

Advocacy West Wales — Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru



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ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025

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Chair's Report 2024-2025

Last year the AWW Business Plan identified the principal objective for 2024-2025 to be consolidation and team stability after a period of growth and some uncertainty around funding in the previous year. I am glad to report that after significant work by the entire team this has been achieved.

Several new advocates were recruited, with assistance on the panel and the invaluable advice and experience of my fellow Trustee Helen Butland. Improved induction training followed with their integration into the wider team.

With bespoke training from an external consultant there has been further development in the Leadership Team at AWW and this is providing development opportunities as well as greater resilience and sustainability around leadership and supervision.

Thanks go during this year to the considerable work of Office Manager, Sue Blantern, who has worked with new providers to improve our IT and Communications systems, thereby increasing security and IT support as well as achieving budget savings.

Progress has been made in further developing the AWW promotional materials, infomercials and videos and thanks to our Trustee Dan Rosie for being involved in this aspect of AWW life.

AWW-EGC continues to have a leading role in national and regional advocacy networks, with our ongoing Chairship of the Regional Advocacy Strategy Network. This work has enabled advocacy sector providers to come together to challenge issues around funding freezes and pay disparity between the sector and other like professional roles in statutory services, as well as identifying gaps in service provisions such as for people with a learning disability and the neurodivergent community.

Whilst some services have thankfully received increases in funding this year, this has not been the norm. Once of our services continues on the same funding that has been provided since 2012. You will hear from the independent examiner in his report around the tight financial management in place and there is no margin for error and little room for contingencies or to increase capacity. Those issues have been further exacerbated by changing tax regimes.

We are very grateful for our funding from Hywel Dda University Health Board and the 3 local authorities in the region as well as grant awards from The Henry Smith Foundation, The Hywel Davies Trust, The Tudor Trust. This current year we have also welcomed funding from the National Lottery Awards for All and Peoples Postcode Community Trust.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to my fellow Trustees, who offer me their support and wisdom; Vice Chair Emlyn Schiavone, Helen Butland, Jane Kelso and Dan Rosie. I would also like to thank Carolyn Oakley for her contribution as AWW Treasurer. Carolyn resigned for personal reasons in July and despite advertising we still search for a fitting replacement. If you are reading this, if you value the work of our team, and have a financial background – please raise your hand!



Andrew Watters
Chairperson, AWW-EGC



Total Clients
worked with
2024-2025

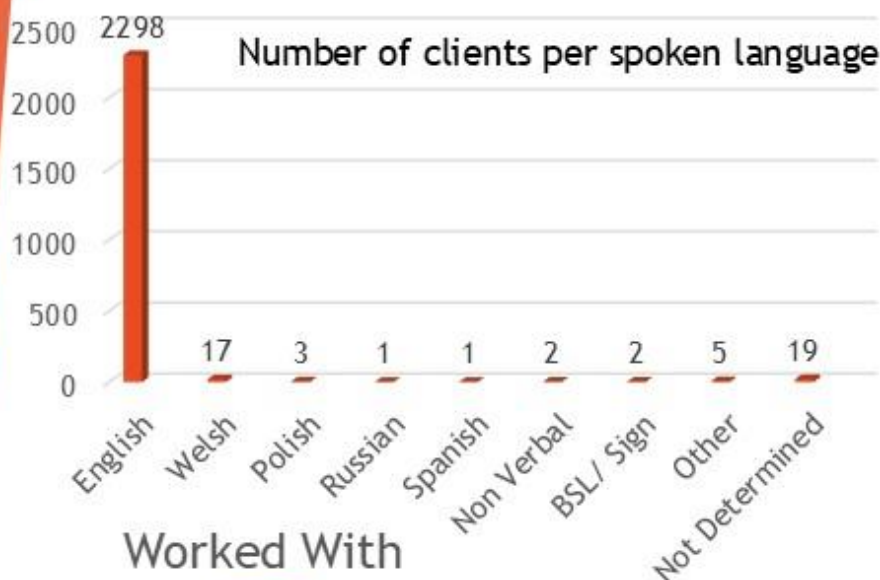
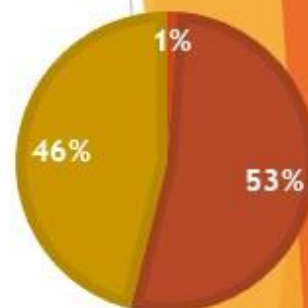
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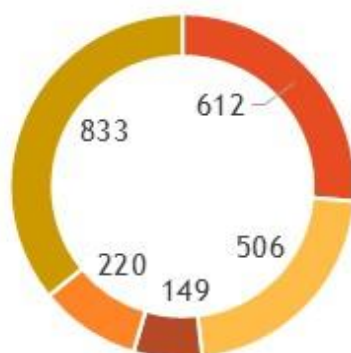
2024-2025

AGE

■ CYP ■ 18-49 yrs ■ 50 yrs +



Worked With



■ IMHA ■ 3CIPA ■ LD & ASC ■ Drop in ■ Community

Top 3 Advocacy Issues per project

IMHA

Medication, Care & Treatment
Mental Health
Access to Health Services

Community

Mental Health
Access to other Services
Access to Health Services

LD & ASC

Accommodation
Finance & Benefits
Care Provision

3CIPA

Care Provision
Accommodation
Access to social
Services

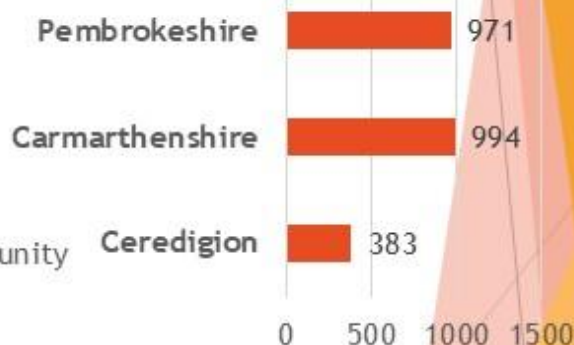
Drop in

Finance & Benefits
Access to Health Services
Accommodation



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AWW

Refs per county



Chief Officer's Report 2024-2025

Every year I have started this report saying that we have had a year full of developments and are looking forward to a year of consolidation. Every year has been full of new challenges and developments. However, this year we have firmly opted for a year of consolidation for our services and team. This has included electing not to tender for some new advocacy services, to enable us to focus on building the team and redeveloping some of the existing services after a tough 2022 – 2023.

During this period we achieved:

- Across our services we supported 2348 people during the last year.
- Stability in our advocacy and support team with only 1 round of recruitment early in the period. We are now a team of 23 with only 2 of those not providing some form of advocacy within their roles.
- Armed Forces Covenant – Bronze Employer's Recognition Award
- Bronze Investors in Carers Award
- Real Living Wage Employer Accreditation
- Service review and developments, including review and changes to the Single Point of Contact. This has included increasing audit at the front door of the service and more support in triaging referrals in. The services are in high demand and not all advocacy needs are able to be met. Stirling work has been done to keep our waiting lists at reasonable levels but waiting lists are a consistent factor in a number of our services. When people come to AWW we are often their last resort to avoid crisis, or a hope to prevent deterioration or escalation, and the service is most effective for people when it can answer their need promptly.
- Contract extensions to 2027 in both our Independent Mental Health Advocacy and Community Mental Health Advocacy services across the Hywel Dda University Health Board area.
- Development of our awareness raising materials and work on a new website has continued.
- Ongoing team training including a number of colleagues achieving their Level 4 Independent Advocacy Qualification, and the adoption of the AWW Team Charter.
- Development of our Leadership Team to enable career advancement alongside increasing resilience and sustainability in that team.
- Implementation of developments and modernisation of our IT systems and telecoms, along with annual Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation. The former leading to cost savings. Significant investment in hardware for the team.
- Securing additional funding for our Pembrokeshire service for People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People from Henry Smith Foundation, National Lottery Awards for All and Postcode Community Trust.

Regional Advocacy Strategy Network and Other Networks: We have continued to engage in the regional and national networks to support the development of advocacy through our input, including our training provision, and provide a louder voice for the sector. This has included continuing to work with other advocacy providers to raise the case for adequate funding of advocacy services after years of funding freezes (effective funding cuts). In our capacity as Regional Advocacy Strategy Network Chair we have worked with the Regional Partnership Board on the launch of their Advocacy Strategy and its implementation.

2025-2026 Work Plan for AWW: There are some key areas of focus in this year:

- Further service development including securing ongoing funding for our grant funded services which will see funding end in 2026.
- Improving feedback methods for both the people we support and others
- We continue to work with other advocacy providers around the ongoing funding difficulties in the sector, including advocating for additional funding to meet need, ensure quality and enable our team members to be appropriately rewarded for their work.
- Silver Investors in Carers Award

- Re-accreditation with the Quality Performance Mark for Advocacy Services
- Development of a Wales wide advocacy training module for all health and social care learners and workers.

Challenges in the Advocacy Sector: There has been a crisis in health and social care over recent years and this has continued to impact advocacy services as well as other third sector services. This *primarily* impacts the people we support in terms of their access to appropriate and necessary services, and in terms of them being able to achieve the outcomes they need and are seeking.

As an organisation we have seen the funding for our services frozen or with minimal increase for many years. Recent smaller scale increases in funding from some providers has been welcome but largely consumed by inflationary pressures and, going into this year, the increase in Employers' National Insurance Contributions. That alone will cost this organisation around £17000 this year, even after the increase in the small Employers' Allowance. This is not sustainable. Recent sector engagement with Welsh Government, procurement and commissioners has been received with understanding and acknowledgement of the issues. However, the harsh reality for most services both here and through the Welsh advocacy sector is that they do need to see significant increases in funding around 50% to be sustainable, to avoid reducing service levels, to meet need, and to ensure advocates and other members of our teams are appropriately rewarded for the skills they bring.

As an advocacy employer AWW remains competitive. However, salary levels in the sector are some £14,000-17,000 per year per advocate lower than those in the Welsh government constituted Llais Advocacy body which replaced the local Community Health Councils back in 2022.

During this year we will face difficult budget decisions for the next financial year around maintaining hours within our services, resourcing our services, compliance measures, equipment and facilities. We have sought to maintain our advocacy and support team without losing frontline hours from our services. This year we expect a number of projects to end the year in deficit again and therefore continuing as is won't be possible in the longer term without the introduction of additional financial resource.

Thanks and Acknowledgements: Our Chair Andy Watters has already extended thanks to our funders, supporters, partners and other stakeholders, and I echo that.

Set against the challenges above, my thanks this year are reserved to our team here at AWW, both out on the front-line of advocacy and the support team. Their ongoing dedication, flexibility and expertise is remarkable. Many of our team members and our Trustees bring their lived experience as an integral part of the work they do within the organisation on behalf of the people we support. I look forward to working with the whole team over the next year as we strive to continue to deliver quality, empathic services for those who seek out or rely on our support.

With the very best of wishes to everyone involved with AWW-EGC.



Natasha Fox, Chief Officer



Services delivered 2024-2025

Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA): Statutory Service – Mental Health Act and Mental Health Wales Measure:

This service has been provided since its inception in 2008 by this organisation. 2022 saw the start of a new 3-5 year contract commissioned by Hywel Dda University Health Board with the support of NHS Shared Services Procurement. We have during this period had confirmation of the 2 year extension to 2027. There hasn't been any funding increase since 2008 (save for additional funding when the service was extended to informal/voluntary patients). We await the next tender round in 2026 to see if that changes when the next contract starts in 2027.

During this period we have maintained a full team across the region and continued to receive excellent feedback from clients of the service and professionals around the quality of support. As ever it has been the longer term crisis in health and social care services which has affected our clients' ability to access services they need in a timely way. This has meant long delays in accessing services, obtaining care packages or places in care home or placement settings, and longer stays in hospital as a result.

It is a credit to the team that they have been asked to contribute to health board policy reviews and a new ward based Sexual Safety Charter during this year.

Thank you to them for continuing to meet all advocacy needs through this period.

This year IMHAs have supported 612 people to understand and uphold their legal and human rights, to engage in care and treatment planning, to support their self-advocacy and expression of their views and wishes, to ensure that people lacking capacity are kept at the centre of decision making about issues impacting their lives. There is a near equal representation of male and female clients accessing our IMHA service. 57% of the people we supported were detained under a section of the Mental Health Act, with the other 43% either being informal (in hospital with their consent) or subject to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (where they lacked capacity to consent to admission/treatment).


Thanks must go to the dedicated team across AWW-EGC in providing this service and continuing to strongly advocate client views and seek to uphold their rights and entitlements in an increasingly difficult environment in health and social care services.

We continue to work to improve delivery with ongoing training, awareness training to referrers, improvements in outcomes and feedback collation. We led on the development of a regular All Wales IMHA Peer Group which meets every 2 months. This is now well developed and attended and provides a valuable source of support for advocates and their managers from the three providers across Wales.

Three County Independent Professional Advocacy under the Social Services and Wellbeing Act:

This service involves supporting adults facing barriers to getting their views heard, and undergoing social care and support assessment, planning and review, safeguarding processes, and complaint about these. AWW is the lead partner in a 5 partner arrangement including Age Cymru Dyfed, Carmarthenshire People First, Carers Trust Crossroads West Wales and Dewis CIL. The service started 1.4.22 and will run for between 4 and 7 years. This reporting period covers the 3rd year of an initial 4 year contract and at the time of this report a decision is awaited on whether an initial 2 year extension will be approved.

We have had regular contract reviews with the three local authorities who fund this service and positive feedback about the service to citizens, its implementation and development. The partnership has had challenges but has also thrived. The service receives regular referrals. We supported people this year with a range of care and support needs including mental health, learning disability, autism, physical disability, sensory impairment, carers. The service supported a total of 506 people during this year



"thanked me again for visiting and explaining his legal rights and the process and said he wants to be home by the end of the week"

including a significant number of parents within child protection processes.

The service received an uplift in funding of 6.7% during this year to take account of inflationary pressures.

Natasha Fox, Chief Officer, September 2025



"Don't walk behind me;
I may not lead.
Don't walk in front of me;
I may not follow.
Just walk beside me
and be my advocate"

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY REPORT 2024 - 2024

I am pleased to report the service is in a much more positive position at the close of this reporting year. The service has been rebuilt after a very turbulent time and now stronger and busier than ever.

The service across all 3 counties has been incredibly busy, and we have had to review, equip and develop our Single Point of Contact to be able to manage waiting lists for all three counties. This has been achieved by the continued dedication and hard work of our Project Development Manager Peggy Spooner and her team Jo Davies and Anna Jenkins (CCW). They are fantastic as the first welcoming voice people hear when contacting our service. Due to the demand for the service far outweighing the resource we have put a lot of focus this year on developing the reviewing process of the referrals coming into the service. We try to refer or signpost people on to other services where appropriate as quickly as possible. We are also needing to utilise the drop-in services that run within Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire to offer a service to lower-level advocacy needs or provide short term input for more people with more complex advocacy need while they wait to be allocated a 1:1 advocate. As a result of this working well in these counties we are exploring how we incorporate some of these principles within the community service in Ceredigion.

I am very pleased to report we have had very few staff changes, and the community team has remained very stable. This is fantastic for the service as we have a mature team that have a wealth of experience. Within Pembrokeshire we continue to have Kate Roberts and Abi Alexander providing this service who are very experienced and dedicated advocates. Within Carmarthenshire the service continues to be provided by Clare Singelton and Alison Elford. Alison has developed well within her community role and Clare is an extremely experienced advocate. Within Ceredigion we have had one staff change. Last summer Emma Singh left AWW and we welcomed Robert Philips into the community role from IMHA. He has been keen to be as effective across the rural county. This year we worked to split Ceredigion into north and south areas for allocation as far as is possible. Robert covers the South and Ceridwen who is also very experienced covers the North of the county.


Throughout the year we have had several children / young people referrals and continue to action these as quickly as we possibly can. Ceridwen has carried out some awareness raising for the children and young people service in Ceredigion.

Our staff team remains our greatest strength, and I am very grateful for all the hard work our advocates and client caseworkers have put in over the last year.

Work carried out across the 3 counties from April – March

We have worked with 833 clients in this time, with 555 of these being new referrals. This is significantly higher than last year. Last year we recorded working with a total of 692 clients, 492 of which were new referrals across the three counties.

We have supported more women (61%) than males (38%). 0.7% of the people we worked with identify as non-binary and 0.3% other.



"Thank you for your help over the last couple of days you have been amazing"

Pembrokeshire – new referrals: 249	Total clients worked with: 356
Carmarthenshire – New referrals: 180	Total clients worked with: 266
Ceredigion – New referrals: 126	Total clients worked with: 208

Carmarthenshire Tudor Trust Drop-in Service

We are grateful to our funders Tudor Trust for their extension to enable us to keep this service running for another three years from April 2023. Our drop in advocate Sue Williams has continued to deliver drop-ins in Ammanford, Carmarthen and Llanelli. She has also reached out, engaging with services for surgeries within the Gwendraeth Valley and also attending outreach events held by connecting Carmarthenshire. This has been a valuable environment to continue to raise awareness of the drop-in service along with all other services AWW provides. A big thank you to Sue for her continuous hard work.

During the end of this reporting period, we had to plan for Sue reducing her hours. As a result, Alison Elford now delivers the Llanelli drop in. This is working well as she is an experienced drop in and community advocate so no disruption to delivery was experienced.

Pembrokeshire Hywel Davies Trust Drop-In Service

Kate and Abi, deliver the Haverfordwest Drop-in service alternative weeks. However, the location of the Haverfordwest drop in did change. The VC gallery had been a very good home for some time but

unfortunately, they experienced water damage and needed to close for some time. We explored several options but to help support advocates to have easy access to internet, workspace and a private room to see people in we moved the drop into PAVS. This has been working well. Our Tenby and Pembroke Dock drop ins have experienced a couple of staff changes. We initially had Debbie Haughey join the team to deliver this service. However, when she left, we were very pleased to welcome Rebecca Arnold as our drop in advocate once a week. Rebecca has a wide range of experience as she was initially a Pembrokeshire community advocate years ago until she moved across to the IMHA service. It has been good to welcome her back with her wealth of experience.

Kate Bailey - Assistant Manager

Pembrokeshire Service for People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People 2024—2025

It has been a year of development for the service. With the Henry Smith Project funding coming to an end we had to consider how to attract new funding streams to sustain the service.


Following consultation with local service user groups and services we developed a plan for a new Learning disability and Autism drop-in service that could improve and create accessibility for individuals in Pembrokeshire.

We were fortunate to be successful in two separate funding bids for this service which formally commenced in April of this year. The drop-in service is now established in three locations across Pembrokeshire and has been met with a very positive reaction.


Individuals supported in the first quarter this year has increased by 27% in comparison to the same period last year. We can therefore be assured that the model is working and that more people are able to reach us for advocacy support than before.

Following news of these two new grants we were also fortunate that Henry Smith decided to extend the community funding for a further year. This will take the project to the end of 2026 and enable us time to continue to highlight the need for this to be brought into a statutory advocacy offer or to attract rare grant funding to preserve the service into the future.

Shelly Newton, Project Manager



"if you didn't speak
up for me they
wouldn't have
listened"



"Without your support I
very likely would not be
here. Thank you so much. I
meant it. You got me out of
a massive hole" "You've
been incredible"

"Amazing support!"

Trustees

Andy Watters, Chair

Carolyn Oakley, Treasurer (*resigned July 24*)

Jane Kelso, Trustee

Helen Butland, Trustee

Emlyn Schiavone, Vice-Chair

Dan Rosie

Ajay Owen (*Sept 24-May 25*)

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Staff Team

Natasha Fox, Chief Officer

Kate Bailey, Deputy Manager

Sue Blanter, Office Manager/Administrator

Nia Williams, Professional Lead/IMHA,
Carmarthenshire

Sarah Thomas, IMHA, Carmarthenshire

Sue Williams, Drop in service Advocate

Rebecca Arnold, IMHA Carmarthenshire/
Drop In Advocate

Clare Singleton, Community Advocate,
Carmarthenshire

Peggy Spooner, Project Development
Manager

Elaine Lewis, Independent Advocate,
Carmarthenshire

Kate Roberts, Community Advocate,
Pembrokeshire

Shelly Newton, LD & AP Advocate

Ceridwen Kabir, Community Advocate
Ceredigion

Natalie Sen, IMHA/3CIPA Advocate

Abi Alexander, Independent Advocate

Joanne Davies, Client Caseworker

Rachel Dillon, LD & AP Advocate

Brigit Thurstan, Finance Officer

Alison Elford, Independent Advocate

Daryl Jones, Independent Advocate

Greg Williams, Independent Advocate
(*resigned May 24*)

Robert Phillips, Independent Advocate

Kelly Woodrow, Independent Advocate (*from
June 24*)

Debbie Haughey, CCW/Drop in Advocate
(*resigned December 24*)

Anna Jenkins, Client Caseworker (*from June
24*)



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**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU**

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ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
TRUSTEES' REPORT
31 March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru (AWW-ECG) is a charitable incorporated organisation governed by a Constitution, dated 9 November 2016 and registered with the Charity Commission 1 April 2017 - number 1172200. This was amended on 20th February 2020 following the merger of AWW with EGC. At this point all of the assets, liabilities, services and employees were transferred from EGC to the newly merged charity.

The constitution provides for an executive committee of not less than 4 nor more than 15 members including Chair and Vice-Chair. Of these, not less than 3 and not more than 12 members are to be elected at the annual general meeting and hold office from the conclusion of that meeting. The executive committee may in addition appoint up to a maximum of 4 co-opted members providing that not more than one third of the executive committee is made up of co-opted members.

The executive committee shall hold at least 6 ordinary meetings each year.

History

Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru was conceived in 1995 from a service users group and started providing advocacy services in 1998.

In March 1998, Advocacy West Wales became a registered charity - number 1068440.

On 1 July 2009, it changed its name from Mental Health Advocacy in Pembrokeshire to Mental Health Advocacy Providers then again On 22 October 2014 to Advocacy West Wales. This change was made to reflect changes and restructuring in the provision and commissioning of services which have led to the provision of advocacy not only in Pembrokeshire but also in the surrounding counties. Upon its merger on 20 February 2020 the charity name was changed to Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru (AWW-ECG)

Registered Charity 1068440 was dissolved at its AGM Wed 20 September 2017, all assets, services, employees and liabilities of that charity having been transferred 1 April 2018 to Advocacy West Wales, CIO - registered number 1172200.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru's objects, as set out in the governing document, are to promote improved mental health and well-being of people of all ages living in West Wales, and those areas of Wales commissioning advocacy in partnership with commissioners in West Wales, through the provision of a range of services including comprehensive independent advocacy, education, training and awareness raising.

The charity carries out these objects by:

- (i) Providing independent advocacy services for adults with a range of needs for care and support, and people of all ages with mental health needs, and people with a learning disability and autistic people, supporting self-advocacy and providing self-advocacy workshops.
- (ii) a commitment to raising awareness of all independent forms of advocacy and other forms of advocacy. The long term aim is that independent advocacy is seen as an essential service for all people with a range of care and support needs and people experiencing the effects of disadvantages and disengagement.
- (iii) being an integral participant in developing advocacy services and promoting awareness of needs for people with a range of care and support needs both locally and in the wider West Wales arena.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
TRUSTEES REPORT
31 March 2025

Achievements and Performance

Advocacy West Wales (AWW) changed its name to Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru (AWW-EGC) in November 2019

Advocacy West Wales (AWW) has continued the provision of advocacy services to each of the following:

- IMHA Service in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire
- Independent Professional Advocacy in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire
- Tudor Trust Drop In Services Carmarthenshire ongoing
- All ages Community Mental Health, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire
- Hywel Davies Drop-in Services in Pembrokeshire - June 2022 and ongoing
- Adults with a learning disability or autism in Pembrokeshire

Financial Review

Advocacy West Wales is predominantly reliant on contracts for its services.

Funds were received from:

Welsh Government, Tudor Trust, Hywel Davies Trust, Henry Smith Charity, Pembrokeshire CC, Carmarthenshire CC, Ceredigion CC, National Lottery Awards for All, Postcode Community Trust.

Advocacy West Wales has also been fortunate in attracting a few donations.

Total income for the year was £841,713

Reserves Policy

The current policy is to hold reserves equivalent to:

3 months working capital to accommodate the provision of restricted projects pending the receipt of associated restricted income.

At the end of the financial year, general unrestricted reserves were £129,548 and restricted reserves amounted to £195,516.

Future Developments

We will be looking to secure future funding for Drop In services and people with a learning disability and autistic people services from 2026.

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
TRUSTEES' REPORT
31 March 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed, requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view 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 in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a 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 that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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A Watters, Chairperson

Date:

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
TRUSTEES REPORT
31 March 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Trustees

Andy Watters	Chair
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Helen Butland	
Emlyn Sciavone	
Daniel Rosie	
Ajay Chance Owen	September 2024 - May 2025

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ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU

31 March 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Michael Harries FCCA
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ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated & Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
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INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
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Investment income	4	4,868	-	4,868	4,548
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
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Total incoming resources		<u>8,376</u>	<u>833,337</u>	<u>841,713</u>	<u>737,835</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
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Charitable activities		<u>77,638</u>	<u>727,696</u>	<u>805,334</u>	<u>755,244</u>
Total resources expended		<u>77,638</u>	<u>727,696</u>	<u>805,334</u>	<u>755,244</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES before transfers		(69,262)	105,641	36,379	(17,409)
Gross transfers between funds	12&13	<u>68,999</u>	<u>(68,999)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net incoming /(outgoing) resources		<u>(263)</u>	<u>36,642</u>	<u>36,379</u>	<u>(17,409)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Funds brought forward		129,811	158,874	288,685	306,094
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	12	<u>129,548</u>	<u>195,516</u>	<u>325,064</u>	<u>288,685</u>

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total this year 2025	Total last year 2024
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FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	855	4,843	5,698	525
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Debtors : Amounts falling due within one year	10	-	-	-	-
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Amounts falling due within one year	11	-	17,540	17,540	20,768
NET CURRENT ASSETS		128,343	191,023	319,366	288,160
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		129,198	195,866	325,064	288,685
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds		129,548	-	129,548	129,811
Restricted funds		-	195,516	195,516	158,874
TOTAL FUNDS		129,548	195,516	325,064	288,685

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on _____ and were signed on its behalf by:

A Watters, Chair

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 March 2025

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

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 2015) Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

2.2 Expenditure & liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

2.3 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £100. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

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

Fixture and fittings - 10 % Straight Line

Computer equipment - 33 % Straight Line

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
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3 VOLUNTARY INCOME	2025			2024
	Designated			Total
	Unrestricted Funds	& Restricted Funds	Total	
	£	£	£	
Other income	3,508	-	3,508	92
	3,508	-	3,508	92

4 INVESTMENT INCOME	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	4,868	4,548

5 GRANTS & CONTRACTS	2025			2024
	Designated			Total
	Unrestricted Funds	& Restricted Funds	Total	
	£	£	£	
Community	-	238,141	238,141	73,812
Community C	-	-	-	91,753
Community Ceredigion	-	-	-	50,084
Henry Smith	-	105,000	105,000	60,000
IMHA	-	197,250	197,250	197,250
CIPA	-	262,946	262,946	228,296
Tudor	-	30,000	30,000	32,000
Hywel Davies Trust	-	-	-	-
	-	833,337	833,337	733,195

6 NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	2025	2024
	£	£
Net resources are stated after charging:		
Accountancy fees	1,500	1,452
Depreciation	3,401	2,117

7 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	-	-
Number of trustees receiving expenses	-	-

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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8 STAFF COSTS		2025	2024
		£	£
Wages and salaries		589,477	545,578
		<hr/>	<hr/>
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		2025	2024
Full time (based on 30 hours per week)		13	13
Part time		10	9
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		23	22
		<hr/>	<hr/>
There were no employees with salaries in excess of £60,000			
9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	1,190	27,713	28,903
Additions	-	8,575	8,575
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At 31 March 2025	1,190	36,288	37,478
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DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	1,190	27,188	28,378
Charge for year	-	3,401	3,401
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At 31 March 2025	1,190	30,589	31,779
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NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	-	5,699	5,699
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At 31 March 2024	-	525	525
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
10 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2025	2024
		£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
11 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2025	2024
		£	£
Accruals		1,500	1,452
Other creditors		16,040	19,316
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		17,540	20,768
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ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 March 2025

12 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.04.24	Funds brought forward at 01.04.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.03.25 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	-	129,811	(69,262)	68,999	129,548
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	-	158,874	105,641	(68,999)	195,516
TOTAL FUNDS	-	288,685	36,379	-	325,064

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,376	77,638	(69,262)
Restricted funds			
Restricted income funds	833,337	727,696	105,641
TOTAL FUNDS	841,713	805,334	36,379

13 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

Transfers were made from CIPA, Community, Tudor Trust, Henry Smith, Hywel Davies and IMHA to unrestricted income by way of a charge made to restricted funds for central support services

14 FUND DEFICITS

As at the year end 31 March 2025, no funds were in a deficit position

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 March 2025

15 DETAILED ANALYSIS OF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted		Restricted Funds							2025	2024
	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Community-</u>	<u>IMHA</u>	<u>Henry Smith</u>	<u>Hywel</u>	<u>CIPA</u>	<u>Tudor</u>	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
	£	£	Carms £	Ceredigion	£		Trust	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES											
Voluntary & other income	3,508							2,995		6,503	92
Government Grants	-	238,141			197,250	105,000	-	259,951	30,000	830,342	733,195
Investment income	4,868	-			-	-	-	-	-	4,868	4,548
Total incoming resources	8,376	238,141	-	-	197,250	105,000	-	262,946	30,000	841,713	737,835
RESOURCES EXPENDED											
Charitable activities											
Salaries & wages	55,734	174,935			146,591	44,820	17,266	74,498	24,264	538,108	491,885
Partnerships								134,640		134,640	133,873
Travel expenses	269	6,653			5,289	502	1,133	3,508	860	18,214	16,770
Training / Recruitment	1,200	75			225			15	15	1,530	1,572
CRB Checks	67	266			108			13	58	512	326
Subscriptions	164									164	200
	57,434	181,929	-	-	152,213	45,322	18,399	212,674	25,197	693,168	644,626
Support costs											
Salaries & wages	511	14,534			12,038	5,187	1,221	16,047	1,831	51,369	53,693
Training										-	993
Rent & rates	4,425	3,354			3,500	1,260	1,365	1,680	403	15,987	15,674
Room hire	25	403			98	18	7	157	9	717	835
Insurance	3,892	1,008			860			465		6,225	5,441
Telephone	888	3,071			2,703	1,023	464	1,482	594	10,225	13,069
Postage, stationery & advertising	230	294			168	48	20	160	83	1,003	980
Website & computing costs	2,997	4,171			3,588	1,162	414	2,167	328	14,827	7,689
Equipment	36	138			5			13		192	496
Access to work										-	66
Sundries										-	8
Professional fees	3,283	778			662	215	83	328	110	5,459	6,914
Bank charges	60									60	60
AGM/Staff welfare	1,155	16			5	25				1,201	1,131
Accountancy	1,500									1,500	1,452
Trustees' expenses										-	-
Depreciation	1,202				823	135	1,241			3,401	2,117
	20,204	27,767	-	-	24,450	9,073	4,815	22,499	3,358	112,166	110,618
Total resources expended	77,638	209,696	-	-	176,663	54,395	23,214	235,173	28,555	805,334	755,244
NET INCOMING/OUTGOING RESOURCES before transfers	(69,262)	28,445	-	-	20,587	50,605	(23,214)	27,773	1,445	36,379	(17,409)
Gross transfers between funds	68,999	(6,670)	(13,428)	(3,716)	(23,670)	(6,000)	(3,958)	(8,557)	(3,000)	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	-	-	-					-		36,379	(17,409)
Funds brought forward	129,811	28,565	13,428	3,716	24,359	3,033	75,347	7,156	3,270	288,685	306,094
Funds carried forward	129,548	50,340	-	-	21,276	47,638	48,175	26,372	1,715	325,064	288,685

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1172200

**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU**

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ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
TRUSTEES' REPORT
31 March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru (AWW-ECG) is a charitable incorporated organisation governed by a Constitution, dated 9 November 2016 and registered with the Charity Commission 1 April 2017 - number 1172200. This was amended on 20th February 2020 following the merger of AWW with EGC. At this point all of the assets, liabilities, services and employees were transferred from EGC to the newly merged charity.

The constitution provides for an executive committee of not less than 4 nor more than 15 members including Chair and Vice-Chair. Of these, not less than 3 and not more than 12 members are to be elected at the annual general meeting and hold office from the conclusion of that meeting. The executive committee may in addition appoint up to a maximum of 4 co-opted members providing that not more than one third of the executive committee is made up of co-opted members.

The executive committee shall hold at least 6 ordinary meetings each year.

History

Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru was conceived in 1995 from a service users group and started providing advocacy services in 1998.

In March 1998, Advocacy West Wales became a registered charity - number 1068440.

On 1 July 2009, it changed its name from Mental Health Advocacy in Pembrokeshire to Mental Health Advocacy Providers then again On 22 October 2014 to Advocacy West Wales. This change was made to reflect changes and restructuring in the provision and commissioning of services which have led to the provision of advocacy not only in Pembrokeshire but also in the surrounding counties. Upon its merger on 20 February 2020 the charity name was changed to Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru (AWW-ECG)

Registered Charity 1068440 was dissolved at its AGM Wed 20 September 2017, all assets, services, employees and liabilities of that charity having been transferred 1 April 2018 to Advocacy West Wales, CIO - registered number 1172200.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru's objects, as set out in the governing document, are to promote improved mental health and well-being of people of all ages living in West Wales, and those areas of Wales commissioning advocacy in partnership with commissioners in West Wales, through the provision of a range of services including comprehensive independent advocacy, education, training and awareness raising.

The charity carries out these objects by:

- (i) Providing independent advocacy services for adults with a range of needs for care and support, and people of all ages with mental health needs, and people with a learning disability and autistic people, supporting self-advocacy and providing self-advocacy workshops.
- (ii) a commitment to raising awareness of all independent forms of advocacy and other forms of advocacy. The long term aim is that independent advocacy is seen as an essential service for all people with a range of care and support needs and people experiencing the effects of disadvantages and disengagement.
- (iii) being an integral participant in developing advocacy services and promoting awareness of needs for people with a range of care and support needs both locally and in the wider West Wales arena.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
TRUSTEES REPORT
31 March 2025

Achievements and Performance

Advocacy West Wales (AWW) changed its name to Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru (AWW-EGC) in November 2019

Advocacy West Wales (AWW) has continued the provision of advocacy services to each of the following:

- IMHA Service in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire
- Independent Professional Advocacy in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire
- Tudor Trust Drop In Services Carmarthenshire ongoing
- All ages Community Mental Health, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire
- Hywel Davies Drop-in Services in Pembrokeshire - June 2022 and ongoing
- Adults with a learning disability or autism in Pembrokeshire

Financial Review

Advocacy West Wales is predominantly reliant on contracts for its services.

Funds were received from:

Welsh Government, Tudor Trust, Hywel Davies Trust, Henry Smith Charity, Pembrokeshire CC, Carmarthenshire CC, Ceredigion CC, National Lottery Awards for All, Postcode Community Trust.

Advocacy West Wales has also been fortunate in attracting a few donations.

Total income for the year was £841,713

Reserves Policy

The current policy is to hold reserves equivalent to:

3 months working capital to accommodate the provision of restricted projects pending the receipt of associated restricted income.

At the end of the financial year, general unrestricted reserves were £129,548 and restricted reserves amounted to £195,516.

Future Developments

We will be looking to secure future funding for Drop In services and people with a learning disability and autistic people services from 2026.

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
TRUSTEES' REPORT
31 March 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed, requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view 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 in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a 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 that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

.....
A Watters, Chairperson

Date:

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
TRUSTEES REPORT
31 March 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1172200

Registered office 36/38 High Street, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 2DA

Trustees

Andy Watters	Chair
Carolyn Oakley	Treasurer (resigned 08/07/24)
Jane Kelso	
Helen Butland	
Emlyn Sciavone	
Daniel Rosie	
Ajay Chance Owen	September 2024 - May 2025

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Bankers CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU

31 March 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Advocacy West Wales - Eiriolaeth Gorllewin Cymru (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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A Watters, Chair

ADVOCACY WEST WALES - EIRIOLAETH GORLLEWIN CYMRU
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 March 2025

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

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 2015) Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

2.2 Expenditure & liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

2.3 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £100. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

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

Fixture and fittings - 10 % Straight Line

Computer equipment - 33 % Straight Line

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3 VOLUNTARY INCOME	2025			2024
	Designated		Total	Total
	Unrestricted Funds	& Restricted Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Other income	3,508	-	3,508	92
	3,508	-	3,508	92

4 INVESTMENT INCOME	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	4,868	4,548

5 GRANTS & CONTRACTS	2025			2024
	Designated		Total	Total
	Unrestricted Funds	& Restricted Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Community	-	238,141	238,141	73,812
Community C	-	-	-	91,753
Community Ceredigion	-	-	-	50,084
Henry Smith	-	105,000	105,000	60,000
IMHA	-	197,250	197,250	197,250
CIPA	-	262,946	262,946	228,296
Tudor	-	30,000	30,000	32,000
Hywel Davies Trust	-	-	-	-
	-	833,337	833,337	733,195

6 NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	2025	2024
	£	£
Net resources are stated after charging:		
Accountancy fees	1,500	1,452
Depreciation	3,401	2,117

7 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	-	-
Number of trustees receiving expenses	-	-

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8 STAFF COSTS		2025	2024
		£	£
Wages and salaries		589,477	545,578
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The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		2025	2024
Full time (based on 30 hours per week)		13	13
Part time		10	9
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		23	22
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There were no employees with salaries in excess of £60,000			
9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	1,190	27,713	28,903
Additions	-	8,575	8,575
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At 31 March 2025	1,190	36,288	37,478
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DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	1,190	27,188	28,378
Charge for year	-	3,401	3,401
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At 31 March 2025	1,190	30,589	31,779
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NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	-	5,699	5,699
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At 31 March 2024	-	525	525
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10 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2025	2024
		£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		-	-
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		-	-
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11 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2025	2024
		£	£
Accruals		1,500	1,452
Other creditors		16,040	19,316
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		17,540	20,768
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12 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.04.24	Funds brought forward at 01.04.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.03.25 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	-	129,811	(69,262)	68,999	129,548
Restricted funds					
Restricted income funds	-	158,874	105,641	(68,999)	195,516
TOTAL FUNDS	-	288,685	36,379	-	325,064

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,376	77,638	(69,262)
Restricted funds			
Restricted income funds	833,337	727,696	105,641
TOTAL FUNDS	841,713	805,334	36,379

13 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

Transfers were made from CIPA, Community, Tudor Trust, Henry Smith, Hywel Davies and IMHA to unrestricted income by way of a charge made to restricted funds for central support services

14 FUND DEFICITS

As at the year end 31 March 2025, no funds were in a deficit position

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15 DETAILED ANALYSIS OF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted Funds								2025	2024
			Community	Community-			Hywel				
	Reserves	Community	Carms	Ceredigion	IMHA	Henry Smith	Davies	CIPA	Tudor	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£		£		Trust	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES											
Voluntary & other income	3,508							2,995		6,503	92
Government Grants	-	238,141			197,250	105,000	-	259,951	30,000	830,342	733,195
Investment income	4,868	-			-	-	-	-	-	4,868	4,548
Total incoming resources	8,376	238,141	-	-	197,250	105,000	-	262,946	30,000	841,713	737,835
RESOURCES EXPENDED											
Charitable activities											
Salaries & wages	55,734	174,935			146,591	44,820	17,266	74,498	24,264	538,108	491,885
Partnerships								134,640		134,640	133,873
Travel expenses	269	6,653			5,289	502	1,133	3,508	860	18,214	16,770
Training / Recruitment	1,200	75			225			15	15	1,530	1,572
CRB Checks	67	266			108			13	58	512	326
Subscriptions	164									164	200
	57,434	181,929	-	-	152,213	45,322	18,399	212,674	25,197	693,168	644,626
Support costs											
Salaries & wages	511	14,534			12,038	5,187	1,221	16,047	1,831	51,369	53,693
Training										-	993
Rent & rates	4,425	3,354			3,500	1,260	1,365	1,680	403	15,987	15,674
Room hire	25	403			98	18	7	157	9	717	835
Insurance	3,892	1,008			860			465		6,225	5,441
Telephone	888	3,071			2,703	1,023	464	1,482	594	10,225	13,069
Postage, stationery & advertising	230	294			168	48	20	160	83	1,003	980
Website & computing costs	2,997	4,171			3,588	1,162	414	2,167	328	14,827	7,689
Equipment	36	138			5			13		192	496
Access to work										-	66
Sundries										-	8
Professional fees	3,283	778			662	215	83	328	110	5,459	6,914
Bank charges	60									60	60
AGM/Staff welfare	1,155	16			5	25				1,201	1,131
Accountancy	1,500									1,500	1,452
Trustees' expenses										-	-
Depreciation	1,202				823	135	1,241			3,401	2,117
	20,204	27,767	-	-	24,450	9,073	4,815	22,499	3,358	112,166	110,618
Total resources expended	77,638	209,696	-	-	176,663	54,395	23,214	235,173	28,555	805,334	755,244
NET INCOMING/OUTGOING RESOURCES before transfers	(69,262)	28,445	-	-	20,587	50,605	(23,214)	27,773	1,445	36,379	(17,409)
Gross transfers between funds	68,999	(6,670)	(13,428)	(3,716)	(23,670)	(6,000)	(3,958)	(8,557)	(3,000)	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	-	-	-					-		36,379	(17,409)
Funds brought forward	129,811	28,565	13,428	3,716	24,359	3,033	75,347	7,156	3,270	288,685	306,094
Funds carried forward	129,548	50,340	-	-	21,276	47,638	48,175	26,372	1,715	325,064	288,685