	£841,569	£690,418	£883,647	22

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREA ELAINE WILSON		2015-02-10
Dr Anjali Gupta		2020-04-30
Elizabeth Thompson		2025-06-24
JOANNA DAVIS		2018-02-27
Janet Leonard		2025-11-25
Joanne Lisa Leatham		2025-10-28
Lindsay Jillian Brocklesby		2019-05-28
Molly May Minter		2025-09-30
Tuesday Whybrow		2025-11-25

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Accounts

Smailes Goldie
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Charity registration number: 1160440

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 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 January 2019).

The charity is registered as Hull Women's Aid. Its working name is Hull Women's Aid, abbreviated for the purposes of this report to HWA.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

- To provide safe accommodation, practical and emotional support and advice to women, children and young people who are experiencing or who have experienced domestic abuse.
- To provide support and advice to women, children and young people in their own homes to enable them to live free from abuse.
- To recognise and respond to the physical, emotional and educational needs of the individual involved.
- To educate and inform the public, the media and other organisations with respect to the abuse of women, children and young people.
- To work with partner organisations to improve the quality of life for women, children and young people who are living with/fleeing domestic abuse.
- To support women, children and young people in establishing safe, independent lives free from domestic abuse.
- To operate principally, but not exclusively, within the city of Kingston-upon-Hull.

Strategies Used

Day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Chief Executive Officer. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and the Chief Executive Officer has responsibility for the day to day and operational management of the services, supervision of the staff team (some of which is undertaken by other delegated staff) and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Refuge

The primary aim of the service is to provide safe accommodation to women and children. This is delivered by a dedicated team of Practitioners. HWA provides a 24 hour On Call Support Service in a purpose-built refuge accommodating up to thirteen families, plus a stand-alone property for one family to extend the refuge accommodation. The buildings are owned by Places for People Housing Association and (other than the dispersed property) provide a range of communal facilities for the women, children and young people.

Move on / Floating Support Service

This is an integral part of the service that HWA provides and aims to support women leaving the refuge and those already living in the community. Community based support offers a wide range of intervention to help women and their children overcome their experiences of domestic abuse. As well as dealing with safety issues, the floating support practitioner also successfully helps women to settle into their properties, deal with any difficulties as they arise, both practically and emotionally, as well as helping women to build up a network of relations to foster independence and integration within the community. Once women are settled in their own homes, help with finding suitable employment, childcare and further education is offered.

Children's and Young People's Service

In order to address the impact of domestic abuse on the lives of children and young people, the Children & Young People's (C&YP) practitioners must build up trust with them. They do this by finding creative, imaginative and non-threatening ways of enabling them to express their worries and anxieties, and support them in finding ways to feel safer, and deal with their anger and frustration, helping them to rebuild damaged family relationships with siblings and non-abusive parents or carers.

Young adults up to the age of 25 can be supported by the C&YP service and it is recognised that young adults have diverse needs to those of the children or the women receiving support. This flexibility within the provision of support is a strength of HWA as service users can access support from a variety of specialist practitioners employed by HWA.

Nursery Provision for pre-school children and Family Support

The aim of the nursery/family practitioner is to address the negative impact of domestic violence on the infant and young child. An environment is provided that is conducive to calm and tranquillity to enable the child to develop as an individual - emotionally and socially. The nursery support includes the use of suitable books, art equipment and role play to allow children to express their feelings. In addition to the daily sessions work there is also one to one provision to ensure that the specific needs of the individual are met to address the effects of exposure to domestic abuse and offer appropriate support to the child. Another aspect of the support work provided is in relation to assisting the mothers whose relationships with their children are under stress as they recover from their traumatic experiences. The support is non-judgemental and offers validity to their existing strengths in attempt to rebuild their confidence in parenting.

Public benefit

The aims and objectives of HWA are periodically reviewed. The activities and service delivery of HWA are evaluated against available resources and the needs of the service users. New activities and services are not adopted if they would compromise the support needs of existing service users. Against a background of cuts to funding of public services and increasing demands on existing, and potential, funders it is felt that HWA should continue to focus on meeting the needs of the public by successfully delivering services where there is a proven demand and where it has been recognised that HWA has the skills and experience to meet that demand for services in a cost effective manner.

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From 72 referrals in 2024-2025, 37 women and 56 children benefitted from the provision of safe accommodation and related refuge service with an average length of stay of 122 days.

During the same period our Floating Support Service supported 212 women in their own tenancies and 78 in hostels and B&Bs, having had 593 referrals for floating support and 128 for hostel provision, whilst our helpline received 1,863 calls. Our 24 hour on call phone took 299 calls out of office hours.

Our online live chat service, staffed by specialist practitioners had 233 conversations during the year April 2024 to March 2025, supporting those people who were unable to speak. Our live chat is monitored every day between 10 am - 12 noon, 2 pm - 4pm and 6pm - 10pm.

In 2024 - 2025 the figures for the children's service are as follows;

54 children benefitted from the provision of safe refuge accommodation and related refuge services.

Children and Young People's Service worked with 264 children and young adults up to the age of 25 to address the impact of domestic abuse on their lives; 92 of these children and young people engaged in the TRUST groupwork programme, 38 engaged in the young women and girl's service.

In 2024 - 2025, the children service received 318 children's outreach referrals and 106 children's refuge referrals.

Through the outstanding endeavours of HWA staff, friends, family and supporters, one of our CYP practitioners was seconded to run a Women and Girls Project in Hull, financed by the Big Give in March 2022. We were fortunate enough to obtain further funding from the Charles Hayward Foundation in July 2024 alongside National Lottery Awards for all to continue this vital work for another two years.

31% of teenage girls who are referred to our service by the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference are either in, or at risk of being in an abusive relationship. With the ever-increasing demands on our services, and other services in our local area, we experience high volumes of cases and with limited capacity we have an increasing waiting list of young people who need immediate support. Through this project we established a new role, dedicated specifically to provide 1:1 support for young girls aged 13+. Our practitioner works collaboratively with local schools to raise awareness of domestic abuse, how to spot 'red flags' and what to do if they suspect either themselves or their friend is in an abusive relationship. By doing this, we hope to be able to support more teenagers in Hull. Keeping more girls safe and free from abuse. For the year 2023- 2024, 50 young women and girls have benefitted from this support, whilst 71 referrals were received.

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

Achievements and performance
Charitable Activities

The principal areas of charitable activity are the provision of refuge accommodation; Floating Support; Children and Young People's Service; drop-in, telephone, and online chat advice; our website; volunteering opportunities in our charity shop and training delivered to schools and agencies. HWA, along with partner agencies has the responsibility of delivering domestic abuse training for the safeguarding partnership board.

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Fundraising Activities

Fundraising takes place to allow HWA to offer outings and activities during the school holidays that provide the children and young people with positive new experiences and happy memories. Many children and young people in the refuge are from underprivileged backgrounds and efforts are made to organise activities that they have not experienced before. This could be something as simple as a day trip to the seaside.

The staff and volunteers at our charity shop had a busy year, as the shop goes from strength to strength. They have done a wonderful job through challenging times and are a good point of contact for our supporters in the community.

Social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, have helped spread the word on the work of Hull Women's Aid, and the need for fundraising support. They have proved a valuable resource when advertising events and seeking specific support.

We continue to be reliant upon support from many varied organisations, businesses, groups and individuals and greatly appreciate all the hard work of our supporters.

Financial review

The running of the refuge is funded by rental and amenities income. Grants, donations, and contracts from various sources provide funding for specialist Domestic Abuse Practitioners to deliver support to residents and other eligible service users within the refuge and on outreach. Where permitted, any surpluses arising from refuge income or support contracts are carried forward to meet any under-funding in future periods. Given the nature of the accommodation and support services provided, it is important that there are sufficient funds available if the current funding arrangement ceased. This is to ensure that women and children living in the refuge can retain their accommodation and receive support until appropriate alternative accommodation can be secured, or until a new source of funding can be obtained. The current balance held in unrestricted reserves is sufficient to enable HWA to achieve this aim.

Policy on reserves

Funds are set aside in separate designated funds to meet exceptional employment related costs (redundancy, sickness, and maternity) and a staff continuation fund whereby funds are set aside to cover six months of staff wages in case of closure.

The monies in these funds have been reviewed to be at acceptable levels given the profile of the current employees. The Trustees have agreed a target of £40,000. At the balance sheet date the level of free reserves met the target which the trustees consider to be within acceptable parameters. Balances in restricted funds are maintained to ensure that key services can continue until additional funding is secured or until the service is wound down without causing hardship to existing service users.

Principal funding sources

HWA continued to receive the greater part of its funding for the Refuge, Move-On and Floating Support services from Hull City Council during 2024-2025 through Housing Related Support contracts, and rent in the form of Housing Benefit.

During school holidays HWA relies on the generosity of various local businesses and organisations to fund outings and activities, such as Kids Out and the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. BBC Children in Need continues to fund our family practitioner, whilst the outreach Children & Young People's service continues to be funded by Hull City Council Housing Related Support. Global Media Group Services and the Masonic Charitable Foundation also supported a C&YP practitioner during this year. The provision of therapy for our service users was supported by both Trusthouse Charitable Foundation and the Stephen Clark Trust, and monies for women with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) continue to be supported by the Chamberlain Trust. Grant applications were successful from The Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation and Ann Watson Trust. HWA operates a cycle of fundraising to maintain service levels. Discounted rates also supported HWA's goal to provide new experiences for our families. William's Den, Sundown Adventureland and Hull New Theatre were amongst the many organisations who helped reduce our costs.

Having opened its doors in November 2018 our charity shop has become firmly established in the community, with a reputation for quality goods and exceptional service. It is HWA's intention for the shop to support the charity's sustainability. For Christmas 2024 the shop sold cards designed by a child living in the refuge and we hope to build on this success in progressive years. Online sales through Vinted and Magpie are developing well.

Future developments

There is still a need to expand women's, children's and young people's services delivered outside the refuge for service users to benefit from preventative work, long-term support and to meet rising demand.

The overriding objectives for the future continue to be for HWA to support our service users, and to maintain the Children & Young People's Services and expand all services to meet current demand, as well as seeking new opportunities to improve the services offered to victims of domestic abuse.

Flexible service delivery remains a priority, along with diversifying funding streams.

All objectives are included in the Business Plan and are subject to periodic monitoring and review by the Trustees.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all those involved in Hull Women's Aid's continuing efforts to support women and children living with or fleeing domestic abuse in Hull, East Yorkshire, and the surrounding areas.

Thank you to our hard working staff, Trustees and volunteers for their unstinting loyalty to Hull Women's Aid and to the numerous individual donors, businesses, organisations and groups that offer financial and physical support including BBC Children in Need, Asda Foundation, Lineage Logistics staff and directors, Hudgell Solicitors, Global Charities Ltd, Women's Institutes, Cranswick Convenience Foods, Unite Union, Liz and Terry Bramall Trust, Tesco, Lidl Toy Bank, Ann Watson Trust, Morrisons, James Reckitt Charity, B&Q, The Tribune Trust, The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust, staff at Places for People, Hull University Union, Little Lives, and Lemon Clean to name but a few.

We are indebted to the following funders for specifically supporting the activities we provide for the families in the refuge during the Christmas season and school holidays: Horncastle Trust, Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust, Nunburnholme Trust, The Joseph and Annie Cattle Trust, Joseph Rank Benevolent Fund, Joseph Boaz Trust, Mother Humber Memorial Fund, Hesslewood Children's Trust and the Fitton Trust.

We would especially like to take this opportunity to thank our anonymous donors.

Written by a former resident:

To those that come and go
Hold your head up high.
And if you're feeling low
It's okay to have a cry.
Remember at the refuge
You made a brand new start,
And keep those that helped you get there
Forever in your heart,
And whatever road you choose
Whether it be right or wrong
Remember it's your path to choose
Now you can remain strong.

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Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission on 11 February 2015 and commenced operating on 1 April 2015 when the original charity (registration number 504903) transferred all assets and liabilities to the new HWA CIO. The original organisation was established on 16 July 1975 and registered as a charity on 6 February 1976. The original charity has been removed from the Register of Charities.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

All Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and members may be re-elected or re-appointed. Trustees are recruited from local women that have a particular interest in the field of domestic abuse. Trustees with specialist skills such as social care, personnel, legal and financial skills are actively recruited.

The Board is responsible for implementing strategic development, guaranteeing financial soundness, and ensuring adherence to policies and procedures. Day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and the staff team.

Induction and training of trustees

New Trustees are made familiar with the refuge and the activities of HWA. Relevant members of staff are made available to support new Trustees, and Trustees are able to attend staff training or other courses as appropriate. New trustees are made aware of Charity Commission guidance, HWA policies, procedures and financial controls.

Relationships with related parties

Hull City Council (HCC)
Hull City Council (HCC) is a major provider of funding for Hull Women's Aid and one trustee was employed by Hull City Council up 2 August 2021 but has since retired from the council. One trustee is the sister of a senior member of staff and for this reason does not participate in employment issues other than at a strategic level or as part of a recruitment panel. Both sisters are not permitted to co-sign cheques or other documents.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the Charity may face.
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan.
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise.
- completion of an internal financial control check list devised for charities.

Risk assessments are used to identify training needs and are incorporated into the monitoring and evaluation system which feeds into service development.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number:	1160440
Registered Office:	PO Box 557 Hull East Yorkshire HU5 2YB
Auditor:	Smailes Goldie Chartered Accountants Regent's Court Princess Street Hull East Yorkshire HU2 8BA
Bankers:	Unity Trust Bank Plc Nine Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2HB
	Flagstone 1st Floor Clareville House 26-27 Oxendon Street London SW1Y 4EL

Trustees and officers

The names of the trustees and senior members of staff are not disclosed in order to protect the confidentiality and security of the Refuge residents, the Trustees and Staff in accordance with a dispensation granted by the Charity Commission.

Hull Women's Aid Board of Trustees includes the following elected officers: Chair, Vice Chair, General Secretary and Treasurer. The officers of the Trustees are elected annually and hold office from the end of the meeting at which they are elected for a minimum of one year. All officers of the Trustees may be elected for a further term of office.

The charity has been granted a dispensation by the Charity Commission under Section 10(3) of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 not to disclose the location of the Refuge or the names of Trustees or staff.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware.
- 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustee of the charity on 27 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Joanna Davis
Chair

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Hull Women's Aid

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hull Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Charities Act 2011

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 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 (set out on page 8 and 9), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Hull Women's Aid

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Charities Act 2011, anti-bribery, environmental and health and safety legislation. An understanding of these laws and regulations and the extent of compliance was obtained through discussion with management and inspecting legal and regulatory correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management and considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with relevant regulators and the charity's legal advisors.

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Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission, or misrepresentation.

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. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Stephen Bramall, BSc, FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Smailes Goldie, Statutory Auditor

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27 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	119,587	-	5,850	125,437	115,520
Charitable activities	4	1,000	10,000	588,302	599,302	665,208
Investment income	5	25,571	-	-	25,571	25,936
Other income		-	-	5,000	5,000	-
Total income		146,158	10,000	599,152	755,310	806,664
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	(9,268)	-	-	(9,268)	(8,759)
Charitable activities	7	(42,311)	-	(854,394)	(896,705)	(913,809)
Total expenditure		(51,579)	-	(854,394)	(905,973)	(922,568)
Net income/(expenditure)		94,579	10,000	(255,242)	(150,663)	(115,904)
Transfers between funds		(94,579)	(42,461)	137,040	-	-
Net movement in funds		-	(32,461)	(118,202)	(150,663)	(115,904)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		40,000	390,043	321,548	751,591	867,495
Total funds carried forward	17	40,000	357,582	203,346	600,928	751,591

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

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 17.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	195,566	193,928
Current assets			
Debtors	14	13,802	39,151
Cash at bank and in hand		481,830	574,486
		495,632	613,637
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(90,270)	(55,974)
Net current assets		405,362	557,663
Net assets		600,928	751,591
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		203,346	321,548
Unrestricted funds		397,582	430,043
Total funds	17	600,928	751,591

The financial statements on pages 14 to 29 were approved by the trustee, and authorised for issue on 27 January 2026 and signed on behalf by:

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Joanna Davis
Chair

Hull Women's Aid

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash expenditure		(150,663)	(115,904)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	6	10,946	9,183
Investment income	5	(25,571)	(25,936)
		(165,288)	(132,657)
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	14	25,349	(25,323)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	15	34,296	(14,834)
Net cash flows from operating activities		(105,643)	(172,814)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	25,571	25,936
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	13	(12,584)	(21,570)
Net cash flows from investing activities		12,987	4,366
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(92,656)	(168,448)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		574,486	742,934
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		481,830	574,486

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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

1 Charity status

The charity is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and has no share capital. In the event of the CIO being wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Hull Women's Aid meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The Trustees, having considered the information available at this time, and forecasts going forward (for at least the next year), have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Income
Housing benefit and other charges for the occupation of the refuge are accounted for on an accruals basis. Government grants are recognised using the performance model and are recognised in full when performance conditions are met. Other grants are recognised using the accruals model and are released in line with costs. Grants and donations which are conditional upon the provision of services are treated as deferred income so that the income is not recognised until such times as the services have been provided. Other income is recognised when the Charity has established its entitlement, certainty that it will be received and can make a reliable estimate of its monetary value. Donations in kind are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, which is the value the charity would have been willing to pay on the open market, a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure or assets in the period of receipt.

Donated goods for resale are recognised at their realised value at the point of resale.

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.

Taxation
Hull Women's Aid (CIO) is a UK registered charity, number 1160440. All the charity's income is applied to its charitable objectives and the charity is, therefore, exempt under current legislation for most forms of taxation. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity and is, therefore, charged to the Statement of Financial Activities or Balance Sheet as incurred.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Freehold property	Not depreciated
Fixture and fittings	20-25% on cost
Motor vehicles	20-25% on cost
Computer equipment	20-25% on cost

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year
Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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

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

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

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

Hire purchase and finance leases
Amounts payable under operating leases are charged to expenditure on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

Recognition and measurement

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations	58,446	44,455
Charity shop income	66,991	71,065
	125,437	115,520

4 Income from charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Rents received	136,644	129,861
Grants	462,658	535,347
	599,302	665,208

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust	2,000	2,000
Housing Related Support	333,976	436,258
Other	-	2,000
BBC Children in Need	6,726	42,017
Provision of accommodation and facilities	-	172
Trusthouse	10,368	942
Global Make Some Noise	6,364	15,000
Lidl Community Fund	-	500
Ann Watson's Trust	4,000	4,000
Tesco - Groundworks	-	1,125
Training Grants	-	2,705
The Joseph and Annie Cattle Trust	3,000	2,000
Liz & Terry Bramall	-	5,000
Managing Agents Fee for Places for People Properties	22,544	21,128
Mother Humber - Christmas Appeal	500	500
KIDS OUT	85	-
Kenneth Hargreaves	1,600	-
Christmas 24 - Nunburnholme	500	-
Joseph Rank Benevolent Fund	500	-
Graham Rosen Limited	500	-
Hesslewood - Christmas 2025	1,500	-
Charles Hayward	20,000	-
National Lottery - Awards for All	19,819	-
Grant - Reckitt	4,000	-
Masonic Charitable Foundation	7,612	-
Morrisons - WE CARE	1,500	-
The Tribune Trust	2,000	-
Flee Fund Income	2,564	-
SA - Advocacy	1,000	-
Helpline Support (Stephen Clark Trust)	10,000	-
	462,658	535,347

5 Investment income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Deposit account interest	20,057	20,344
Income from rents	5,514	5,592
	25,571	25,936

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Shop expenses	9,268	8,759
	9,268	8,759

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	517,983	128,493	646,476	672,841
Establishment costs	201,941	27,868	229,809	237,892
Governance costs	1,039	19,381	20,420	11,835
	720,963	175,742	896,705	922,568

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fees	4,417	4,774
Other non-audit services	4,417	4,774
Depreciation of fixed assets	10,946	9,183

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	589,083	615,996
Social security costs	46,033	47,317
Pension costs	11,360	9,528
	646,476	672,841

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Housing related support & other services	10	10
Children & young people's services	8	8
Management & admin	4	5
Cleaning	1	1
Shop staff	2	2
	25	26

During the year, the charity made redundancy and/or termination payments which totalled £15,604 (2024 - £Nil).

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

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £97,511 (2024 - £72,553).

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Comparative statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	110,640	-	4,880	115,520
Charitable activities	4	1,205	-	664,003	665,208
Investment income	5	25,936	-	-	25,936
Total income		137,781	-	668,883	806,664
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	(8,759)	-	-	(8,759)
Charitable activities	7	(23,646)	(4,707)	(885,456)	(913,809)
Total expenditure		(32,405)	(4,707)	(885,456)	(922,568)
Net income/(expenditure)		105,376	(4,707)	(216,573)	(115,904)
Transfers between funds		(105,376)	(20,460)	125,836	-
Net movement in funds		-	(25,167)	(90,737)	(115,904)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		40,000	415,210	412,285	867,495
Total funds carried forward	17	40,000	390,043	321,548	751,591

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	167,165	121,375	23,698	72,322	384,560
Additions	-	10,906	-	1,678	12,584
At 31 March 2025	167,165	132,281	23,698	74,000	397,144
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	-	115,637	23,698	51,297	190,632
Charge for the year	-	5,122	-	5,824	10,946
At 31 March 2025	-	120,759	23,698	57,121	201,578
Net book value					
At 31 March 2025	167,165	11,522	-	16,879	195,566
At 31 March 2024	167,165	5,738	-	21,025	193,928

Not capitalised in the accounts is the refuge from which the Charity operates and which is owned by Places for People (previously New Leaf / North British Housing Association). The property was constructed in the 1980s and provides 13 accommodation units for women and their children. Due to the bespoke nature of the property, the trustees are unable to place an economic value on the provision of this facility.

14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Debtors and prepayments	13,802	39,151

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Creditors and accruals	90,270	55,974

Included within creditors and accruals is deferred income of £43,651, which relates to grants received to cover specific expenditure and fundraising events due to take place over the period 1 April 2025 to 31 July 2026.

16 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Other		
Within one year	8,634	14,013
Between one and five years	34,537	32,551
After five years	12,232	19,666
	55,403	66,230

The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £8,427 (2024: £10,622).

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	40,000	146,158	(51,579)	(94,579)	40,000
Designated					
Minibus	22,000	-	-	-	22,000
Refuge furniture & decorating	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Property	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Staffing contingency	333,043	10,000	-	(42,461)	300,582
	390,043	10,000	-	(42,461)	357,582
Total unrestricted funds	430,043	156,158	(51,579)	(137,040)	397,582
Restricted funds					
Support	261,034	525,209	(646,427)	-	139,816
Emergency	41,194	-	-	-	41,194
Translation	3,376	-	-	-	3,376
Crisis	2,506	-	-	-	2,506
New home packs	16	-	-	-	16
Children & young peoples project	-	60,908	(197,948)	137,040	-
Activities & resources	13,422	13,035	(10,019)	-	16,438
Total restricted funds	321,548	599,152	(854,394)	137,040	203,346
Total funds	751,591	755,310	(905,973)	-	600,928

During the year, the trustees approved transfers between funds in order to support the charity's ongoing activities and to apply resources in accordance with the charity's purposes.

A transfer was made from the designated staffing contingency fund to the restricted children and young peoples funds to support wages expenditure in line with the fund objectives.

A transfer was made from unrestricted funds to restricted funds in the year as additional unrestricted income was received surplus to expenditure which was used to offset a drop in restricted income funding. This was utilised to retain staff.

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	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	40,000	137,781	(32,405)	(105,376)	40,000
Designated					
Minibus	22,000	-	-	-	22,000
Refuge furniture & decorating	20,000	-	(4,707)	4,707	20,000
Property	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Staffing contingency	358,210	-	-	(25,167)	333,043
	415,210	-	(4,707)	(20,460)	390,043
Total unrestricted funds	455,210	137,781	(37,112)	(125,836)	430,043
Restricted					
Support	345,839	602,486	(687,291)	-	261,034
Emergency	41,194	-	-	-	41,194
Translation	3,376	-	-	-	3,376
Crisis	2,506	-	-	-	2,506
New home packs	16	-	-	-	16
Children & young peoples project	-	57,017	(182,853)	125,836	-
Activities & resources	19,354	9,380	(15,312)	-	13,422
Total restricted funds	412,285	668,883	(885,456)	125,836	321,548
Total funds	867,495	806,664	(922,568)	-	751,591

The **General Fund** contains income derived from bank interest and sundry donations. There are no restrictions on the application of the funds.

Restricted funds:
The **Support fund** holds all funding relating to the running of the Refuge and the delivery of support services. Income in this fund consists of charges to residents, the current Housing Related Support contract, the Section 180 grant and government funding to support the provision of refuge accommodation. Expenditure is restricted to the activities associated with the operation of the Refuge and to supporting women who are living within the Refuge, receiving outreach support or other forms of support. The trustees have used some of the balances held in this fund to purchase a property which will aid the charity in achieving its aims and address some of the problems associated with current service delivery. The property will be used as a charity shop and advice centre and provide much needed additional space for service delivery. The flat above the shop was undergoing renovation during 2015-16 with a view to letting as an investment property during 2016-17 onwards.

The **Children & Young People's Project** funded by the NHS via Hull City Council provides outreach support to children and young people. The project also delivers training in local schools and other local organisations.

The **Activities/Resources fund** holds donations and grants specifically received to support the costs of activities, resources, trips and outings for children, young people and families living in the Refuge and also for those being supported on an outreach basis.

The **Translation fund** and the **Emergency fund** (primarily for refuge and related services) were donated by Hull DAP for and consist of funds previously allocated for joint working project costs.

The **Crisis fund** represents donations and money raised specifically for the purpose of meeting the urgent needs of women and children when they enter or leave the Refuge. This may include essentials such as food, travel to a place of safety and child safety gates.

Designated funds:
The designated **Minibus and Vehicle fund** was established for the purpose of purchasing a new minibus which was purchased in 2013 using some money specifically donated for the purpose and a designated fund. Monies have been designated to cover depreciation relating to this minibus and a further amount allocated for a replacement or additional vehicle.

The designated **Refuge Furniture and Decorating fund** is held to ensure that there are always sufficient funds available to maintain the Refuge to a high standard in accordance with the management agreement. Expenditure comes from rental income unless there is a shortfall in available funds.

Designated **Staffing Contingency fund** represent monies set aside to cover 6 months of full staffing, without overtime, in the event of long periods of sickness, maternity leave or from redundancy situations arising from any unforeseen cuts in grants or other income and where there is no provision within any relevant restricted fund to cover such costs. The funds are reviewed periodically and amounts designated to fit the current staff profile and funding position.

The designated **Property fund** has been established to ensure that there are sufficient funds available for emergency repairs for the building owned by HWA.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2025
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	195,566	195,566
Current assets	40,000	357,582	98,050	495,632
Current liabilities	-	-	(90,270)	(90,270)
Total net assets	40,000	357,582	203,346	600,928

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2024
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	193,928	193,928
Current assets	40,000	390,043	183,594	613,637
Current liabilities	-	-	(55,974)	(55,974)
Total net assets	40,000	390,043	321,548	751,591

19 Related party transactions

During the year a gross annual salary was paid to an employee who is the sister of a trustee of £41,133 (2024: £40,145). No payments where made to any other related parties in the year or in 2024.
All related party transactions were conducted at the market rate for the services received.

HULL WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1160440

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 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 January 2019).

The charity is registered as Hull Women's Aid. Its working name is Hull Women's Aid, abbreviated for the purposes of this report to HWA.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

- To provide safe accommodation, practical and emotional support and advice to women, children and young people who are experiencing or who have experienced domestic abuse.
- To provide support and advice to women, children and young people in their own homes to enable them to live free from abuse.
- To recognise and respond to the physical, emotional and educational needs of the individual involved.
- To educate and inform the public, the media and other organisations with respect to the abuse of women, children and young people.
- To work with partner organisations to improve the quality of life for women, children and young people who are living with/fleeing domestic abuse.
- To support women, children and young people in establishing safe, independent lives free from domestic abuse.
- To operate principally, but not exclusively, within the city of Kingston-upon-Hull.

Strategies Used

Day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Chief Executive Officer. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and the Chief Executive Officer has responsibility for the day to day and operational management of the services, supervision of the staff team (some of which is undertaken by other delegated staff) and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Refuge

The primary aim of the service is to provide safe accommodation to women and children. This is delivered by a dedicated team of Support Workers. HWA provides a 24 hour On Call Support Service in a purpose built refuge accommodating up to thirteen families, plus a stand-alone property for one family to extend the refuge accommodation. The buildings are owned by Places for People Housing Association and (other than the dispersed property) provide a range of communal facilities for the women, children and young people.

Move on / Floating Support Service

This is an integral part of the service that HWA provides and aims to support women leaving the refuge and those already living in the community. Community based support offers a wide range of intervention to help women and their children overcome their experiences of domestic abuse. As well as dealing with safety issues, the floating support worker also successfully helps women to settle into their properties, deal with any difficulties as they arise, both practically and emotionally, as well as helping women to build up a network of relations to foster independence and integration within the community. Once women are settled in their own homes, help with finding suitable employment, childcare and further education is offered.

Children's and Young People's Service

In order to address the impact of domestic abuse on the lives of children and young people, the Children & Young People's (C&YP) workers have to build up trust with them. They do this by finding creative, imaginative and non-threatening ways of enabling them to express their worries and anxieties, and support them in finding ways to feel safer, and deal with their anger and frustration, helping them to rebuild damaged family relationships with siblings and non-abusive parents or carers.

Young adults up to the age of 25 can be supported by the C&YP service and it is recognised that young adults have different needs to those of the children or the women receiving support. This flexibility within the provision of support is a strength of HWA as service users can access support from a variety of specialist workers employed by HWA.

Nursery Provision for pre-school children and Family Support

The aim of the nursery nurse/family support worker is to address the negative impact of domestic violence on the infant and young child. An environment is provided that is conducive to calm and tranquillity to enable the child to develop as an individual - emotionally and socially. The nursery support includes the use of suitable books, art equipment and role play to allow children to express their feelings. In addition to the daily sessions work there is also one to one provision to ensure that the specific needs of the individual are met in order to address the effects of exposure to domestic violence and offer appropriate support to the child. Another aspect of the support work provided is in relation to assisting the mothers whose relationships with their children are under stress as they recover from their traumatic experiences. The support is non-judgemental and offers validity to their existing strengths in attempt to rebuild their confidence in parenting.

Public benefit

The aims and objectives of HWA are reviewed periodically. The activities and service delivery of HWA are evaluated against available resources and the needs of the service users. New activities and services are not adopted if they would compromise the support needs of existing service users. Against a background of cuts to funding of public services and increasing demands on existing, and potential, funders it is felt that HWA should continue to focus on meeting the needs of the public by successfully delivering services where there is a proven demand and where it has been recognised that HWA has the skills and experience to meet that demand for services in a cost effective manner:

Trustees' Report

From 114 referrals in 2023-2024, 40 women and 89 children benefitted from the provision of safe accommodation and related refuge service with an average length of stay of 99 days.

During the same period our Floating Support Service supported 228 women in their own tenancies and 66 in hostels and B&Bs, having had 731 referrals for floating support and 112 for hostel provision, whilst our helpline received 2,312 calls. Our 24 hour on call phone took 357 calls out of office hours.

Our online live chat service, staffed by specialist practitioners had 187 conversations during the year April 2023 to March 2024, supporting those people who were unable to speak. Our live chat is monitored every day between 10 am - 12 noon, 2 pm - 4pm and 6pm - 10pm.

In 2023 - 2024 the figures for the children's service are as follows;

154 children benefitted from the provision of safe accommodation (refuge and hostel accommodation) and related refuge services.

Children and Young People's Service worked with 299 children and young adults up to the age of 25 to address the impact of domestic abuse on their lives; 56 of these children and young people engaged in the TRUST groupwork programme, 50 engaged in the young women and girl's service.

In 2023 - 2024, the children service received 507 referrals.

Through the outstanding endeavours of HWA staff, friends, family and supporters, one of our CYP practitioners was seconded to run a Women and Girls Project in Hull, financed by the Big Give in March 2022.

31% of teenage girls who are referred to our service by the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference are either in, or at risk of being in an abusive relationship. With the ever-increasing demands on our services, and other services in our local area, we experience high volumes of cases and with limited capacity we have an increasing waiting list of young people who need immediate support. Through this project we established a new role, dedicated specifically to provide 1:1 support for young girls aged 13+. Our practitioner works collaboratively with local schools to raise awareness of domestic abuse, how to spot 'red flags' and what to do if they suspect either themselves or their friend is in an abusive relationship. By doing this, we hope to be able to support more teenagers in Hull. Keeping more girls safe and free from abuse. For the year 2023- 2024, 50 young women and girls have benefitted from this support, whilst 71 referrals were received.

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

Achievements and performance
Charitable Activities

The principal areas of charitable activity are the provision of refuge accommodation; Floating Support; Children and Young People's Service; drop-in, telephone, and online chat advice; our website; volunteering opportunities in our charity shop and training delivered to schools and agencies. HWA, along with partner agencies has the responsibility of delivering domestic abuse training for the safeguarding partnership board.

Fundraising Activities

Fundraising takes place to allow HWA to offer outings and activities during the school holidays that provide the children and young people with positive new experiences and happy memories. Many children and young people in the refuge are from underprivileged backgrounds and efforts are made to organise activities that they have not experienced before. This could be something as simple as a day trip to the seaside.

The staff and volunteers at our charity shop had a busy year, as the shop goes from strength to strength. They have done a wonderful job through challenging times and are a good point of contact for our supporters in the community.

The employment of a part time fundraiser to spearhead our fundraising and grant applications has been validated and a short term internship by a University of Hull student to increase our social media platform has also proven to be highly successful. Social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, have helped spread the word on the work of Hull Women's Aid, and the need for fundraising support. They have proved a valuable resource when advertising events and seeking specific support.

We continue to be reliant upon support from many varied organisations, businesses, groups and individuals and greatly appreciate all the hard work of our supporters.

Financial review

The running of the refuge is funded by rental and amenities income. Grants, donations, and contracts from various sources provide funding for specialist Domestic Abuse Practitioners to deliver support to residents and other eligible service users within the refuge and on outreach. Where permitted, any surpluses arising from refuge income or support contracts are carried forward to meet any under-funding in future periods. Given the nature of the accommodation and support services provided, it is important that there are sufficient funds available if the current funding arrangement ceased. This is to ensure that women and children living in the refuge can retain their accommodation and receive support until appropriate alternative accommodation can be secured, or until a new source of funding can be obtained. The current balance held in unrestricted reserves is sufficient to enable HWA to achieve this aim.

Policy on reserves

Funds are set aside in separate designated funds to meet exceptional employment related costs (redundancy, sickness and maternity) and a staff continuation fund whereby funds are set aside to cover six months' of staff wages in case of closure.

The monies in these funds have been reviewed to be at acceptable levels given the profile of the current employees. The Trustees have agreed a target of £40,000 as a minimum level of free reserves. At the balance sheet date the level of free reserves met the target amount which the trustees consider to be within acceptable parameters. Balances in restricted funds are maintained to ensure that key services can continue until additional funding is secured or until the service is wound down without causing hardship to existing service users.

Principal funding sources

HWA continued to receive the greater part of its funding for the Refuge, Move-On and Floating Support services from Hull City Council during 2023-2024 through Housing Related Support contracts, and rent in the form of Housing Benefit.

During school holidays HWA relies on the generosity of various local businesses and organisations to fund outings and activities, such as Kids Out and the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. BBC Children in Need continues to be the majority funder for our family practitioner, whilst the outreach Children & Young People's service continues to be funded by Hull City Council Housing Related Support. Global Media Group Services also supported a C&YP practitioner during this year. The provision of therapy for our service users was supported by Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, and monies for women with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) continue to be supported by the Chamberlain Trust. Grant applications were successful from The Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation and Ann Watson Trust. HWA operates a cycle of fundraising to maintain service levels. Discounted rates also supported HWA's goal to provide new experiences for our families. William's Den, York Maze and Hull New Theatre were amongst the many organisations who helped reduce our costs.

Having opened its doors in November 2018 our charity shop has become firmly established in the community, with a reputation for quality goods and exceptional service. It is HWA's intention for the shop to support the charity's sustainability. For Christmas 2023 the shop sold cards designed by a child living in the refuge and we hope to build on this success in progressive years. Online sales through Vinted and Magpie are developing well.

Future developments

There is still a need to expand women's, children's and young people's services delivered outside the refuge for service users to benefit from preventative work, long-term support and to meet existing demand.

The overriding objectives for the future continue to be for HWA to support our service users, and to maintain the Children & Young People's Services and expand all services to meet current demand, as well as seeking new opportunities to improve the services offered to victims of domestic abuse.

Flexible service delivery remains a priority, along with diversifying funding streams.

All objectives are included in the Business Plan and are subject to periodic monitoring and review by the Trustees.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all those involved in Hull Women's Aid's continuing efforts to support women and children living with or fleeing domestic abuse in Hull, East Yorkshire, and the surrounding areas.

Thank you to our hard working staff, Trustees and volunteers for their unstinting loyalty to Hull Women's Aid and to the numerous individual donors, businesses, organisations and groups that offer financial and physical support including BBC Children in Need, Asda Foundation, Lineage Logistics staff and directors, Hudgell Solicitors, Global Charities Ltd, Women's Institutes, Cranswick Convenience Foods, Unite Union, Liz and Terry Bramall Trust, Tesco, Lidl Toy Bank, Ann Watson Trust, Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust, KCOM, staff at Places for People and NatWest, Hull University Union, Little Lives, Connexin, Raymond James Investment Services, the Dharma Foundation, Welton Memorial Hall and Lemon Clean to name but a few.

We would especially like to take this opportunity to thank our anonymous donors.

Written by a former resident:

To those that come and go
Hold your head up high.
And if you're feeling low
It's okay to have a cry.
Remember at the refuge
You made a brand new start,
And keep those that helped you get there
Forever in your heart,
And whatever road you choose
Whether it be right or wrong
Remember it's your path to choose
Now you can remain strong.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission on 11 February 2015 and commenced operating on 1 April 2015 when the original charity (registration number 504903) transferred all assets and liabilities to the new HWA CIO. The original organisation was established on 16 July 1975 and registered as a charity on 6 February 1976. The original charity has been removed from the Register of Charities.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

All Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and members may be re-elected or re-appointed. Trustees are recruited from local women that have a particular interest in the field of domestic abuse. Trustees with specialist skills such as social care, personnel, legal and finance skills are actively recruited.

The Board is responsible for implementing strategic development, guaranteeing financial soundness, and ensuring adherence to policies and procedures. Day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and the staff team.

Induction and training of trustees

New Trustees are made familiar with the refuge and the activities of HWA. Relevant members of staff are made available to support new Trustees and Trustees are able to attend staff training or other courses as appropriate. New trustees are made aware of Charity Commission guidance, HWA policies, procedures and financial controls.

Relationships with related parties

Hull City Council (HCC)
Hull City Council (HCC) is a major provider of funding for Hull Women's Aid and one trustee was employed by Hull City Council up 2 August 2021 but has since retired from the council. One trustee is the sister of a senior member of staff and for this reason does not participate in employment issues other than at a strategic level or as part of a recruitment panel. Both sisters are not permitted to co-sign cheques or other documents.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the Charity may face.
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan.
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise.
- completion of an internal financial control check list devised for charities.

Risk assessments are used to identify training needs and are incorporated into the monitoring and evaluation system which feeds into service development.

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Trustees' Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number:	1160440
Registered Office:	PO Box 557 Hull East Yorkshire HU5 2YB
Auditor:	Smailes Goldie Chartered Accountants Regent's Court Princess Street Hull East Yorkshire HU2 8BA
Bankers:	Unity Trust Bank Plc Nine Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2HB Virgin Money Jubilee House Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4PL Flagstone 1st Floor Clareville House 26-27 Oxendon Street London SW1Y 4EL

Trustees and officers

The names of the trustees and senior members of staff are not disclosed in order to protect the confidentiality and security of the Refuge residents, the Trustees and Staff in accordance with a dispensation granted by the Charity Commission.

Hull Women's Aid Board of Trustees includes the following elected officers: Chair, Vice Chair, General Secretary and Treasurer. The officers of the Trustees are elected annually and hold office from the end of the meeting at which they are elected for a minimum of one year. All officers of the Trustees may be elected for a further term of office.

The charity has been granted a dispensation by the Charity Commission under Section 10(3) of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 not to disclose the location of the Refuge or the names of Trustees or staff.

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Trustees' Report

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

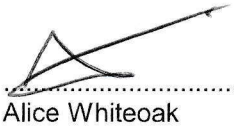
- There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware.
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Reappointment of auditor

The auditors, Smailes Goldie, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The annual report was approved by the trustee of the charity on 26 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Alice Whiteoak
Chair

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Hull Women's Aid

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hull Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity'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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Charities Act 2011

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 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 (set out on page 9), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Charities Act 2011, anti-bribery, environmental and health and safety legislation. An understanding of these laws and regulations and the extent of compliance was obtained through discussion with management and inspecting legal and regulatory correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management and considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with relevant regulators and the limited liability partnership's legal advisors.

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Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission, or misrepresentation.

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. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Stephen Bramall, BSc, FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Smailes Goldie, Statutory Auditor

Regent's Court
Princess Street
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU2 8BA

26 November 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	110,640	-	4,880	115,520	105,202
Charitable activities	4	1,205	-	664,003	665,208	763,850
Investment income	5	25,936	-	-	25,936	6,534
Total income		137,781	-	668,883	806,664	875,586
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	(8,759)	-	-	(8,759)	(5,922)
Charitable activities	7	(23,646)	(4,707)	(885,456)	(913,809)	(844,252)
Total expenditure		(32,405)	(4,707)	(885,456)	(922,568)	(850,174)
Net income/(expenditure)		105,376	(4,707)	(216,573)	(115,904)	25,412
Transfers between funds		(105,376)	(20,460)	125,836	-	-
Net movement in funds		-	(25,167)	(90,737)	(115,904)	25,412
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		40,000	415,210	412,285	867,495	842,083
Total funds carried forward	17	40,000	390,043	321,548	751,591	867,495

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

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 17.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	193,928	181,541
Current assets			
Debtors	14	39,151	13,828
Cash at bank and in hand		574,486	742,934
		613,637	756,762
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(55,974)	(70,808)
Net current assets		557,663	685,954
Net assets		751,591	867,495
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		321,548	412,285
Unrestricted funds		430,043	455,210
Total funds	17	751,591	867,495

The financial statements on pages 14 to 29 were approved by the trustee, and authorised for issue on 26 November 2024 and signed on behalf by:

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Alice Whiteoak
Chair

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (expenditure)/income		(115,904)	25,412
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	6	9,183	13,386
Investment income	5	(25,936)	(6,534)
		(132,657)	32,264
Working capital adjustments			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	14	(25,323)	103,167
Decrease in creditors	15	(14,834)	(32,769)
Net cash flows from operating activities		(172,814)	102,662
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	25,936	6,534
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	13	(21,570)	(3,259)
Net cash flows from investing activities		4,366	3,275
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(168,448)	105,937
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		742,934	636,997
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		574,486	742,934

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

1 Charity status

The charity is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and has no share capital. In the event of the CIO being wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

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

Going concern

The Trustees, having considered the information available at this time, and forecasts going forward (for at least the next year), have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Income

Housing benefit and other charges for the occupation of the refuge are accounted for on an accruals basis. Government grants are recognised using the performance model and are recognised in full when performance conditions are met. Other grants are recognised using the accruals model and are released in line with costs. Grants and donations which are conditional upon the provision of services are treated as deferred income so that the income is not recognised until such times as the services have been provided. Other income is recognised when the Charity has established its entitlement, certainty that it will be received and can make a reliable estimate of its monetary value. Donations in kind are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, which is the value the charity would have been willing to pay on the open market, a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure or assets in the period of receipt.

Donated goods for resale are recognised at their realised value at the point of resale.

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.

Taxation
Hull Women's Aid (CIO) is a UK registered charity, number 1160440. All the charity's income is applied to its charitable objectives and the charity is, therefore, exempt under current legislation for most forms of taxation. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity and is, therefore, charged to the Statement of Financial Activities or Balance Sheet as incurred.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Freehold property	Not depreciated
Fixture and fittings	20-25% on cost
Motor vehicles	20-25% on cost
Computer equipment	20-25% on cost

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year
Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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

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

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

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

Hire purchase and finance leases
Amounts payable under operating leases are charged to expenditure on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

Recognition and measurement

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations	44,455	34,617
Charity shop income	71,065	70,585
	115,520	105,202

4 Income from charitable activities

All income is generated from Advice & support

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Rents received	129,861	120,852
Grants	535,347	642,998
	665,208	763,850

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Housing Related Support	436,258	424,452
Other	2,000	1,352
BBC Children in Need	42,017	59,415
Managing Agents Fee for Places for People Properties	21,128	20,600
Provision of accommodation and facilities	172	12,000
Lloyds	-	35,250
COVID-19 Relief	-	4,021
Trusthouse	942	21,678
B&Q	-	5,000
Liz & Terry Bramall	5,000	4,228
Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust	2,000	5,000
Renew	-	2,500
Global Make Some Noise	15,000	29,779
Big Give	-	17,723
Lidl Community Fund	500	-
Ann Watson's Trust	4,000	-
Tesco - Groundworks	1,125	-
Mother Humber - Christmas Appeal	500	-
Training Grants	2,705	-
The Joseph and Annie Cattle Trust	2,000	-
	535,347	642,998

5 Investment income

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Deposit account interest	20,344	1,443
Income from rents	5,592	5,091
	25,936	6,534

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Shop expenses	8,759	5,922
	8,759	5,922

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	550,017	122,824	672,841	634,922
Establishment costs	210,863	27,029	237,892	196,531
Governance costs	1,232	10,603	11,835	12,799
	762,112	160,456	922,568	844,252

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fees	4,774	4,073
Other non-audit services	4,774	4,073
Depreciation of fixed assets	9,183	13,386

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023..

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	615,996	580,251
Social security costs	47,317	45,499
Pension costs	9,528	9,172
	672,841	634,922

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Housing related support & other services	10	10
Children & young people's services	8	8
Management & admin	5	5
Cleaning	1	1
Shop staff	2	2
	26	26

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

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £72,553 (2023 - £72,557).

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Comparative statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	90,995	14,207	105,202
Charitable activities	4	35,803	728,047	763,850
Investment income	5	6,534	-	6,534
Total income		133,332	742,254	875,586
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	(5,922)	-	(5,922)
Charitable activities	7	(25,957)	(818,295)	(844,252)
Total expenditure		(31,879)	(818,295)	(850,174)
Net income/(expenditure)		101,453	(76,041)	25,412
Transfers between funds		(37,166)	37,166	-
Net movement in funds		64,287	(38,875)	25,412
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		390,923	451,160	842,083
Total funds carried forward	17	455,210	412,285	867,495

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	167,165	117,799	23,698	54,328	362,990
Additions	-	3,576	-	17,994	21,570
At 31 March 2024	167,165	121,375	23,698	72,322	384,560
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2023	-	111,263	23,698	46,488	181,449
Charge for the year	-	4,374	-	4,809	9,183
At 31 March 2024	-	115,637	23,698	51,297	190,632
Net book value					
At 31 March 2024	167,165	5,738	-	21,025	193,928
At 31 March 2023	167,165	6,536	-	7,840	181,541

Not capitalised in the accounts is the refuge from which the Charity operates and which is owned by Places for People (previously New Leaf / North British Housing Association). The property was constructed in the 1980s and provides 13 accommodation units for women and their children. Due to the bespoke nature of the property, the trustees are unable to place an economic value on the provision of this facility.

14 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors and prepayments	39,151	13,828

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Creditors and accruals	55,974	70,808

Included within creditors and accruals is deferred income of £14,189, which relates to a grant received to cover specific expenditure over the period 1 April 2024 to 28 February 2025.

16 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Other		
Within one year	14,013	5,875
Between one and five years	32,551	5,876
After five years	19,666	-
	66,230	11,751

The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £10,622 (2023: £5,875).

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	40,000	137,781	(32,405)	(105,376)	40,000
Designated					
Minibus	22,000	-	-	-	22,000
Refuge furniture & decorating	20,000	-	(4,707)	4,707	20,000
Property	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Staffing contingency	358,210	-	-	(25,167)	333,043
	415,210	-	(4,707)	(20,460)	390,043
Total unrestricted funds	455,210	137,781	(37,112)	(125,836)	430,043
Restricted funds					
Support	345,839	602,486	(687,291)	-	261,034
Emergency	41,194	-	-	-	41,194
Translation	3,376	-	-	-	3,376
Crisis	2,506	-	-	-	2,506
New home packs	16	-	-	-	16
Children & young peoples project	-	57,017	(182,853)	125,836	-
Activities & resources	19,354	9,380	(15,312)	-	13,422
Total restricted funds	412,285	668,883	(885,456)	125,836	321,548
Total funds	867,495	806,664	(922,568)	-	751,591

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	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	40,000	133,332	(26,898)	(106,434)	40,000
Designated					
Minibus	22,000	-	-	-	22,000
Refuge furniture & decorating	20,000	-	(4,981)	4,981	20,000
Property	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Staffing contingency	293,923	-	-	64,287	358,210
	350,923	-	(4,981)	69,268	415,210
Total unrestricted funds	390,923	133,332	(31,879)	(37,166)	455,210
Restricted					
Support	384,714	603,602	(642,477)	-	345,839
Emergency	41,194	-	-	-	41,194
Translation	3,376	-	-	-	3,376
Crisis	2,506	-	-	-	2,506
New home packs	16	-	-	-	16
Children & young peoples project	-	138,652	(175,818)	37,166	-
Activities & resources	19,354	-	-	-	19,354
Total restricted funds	451,160	742,254	(818,295)	37,166	412,285
Total funds	842,083	875,586	(850,174)	-	867,495

The **General Fund** contains income derived from bank interest and sundry donations. There are no restrictions on the application of the funds.

Restricted funds:
The **Support fund** holds all funding relating to the running of the Refuge and the delivery of support services. Income in this fund consists of charges to residents, the current Housing Related Support contract, the Section 180 grant and government funding to support the provision of refuge accommodation. Expenditure is restricted to the activities associated with the operation of the Refuge and to supporting women who are living within the Refuge, receiving outreach support or other forms of support. The trustees have used some of the balances held in this fund to purchase a property which will aid the charity in achieving its aims and address some of the problems associated with current service delivery. The property will be used as a charity shop and advice centre and provide much needed additional space for service delivery. The flat above the shop was undergoing renovation during 2015-16 with a view to letting as an investment property during 2016-17 onwards.

The **Children & Young People's Project** funded by the NHS via Hull City Council provides outreach support to children and young people. The project also delivers training in local schools and other local organisations.

The **Activities/Resources fund** holds donations and grants specifically received to support the costs of activities, resources, trips and outings for children, young people and families living in the Refuge and also for those being supported on an outreach basis.

The **Translation fund** and the **Emergency fund** (primarily for refuge and related services) were donated by Hull DAP for and consist of funds previously allocated for joint working project costs.

The **Crisis fund** represents donations and money raised specifically for the purpose of meeting the urgent needs of women and children when they enter or leave the Refuge. This may include essentials such as food, travel to a place of safety and child safety gates.

Designated funds:
The designated **Minibus and Vehicle fund** was established for the purpose of purchasing a new minibus which was purchased in 2013 using some money specifically donated for the purpose and a designated fund. Monies have been designated to cover depreciation relating to this minibus and a further amount allocated for a replacement or additional vehicle.

The designated **Refuge Furniture and Decorating fund** is held to ensure that there are always sufficient funds available to maintain the Refuge to a high standard in accordance with the management agreement. Expenditure comes from rental income unless there is a shortfall in available funds.

Designated **Staffing Contingency fund** represent monies set aside to cover 6 months of full staffing, without overtime, in the event of long periods of sickness, maternity leave or from redundancy situations arising from any unforeseen cuts in grants or other income and where there is no provision within any relevant restricted fund to cover such costs. The funds are reviewed periodically and amounts designated to fit the current staff profile and funding position.

The designated **Property fund** has been established to ensure that there are sufficient funds available for emergency repairs for the building owned by HWA.

The transfer from unrestricted to restricted Children & Young People's fund relates to supplementing income to cover related expenses.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 March 2024
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	193,928	193,928
Current assets	40,000	390,043	183,594	613,637
Current liabilities	-	-	(55,974)	(55,974)
Total net assets	40,000	390,043	321,548	751,591

	Total funds at 31 March 2023
	£
Tangible fixed assets	181,541
Current assets	756,762
Current liabilities	(70,808)
Total net assets	867,495

19 Related party transactions

During the year a gross annual salary was paid to an employee who is the sister of a trustee of £40,145 (2023: £38,783). No payments where made to any other related parties in the year (2023: £130 for maintenance was paid to an organisation owned by the ex-husband of a trustee).

All related party transactions were conducted at the market rate for the services received.

HULL WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1160440

Accounts

Smailes Goldie Group
CREATING ADVANTAGE

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1160440

Hull Women's Aid

Financial Statements

31st March 2023

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Hull Women's Aid

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2023

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 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 January 2019).

The charity is registered as Hull Women's Aid. Its working name is Hull Women's Aid, abbreviated for the purposes of this report to HWA.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

- To provide safe accommodation, practical and emotional support and advice to women, children and young people who are experiencing or who have experienced domestic abuse.
- To provide support and advice to women, children and young people in their own homes to enable them to live free from abuse.
- To recognise and respond to the physical, emotional and educational needs of the individual involved.
- To educate and inform the public, the media and other organisations with respect to the abuse of women, children and young people.
- To work with partner organisations to improve the quality of life for women, children and young people who are living with/fleeing domestic abuse.
- To support women, children and young people in establishing safe, independent lives free from domestic abuse.
- To operate principally, but not exclusively, within the city of Kingston-upon-Hull.

Significant Activities

Day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Chief Executive Officer. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and the Chief Executive Officer has responsibility for the day to day and operational management of the services, supervision of the staff team (some of which is undertaken by other delegated staff) and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Refuge

The primary aim of the service is to provide safe accommodation to women and children. This is delivered by a dedicated team of Support Workers. HWA provides a 24 hour On Call Support Service in a purpose built refuge accommodating up to thirteen families, plus a stand-alone property for one family to extend the refuge accommodation. The buildings are owned by Places for People Housing Association and (other than the dispersed property) provide a range of communal facilities for the women, children and young people.

Move On / Floating Support Service

This is an integral part of the service that HWA provides and aims to support women leaving the refuge and those already living in the community. Community based support offers a wide range of intervention to help women and their children overcome their experiences of domestic abuse. As well as dealing with safety issues, the floating support worker also successfully helps women to settle into their properties, deal with any difficulties as they arise, both practically and emotionally, as well as helping women to build up a network of relations to foster independence and integration within the community. Once women are settled in their own homes, help with finding suitable employment, childcare and further education is offered.

Children's and Young People's Service

In order to address the impact of domestic abuse on the lives of children and young people, the Children & Young People's (C&YP) workers have to build up trust with them. They do this by finding creative, imaginative and non-threatening ways of enabling them to express their worries and anxieties, and support them in finding ways to feel safer, and deal with their anger and frustration, helping them to rebuild damaged family relationships with siblings and non-abusive parents or carers.

Young adults up to the age of 25 can be supported by the C&YP service and it is recognised that young adults have different needs to those of the children or the women receiving support. This flexibility within the provision of support is a strength of HWA as service users can access support from a variety of specialist workers employed by HWA.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Nursery Provision for pre-school children and Family Support
The aim of the nursery nurse/family support worker is to address the negative impact of domestic violence on the infant and young child. An environment is provided that is conducive to calm and tranquillity to enable the child to develop as an individual - emotionally and socially. The nursery support includes the use of suitable books, art equipment and role play to allow children to express their feelings. In addition to the daily sessions work there is also one to one provision to ensure that the specific needs of the individual are met in order to address the effects of exposure to domestic violence and offer appropriate support to the child. Another aspect of the support work provided is in relation to assisting the mothers whose relationships with their children are under stress as they recover from their traumatic experiences. The support is non-judgemental and offers validity to their existing strengths in attempt to rebuild their confidence in parenting.

Public Benefit
The aims and objectives of HWA are reviewed periodically. The activities and service delivery of HWA are evaluated against available resources and the needs of the service users. New activities and services are not adopted if they would compromise the support needs of existing service users. Against a background of cuts to funding of public services and increasing demands on existing, and potential, funders it is felt that HWA should continue to focus on meeting the needs of the public by successfully delivering services where there is a proven demand and where it has been recognised that HWA has the skills and experience to meet that demand for services in a cost effective manner:

From 71 referrals in 2022-2023, 43 women and 72 children benefitted from the provision of safe accommodation and related refuge service with an average length of stay of 125 days.

During the same period our Floating Support Service supported 217 women in their own tenancies, having had 615 referrals, whilst our helpline received 2,195 calls. Our 24 hour on call phone took 429 calls out of office hours.

Our online live chat service, staffed by specialist practitioners had 228 conversations during the year April 2022 to March 2023, supporting those people who were unable to speak. Our live chat is monitored every day between 10 am - 12 noon, 2 pm - 4pm and 6pm - 10pm.

In 2022-2023 165 children benefitted from the provision of safe accommodation (refuge and hostel accommodation) and related refuge services.

In 2022-2023 our Children and Young People's Service worked with 278 children and young adults up to the age of 25 to address the impact of domestic abuse on their lives, whilst our service received 375 referrals.

Through the outstanding endeavours of HWA staff, friends, family and supporters, one of our CYP practitioner's was seconded to run a Women and Girls Project in Hull, financed by the Big Give in March 2022.

31% of teenage girls who are referred to our service by the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference are either in, or at risk of being in an abusive relationship. With the ever-increasing demands on our services, and other services in our local area, we experience high volumes of cases and with limited capacity we have an increasing waiting list of young people who need immediate support. Through this project we established a new role, dedicated specifically to provide 1:1 support for young girls aged 13+. Our practitioner works collaboratively with local schools to raise awareness of domestic abuse, how to spot 'red flags' and what to do if they suspect either themselves or their friend is in an abusive relationship. By doing this, we hope to be able to support more teenagers in Hull. Keeping more girls safe and free from abuse. For the year 2022-2023, 16 teenagers and young women have benefitted from this support.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to following guidance published by the Charity Commission in connection with public benefit.

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2023

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable Activities

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of refuge accommodation; Floating Support; Children and Young People's Service; drop-in, telephone and online chat advice; our website and volunteering opportunities in our charity shop and training delivered to schools and agencies. HWA, along with partner agencies has the responsibility of delivering domestic abuse training for the safeguarding partnership board.

Fundraising Activities

Fundraising takes place to allow HWA to offer outings and activities during the school holidays that provide the children and young people with positive new experiences and happy memories. Many children and young people in the refuge are from underprivileged backgrounds and efforts are made to organise activities that they have not experienced before. This could be something as simple as a day trip to the seaside.

The staff and volunteers at our charity shop had a busy year as the shop goes from strength to strength. They have done a wonderful job through challenging times, and are a good point of contact for our supporters in the community.

The employment of a part time fundraiser to spearhead our fundraising and grant applications has been validated and a short term internship by a University of Hull student to increase our social media platform has also proven to be highly successful. Social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, have helped spread the word on the work of Hull Women's Aid and the need for fundraising support. They have proved a valuable resource when advertising events and seeking specific support.

We continue to be reliant upon support from many varied organisations, businesses, groups and individuals and greatly appreciate all the hard work of our supporters.

Financial review

Financial Position

The running of the refuge is funded by rental and amenities income. Grants, donations and contracts from various sources provide funding for specialist Domestic Abuse Practitioners to deliver support to residents and other eligible service users within the refuge and on outreach. Where permitted, any surpluses arising from refuge income or support contracts are carried forward to meet any under-funding in future periods. Given the nature of the accommodation and support services provided, it is important that there are sufficient funds available if the current funding arrangement ceased. This is to ensure that women and children living in the refuge can retain their accommodation and receive support until appropriate alternative accommodation can be secured, or until a new source of funding can be obtained. The current balance held in unrestricted reserves is sufficient to enable HWA to achieve this aim.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Principal Funding Sources

HWA continued to receive the greater part of its funding for the Refuge, Move-On and Floating Support services from Hull City Council during 2022-2023 through Housing Related Support contracts, and rent in the form of Housing Benefit.

During school holidays HWA relies on the generosity of various local businesses and organisations to fund outings and activities, such as Kids Out and the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. BBC Children In Need continues to be the majority funder for our nursery and family practitioner, whilst the outreach Children & Young People's service continues to be funded by Hull City Council Housing Related Support. Global Media Group Services also supported a C&YP practitioner during this year. The provision of therapy for our service users was supported by Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, and monies for women with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) was donated by the Chamberlain Trust. HWA operates a cycle of fundraising to maintain service levels. Discounted rates also supported HWA's goal to provide new experiences for our families. William's Den, York Maze and Hull New Theatre were amongst the many organisations who helped reduce our costs.

Having opened its doors in November 2018 our charity shop has become firmly established in the community, with a reputation for quality goods and exceptional service. It is HWA's intention for the shop to support the charity's sustainability. For Christmas 2022 the shop sold cards designed by a child living in the refuge and we hope to build on this success in progressive years. We are also hoping online sales can be established.

HWA received a three year grant for core costs from Lloyds Bank in 2019-2020 to strengthen our existing services, both in the refuge and in the community. We were fortunate to receive a further fourth year of funding this year and the money has enabled HWA to meet the high demand and provide holistic packages of support to families.

Reserves Policy

Funds are set aside in separate designated funds to meet exceptional employment related costs (redundancy, sickness and maternity) and a staff continuation fund whereby funds are set aside to cover six months' of staff wages in case of closure.

The monies in these funds have been reviewed to be at acceptable levels given the profile of the current employees. The Trustees have agreed a target of £40,000 as a minimum level of free reserves. At the balance sheet date the level of free reserves met the target amount which the trustees consider to be within acceptable parameters. Balances in restricted funds are maintained to ensure that key services can continue until additional funding is secured or until the service is wound down without causing hardship to existing service users.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Future Developments

There is still a need to expand women's, children's and young people's services delivered outside the refuge in order for service users to benefit from preventative work, long-term support and also to meet existing demand.

The overriding objectives for the future continue to be for HWA to support our Service Users, and to maintain the Children & Young People's Services and expand all services to meet current demand, as well as seeking new opportunities to improve the services offered to victims of domestic abuse.

Flexible service delivery remains a priority, along with diversifying funding streams.

All objectives are included in the Business Plan and are subject to periodic monitoring and review by the Trustees.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all those involved in Hull Women's Aid's continuing efforts to support women and children living with or fleeing domestic abuse in Hull, East Yorkshire and the surrounding areas.

Thank you to our hard working staff, Trustees and volunteers for their unstinting loyalty to Hull Women's Aid and to the numerous individual donors, businesses, organisations and groups that offer financial and physical support including BBC Children In Need, Lloyds Bank, Asda Foundation, Lineage Logistics staff and directors, Hudgell Solicitors, Global Charities Ltd, Viking FM, Women's Institutes, Mother Humber Memorial Fund, Cranswick Convenience Foods, Unite Union, , B&Q, Aldi, Cash4Kids, Ann Watson Trust, Sainsbury's, Family Holiday Association, Joseph Rank Benevolent Fund, Joseph and Annie Cattle Trust, Hesslewood Children's Trust, Re:new, Liz and Terry Bramall Trust, Tesco, Lidl Community Foundation, Lidl Toy Bear Fund, Ann Watson's Trust, The Tribune Trust, Balfour Beatty, Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust, Sharegift, Hull Seahorses, Jigsaw (Beverley), Phillips 66 Humber, TRG Winds Ltd, and The Fitton Trust to name but a few.

We would especially like to take this opportunity to thank our anonymous donors.

Written by a former resident:

To those that come and go
Hold your head up high.
And if you're feeling low
It's okay to have a cry.
Remember at the refuge
You made a brand new start,
And keep those that helped you get there
Forever in your heart,
And whatever road you choose
Whether it be right or wrong
Remember it's your path to choose
Now you can remain strong.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission on 11 February 2015 and commenced operating on 1 April 2015 when the original charity (registration number 504903) transferred all assets and liabilities to the new HWA CIO. The original organisation was established on 16 July 1975 and registered as a charity on 6 February 1976. The original charity has been removed from the Register of Charities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

All members of the Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and members may be re-elected or re-appointed. Trustees are recruited from local women that have a particular interest in the field of domestic abuse. Trustees with specialist skills such as social care, personnel, legal and finance skills are actively recruited.

The Board is responsible for implementing strategic development, guaranteeing financial soundness, and ensuring adherence to policies and procedures. Day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and the staff team.

Induction and Training of New Trustees

New Trustees are made familiar with the refuge and the activities of HWA. Relevant members of staff are made available to support new Trustees and Trustees are able to attend staff training or other courses as appropriate. New trustees are made aware of Charity Commission guidance, HWA policies, procedures and financial controls.

Related Parties

Hull City Council (HCC) is a major provider of funding for Hull Women's Aid and one trustee was employed by Hull City Council up 2 August 2021 but has since retired from the council. One trustee is the sister of a senior member of staff and for this reason does not participate in employment issues other than at a strategic level or as part of a recruitment panel. Both sisters are not permitted to co-sign cheques or other documents.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.
The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the Charity may face.
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan.
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise.
- completion of an internal financial control checklist devised for charities.

Risk assessments are used to identify training needs and are incorporated into the monitoring and evaluation system which feeds into service development.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1160440

Registered office

PO Box 557
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU5 2YB

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2023

Trustees
The names of the trustees and senior members of staff are not disclosed In order to protect the confidentiality and security of the Refuge residents, the Trustees and Staff in accordance with a dispensation granted by the Charity Commission.

Hull Women's Aid Board of Trustees Includes the following elected officers: Chair, Vice Chair, General Secretary and Treasurer. The officers of the Trustees are elected annually and hold office from the end of the meeting at which they are elected for a minimum of one year. All officers of the Trustees may be elected for a further term of office.

The charity has been granted a dispensation by the Charity Commission under Section 10(3) of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 not to disclose the location of the Refuge or the names of Trustees or staff.

Auditors
Smailes Goldie
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Statutory Auditor
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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity 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 of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice 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 Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware.
- 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Smailes Goldie, 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, on 23 January 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Alice Whiteoak
Chair

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Hull Women's Aid

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Hull Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 charity's affairs as at 31st 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

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

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

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; 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 are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Charities Act 2011, anti-bribery, environmental and health and safety legislation. An understanding of these laws and regulations and the extent of compliance was obtained through discussion with management and inspecting legal and regulatory correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management and considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with relevant regulators and the limited liability partnership's legal advisors.

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission, or misrepresentation.

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. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Smailes Goldie
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of S1212 of the Companies Act 2006
Regent's Court
Princess Street
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU2 8BA

Date: 23 January 2024

Hull Women's Aid

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	**90,995**	-	**14,207**	**105,202**	88,675
Charitable activities	4					
Advice & support		**35,803**	-	**728,047**	**763,850**	591,958
Investment income	3	**6,534**	-	-	**6,534**	4,868
Total		**133,332**	-	**742,254**	**875,586**	685,501
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	5	**5,922**	-	-	**5,922**	7,266
Charitable activities	6					
Advice & support		**20,976**	**4,981**	**818,295**	**844,252**	719,799
Total		**26,898**	**4,981**	**818,295**	**850,174**	727,065
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**106,434**	**(4,981)**	**(76,041)**	**25,412**	(41,564)
Transfers between funds	16	**(106,434)**	**69,268**	**37,166**	-	-
Net movement in funds		-	**64,287**	**(38,875)**	**25,412**	(41,564)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		**40,000**	**350,923**	**451,160**	**842,083**	883,647
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**40,000**	**415,210**	**412,285**	**867,495**	842,083

The notes form part of these financial statements

Hull Women's Aid

Balance Sheet
31st March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	**181,541**	191,668
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	**13,828**	116,995
Cash at bank		**742,934**	636,997
		756,762	753,992
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	**(70,808)**	(103,577)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**685,954**	650,415
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**867,495**	842,083
NET ASSETS		**867,495**	842,083
FUNDS	16		
Unrestricted funds		**455,210**	390,923
Restricted funds		**412,285**	451,160
TOTAL FUNDS		**867,495**	842,083

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Alice Whiteoak
Chair

The notes form part of these financial statements

Hull Women's Aid

Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**102,662**	(82,892)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**102,662**	(82,892)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(3,259)**	(3,536)
Interest received		**1,443**	85
Rent received		**5,091**	4,783
Net cash provided by investing activities		**3,275**	1,332
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**105,937**	(81,560)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**636,997**	718,557
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**742,934**	636,997

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31st March 2023

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Net Income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**25,412**	(41,564)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**13,386**	24,368
Interest received	**(1,443)**	(85)
Rent received	**(5,091)**	(4,783)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**103,167**	(96,713)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	**(32,769)**	35,885
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	**102,662**	(82,892)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	**636,997**	**105,937**	**742,934**
	636,997	**105,937**	**742,934**
Total	**636,997**	**105,937**	**742,934**

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)' and Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income
Housing benefit and other charges for the occupation of the refuge are accounted for on an accruals basis. Government grants are recognised using the performance model and are recognised in full when performance conditions are met. Other grants are recognised using the accruals model and are released in line with costs. Grants and donations which are conditional upon the provision of services are treated as deferred income so that the income is not recognised until such times as the services have been provided. Other income is recognised when the Charity has established its entitlement, certainty that it will be received and can make a reliable estimate of its monetary value. Donations in kind are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, which is the value the charity would have been willing to pay on the open market, a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure or assets 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.

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

Freehold property	Not depreciated
Fixture and fitting	20 - 25% on cost
Motor vehicles	20 - 25% on cost
Computer equipment	20 - 25% on cost

Taxation
Hull Women's Aid (CIO) is a UK registered charity, number 1160440. All the charity's income is applied to its charitable objectives and the charity is, therefore, exempt under current legislation for most forms of taxation. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity and is, therefore, charged to the Statement of Financial Activities or Balance Sheet as incurred.

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.

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Legal status of the charity
The charity is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and has no share capital. In the event of the CIO being wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Financial instruments
The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year
Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Operating leases
Amounts payable under operating leases are charged to expenditure on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Going concern
The Trustees, having considered the information available at this time, and forecasts going forward (for at least the next year), have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	105,202	88,675

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rental income	5,091	4,783
Deposit account interest	1,443	85
	6,534	4,868

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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2023 £	2022 £
Rents received	Advice & support	**120,852**	116,441
Grants	Advice & support	**642,998**	475,517
		763,850	591,958

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Housing Related Support	**424,452**	362,440
Children & Young People Outreach Project	**-**	10,520
Other	**1,352**	892
BBC Children in Need	**59,415**	42,518
Managing Agents Fee for Places for People Properties	**20,600**	16,582
Provision of accommodation and facilities	**12,000**	-
Lloyds	**35,250**	10,160
COVID-19 Relief	**4,021**	4,265
Trusthouse	**21,678**	943
B&Q	**5,000**	5,000
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	**-**	16,425
Liz & Terry Bramall	**4,228**	5,772
Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust	**5,000**	-
Renew	**2,500**	-
Global Make Some Noise	**29,779**	-
Big Give	**17,723**	-
	642,998	475,517

5. RAISING FUNDS

	2023 £	2022 £
Shop expenses	**5,922**	7,266

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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	519,635	115,287	634,922	532,765
Establishment costs	174,792	21,739	196,531	175,537
Finance and governance	1,917	10,882	12,799	11,677
	696,344	147,908	844,252	719,799

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	13,386	24,368
Auditor's remuneration - audit work	4,073	4,247
Auditor's remuneration - non-audit work	4,073	4,247

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

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

9. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	580,251	485,229
Social security costs	45,499	39,407
Pension	9,172	8,128
	634,922	532,764

Total remuneration for key management personnel is £72,557 (2022: £67,991).

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

	2023	2022
Housing Related Support & Other Support	10	10
Children & Young People's Services	8	5
Management & Admin	5	5
Cleaning	1	1
Shop Staff	2	2
	26	23

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	77,101	-	11,574	88,675
Charitable activities				
Advice & support	30,757	-	561,201	591,958
Investment Income	4,868	-	-	4,868
Total	112,726	-	572,775	685,501
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	7,266	-	-	7,266
Charitable activities				
Advice & support	17,028	6,752	696,019	719,799
Total	24,294	6,752	696,019	727,065
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	88,432	(6,752)	(123,244)	(41,564)
Transfers between funds	(88,432)	41,753	46,679	-
Net movement in funds	-	35,001	(76,565)	(41,564)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	40,000	315,924	527,723	883,647
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	40,000	350,925	451,158	842,083

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st April 2022	**167,165**	**115,218**	**23,698**	**53,650**	**359,731**
Additions	**-**	**2,581**	**-**	**678**	**3,259**
At 31st March 2023	**167,165**	**117,799**	**23,698**	**54,328**	**362,990**
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st April 2022	**-**	**101,325**	**23,698**	**43,040**	**168,063**
Charge for year	**-**	**9,938**	**-**	**3,448**	**13,386**
At 31st March 2023	**-**	**111,263**	**23,698**	**46,488**	**181,449**
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st March 2023	**167,165**	**6,536**	**-**	**7,840**	**181,541**
At 31st March 2022	167,165	13,893	-	10,610	191,668

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

Not capitalised in the accounts is the refuge from which the Charity operates and which is owned by Places for People (previously New Leaf / North British Housing Association). The property was constructed in the 1980s and provides 13 accommodation units for women and their children. Due to the bespoke nature of the property, the trustees are unable to place an economic value on the provision of this facility.

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments	13,828	116,995

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors and accruals	70,808	103,577

14. LEASING AGREEMENTS

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	5,875	5,875
Between one and five years	5,876	11,751
	11,751	17,626

The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £5,875 (2022: £5,875).

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-	181,541	181,541	191,668
Current assets	40,000	415,210	301,552	756,762	753,992
Current liabilities	-	-	(70,808)	(70,808)	(103,577)
	40,000	415,210	412,285	867,495	842,083

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	40,000	106,434	(106,434)	40,000
Designated - Minibus	22,000	-	-	22,000
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	20,000	(4,981)	4,981	20,000
Designated - Property	15,000	-	-	15,000
Designated - Staffing contingency	293,923	-	64,287	358,210
	390,923	101,453	(37,166)	455,210
Restricted funds				
Restricted - Support	384,714	(38,875)	-	345,839
Restricted - Emergency	41,194	-	-	41,194
Resticted - Translation	3,376	-	-	3,376
Restricted - Crisis	2,506	-	-	2,506
Restricted - New home packs	16	-	-	16
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	-	(37,166)	37,166	-
Other restricted - Activities & resources	19,354	-	-	19,354
	451,160	(76,041)	37,166	412,285
TOTAL FUNDS	842,083	25,412	-	867,495

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General	133,332	(26,898)	106,434
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	-	(4,981)	(4,981)
	133,332	(31,879)	101,453
Restricted funds			
Restricted - Support	603,602	(642,477)	(38,875)
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	138,652	(175,818)	(37,166)
	742,254	(818,295)	(76,041)
TOTAL FUNDS	875,586	(850,174)	25,412

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	40,000	88,431	(88,431)	40,000
Designated - Minibus	22,000	(3,454)	3,454	22,000
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	20,000	(3,299)	3,299	20,000
Designated - Property	15,000	-	-	15,000
Designated - Staffing contingency	258,924	-	34,999	293,923
	355,924	81,678	(46,679)	390,923
Restricted funds				
Restricted - Support	438,382	(53,668)	-	384,714
Restricted - Emergency	41,194	-	-	41,194
Restricted - Translation	3,376	-	-	3,376
Restricted - Crisis	2,506	-	-	2,506
Restricted - New home packs	16	-	-	16
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	22,895	(69,574)	46,679	-
Other restricted - Activities & resources	19,354	-	-	19,354
	527,723	(123,242)	46,679	451,160
TOTAL FUNDS	883,647	(41,564)	-	842,083

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General	112,725	(24,294)	88,431
Designated - Minibus	-	(3,454)	(3,454)
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	-	(3,299)	(3,299)
	112,725	(31,047)	81,678
Restricted funds			
Restricted - Support	498,002	(551,668)	(53,666)
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	74,774	(144,350)	(69,576)
	572,776	(696,018)	(123,242)
TOTAL FUNDS	685,501	(727,065)	(41,564)

The **General fund** contains income derived from bank interest and sundry donations. There are no restrictions on the application of the funds.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The **Support fund** holds all funding relating to the running of the Refuge and the delivery of support services. Income in this fund consists of charges to residents, the current Housing Related Support contract, the Section 180 grant and government funding to support the provision of refuge accommodation. Expenditure is restricted to the activities associated with the operation of the Refuge and to supporting women who are living within the Refuge, receiving outreach support or other forms of support. The trustees have used some of the balances held in this fund to purchase a property which will aid the charity in achieving its aims and address some of the problems associated with current service delivery. The property will be used as a charity shop and advice centre and provide much needed additional space for service delivery. The flat above the shop was undergoing renovation during 2015-16 with a view to letting as an investment property during 2016-17 onwards.

The **Children & Young People's Project** funded by the NHS via Hull City Council provides outreach support to children and young people. The project also delivers training in local schools and other local organisations.

Comic Relief funds a worker for the Young Survivor's project and **BBC Children In Need** funds a part time worker for the under 11's.

The **Activities/Resources fund** holds donations and grants specifically received to support the costs of activities, resources, trips and outings for children, young people and families living in the Refuge and also for those being supported on an outreach basis.
The **Translation fund** and the **Emergency fund** (primarily for refuge and related services) were donated by Hull DAP for and consist of funds previously allocated for joint working project costs.

The **Minibus and Vehicle fund** was established for the purpose of purchasing a new minibus which was purchased in 2013 using some money specifically donated for the purpose and a designated fund. Monies have been designated to cover depreciation relating to this minibus and a further amount allocated for a replacement or additional vehicle.

The **Crisis fund** represents donations and money raised specifically for the purpose of meeting the urgent needs of women and children when they enter or leave the Refuge. This may include essentials such as food, travel to a place of safety and child safety gates.

Grants for individuals fund contains donations/grants received on behalf of individuals (where money cannot be paid directly to the individual) primarily to assist with the costs of setting up a new home and are held until the new home has been secured. Any balances held are due to the timing of payments for individuals.

Other funds are raised to support activities and to purchase items to improve the lives of the residents in the Refuge or for those receiving Outreach support. Any excess is carried forward each year with the approval of donors where appropriate.

The designated **Refuge Furniture and Decorating fund** is held to ensure that there are always sufficient funds available to maintain the Refuge to a high standard in accordance with the management agreement. Expenditure comes from rental income unless there is a shortfall in available funds.

Designated **Staffing Contingency fund** represent monies set aside to cover 6 months of full staffing, without overtime, in the event of long periods of sickness, maternity leave or from redundancy situations arising from any unforeseen cuts in grants or other income and where there is no provision within any relevant restricted fund to cover such costs. The funds are reviewed periodically and amounts designated to fit the current staff profile and funding position.

The designated **Property fund** has been established to ensure that there are sufficient funds available for emergency repairs for the building owned by HWA.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds

The transfer from unrestricted to restricted Children & Young People's Project fund relates to supplementing income to cover related expenses

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year payment for maintenance was made to an organisation owned by the ex-husband of a trustee for £130 (2022: £328), and a gross annual salary was paid to an employee who is the sister of a trustee of £38,783 (2022: £36,233).

Both related party transactions were conducted at the market rate for the services received.

HULL WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1160440

Accounts

Smailes Goldie Group
CREATING ADVANTAGE

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1160440

Hull Women's Aid

Financial Statements

31st March 2022

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Smailes Goldie Group is a trading name of Smailes Goldie Partnership

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Report of the Trustees
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In accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 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).

The charity is registered as Hull Women's Aid. Its working name is Hull Women's Aid, abbreviated for the purposes of this report to HWA.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Objectives and Aims

- To provide safe accommodation, practical and emotional support and advice to women, children and young people who are experiencing or who have experienced domestic abuse.
- To provide support and advice to women, children and young people in their own homes to enable them to live free from abuse.
- To recognise and respond to the physical, emotional and educational needs of the individual involved.
- To educate and inform the public, the media and other organisations with respect to the abuse of women, children and young people.
- To work with partner organisations to improve the quality of life for women, children and young people who are living with/fleeing domestic abuse.
- To support women, children and young people in establishing safe, independent lives free from domestic abuse.
- To operate principally, but not exclusively, within the city of Kingston-upon-Hull.

Significant Activities
Day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Chief Executive Officer. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and the Chief Executive Officer has responsibility for the day to day and operational management of the services, supervision of the staff team (some of which is undertaken by other delegated staff) and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Refuge
The primary aim of the service is to provide safe accommodation to women and children. This is delivered by a dedicated team of Support Workers. HWA provides a 24 hour On Call Support Service in a purpose built refuge accommodating up to thirteen families, plus a stand-alone property for one family to extend the refuge accommodation. The buildings are owned by Places for People Housing Association and (other than the dispersed property) provide a range of communal facilities for the women, children and young people.

Move On / Floating Support Service
This is an integral part of the service that HWA provides and aims to support women leaving the refuge and those already living in the community. Community based support offers a wide range of intervention to help women and their children overcome their experiences of domestic abuse. As well as dealing with safety issues, the floating support worker also successfully helps women to settle into their properties, deal with any difficulties as they arise, both practically and emotionally, as well as helping women to build up a network of relations to foster independence and integration within the community. Once women are settled in their own homes, help with finding suitable employment, childcare and further education is offered.

Children's and Young People's Service
In order to address the impact of domestic abuse on the lives of children and young people, the Children & Young People's (C&YP) workers have to build up trust with them. They do this by finding creative, imaginative and non-threatening ways of enabling them to express their worries and anxieties, and support them in finding ways to feel safer, and deal with their anger and frustration, helping them to rebuild damaged family relationships with siblings and non-abusive parents or carers.

Young adults up to the age of 25 can be supported by the C&YP service and it is recognised that young adults have different needs to those of the children or the women receiving support. This flexibility within the provision of support is a strength of HWA as service users can access support from a variety of specialist workers employed by HWA.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Nursery Provision for pre-school children and Family Support
The aim of the nursery nurse/family support worker is to address the negative impact of domestic violence on the infant and young child. An environment is provided that is conducive to calm and tranquillity to enable the child to develop as an individual - emotionally and socially. The nursery support includes the use of suitable books, art equipment and role play to allow children to express their feelings. In addition to the daily sessions work there is also one to one provision to ensure that the specific needs of the individual are met in order to address the effects of exposure to domestic violence and offer appropriate support to the child. Another aspect of the support work provided is in relation to assisting the mothers whose relationships with their children are under stress as they recover from their traumatic experiences. The support is non-judgemental and offers validity to their existing strengths in attempt to rebuild their confidence in parenting.

Public Benefit
The aims and objectives of HWA are reviewed periodically. The activities and service delivery of HWA are evaluated against available resources and the needs of the service users. New activities and services are not adopted if they would compromise the support needs of existing service users. Against a background of cuts to funding of public services and increasing demands on existing, and potential, funders it is felt that HWA should continue to focus on meeting the needs of the public by successfully delivering services where there is a proven demand and where it has been recognised that HWA has the skills and experience to meet that demand for services in a cost effective manner:

In 2021-2022 45 women and 68 children benefitted from the provision of safe accommodation and related refuge service with an average length of stay of 132 days.

During the same period our Floating Support Service supported 189 women in the community, whilst our helpline received 2,153 calls. Our 24 hour on call phone took 620 calls out of office hours

Between the months of October 2021 and March 2022 our live online chat facility had 121 conversations with women seeking support.

In 2021-2022 82 children benefitted from the provision of safe accommodation (refuge and hostel accommodation) and related refuge service.

In 2021-2022 our Children and Young People's Service received 306 referrals. 227 children and young adults up to the age of 25 were supported to address the impact of domestic abuse on their lives.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to following guidance published by the Charity Commission in connection with public benefit.

STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Charitable Activities
The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of refuge accommodation; Floating Support; Children and Young People's Service; drop-in, telephone and online chat advice; our website and volunteering opportunities in our charity shop and training delivered to schools and agencies. HWA, along with partner agencies has the responsibility of delivering domestic abuse training for the safeguarding partnership board.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Achievement and performance
Fundraising Activities
Fundraising takes place to allow HWA to offer outings and activities during the school holidays that provide the children and young people with positive new experiences and happy memories. Many children and young people in the refuge are from underprivileged backgrounds and efforts are made to organise activities that they have not experienced before. This could be something as simple as a day trip to the seaside.

The staff and volunteers at our charity shop had a busy year as the shop goes from strength to strength. They have done a wonderful job through challenging times, and are a good point of contact for our supporters in the community.

We are in the process of registering with the Fundraising Regulator and are assessing how to monitor these once registration is complete. The charity shop has received no complaints.

The employment of a part time fundraiser to spearhead our fundraising and grant applications has been validated and a short term internship by a University of Hull student to increase our social media platform has also proven to be highly successful. Social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, have helped spread the word on the work of Hull Women's Aid and the need for fundraising support. They have proved a valuable resource when advertising events and seeking specific support.

We continue to be reliant upon support from many varied organisations, businesses, groups and individuals and greatly appreciate all the hard work of our supporters.

Financial review
Financial Position
The running of the refuge is funded by rental and amenities income. Grants, donations and contracts from various sources provide funding for specialist Domestic Abuse Practitioners to deliver support to residents and other eligible service users within the refuge and on outreach. Where permitted, any surpluses arising from refuge income or support contracts are carried forward to meet any under-funding in future periods. Given the nature of the accommodation and support services provided, it is important that there are sufficient funds available if the current funding arrangement ceased. This is to ensure that women and children living in the refuge can retain their accommodation and receive support until appropriate alternative accommodation can be secured, or until a new source of funding can be obtained. The current balance held in unrestricted reserves is sufficient to enable HWA to achieve this aim.

Principal Funding Sources
HWA continued to receive the greater part of its funding for the Refuge, Move-On and Floating Support services from Hull City Council during 2021-22 through Housing Related Support grants, and rent in the form of Housing Benefit. Additional funding was made available by HCC as a direct consequence of the Domestic Abuse Act which was passed in April 2021. Individuals, charitable trusts and other organisations have contributed to other funds including the Crisis and the Activities funds.

During school holidays HWA relies on the generosity of various local businesses and organisations to fund outings and activities, such as Kids Out and the Middle Child Theatre Company. BBC Children in Need has helped to maintain a support service for under 11s and the Liz and Terry Bramall Trust funded the nursery support to families living in the refuge. The outreach Children & Young People's support service continues to be funded by Hull City Council Housing Related Support. HWA operates a cycle of fundraising to maintain service levels.

Having opened its doors in November 2018 our charity shop has become firmly established in the community, with a reputation for quality goods and exceptional service. It is HWA's intention for the shop to support the charity's sustainability.

HWA received a three year grant for core costs from Lloyds Bank to strengthen our existing services, both in the refuge and in the community. We received an additional year's funding which has been gratefully received, this additional funding has enabled HWA to meet the high demand after the Covid-19 pandemic and continue to provide holistic packages of support to families.

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STRATEGIC REPORT
Financial review
Reserves Policy
Funds are set aside in separate designated funds to meet exceptional employment related costs (redundancy, sickness and maternity) and Trustees agreed to a staff continuation fund in November 2021 whereby funds were set aside to cover six months' of staff wages in case of closure.

The monies in these funds have been reviewed to be at acceptable levels given the profile of the current employees. The general fund has sufficient free reserves to enable HWA to react to unforeseen events and take advantage of new opportunities. The trustees have agreed a target of £30,000 as a minimum level of free reserves, with £40,000 being the preferred target amount. At the balance sheet date the level of free reserves met the preferred target which the trustees consider to be within acceptable parameters. Balances in restricted funds are maintained to ensure that key services can continue until additional funding is secured or until the service is wound down without causing hardship to existing service users.

Future Developments
There is still a need to expand women's, children's and young people's services delivered outside the refuge in order for service users to benefit from preventative work, long-term support and also to meet existing demand.

The overriding objectives for the future continue to be for HWA to support our Service Users, and to maintain the Children & Young People's Services and expand all services to meet current demand, as well as seeking new opportunities to improve the services offered to victims of domestic abuse.

Flexible service delivery remains a priority, along with diversifying funding streams.

All objectives are included in the Business Plan and are subject to periodic monitoring and review by the Trustees.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all those involved in Hull Women's Aid's continuing efforts to support women and children living with or fleeing domestic abuse in Hull, East Yorkshire and the surrounding areas.

Thank you to our hard working staff, Trustees and volunteers for their unstinting loyalty to Hull Women's Aid and to the numerous individual donors, businesses, organisations and groups that offer financial and physical support including BBC Children in Need, Lloyds Bank, Asda Foundation, AAK, International, Hudgell Solicitors, Phoenix Business Community, Viking FM, Women's Institutes, Mother Humber Memorial Fund, Cranswick Convenience Foods, Unite Union, Postcode Neighbourhood Trust, B&Q, Aldi, Cash4Kids, Ann Watson Trust, Sainsbury's, Family Holiday Association, Joseph Rank Benevolent Fund, Joseph and Annie Cattle Trust, Chamberlain Trust, Charles and Else Sykes Trust, Charity of FP Finn, Nunburnholme Trust, Hesslewood Children's Trust and The Fitton Trust to name but a few.

We would especially like to take this opportunity to thank our anonymous donors.

Written by a former resident:

To those that come and go
Hold your head up high.
And if you're feeling low
It's okay to have a cry.
Remember at the refuge
You made a brand new start,
And keep those that helped you get there
Forever in your heart,
And whatever road you choose
Whether it be right or wrong
Remember it's your path to choose
Now you can remain strong.

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Report of the Trustees
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission on 11 February 2015 and commenced operating on 1 April 2015 when the original charity (registration number 504903) transferred all assets and liabilities to the new HWA CIO. The original organisation was established on 16 July 1975 and registered as a charity on 6 February 1976. The original charity has been removed from the Register of Charities.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

All members of the Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and members may be re-elected or re-appointed. Trustees are recruited from local women that have a particular interest in the field of domestic abuse. Trustees with specialist skills such as social care, personnel, legal and finance skills are actively recruited.

The Board is responsible for implementing strategic development, guaranteeing financial soundness, and ensuring adherence to policies and procedures. Day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and the staff team.

Induction and Training of New Trustees

New Trustees are made familiar with the refuge and the activities of HWA. Relevant members of staff are made available to support new Trustees and Trustees are able to attend staff training or other courses as appropriate. New trustees are made aware of Charity Commission guidance, HWA policies, procedures and financial controls.

Related Parties

Hull City Council (HCC) is a major provider of funding for Hull Women's Aid and one trustee was employed by Hull City Council up 2 August 2021 but has since retired from the council. One trustee is the sister of a senior member of staff and for this reason does not participate in employment issues other than at a strategic level or as part of a recruitment panel. Both sisters are not permitted to co-sign cheques or other documents.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.
The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the Charity may face.
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan.
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise.
- completion of an internal financial control checklist devised for charities.

Risk assessments are used to identify training needs and are incorporated into the monitoring and evaluation system which feeds into service development.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1160440

Registered office
PO Box 557
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU5 2YB

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Report of the Trustees
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Trustees
The names of the trustees and senior members of staff are not disclosed in order to protect the confidentiality and security of the Refuge residents, the Trustees and Staff in accordance with a dispensation granted by the Charity Commission.

Hull Women's Aid Board of Trustees includes the following elected officers: Chair, Vice Chair, General Secretary and Treasurer. The officers of the Trustees are elected annually and hold office from the end of the meeting at which they are elected for a minimum of one year. All officers of the Trustees may be elected for a further term of office.

The charity has been granted a dispensation by the Charity Commission under Section 10(3) of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 not to disclose the location of the Refuge or the names of Trustees or staff.

Auditors
Smailes Goldie
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Regent's Court
Princess Street
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU2 8BA

Bankers
Unity Trust Bank Plc
Nine Brindley Place
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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2022

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity 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 of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice 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 Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware.
- 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

AUDITORS
The auditors, Smailes Goldie, 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, on 24/01/23 and signed on the board's behalf by: Alice Whiteoak, Chair.

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Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Hull Women's Aid

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Hull Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 charity's affairs as at 31st March 2022 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

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

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

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Hull Women's Aid

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Charities Act 2011, anti-bribery, environmental and health and safety legislation. An understanding of these laws and regulations and the extent of compliance was obtained through discussion with management and inspecting legal and regulatory correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management and considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with relevant regulators and the charity's legal advisors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Hull Women's Aid

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission, or misrepresentation.

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. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Smailes Goldie

Smailes Goldie
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Charities Act 2011
Regent's Court
Princess Street
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU2 8BA

Date: 24 January 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	**2022 Total funds £**	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	**77,101**	-	**11,574**	**88,675**	73,775
Charitable activities	4					
Advice & support		**30,757**	-	**561,201**	**591,958**	762,563
Investment income	3	**4,868**	-	-	**4,868**	5,231
Total		**112,726**	-	**572,775**	**685,501**	841,569
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	5	**7,266**	-	-	**7,266**	4,523
Charitable activities	6					
Advice & support		**17,028**	**6,752**	**696,019**	**719,799**	685,895
Total		**24,294**	**6,752**	**696,019**	**727,065**	690,418
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**88,432**	**(6,752)**	**(123,244)**	**(41,564)**	151,151
Transfers between funds	16	**(88,432)**	**41,751**	**46,681**	-	-
Net movement in funds		-	**34,999**	**(76,563)**	**(41,564)**	151,151
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		**40,000**	**315,924**	**527,723**	**883,647**	732,496
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**40,000**	**350,923**	**451,160**	**842,083**	883,647

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31st March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	**191,668**	212,500
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	**116,995**	20,282
Cash at bank		**636,997**	718,557
		753,992	738,839
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	**(103,577)**	(67,692)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**650,415**	671,147
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**842,083**	883,647
NET ASSETS		**842,083**	883,647
FUNDS	16		
Unrestricted funds		**390,921**	355,924
Restricted funds		**451,162**	527,723
TOTAL FUNDS		**842,083**	883,647

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..24/01/23..... and were signed on its behalf by: Alice Whiteoak, Chair.

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Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(82,892)	159,510
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(82,892)	159,510
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,536)	(25,117)
Interest received		85	618
Rent received		4,783	4,613
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		1,332	(19,886)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(81,560)	139,624
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		718,557	578,933
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		636,997	718,557

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31st March 2022

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**(41,564)**	151,151
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**24,368**	24,507
Interest received	**(85)**	(618)
Rent received	**(4,783)**	(4,613)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(96,713)**	2,860
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**35,885**	(13,777)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	**(82,892)**	159,510

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Cash flow £	**At 31.3.22 £**
Net cash			
Cash at bank	**718,557**	**(81,560)**	**636,997**
	718,557	**(81,560)**	**636,997**
Total	**718,557**	**(81,560)**	**636,997**

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)' and Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income
Housing benefit and other charges for the occupation of the refuge are accounted for on an accruals basis. Government grants are recognised using the performance model and are recognised in full when performance conditions are met. Other grants are recognised using the accruals model and are released in line with costs. Grants and donations which are conditional upon the provision of services are treated as deferred income so that the income is not recognised until such times as the services have been provided. Other income is recognised when the Charity has established its entitlement, certainty that it will be received and can make a reliable estimate of its monetary value. Donations in kind are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, which is the value the charity would have been willing to pay on the open market, a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure or assets 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.

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

Fixture and fitting	20 - 25% on cost
Motor vehicles	20 - 25% on cost
Computer equipment	20 - 25% on cost

Taxation
Hull Women's Aid (CIO) is a UK registered charity, number 1160440. All the charity's income is applied to its charitable objectives and the charity is, therefore, exempt under current legislation for most forms of taxation.

Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity and is, therefore, charged to the Statement of Financial Activities or Balance Sheet as incurred.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

Legal status of the charity
The charity is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and has no share capital. In the event of the CIO being wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Financial instruments
The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year
Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Operating leases
Amounts payable under operating leases are charged to expenditure on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Going concern
The COVID-19 virus has spread worldwide leading to various restrictions on movement, businesses and organisations being imposed. Whilst this presents some uncertainties the charity has so far been able to continue operations albeit at a reduced level. The charity shop has had to close several times and there are increased costs and reduced capacity for the refuge. The charity has put several measures in place to mitigate the risks to staff and the charities operations caused by COVID-19, including taking advantage of various government schemes. It is difficult to say with any certainty the extent and period for which the charity will be adversely affected. The trustees are currently of the view that the charity will continue to be able to operate for at least the next 12 months. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	88,675	73,775

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31st March 2022

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rental income	**4,783**	4,613
Deposit account interest	**85**	618
	4,868	5,231

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2022	2021
		£	£
Rents received	Advice & support	**116,441**	106,405
Grants	Advice & support	**475,517**	656,158
		591,958	762,563

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Housing Related Support	**362,440**	297,808
Children & Young People Outreach Project	**10,520**	26,163
Other	**892**	9,302
BBC Children in Need	**42,518**	34,482
Managing Agents Fee for Places for People Properties	**16,582**	17,994
Lloyds	**10,160**	90,267
COVID-19 Relief	**4,265**	180,142
Trusthouse	**943**	-
B&Q	**5,000**	-
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	**16,425**	-
Liz & Terry Bramall	**5,772**	-
	475,517	656,158

5. RAISING FUNDS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rental property expenses	-	-
Shop expenses	**7,266**	4,523
	7,266	4,523

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31st March 2022

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	**438,552**	**94,213**	**532,765**	495,063
Establishment costs	**160,356**	**15,001**	**175,357**	182,046
Finance and governance	**547**	**11,130**	**11,677**	8,786
	599,455	**120,344**	**719,799**	685,895

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	**24,368**	24,507
Auditor's remuneration - audit work	**4,247**	3,552
Auditor's remuneration - non-audit work	**4,247**	3,552

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2022 nor for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2022 nor for the year ended 31st March 2021.

9. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**485,229**	455,022
Social security costs	**39,407**	37,219
Pension	**8,128**	6,822
	532,764	499,064

Total remuneration for key management personnel is £67,991 (2021: £67,044).

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

	2022	2021
Housing Related Support & Other Support	**10**	9
Children & Young People's Services	**5**	5
Management & Admin	**5**	4
Cleaning	**1**	1
Shop Staff	**2**	2
	23	21

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9. STAFF COSTS - continued

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	70,009	-	3,766	73,775
Charitable activities				
Advice & support	28,733	27,993	705,837	762,563
Investment income	5,231	-	-	5,231
Total	103,973	27,993	709,603	841,569
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	4,523	-	-	4,523
Charitable activities				
Advice & support	25,030	7,199	653,666	685,895
Total	29,553	7,199	653,666	690,418
NET INCOME	74,420	20,794	55,937	151,151
Transfers between funds	(102,031)	102,031	-	-
Net movement in funds	(27,611)	122,825	55,937	151,151
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	67,611	193,099	471,786	732,496
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	40,000	315,924	527,723	883,647

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st April 2021	**167,165**	**113,182**	**23,698**	**52,150**	**356,195**
Additions	**-**	**2,036**	**-**	**1,500**	**3,536**
At 31st March 2022	**167,165**	**115,218**	**23,698**	**53,650**	**359,731**
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st April 2021	**-**	**84,201**	**20,244**	**39,250**	**143,695**
Charge for year	**-**	**17,124**	**3,454**	**3,790**	**24,368**
At 31st March 2022	**-**	**101,325**	**23,698**	**43,040**	**168,063**
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st March 2022	**167,165**	**13,893**	**-**	**10,610**	**191,668**
At 31st March 2021	167,165	28,981	3,454	12,900	212,500

Not capitalised in the accounts is the refuge from which the Charity operates and which is owned by Places for People (previously New Leaf / North British Housing Association). The property was constructed in the 1980s and provides 13 accommodation units for women and their children. Due to the bespoke nature of the property, the trustees are unable to place an economic value on the provision of this facility.

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Debtors and prepayments	**116,995**	20,282

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Creditors and accruals	**103,577**	67,692

14. LEASING AGREEMENTS

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	**5,875**	5,875
Between one and five years	**11,751**	17,626
	17,626	23,501

The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £5,875 (2021: £5,875).

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15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Fixed assets	-	-	**191,668**	**191,668**	212,500
Current assets	**40,000**	**350,923**	**363,069**	**753,992**	738,839
Current liabilities	-	-	**(103,577)**	**(103,577)**	(67,692)
	40,000	**350,923**	**451,160**	**842,083**	883,647

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	**40,000**	**88,432**	**(88,432)**	**40,000**
Designated - Minibus	**22,000**	**(3,453)**	**3,453**	**22,000**
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	**20,000**	**(3,299)**	**3,299**	**20,000**
Designated - Property	**15,000**	-	-	**15,000**
Designated - Staffing contingency	**258,924**	-	**34,999**	**293,923**
	355,924	**81,680**	**(46,681)**	**390,923**
Restricted funds				
Restricted - Support	**438,382**	**(53,668)**	-	**384,714**
Restricted - Emergency	**41,194**	-	-	**41,194**
Resticted - Translation	**3,376**	-	-	**3,376**
Restricted - Crisis	**2,506**	-	-	**2,506**
Restricted - New home packs	**16**	-	-	**16**
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	**22,895**	**(69,576)**	**46,681**	-
Other restricted - Activities & resources	**19,354**	-	-	**19,354**
	527,723	**(123,244)**	**46,681**	**451,160**
TOTAL FUNDS	**883,647**	**(41,564)**	-	**842,083**

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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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General	**112,726**	**(24,294)**	**88,432**
Designated - Minibus	**-**	**(3,453)**	**(3,453)**
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	**-**	**(3,299)**	**(3,299)**
	112,726	**(31,046)**	**81,680**
Restricted funds			
Restricted - Support	**498,001**	**(551,669)**	**(53,668)**
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	**74,774**	**(144,350)**	**(69,576)**
	572,775	**(696,019)**	**(123,244)**
TOTAL FUNDS	**685,501**	**(727,065)**	**(41,564)**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	67,611	74,420	(102,031)	40,000
Designated - Minibus	14,074	(5,925)	13,851	22,000
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	30,955	(1,274)	(9,681)	20,000
Designated - Property	36,207	-	(21,207)	15,000
Designated - Staffing contingency	111,863	27,993	(109,856)	30,000
Designated - Staffing Continuation	-	-	228,924	228,924
	260,710	95,214	-	355,924
Restricted funds				
Restricted - Support	398,609	39,773	-	438,382
Restricted - Emergency	41,194	-	-	41,194
Resticted - Translation	3,376	-	-	3,376
Restricted - Crisis	2,506	-	-	2,506
Restricted - New home packs	16	-	-	16
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	3,935	18,960	-	22,895
Other restricted - Activities & resources	22,150	(2,796)	-	19,354
	471,786	55,937	-	527,723
TOTAL FUNDS	732,496	151,151	-	883,647

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General	103,973	(29,553)	74,420
Designated - Minibus	-	(5,925)	(5,925)
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	-	(1,274)	(1,274)
Designated - Staffing contingency	27,993	-	27,993
	131,966	(36,752)	95,214
Restricted funds			
Restricted - Support	554,925	(515,152)	39,773
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	154,678	(135,718)	18,960
Other restricted - Activities & resources	-	(2,796)	(2,796)
	709,603	(653,666)	55,937
TOTAL FUNDS	841,569	(690,418)	151,151

The **General fund** contains income derived from bank interest and sundry donations. There are no restrictions on the application of the funds.

The **Support fund** holds all funding relating to the running of the Refuge and the delivery of support services. Income in this fund consists of charges to residents, the current Housing Related Support contract, the Section 180 grant and government funding to support the provision of refuge accommodation. Expenditure is restricted to the activities associated with the operation of the Refuge and to supporting women who are living within the Refuge, receiving outreach support or other forms of support. The trustees have used some of the balances held in this fund to purchase a property which will aid the charity in achieving its aims and address some of the problems associated with current service delivery. The property will be used as a charity shop and advice centre and provide much needed additional space for service delivery. The flat above the shop was undergoing renovation during 2015-16 with a view to letting as an investment property during 2016-17 onwards.

The **Children & Young People's Project** funded by the NHS via Hull City Council provides outreach support to children and young people. The project also delivers training in local schools and other local organisations.

Comic Relief funds a worker for the Young Survivor's project and **BBC Children in Need** funds a part time worker for the under 11's.

The **Activities/Resources fund** holds donations and grants specifically received to support the costs of activities, resources, trips and outings for children, young people and families living in the Refuge and also for those being supported on an outreach basis.
The **Translation fund** and the **Emergency fund** (primarily for refuge and related services) were donated by Hull DAP for and consist of funds previously allocated for joint working project costs.

The **Minibus and Vehicle fund** was established for the purpose of purchasing a new minibus which was purchased in 2013 using some money specifically donated for the purpose and a designated fund. Monies have been designated to cover depreciation relating to this minibus and a further amount allocated for a replacement or additional vehicle.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The **Crisis fund** represents donations and money raised specifically for the purpose of meeting the urgent needs of women and children when they enter or leave the Refuge. This may include essentials such as food, travel to a place of safety and child safety gates.

Grants for individuals fund contains donations/grants received on behalf of individuals (where money cannot be paid directly to the individual) primarily to assist with the costs of setting up a new home and are held until the new home has been secured. Any balances held are due to the timing of payments for individuals.

Other funds are raised to support activities and to purchase items to improve the lives of the residents in the Refuge or for those receiving Outreach support. Any excess is carried forward each year with the approval of donors where appropriate.

The designated **Refuge Furniture and Decorating fund** is held to ensure that there are always sufficient funds available to maintain the Refuge to a high standard in accordance with the management agreement. Expenditure comes from rental income unless there is a shortfall in available funds.

Designated **Staffing Contingency fund** represent monies set aside to cover 6 months of full staffing, excluding overtime, in the event of long periods of sickness, maternity leave or from redundancy situations arising from any unforeseen cuts in grants or other income and where there is no provision within any relevant restricted fund to cover such costs. The funds are reviewed periodically and amounts designated to fit the current staff profile and funding position.

The designated **Property fund** has been established to ensure that there are sufficient funds available for emergency repairs for the building owned by HWA.

Transfers between funds

The transfer from unrestricted to restricted Children & Young People's Project fund relates to supplementing income to cover related expenses

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year payment for maintenance was made to an organisation owned by the ex-husband of a trustee for £328 (2021: £50).
There was also wages paid to an employee who is the sister of a trustee of £40,857 (2021: £38,857).

HULL WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1160440

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CREATING ADVANTAGE

Hull Women's Aid

Financial Statements

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Hull Women's Aid

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2021

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 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).

The charity is registered as Hull Women's Aid. Its working name is Hull Women's Aid, abbreviated for the purposes of this report to HWA.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

- To provide safe accommodation, practical and emotional support and advice to women, children and young people who are experiencing or who have experienced domestic abuse.
- To provide support and advice to women, children and young people in their own homes to enable them to live free from abuse.
- To recognise and respond to the physical, emotional and educational needs of the individual involved.
- To educate and inform the public, the media and other organisations with respect to the abuse of women, children and young people.
- To work with partner organisations to improve the quality of life for women, children and young people who are living with/fleeing domestic abuse.
- To support women, children and young people in establishing safe, independent lives free from domestic abuse.
- To operate principally, but not exclusively, within the city of Kingston-upon-Hull.

Significant Activities

Day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Chief Executive Officer. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and the Chief Executive Officer has responsibility for the day to day and operational management of the services, supervision of the staff team (some of which is undertaken by other delegated staff) and also ensuring that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Refuge

The primary aim of the service is to provide safe accommodation to women and children. This is delivered by a dedicated team of Support Workers. HWA provides a 24 hour On Call Support Service in a purpose built refuge accommodating up to thirteen families, plus a stand-alone property for one family to extend the refuge accommodation. The buildings are owned by Places for People Housing Association and (other than the dispersed property) provide a range of communal facilities for the women, children and young people.

Move On / Floating Support Service

This is an integral part of the service that HWA provides and aims to support women leaving the refuge and those already living in the community. Community based support offers a wide range of intervention to help women and their children overcome their experiences of domestic abuse. As well as dealing with safety issues, the floating support worker also successfully helps women to settle into their properties, deal with any difficulties as they arise, both practically and emotionally, as well as helping women to build up a network of relations to foster independence and integration within the community. Once women are settled in their own homes, help with finding suitable employment, childcare and further education is offered.

Children's and Young People's Service

In order to address the impact of domestic abuse on the lives of children and young people, the Children & Young People's (C&YP) workers have to build up trust with them. They do this by finding creative, imaginative and non-threatening ways of enabling them to express their worries and anxieties, and support them in finding ways to feel safer, and deal with their anger and frustration, helping them to rebuild damaged family relationships with siblings and non-abusive parents or carers.

Young adults up to the age of 25 can be supported by the C&YP service and it is recognised that young adults have different needs to those of the children or the women receiving support. This flexibility within the provision of support is a strength of HWA as service users can access support from a variety of specialist workers employed by HWA.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Nursery Provision for pre-school children and Family Support

The aim of the nursery nurse/family support worker is to address the negative impact of domestic violence on the infant and young child. An environment is provided that is conducive to calm and tranquillity to enable the child to develop as an individual - emotionally and socially. The nursery support includes the use of suitable books, art equipment and role play to allow children to express their feelings. In addition to the daily sessions work there is also one to one provision to ensure that the specific needs of the individual are met in order to address the effects of exposure to domestic violence and offer appropriate support to the child. Another aspect of the support work provided is in relation to assisting the mothers whose relationships with their children are under stress as they recover from their traumatic experiences. The support is non-judgemental and offers validity to their existing strengths in attempt to rebuild their confidence in parenting.

Public Benefit

The aims and objectives of HWA are reviewed periodically. The activities and service delivery of HWA are evaluated against available resources and the needs of the service users. New activities and services are not adopted if they would compromise the support needs of existing service users. Against a background of cuts to funding of public services and increasing demands on existing, and potential, funders it is felt that HWA should continue to focus on meeting the needs of the public by successfully delivering services where there is a proven demand and where it has been recognised that HWA has the skills and experience to meet that demand for services in a cost effective manner:

In 2020-2021 46 women and 98 children benefitted from the provision of safe accommodation and related refuge service with an average length of stay of 97 days.

During the same period our Floating Support Service supported 199 women in their own tenancies whilst our helpline received 1,850 calls. Our 24 hour on call phone took 518 calls out of office hours and referrals to our Floating Support Service has doubled over this period.

In 2020-2021 our Children and Young People's Service worked with 196 children and young adults up to the age of 25 to address the impact of domestic abuse on their lives, whilst our service received 377 referrals.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to following guidance published by the Charity Commission in connection with public benefit.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable Activities

The main areas of charitable activity are the provision of refuge accommodation; Floating Support; Children and Young People's Service; drop-in, telephone and online chat advice; our website and volunteering opportunities in our charity shop and training delivered to schools and agencies. HWA, along with partner agencies has the responsibility of delivering domestic abuse training for the safeguarding partnership board.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Fundraising Activities

Fundraising takes place to allow HWA to offer outings and activities during the school holidays that provide the children and young people with positive new experiences and happy memories. Many children and young people in the refuge are from underprivileged backgrounds and efforts are made to organise activities that they have not experienced before. This could be something as simple as a day trip to the seaside. These activities were severely hampered during the national lockdowns which resulted from the global Covid-19 pandemic. Safe, on site activities were therefore increased to compensate for this.

The staff and volunteers at our charity shop had an incredible yoyo year; either closed for months or inundated with donations. They have done a wonderful job through challenging times, and are a good point of contact for our supporters in the community.

Social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter, have helped spread the word on the work of Hull Women's Aid and the need for fundraising support. They have proved a valuable resource when advertising events and seeking specific support.

We continue to be reliant upon support from many varied organisations, businesses, groups and individuals and greatly appreciate all the hard work of our supporters.

Financial review

Financial Position

The running of the refuge is funded by rental and amenities income. Grants, donations and contracts from various sources provide funding for specialist Domestic Abuse Practitioners to deliver support to residents and other eligible service users within the refuge and on outreach. Where permitted, any surpluses arising from refuge income or support contracts are carried forward to meet any under-funding in future periods. Given the nature of the accommodation and support services provided, it is important that there are sufficient funds available if the current funding arrangement ceased. This is to ensure that women and children living in the refuge can retain their accommodation and receive support until appropriate alternative accommodation can be secured, or until a new source of funding can be obtained. The current balance held in unrestricted reserves is sufficient to enable HWA to achieve this aim.

Principal Funding Sources

HWA continued to receive the greater part of its funding for the Refuge, Move-On and Floating Support services from Hull City Council during 2020-2021 through Housing Related Support grants, and rent in the form of Housing Benefit. Individuals, charitable trusts and other organisations have contributed to other funds including the Crisis and the Activities funds.

During school holidays HWA relies on the generosity of various local businesses and organisations to fund outings and activities. BBC Children in Need has helped to maintain a support service for under 11s and the nursery support to families living in the refuge. The outreach Children & Young People's support service continues to be funded by Hull City Council Housing Related Support. HWA operates a cycle of fundraising to maintain service levels.

Having opened its doors in November 2018 our charity shop has become firmly established in the community, with a reputation for quality goods and exceptional service. It is HWA's intention for the shop to support the charity's sustainability.

HWA received a grant for core costs from Lloyds Bank to strengthen our existing services, both in the refuge and in the community. The money has enabled HWA to meet the high demand and provide holistic packages of support to families.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Reserves Policy

Funds are set aside in separate designated funds to meet exceptional employment related costs (redundancy, sickness and maternity). The monies in these funds have been reviewed to be at acceptable levels given the profile of the current employees. The general fund has sufficient free reserves to enable HWA to react to unforeseen events and take advantage of new opportunities. The trustees have agreed a target of £30,000 as a minimum level of free reserves, with £40,000 being the preferred target amount. At the balance sheet date the level of free reserves met the preferred target set by the Trustees. Balances in restricted funds are maintained to ensure that key services can continue until additional funding is secured or until the service is wound down without causing hardship to existing service users.

Future Developments

There is still a need to expand women's, children's and young people's services delivered outside the refuge in order for service users to benefit from preventative work, long-term support and also to meet existing demand.

The overriding objectives for the future continue to be for HWA to support our Service Users, and to maintain the Children & Young People's Services and expand all services to meet current demand, as well as seeking new opportunities to improve the services offered to victims of domestic abuse.

Flexible service delivery remains a priority, along with diversifying funding streams.

All objectives are included in the Business Plan and are subject to periodic monitoring and review by the Trustees.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all those involved in Hull Women's Aid's continuing efforts to support women and children living with or fleeing domestic abuse in Hull, East Yorkshire and the surrounding areas.

Thank you to our hard working staff, Trustees and volunteers for their unstinting loyalty to Hull Women's Aid and to the numerous individual donors, businesses, organisations and groups that offer financial and physical support including Hull City Council, BBC Children in Need, Lloyds Bank, Matthew Good Foundation, The Tribune Trust, Horncastle Trust, Tesco, Kids Out, Viking FM, Women's Institutes, Inner Wheel Club of Bridlington, J F Brignall Charitable Trust, Leonard Chamberlain Trust, Mother Humber Memorial Fund, Phillips 66 Humber Refinery, Rotary Club of Hull, Smith & Nephew, Cranswick Convenience Foods, Unite Union, the Education Alliance, Black and Blue Charity to name but a few.

We would especially like to take this opportunity to thank our anonymous donors.

Written by a former resident:

To those that come and go
Hold your head up high.
And if you're feeling low
It's okay to have a cry.
Remember at the refuge
You made a brand new start,
And keep those that helped you get there
Forever in your heart,
And whatever road you choose
Whether it be right or wrong
Remember it's your path to choose
Now you can remain strong.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission on 11 February 2015 and commenced operating on 1 April 2015 when the original charity (registration number 504903) transferred all assets and liabilities to the new HWA CIO. The original organisation was established on 16 July 1975 and registered as a charity on 6 February 1976. The original charity has been removed from the Register of Charities.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

All members of the Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and members may be re-elected or re-appointed. Trustees are recruited from local women that have a particular interest in the field of domestic abuse. Trustees with specialist skills such as social care, personnel, legal and finance skills are actively recruited.

The Board is responsible for implementing strategic development, guaranteeing financial soundness, and ensuring adherence to policies and procedures. Day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and the staff team.

Induction and Training of New Trustees

New Trustees are made familiar with the refuge and the activities of HWA. Relevant members of staff are made available to support new Trustees and Trustees are able to attend staff training or other courses as appropriate. New trustees are made aware of Charity Commission guidance, HWA policies, procedures and financial controls.

Related Parties

Hull City Council (HCC) is a major provider of funding for Hull Women's Aid and one trustee is employed by Hull City Council. The trustee is not in a position to allocate funding to HWA on behalf of Hull City Council or to influence major policy decisions in relation to HWA. One trustee is the sister of a senior member of staff and for this reason does not participate in employment issues other than at a strategic level or as part of a recruitment panel. Both sisters are not permitted to co-sign cheques or other documents.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.
The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the risks the Charity may face.
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan.
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity should those risks materialise.
- completion of an internal financial control checklist devised for charities.

Risk assessments are used to identify training needs and are incorporated into the monitoring and evaluation system which feeds into service development.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE003000 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1160440

Registered office

PO Box 557
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU5 2YB

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2021

Trustees
The names of the trustees and senior members of staff are not disclosed in order to protect the confidentiality and security of the Refuge residents, the Trustees and Staff in accordance with a dispensation granted by the Charity Commission.

Hull Women's Aid Board of Trustees includes the following elected officers: Chair, Vice Chair, General Secretary and Treasurer. The officers of the Trustees are elected annually and hold office from the end of the meeting at which they are elected for a minimum of one year. All officers of the Trustees may be elected for a further term of office.

The charity has been granted a dispensation by the Charity Commission under Section 10(3) of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 not to disclose the location of the Refuge or the names of Trustees or staff.

Auditors
Smailes Goldie
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Regent's Court
Princess Street
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU2 8BA

Bankers
Unity Trust Bank Plc
Nine Brindley Place
Birmingham
B1 2HB

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity 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 of the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS
The auditors, Smailes Goldie, 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 25 January 2022 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Trustee Alice Whiteoak

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Hull Women's Aid

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hull Women's Aid (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 2021 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; 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
We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charitable company, including the Companies Act 2006, anti-bribery, environmental and health and safety legislation. An understanding of these laws and regulations and the extent of compliance was obtained through discussion with management and inspecting legal and regulatory correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management and considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with relevant regulators and the limited liability partnership's legal advisors.

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission, or misrepresentation.

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. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Hull Women's Aid

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees 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 trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Smailes Goldie
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
Regent's Court
Princess Street
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU2 8BA

25 January 2022

Hull Women's Aid

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	**2021 Total funds £**	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	**70,009**	**-**	**3,766**	**73,775**	70,853
Charitable activities	4					
Advice & support		**28,733**	**27,993**	**705,837**	**762,563**	514,921
Investment income	3	**5,231**	**-**	**-**	**5,231**	6,040
Total		**103,973**	**27,993**	**709,603**	**841,569**	591,814
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	5	**4,523**	**-**	**-**	**4,523**	8,819
Charitable activities	6					
Advice & support		**25,030**	**7,199**	**653,666**	**685,895**	616,955
Total		**29,553**	**7,199**	**653,666**	**690,418**	625,774
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**74,420**	**20,794**	**55,937**	**151,151**	(33,960)
Transfers between funds	16	**(102,031)**	**102,031**	**-**	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**(27,611)**	**122,825**	**55,937**	**151,151**	(33,960)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		**67,611**	**193,099**	**471,786**	**732,496**	766,456
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**40,000**	**315,924**	**527,723**	**883,647**	732,496

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	**212,500**	211,890
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	**20,282**	23,142
Cash at bank		**718,557**	578,933
		738,839	602,075
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	**(67,692)**	(81,469)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**671,147**	520,606
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**883,647**	732,496
NET ASSETS		**883,647**	732,496
FUNDS	16		
Unrestricted funds		**355,924**	260,710
Restricted funds		**527,723**	471,786
TOTAL FUNDS		**883,647**	732,496

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 January 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Alice Whiteoak

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Hull Women's Aid

Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**159,510**	(16,188)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**159,510**	(16,188)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(25,117)**	(2,486)
Interest received		**618**	1,791
Rent received		**4,613**	4,249
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		**(19,886)**	3,554
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**139,624**	(12,634)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**578,933**	591,567
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**718,557**	578,933

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31 March 2021

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**151,151**	(33,960)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**24,507**	23,986
Interest received	**(618)**	(1,791)
Rent received	**(4,613)**	(4,249)
Decrease in debtors	**2,860**	12,603
Decrease in creditors	**(13,777)**	(12,777)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	**159,510**	(16,188)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Cash flow £	**At 31.3.21 £**
Net cash			
Cash at bank	**578,933**	**139,624**	**718,557**
	578,933	**139,624**	**718,557**
Total	**578,933**	**139,624**	**718,557**

The notes form part of these financial statements

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) (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.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

Housing benefit and other charges for the occupation of the refuge are accounted for on an accruals basis. Government grants are recognised using the performance model and are recognised in full when performance conditions are met. Other grants are recognised using the accruals model and are released in line with costs. Grants and donations which are conditional upon the provision of services are treated as deferred income so that the income is not recognised until such times as the services have been provided. Other income is recognised when the Charity has established its entitlement, certainty that it will be received and can make a reliable estimate of its monetry value. Donations in kind are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, which is the value the charity would have been willing to pay on the open market, a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure or assets 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.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Fixture and fitting	- 20 - 25% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20 - 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 20 - 25% on cost

Taxation

Hull Women's Aid (CIO) is a UK registered charity, number 1160440. All the charity's income is applied to its charitable objectives and the charity is, therefore, exempt under current legislation for most forms of taxation.

Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity and is, therefore, charged to the Statement of Financial Activities or Balance Sheet as incurred.

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

Legal status of the charity
The charity is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and has no share capital. In the event of the CIO being wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Financial instruments
The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year
Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Operating leases
Amounts payable under operating leases are charged to expenditure on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Going concern
The COVID-19 virus has spread worldwide leading to various restrictions on movement, businesses and organisations being imposed. Whilst this presents some uncertainties the charity has so far been able to continue operations albeit at a reduced level. The charity shop has had to close several times and there are increased costs and reduced capacity for the refuge. The charity has put several measures in place to mitigate the risks to staff and the charities operations caused by COVID-19, including taking advantage of various government schemes. It is difficult to say with any certainty the extent and period for which the charity will be adversely affected. The trustees are currently of the view that the charity will continue to be able to operate for at least the next 12 months. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	**73,775**	70,853

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rental income	**4,613**	4,249
Deposit account interest	**618**	1,791
	5,231	6,040

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2021	2020
		£	£
Rents received	Advice & support	**106,405**	111,130
Grants	Advice & support	**656,158**	403,791
		762,563	514,921

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Housing Related Support	**297,808**	273,536
Children & Young People Outreach Project	**26,163**	34,235
Comic Relief	**-**	2,662
Other	**9,302**	1,600
BBC Children in Need	**34,482**	42,877
Managing Agents Fee for Places for People Properties	**17,994**	17,573
Pavers	**-**	5,000
Lloyds	**90,267**	20,308
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	**-**	6,000
COVID-19 Relief	**180,142**	-
	656,158	403,791

5. RAISING FUNDS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Rental property expenses	**-**	90
Shop expenses	**4,704**	7,278
	4,704	7,368

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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	DirectCosts	Support Costs	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	**401,117**	**93,946**	**495,063**	468,243
Establishment costs	**170,658**	**11,388**	**182,046**	140,166
Finance and governance	**1,207**	**7,579**	**8,786**	8,546
	572,982	**112,913**	**685,895**	616,955

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	**24,507**	23,986
Auditor's remuneration - audit work	**3,552**	3,422
Auditor's remuneration - non-audit work	**3,552**	3,422

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

9. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**455,022**	422,791
Social security costs	**37,219**	30,635
Pension	**6,822**	6,072
	499,064	459,498

Total remuneration for key management personnel is £67,044 (2020: £58,680).

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

	2021	2020
Housing Related Support & Other Support	**9**	8
Children & Young People's Services	**5**	5
Management & Admin	**4**	4
Cleaning	**1**	1
Shop Staff	**2**	2
	21	20

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9. STAFF COSTS - continued

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	56,332	-	14,521	70,853
Charitable activities				
Advice & support	7,600	28,843	478,478	514,921
Investment income	6,040	-	-	6,040
Total	69,972	28,843	492,999	591,814
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	8,819	-	-	8,819
Charitable activities				
Advice & support	16,953	14,971	585,031	616,955
Total	25,772	14,971	585,031	625,774
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	44,200	13,872	(92,032)	(33,960)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	23,411	179,227	563,818	766,456
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	67,611	193,099	471,786	732,496

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2020	**167,165**	**96,370**	**23,698**	**44,402**	**331,635**
Additions	**-**	**16,812**	**-**	**8,305**	**25,117**
Disposals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(557)**	**(557)**
At 31 March 2021	**167,165**	**113,182**	**23,698**	**52,150**	**356,195**
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2020	**-**	**68,925**	**14,319**	**36,501**	**119,745**
Charge for year	**-**	**15,276**	**5,925**	**3,306**	**24,507**
Eliminated on disposal	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(557)**	**(557)**
At 31 March 2021	**-**	**84,201**	**20,244**	**39,250**	**143,695**
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2021	**167,165**	**28,981**	**3,454**	**12,900**	**212,500**
At 31 March 2020	167,165	27,445	9,379	7,901	211,890

Not capitalised in the accounts is the refuge from which the Charity operates and which is owned by Places for People (previously New Leaf / North British Housing Association). The property was constructed in the 1980s and provides 13 accommodation units for women and their children. Due to the bespoke nature of the property, the trustees are unable to place an economic value on the provision of this facility.

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Debtors and prepayments	**20,282**	23,142

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Creditors and accruals	**67,692**	81,469

14. LEASING AGREEMENTS

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	**5,875**	5,875
Between one and five years	**17,626**	23,501
	23,501	29,376

The amount recognised as an expense in the year was £5,875 (2020: £5,875).

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15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Fixed assets	-	3,454	209,046	212,500	211,890
Current assets	40,000	312,470	386,369	738,839	602,075
Current liabilities	-	-	(67,692)	(67,692)	(81,469)
	40,000	315,924	527,723	883,647	732,496

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	67,611	74,420	(102,031)	40,000
Designated - Minibus	14,074	(5,925)	13,851	22,000
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	30,955	(1,274)	(9,681)	20,000
Designated - Property	36,207	-	(21,207)	15,000
Designated - Staffing contingency	111,863	27,993	(109,856)	30,000
Designated - Staffing Continuation	-	-	228,924	228,924
	260,710	95,214	-	355,924
Restricted funds				
Restricted - Support	398,609	39,773	-	438,382
Restricted - Emergency	41,194	-	-	41,194
Resticted - Translation	3,376	-	-	3,376
Restricted - Crisis	2,506	-	-	2,506
Restricted - New home packs	16	-	-	16
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	3,935	18,960	-	22,895
Other restricted - Activities & resources	22,150	(2,796)	-	19,354
	471,786	55,937	-	527,723
TOTAL FUNDS	732,496	151,151	-	883,647

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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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General	**103,973**	**(29,553)**	**74,420**
Designated - Minibus	**-**	**(5,925)**	**(5,925)**
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	**-**	**(1,274)**	**(1,274)**
Designated - Staffing contingency	**27,993**	**-**	**27,993**
	131,966	**(36,752)**	**95,214**
Restricted funds			
Restricted - Support	**554,925**	**(515,152)**	**39,773**
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	**154,678**	**(135,718)**	**18,960**
Other restricted - Activities & resources	**-**	**(2,796)**	**(2,796)**
	709,603	**(653,666)**	**55,937**
TOTAL FUNDS	**841,569**	**(690,418)**	**151,151**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General	23,411	44,200	67,611
Designated - Minibus	20,000	(5,926)	14,074
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	40,000	(9,045)	30,955
Designated - Property	36,207	-	36,207
Designated - Staffing contingency	83,020	28,843	111,863
	202,638	58,072	260,710
Restricted funds			
Restricted - Support	460,764	(62,155)	398,609
Restricted - Emergency	41,194	-	41,194
Resticted - Translation	3,376	-	3,376
Restricted - Crisis	2,506	-	2,506
Restricted - New home packs	16	-	16
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	28,189	(24,254)	3,935
Other restricted - Activities & resources	27,773	(5,623)	22,150
	563,818	(92,032)	471,786
TOTAL FUNDS	766,456	(33,960)	732,496

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General	69,972	(25,772)	44,200
Designated - Minibus	-	(5,926)	(5,926)
Designated - Refuge furniture & decorating	-	(9,045)	(9,045)
Designated - Staffing contingency	28,843	-	28,843
	98,815	(40,743)	58,072
Restricted funds			
Restricted - Support	373,396	(435,551)	(62,155)
Other restricted - Children & young peoples project	119,603	(143,857)	(24,254)
Other restricted - Activities & resources	-	(5,623)	(5,623)
	492,999	(585,031)	(92,032)
TOTAL FUNDS	591,814	(625,774)	(33,960)

The **General fund** contains income derived from bank interest and sundry donations. There are no restrictions on the application of the funds.

The **Support fund** holds all funding relating to the running of the Refuge and the delivery of support services. Income in this fund consists of charges to residents, the current Housing Related Support contract, the Section 180 grant and government funding to support the provision of refuge accommodation. Expenditure is restricted to the activities associated with the operation of the Refuge and to supporting women who are living within the Refuge, receiving outreach support or other forms of support. The trustees have used some of the balances held in this fund to purchase a property which will aid the charity in achieving its aims and address some of the problems associated with current service delivery. The property will be used as a charity shop and advice centre and provide much needed additional space for service delivery. The flat above the shop was undergoing renovation during 2015-16 with a view to letting as an investment property during 2016-17 onwards.

The **Children & Young People's Project** funded by the NHS via Hull City Council provides outreach support to children and young people. The project also delivers training in local schools and other local organisations.

Comic Relief funds a worker for the Young Survivor's project and **BBC Children in Need** funds a part time worker for the under 11's.

The **Activities/Resources fund** holds donations and grants specifically received to support the costs of activities, resources, trips and outings for children, young people and families living in the Refuge and also for those being supported on an outreach basis.
The **Translation fund** and the **Emergency fund** (primarily for refuge and related services) were donated by Hull DAP for and consist of funds previously allocated for joint working project costs.

The **Minibus and Vehicle fund** was established for the purpose of purchasing a new minibus which was purchased in 2013 using some money specifically donated for the purpose and a designated fund. Monies have been designated to cover depreciation relating to this minibus and a further amount allocated for a replacement or additional vehicle.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The **Crisis fund** represents donations and money raised specifically for the purpose of meeting the urgent needs of women and children when they enter or leave the Refuge. This may include essentials such as food, travel to a place of safety and child safety gates.

Grants for individuals fund contains donations/grants received on behalf of individuals (where money cannot be paid directly to the individual) primarily to assist with the costs of setting up a new home and are held until the new home has been secured. Any balances held are due to the timing of payments for individuals.

Other funds are raised to support activities and to purchase items to improve the lives of the residents in the Refuge or for those receiving Outreach support. Any excess is carried forward each year with the approval of donors where appropriate.

The designated **Refuge Furniture and Decorating fund** is held to ensure that there are always sufficient funds available to maintain the Refuge to a high standard in accordance with the management agreement. Expenditure comes from rental income unless there is a shortfall in available funds.

Designated **Staffing Contingency fund** represent monies set aside to cover excessive costs resulting from periods of sickness, maternity leave or from redundancy situations arising from any unforeseen cuts in grants or other income and where there is no provision within any relevant restricted fund to cover such costs. The funds are reviewed periodically and amounts designated to fit the current staff profile and funding position.

The designated **Property fund** has been established to ensure that there are sufficient funds available for emergency repairs for the building owned by HWA.

Transfers between funds

The transfer from restricted Refuge and Support to restricted Vehicle and Property funds relates to the purchase of fixed assets.The transfers relate to purchases in financial years 14/15, 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year payment for maintenance was made to an organisation owned by the husband of a trustee for £50 (2020: £681).