

Charity Registration Number: 1160440

Hull Women's Aid

Financial Statements

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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.

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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:

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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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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 to 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

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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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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:



Alice Whiteoak
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 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

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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		<u>137,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>668,883</u>	<u>806,664</u>	<u>875,586</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	(8,759)	-	-	(8,759)	(5,922)
Charitable activities	7	<u>(23,646)</u>	<u>(4,707)</u>	<u>(885,456)</u>	<u>(913,809)</u>	<u>(844,252)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(32,405)</u>	<u>(4,707)</u>	<u>(885,456)</u>	<u>(922,568)</u>	<u>(850,174)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		105,376	(4,707)	(216,573)	(115,904)	25,412
Transfers between funds		<u>(105,376)</u>	<u>(20,460)</u>	<u>125,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		-	(25,167)	(90,737)	(115,904)	25,412
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		<u>40,000</u>	<u>415,210</u>	<u>412,285</u>	<u>867,495</u>	<u>842,083</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u>40,000</u>	<u>390,043</u>	<u>321,548</u>	<u>751,591</u>	<u>867,495</u>

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.

The notes on pages 17 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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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		<u>574,486</u>	<u>742,934</u>
		613,637	756,762
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(55,974)</u>	<u>(70,808)</u>
Net current assets		<u>557,663</u>	<u>685,954</u>
Net assets		<u>751,591</u>	<u>867,495</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		321,548	412,285
Unrestricted funds		<u>430,043</u>	<u>455,210</u>
Total funds	17	<u>751,591</u>	<u>867,495</u>

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	<u>(25,936)</u>	<u>(6,534)</u>
		(132,657)	32,264
Working capital adjustments			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	14	(25,323)	103,167
Decrease in creditors	15	<u>(14,834)</u>	<u>(32,769)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(172,814)</u>	<u>102,662</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	25,936	6,534
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	13	<u>(21,570)</u>	<u>(3,259)</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>4,366</u>	<u>3,275</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(168,448)	105,937
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>742,934</u>	<u>636,997</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>574,486</u></u>	<u><u>742,934</u></u>

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

The notes on pages 17 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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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.

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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.

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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	<u>71,065</u>	<u>70,585</u>
	<u>115,520</u>	<u>105,202</u>

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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
	<u>665,208</u>	<u>763,850</u>

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	-
	<u>535,347</u>	<u>642,998</u>

5 Investment income

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

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6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Shop expenses	8,759	5,922
	<u>8,759</u>	<u>5,922</u>

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
	<u>762,112</u>	<u>160,456</u>	<u>922,568</u>	<u>844,252</u>

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	<u>9,183</u>	<u>13,386</u>

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.

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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
	<u>672,841</u>	<u>634,922</u>

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
	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>

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.

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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		<u>133,332</u>	<u>742,254</u>	<u>875,586</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	(5,922)	-	(5,922)
Charitable activities	7	<u>(25,957)</u>	<u>(818,295)</u>	<u>(844,252)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(31,879)</u>	<u>(818,295)</u>	<u>(850,174)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		101,453	(76,041)	25,412
Transfers between funds		<u>(37,166)</u>	<u>37,166</u>	-
Net movement in funds		64,287	(38,875)	25,412
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>390,923</u>	<u>451,160</u>	<u>842,083</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u>455,210</u>	<u>412,285</u>	<u>867,495</u>

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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.

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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	-
	<u>66,230</u>	<u>11,751</u>

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

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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
	<u>415,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,707)</u>	<u>(20,460)</u>	<u>390,043</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>455,210</u>	<u>137,781</u>	<u>(37,112)</u>	<u>(125,836)</u>	<u>430,043</u>
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
	<u>412,285</u>	<u>668,883</u>	<u>(885,456)</u>	<u>125,836</u>	<u>321,548</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>412,285</u>	<u>668,883</u>	<u>(885,456)</u>	<u>125,836</u>	<u>321,548</u>
Total funds	<u>867,495</u>	<u>806,664</u>	<u>(922,568)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>751,591</u>

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	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General	40,000	133,332	(26,898)	(106,434)	40,000
<i>Designated</i>					
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
	<u>350,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,981)</u>	<u>69,268</u>	<u>415,210</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>390,923</u>	<u>133,332</u>	<u>(31,879)</u>	<u>(37,166)</u>	<u>455,210</u>
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
	<u>451,160</u>	<u>742,254</u>	<u>(818,295)</u>	<u>37,166</u>	<u>412,285</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>451,160</u>	<u>742,254</u>	<u>(818,295)</u>	<u>37,166</u>	<u>412,285</u>
Total funds	<u>842,083</u>	<u>875,586</u>	<u>(850,174)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>867,495</u>

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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.

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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	<u>40,000</u>	<u>390,043</u>	<u>321,548</u>	<u>751,591</u>
				Total funds at 31 March 2023
				£
Tangible fixed assets				181,541
Current assets				756,762
Current liabilities				<u>(70,808)</u>
Total net assets				<u>867,495</u>

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 were 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.