

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1173283

Details

Other names South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-06-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF CHARITIES AND THE PROMOTION OF THE EFFECTIVE USE OF CHARITABLE RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROVIDING SUPPORT TO CHARITIES AND NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS OPERATING IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE AND BEYOND WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED TO RELIEVE THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DISTRESS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE AT ANY TIME IN THEIR LIVES.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Barnsley
- Doncaster
- Rotherham
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£965,152	£985,470	£8,986	0
2024-03-31	£970,248	£966,452	£29,304	0
2023-03-31	£1,049,112	£1,023,724	£25,508	0
2022-03-31	£616,560	£616,440	£120	0
2021-03-31	£490,540	£490,540	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dawn Elizabeth Thomas		2024-07-22
FIONA RUTH STEPHENSON		2018-09-01
Jeanette Baker		2024-09-19
Kirsten Atkinson		2018-01-15
WENDY DIANNE PEAKE		2017-06-05

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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C A Cooper - *resigned 13/10/2025*
K Firth - *resigned 31/08/2024*
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Acting Chair: K Atkinson

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Structure, governance and management

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The trustees who served during the year, to the date of the signing of this report, are listed on page 3.

Appointment of Trustees

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- Navigation through the judicial process

The support offered to clients is underpinned by a range of well-established services provided within each of the four organisations.

Achievements during the period

The partnership continued to deliver a high quality Independent Sexual Violence Advocacy (ISVA) service throughout South Yorkshire, providing support and advocacy for adults and children who have experienced sexual harm.

The Board is proud to confirm that, in October 2024, the service delivered by SYSVP was independently assessed against the quality standards for ISVA services and achieved full accreditation. This is extremely important to us as, not only is it a requirement of our ISVA service commissioning but it is a clear indicator to stakeholders, including survivors considering reporting their experience, of the high standard of service we offer.

The people we supported

In the year ending March 2025, the South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership provided ISVA support to 2,291 victim survivors in South Yorkshire, a 31% increase on the number of people reported to our commissioner the year prior.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The majority of people we worked with had experienced sexual harm perpetrated by someone known to them, a partner or ex-partner, a close relative or friend/ acquaintance; only 7% of victims had experienced sexual harm perpetrated by a stranger.

33% of the individuals supported were children, (aged 0-17 years), and the remainder were adults; 87% of our clients in the year were women and 11.6% were male, less than 1% identified as non-binary and 6 individuals did not confirm their gender.

The South Yorkshire ISVA service received referrals for 1,672 individuals in 2024/25, which is comparable with the year prior. 64% of referrals were received from South Yorkshire Police, around 11% were made by the South Yorkshire Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC) and 8.6% were self-referrals (where a victim/ survivor has sought support directly); the remainder of referrals were made to the ISVA service by other providers, including social care, education providers, statutory health services and victim services.

Of the 1,672 individuals referred, 1,105 accepted support (around 66%).

ISVA support completed for 809 individuals in the year; 77.6% of those successfully (by which we mean clients exited our service in a planned manner).

The challenges we faced

It is widely acknowledged that the criminal justice processes are protracted, taking significantly longer to reach a conclusion with many victims facing delays in decision-making and adjourned Court hearings. This has had a tangible impact on the length of time ISVA support is available to victims and the demand on our team, and it has affected the number of people requiring support at any one time.

In 2024/25 the average length of support (to successful conclusion) was 534 days, compared with 460 days the previous year, and average caseloads across the partnership increased by around 8% (from 54 in 2023/24 to 59 in 24/25) with one partner reporting average caseloads of 75 across the year.

Furthermore, the information we hold about the vulnerabilities of our clients, and associated risks, increased this year when compared to the previous data held for 2023/24. The proportion of service users who had experienced repeat victimisation and/ or domestic abuse, had experienced significantly poor mental health leading to self-injury and/ or suicidal ideation, had a learning difficulty, physical disability or mental health condition had all increased across the partnership.

In response to the increased pressures on the service and reduced capacity, as a result of long-term sickness absence, the partnership implemented a waiting list towards the end of the year.

The partnership acknowledges that increases in demand and complexities in need are likely to mean that waiting lists are more prevalent across the region unless the commissioned service is able to attract additional funding. However, in order to ensure that the service is able to meet the needs of more victims in a timely manner, the partnership has undertaken a review of the service delivery model to maximise the resources available.

Future plans

Following a request from the SRASAC to relinquish the role of contract lead in the partnership, the responsibility for contract management transferred to BSARCS from April 2025.

With all partners committed to continuing to deliver a high quality, effective and efficient ISVA service across South Yorkshire, the partnership is pleased to have received an extension of funding for a 12-month period to March 2026. However, the issue of sustainable long-term funding continues to present challenges and, at the time of finalising these accounts, although SYMCA have indicated an intention of extending commissioning of the ISVA service into 2026/27, this has not yet been formalised.

The Charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have considered the level of reserves required by the charity and have decided that holding a general reserve at a set level is unnecessary at this time, due to the nature of the charity's operations and its current funding structure. Contract income is spent in the financial year to which it relates and the charity does not commit to any expenditure in advance of receiving funds. Financial risk and liabilities are considered to be minimal.

At the year end, the actual level of reserves stands at £8,986. (2024: £29,304).

Related parties

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is made up of members from each of the following organisations:

- Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (SRASAC)
- Barnsley Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Services (BSARCS)
- Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)
- Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (RothACS)

The partner organisations each have members on the Board of Trustees of SYSVP. The trustees consider that there are no other related parties to the charity.

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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 and applicable accounting standards. 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.

Financial position

The financial statements are set out in pages 10 to 15. The Statement of Financial Activities shows income for the year of £965,152 (2024: £970,248). Total expenditure during the year was £985,470 (2024: £966,452) leaving a deficit for the year of £20,318 (2024: a surplus of £3,796).

Full details of income and expenditure are provided on page 14 of this report.

Total reserves at the year end, represented by unrestricted funds, were ££8,986 (2024: £29,304).

Events after the end of the reporting period

In November 2025, SRASAC gave notice of their wish to withdraw from the partnership. Their withdrawal was accepted at a Board meeting on the 12th of December 2025 and, at the same meeting, the remaining partners confirmed their commitment to the partnership. SYSVP will, from the point of SRASAC's withdrawal, continue as a triumvirate.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed:



Date: 23 January 2026

K Atkinson, Chair

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 in this financial year. I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *A Hayes*

Date: 23 January 2026

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
22 Brocklehurst Avenue, Barnsley, S70 3EE

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Income					
Income from charitable activities	2	965,152	-	965,152	970,248
Total income		965,152	-	965,152	970,248
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	985,470	-	985,470	966,452
Total expenditure		985,470	-	985,470	966,452
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(20,318)	-	(20,318)	3,796
Total funds brought forward		29,304	-	29,304	25,508
Total funds carried forward		8,986	-	8,986	29,304

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All prior year income and expenditure was unrestricted funds.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Current assets					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>9,786</u>		<u>166,819</u>	
Total current assets		9,786		166,819	
Current liabilities					
Creditors					
amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(800)</u>		<u>(137,515)</u>	
		(800)		(137,515)	
Net current assets			8,986		29,304
Net assets			<u>8,986</u>		<u>29,304</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			8,986		29,304
Restricted funds			-		-
Total funds			<u>8,986</u>		<u>29,304</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: 

Date: 23 January 2026

K Atkinson, Chair

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Funds 2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(20,318)	3,796
Adjustments for:		
(increase)/decrease in debtors	-	115,812
increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>(136,715)</u>	<u>(108,907)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(157,033)	10,701
Cash flows from investing activities	-	-
Cash flows from financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(157,033)	10,701
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	166,819	156,118
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>9,786</u>	<u>166,819</u>
Cash in hand and at bank	9,786	166,819
Notice deposits	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>9,786</u>	<u>166,819</u>

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership 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 note(s).

Going Concern note

Since registration with the Charity Commission, SYSVP has been funded by a contract from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The current contract expired on 31 March 2025, but included an option to extend for a further four years. At the date of signing of the accounts, an extension of the contract for a further 12 months has been agreed but the trustees are awaiting confirmation of funding beyond March 2026. The lack of confirmation of funding is a concern, but the charity holds a small reserve to cover costs in the event of closure, and has adequate resources to meet liabilities as they fall due. In discussions with the trustees, the funder has indicated an intention of extending commissioning of the contract into 2026/27. The trustees therefore consider it appropriate to continue to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

Incoming recognition

All incoming resources have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, when any performance conditions attached are met, when it is probable that the income will be received and when the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised as a liability is incurred. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly resources expended are shown gross of irrecoverable VAT. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Taxation

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is a registered charity and is exempt from UK corporation tax on income from its charitable activities.

Funds Structure

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
ISVA Contract (PCC)	965,152	-	965,152	965,152
Sheffield University	-	-	-	5,096
TOTAL	<u>965,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>965,152</u>	<u>970,248</u>

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Direct cost of charitable activities:				
ISVA Service - Barnsley	185,787	-	185,787	159,072
ISVA Service - Doncaster	225,399	-	225,399	188,784
ISVA Service - Rotherham	220,151	-	220,151	277,836
ISVA Service - Sheffield	343,264	-	343,264	339,264
Quality Standards Reaccreditation	9,600	-	9,600	-
	<u>984,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>984,201</u>	<u>964,956</u>
<u>Support Costs:</u>				
Audit & Accountancy Fees	800	-	800	1,461
Admin & IT	435	-	435	35
Miscellaneous & Other Expenses	34	-	34	-
	<u>1,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,269</u>	<u>1,496</u>
Total	<u>985,470</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>985,470</u>	<u>966,452</u>

All prior year expenditure is unrestricted funds.

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors - amounts due to partner organisations	-	132,554
Audit & Accountancy fees	800	4,961
	<u>800</u>	<u>137,515</u>

5. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses

There were no payments, remuneration or benefits made to trustees during this or the previous financial period.

6. Related party transactions

Payments to the individual partner organisation are detailed in note 3, page 14 of this report.

There were no other related party transactions during this or the previous financial period.

7. Audit and Accountancy fees

The cost of the Independent Examination and accountancy services, provided by Angela Hayes, Community Accountant, was £800 (2024:725).

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Achievements during the period

The service continued to maintain its KPIs with clients and partners, ensuring that a quality service is maintained for men, women and children who have reported sexual offences and would like support and advocacy on their journey.

A total of 1,746 referrals were received across all four areas in 2023/24, with the most referrals being received in November 2023 (173), and with Sheffield receiving the highest total of referrals over the year (556 referrals). There was an average of 1,146 active clients across the partnership at any given date during the year, which is a 6.2% increase on active clients compared to Year 4. This increase can be attributed to the large number of referrals received in the year, and the court and criminal justice backlog increasing the time a client receives ISVA support. Doncaster held the highest average caseload in 2023/24 at an average of 344 active clients.

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Based on the data provided, the average client is female (88%) aged 24 and under (52%), white (79%) and heterosexual (55%) and was abused by a family member, partner or ex-partner (46%) with assaults by 'strangers' falling to 6%.

- Contact Times & Risk Assessments

100% of clients who were accepted into the ISVA service had both Risk Assessments and Safety Plans completed as per the service model. 100% of clients had an ISVA attempt to contact them within 48 hours of accepting the referral. ISVAs supported clients at Court 437 times over the reporting period.

- Active Case Summary

In 2023/24 an average of 1,146 people were active with an ISVA at any given date during the last reporting period. (average of 1,079 in 2022/23)

In 2023/24 the average number of cases per ISVA across the partnership was 54 (average of 44 in 2022/23) over the reporting period. By area the caseloads are Barnsley 67, Doncaster 75, Rotherham 45 (46 for Stovewood and 45 for non-Stovewood), and Sheffield 40.

- Case Closures

Due to increased caseload and inflationary pressures it has been difficult to maintain caseloads at manageable levels. The partnership saw a total of 1,649 case closures in 2023/24, of which there were 686 successful closures (42% of total closures). The most common reason for unplanned service exits was due to difficulties in contacting the client, of which there were a total of 368 closures (22% of total closures), followed by clients who did not accept the offer of support, of which there were a total of 280 closures (17% of total closures).

Future plans

With all four delivery partners working effectively and efficiently alongside each other to deliver the Partnership's key objectives and striving to relieve the mental and physical distress of people who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives, the future of the Partnership is affected by one major issue: sustainable adequate funding to address the needs of all survivors across South Yorkshire. Future funding remains an issue of concern. At the date of signing of the accounts, the trustees are awaiting confirmation of funding from the existing contract, beyond 31st March 2025.

The Charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have agreed to hold a contingency reserve of £30,000. The purpose of the reserve is to ensure that the charity can meet any unforeseen expenditure or event. The actual reserve at the year end was £29,304. (2023: £25,508).

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Related parties

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is made up of members from each of the following organisations:

- Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (SRASAC)
- Barnsley Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Services (BSARCS)
- Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)
- Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (RothACS)

The partner organisations each have members on the Board of Trustees of SYSVP. The trustees consider that there are no other related parties to the charity.

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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 and applicable accounting standards. 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.

Financial Position

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 14. The Statement of Financial Activities shows income for the year of £970,248 (2023: £1,049,112). Total expenditure during the year was £966,452 (2023: £1,023,724) leaving a surplus of funds of £3,796 (2023: £25,388).

Full details of income and expenditure are provided on page 13 of this report.

Total reserves at the year end, represented by unrestricted funds, were £29,304 (2023: £25,508).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: *Wendy D. Peake* Date: *19/12/24.*

W D Peake, Treasurer

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 in this financial year. I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *A Hayes*

Date: 19/12/2024

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
22 Brocklehurst Avenue, Barnsley, S70 3EE



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Income					
Income from charitable activities	2	970,248	-	970,248	1,049,112
Total income		970,248	-	970,248	1,049,112
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	966,452	-	966,452	1,023,724
Total expenditure		966,452	-	966,452	1,023,724
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		3,796	-	3,796	25,388
Total funds brought forward		25,508	-	25,508	120
Total funds carried forward		29,304	-	29,304	25,508

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All prior year income and expenditure was unrestricted funds.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Current assets					
Debtors	4	-		115,812	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>166,819</u>		<u>156,118</u>	
Total current assets			166,819		271,930
Current liabilities					
Creditors	5				
amounts falling due within one year			(137,515)		(246,422)
Net current assets			29,304		25,508
Net assets			<u>29,304</u>		<u>25,508</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			29,304		25,508
Restricted funds			-		-
Total funds			<u>29,304</u>		<u>25,508</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: *Wendy D. Peake*

Date: *19/12/24.*

W D Peake, Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Funds 2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	3,796	25,388
Adjustments for:		
(increase)/decrease in debtors	115,812	(53,287)
increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>(108,907)</u>	<u>183,937</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	10,701	156,038
Cash flows from investing activities	-	-
Cash flows from financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	<u>10,701</u>	<u>156,038</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	156,118	80
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>166,819</u>	<u>156,118</u>
Cash in hand and at bank	166,819	156,118
Notice deposits	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>166,819</u>	<u>156,118</u>

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

Charity information

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (SYSVP) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1173283.

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership 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 note(s).

Going Concern note

Since registration with the Charity Commission, SYSVP has been funded by a contract from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The current contract expires on 31 March 2025, but included an option to extend for a further four years. At the date of signing of the accounts, the trustees are awaiting confirmation of funding beyond March 2025. The lack of confirmation of funding is a significant concern, but the charity holds a small reserve to cover costs in the event of closure, and has adequate resources to meet liabilities as they fall due. The trustees therefore consider it appropriate to continue to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis.

Incoming recognition

All incoming resources have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, when any performance conditions attached are met, when it is probable that the income will be received and when the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised as a liability is incurred. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly resources expended are shown gross of irrecoverable VAT. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Taxation

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is a registered charity and is exempt from UK corporation tax on income from its charitable activities.

Funds Structure

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

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2. Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
ISVA Contract (PCC)	965,152	-	965,152	1,049,112
Sheffield University	5,096	-	5,096	-
TOTAL	970,248	-	970,248	1,049,112

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Direct cost of charitable activities:				
ISVA Service - Barnsley	159,072	-	159,072	160,113
ISVA Service - Doncaster	188,784	-	188,784	189,824
ISVA Service - Rotherham	277,836	-	277,836	328,881
ISVA Service - Sheffield	339,264	-	339,264	340,306
	<u>964,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>964,956</u>	<u>1,019,124</u>
<u>Support Costs:</u>				
Audit & Accountancy Fees 2023	736	-	736	4,600
Audit & Accountancy Fees 2024	725	-	725	-
ICO Registration Fee	35	-	35	-
	<u>1,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,496</u>	<u>4,600</u>
Total	966,452	-	966,452	1,023,724

All prior year expenditure is unrestricted funds.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued contract income	-	115,812
	<u>-</u>	<u>115,812</u>

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors - amounts due to partner organisations	132,554	242,322
Audit & Accountancy fees	4,961	4,100
	<u>137,515</u>	<u>246,422</u>

6. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses

There were no payments, remuneration or benefits made to trustees during this or the previous financial period.

7. Related party transactions

Payments to the individual partner organisation are detailed in note 3, page 13 of this report.

There were no other related party transactions during this or the previous financial period.

8. Audit and Accountancy fees

The cost of the Independent Examination and accounts preparation, provided by Angela Hayes, Community Accountant, was £725.

In the previous financial year, a statutory audit was required and an audit fee of £4,236 was payable to GBAC Limited. In addition, the cost of the accounts preparation service, provided by Angela Hayes, was £600.

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Accounts

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Full Name: THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

**Registered Charity
Number:** 1173283

Principal Address: SRASAC
Scotia Works,
Leadmill Road
Sheffield
S1 4SE

Trustees: K Atkinson
C A Cooper
K Firth
R Kennedy
D Lister - *resigned 26/06/2023*
W D Peake
F Stephenson
A Tatlow

Chair: K Atkinson

Treasurer: W D Peake

Secretary Ms C A Cooper

Bankers: The Cooperative Bank
Business Direct Plus
P O Box 250
Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

Accountant: Angela Hayes
Community Accountant
22 Brocklehurst Avenue
Barnsley S70 3EE

Registered Auditors: GBAC Limited
Old Linen Court
83-85 Shambles Street
Barnsley S70 2SB

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Structure, governance and management

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (SYSVP) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution (CIO Foundation), registered 05 June 2017.

The members of the CIO are the charity trustees. Membership of the CIO cannot be transferred to anyone else. If the CIO is wound up, the liability of each member to contribute to the assets of the company is limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

The affairs of the charity are managed by the trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the CIO. The Trustees delegate the day-to-day management of the charity to Meera Kulkarni, Contract Manager for SYSVP and Chief Executive Officer of Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre.

The trustees who served during the year, to the date of signing this report, are listed on page 3.

Appointment of Trustees

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be a minimum of three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustees can act only to call a meeting of the trustees or appoint a new trustee. Every trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest trustee's annual report and accounts, on or before appointment.

Risk Management

The trustees are responsible for identifying and managing risk. The trustees examine the major risks that the charity faces and put into operation systems so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. A risk management policy is currently being developed which will be regularly reviewed by the trustees.

Charitable aims and objectives

The objects of the charity are:

The promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and the promotion of the effective use of charitable resources for the public benefit, by providing support to charities and not for profit organisations operating in South Yorkshire and beyond which are established to relieve the mental and physical distress of people who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives.

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Activities undertaken for the public benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (SYSVP) was established on the 5th June 2017, initially to deliver a contract from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner to provide a unified Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Service across the whole of South Yorkshire. This service is provided by four independent and separate existing organisations:

- Barnsley Sexual Abuse Rape Crisis Services (BSARCS)
- Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)
- Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (RothACS)
- Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (SRASAC)

The SYSVP Board of Trustees consists of two trustee members from each organisation. The following trustees hold formal roles on the Board:

Chair: Kirsten Atkinson (DRASACS)

Secretary: Anne Cooper (RothACS)

Treasurer: Wendy Peake (RothACS – appointed 26th June 23)

Previous Treasurer - Ruth Kennedy stepped down 26th June 23 (SRASAC)

The ISVAs and Children's ISVAs (CHISVAs) based in the four organisations provide practical and emotional support for adults and children who report current or historical sexual offences. The support offered includes:

- Listening
- Undertaking risk and needs assessments
- Liaison with a range of statutory and non-statutory agencies
- Family support
- Signposting
- Accompanying clients
- Navigation through the judicial process

The support offered to clients is underpinned by a range of well-established services provided within each of the four organisations.

Achievements during the period

The service continued to maintain its KPIs with clients and partners, ensuring that a quality service is maintained for men, women and children who have reported sexual offences and would like support and advocacy on their journey.

A total of 1,857 referrals were received across all four areas in 2022/23, with the most referrals being received in September 2022 (171), and with Sheffield receiving the highest total of referrals (671 referrals). There was an average of 1,079 active clients across the partnership at any given date during the year, which is a 26.5% increase on active clients compared to Year 4. This increase can be attributed to the large number of referrals received in the year, and the court and criminal justice backlog increasing the time a client receives ISVA support. Doncaster held the highest average caseload in 2022/23 at an average of 299 active clients.

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Based on the data provided, the average client is female (90%) aged 24 and under (51%), white (86%) and heterosexual (61%) and was abused by a family member, partner or ex-partner (43%) with assaults by 'strangers' remaining at 7%.

- Contact Times & Risk Assessments

98% of clients who were accepted into the ISVA service had both Risk Assessments and Safety Plans completed as per the service model. 100% of clients had an ISVA attempt to contact them within 48 hours of accepting the referral. ISVAs supported clients at Court 246 times over the reporting period.

- Active Case Summary

In 2022/23 an average of 1,079 people were active with an ISVA at any given date during the last reporting period. (average of 853 in 2021/22)

In 2022/23 the average number of cases per ISVA across the partnership was 44 (average of 49 in 2021/22) over the reporting period. By area the caseloads are Barnsley 46, Doncaster 63, Rotherham 36 (34 for Stovewood and 39 for non-Stovewood), and Sheffield 43.

- Case closures

The increase in ISVA resource has maintained caseloads within manageable limits. The partnership saw a total of 1,500 case closures in 2022/23, of which there were 531 successful closures (35% of total closures). The most common reason for unplanned service exits was due to difficulties in contacting the client, of which there were a total of 385 closures (26% of total closures), followed by clients disengaging from their support, of which there were a total of 188 closures (13% of total closures).

- Additional Uplift ISVA Funding

SYSVP was successful in being awarded additional funding to address support for survivors facing additional barriers in seeking support. This funding provided 1 FTE ISVA post for each of the 4 partners. Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham all identified a need for a specialist Male ISVA role, Sheffield identified a need for a specialist ISVA to support survivors from Black and Minoritised Ethnic Communities.

Future Plans

With all four delivery partners working effectively and efficiently alongside each other to deliver the Partnership's key objectives and striving to relieve the mental and physical distress of people who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives, the future of the Partnership is affected by one major issue: sustainable adequate funding to address the needs of all survivors across South Yorkshire.

Events after the end of the reporting period

There were no significant events after the end of the reporting period.

The Charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have agreed to hold a contingency reserve of £30,000. The purpose of the reserve is to ensure that the charity can meet any unforeseen expenditure or event. However, reserves have been utilised to fund the audit & accountancy fee, leaving a total reserve at the year end of £25,508. (2022: £120).

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Related parties

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is made up of members from each of the following organisations:

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- Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)
- Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (RothACS)

The partner organisations each have members on the Board of Trustees of SYSVP. The trustees consider that there are no other related parties to the charity.

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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 and applicable accounting standards. 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.

Financial Position

The financial statements are set out in pages 11 to 16. The Statement of Financial Activities shows income for the year, from the contract with the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, of £1,049,112 (2022: £616,560). Total expenditure during the year was £1,023,724 (2022: £616,440) leaving a surplus of funds of £25,388 (2022: £120).

Total reserves at the year end, represented by unrestricted funds, were £25,508 (2022: £120).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: *K Atkinson*

Date: 26th January 2024

K Atkinson, Chair of the Trustees

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable incorporated organisation or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor 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 an auditors' report 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained an understanding of the Charity and the sector in which it operates to identify laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a direct effect on the financial statements. We obtained our understanding in this regard through discussions with management, application of cumulative audit knowledge and experience of the sector.

We determined the principal laws and regulations relevant to the Charity in this regard to be those arising from the Charities Act 2011, Local tax laws and regulations, Anti Money Laundering Legislation and Bribery Act 2010.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

We designed our audit procedures to ensure the audit team considered whether there were any indications of non-compliance by the Charity with those laws and regulations. These procedures included, but were not limited to; a review of the Board minutes throughout the year and post year end. A review of general ledger transactions and discussions with management.

We also identified the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud. We considered, in addition to the non-rebuttable presumption of a risk of fraud arising from management override of controls, including the potential for management bias identified in relation to the provisions and estimates and we addressed this by challenging the assumptions and judgements made by management when auditing that significant accounting estimate.

As in all of our audits, we addressed the risk of fraud arising from management override of controls by performing audit procedures which included but were not limited to: the testing of journals; reviewing accounting estimates for evidence of bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

Use of our report

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



Mrs Victoria Jane Davies (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of GBAC Limited

Statutory Auditor

Old Linen Court
83-85 Shambles Street
Barnsley
South Yorkshire
S70 2SB

GBAC Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under Part 42 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Income					
Income from charitable activities	2	1,049,112	-	1,049,112	616,560
Total income		<u>1,049,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,049,112</u>	<u>616,560</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	1,023,724	-	1,023,724	616,440
Total expenditure		<u>1,023,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,023,724</u>	<u>616,440</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		25,388	-	25,388	120
Total funds brought forward		120	-	120	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>25,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,508</u>	<u>120</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All prior year income and expenditure was unrestricted funds.

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Current assets					
Debtors	4	115,812		62,525	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>156,118</u>		<u>80</u>	
Total current assets			271,930		62,605
Current liabilities					
Creditors	5				
amounts falling due within one year			(246,422)		(62,485)
Net current assets			25,508		120
Net assets			<u>25,508</u>		<u>120</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			25,508		120
Restricted funds			-		-
Total funds			<u>25,508</u>		<u>120</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: *K Atkinson*

Date: 26th January 2024

K Atkinson, Chair of the Trustees

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Funds 2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	25,388	120
Adjustments for:		
(increase)/decrease in debtors	(53,287)	(16,733)
increase/(decrease) in creditors	183,937	6,807
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	156,038	(9,806)
Cash flows from investing activities	-	-
Cash flows from financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	156,038	(9,806)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	80	9,886
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	156,118	80
Cash in hand and at bank	156,118	80
Notice deposits	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	156,118	80

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting policies

Charity information

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (SYSVP) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1173283.

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership 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 note(s).

Going Concern note

The charity has secured a contract from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner which will sustain the organisation until 31 March 2025, with option to extend for a further four years. The trustees therefore have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. There are no material uncertainties in the twelve-month period following the signing of the accounts.

Incoming recognition

All incoming resources have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, when any performance conditions attached are met, when it is probable that the income will be received and when the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised as a liability is incurred. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly resources expended are shown gross of irrecoverable VAT. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Taxation

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is a registered charity and is exempt from UK corporation tax on income from its charitable activities.

Funds Structure

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Income from Charitable Activities

A contract between The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for South Yorkshire and the South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership for the provision of a South Yorkshire Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) and a Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (CHISVA) service.

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Direct cost of charitable activities:				
ISVA Service - Barnsley	160,113	-	160,113	123,676
ISVA Service - Doncaster	189,824	-	189,824	153,470
ISVA Service - Rotherham	328,881	-	328,881	132,472
ISVA Service - Sheffield	340,306	-	340,306	195,222
Training grant	-	-	-	11,150
	<u>1,019,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,019,124</u>	<u>615,990</u>
<u>Support Costs:</u>				
Audit & Accountancy Fees	<u>4,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>450</u>
Total	<u>1,023,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,023,724</u>	<u>616,440</u>

All prior year expenditure is unrestricted funds.

4. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued contract income	115,812	62,525
	<u>115,812</u>	<u>62,525</u>

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Creditors - amounts due to partner organisations	242,322	62,485
Audit & Accountancy fees	4,100	-
	<u>246,422</u>	<u>62,485</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses

There were no payments, remuneration or benefits made to trustees during this or the previous financial period.

7. Related party transactions

Payments to the individual partner organisation are detailed in note 3, page 15 of this report.

There were no other related party transactions during this or the previous financial period.

8. Audit and Accountancy fees

An Audit Fee of £3,500 was payable to GBAC Limited in relation to the financial year ending 31.03.2023. In addition, the cost of the accounts preparation service, provided by Angela Hayes, was £600.

In the previous financial year, a statutory audit was not required and the cost of accounts preparation and Independent examination of accounts, provided by BCVS Services limited was £450.

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERHIP

England & Wales - Charity number 1173283

Accounts

Registered Charity No: 1173283

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP
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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Full Name: THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

**Registered Charity
Number:** 1173283

Principal Address: SRASAC
Scotia Works,
Leadmill Road
Sheffield
S1 4SE

Trustees: Ms C A Cooper
K Firth – *appointed 26/07/2022*
Miss K Howells
Ms J Keen – *resigned 26/07/2022*
Ms R Kennedy
Mr D Lister
Ms W D Peake
Ms F Stephenson
Ms A Tatlow

Chair: Miss K Howells

Treasurer: Ms R Kennedy

Secretary Ms C A Cooper

Bankers: The Cooperative Bank
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P O Box 250
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT

Independent Examiner: Angela Hayes
Community Accountant
BCVS Services Limited
Priory Campus
Pontefract Road
Barnsley
S71 5PN

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (SYSVP) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution (CIO Foundation), registered 05 June 2017.

The members of the CIO are the charity trustees. Membership of the CIO cannot be transferred to anyone else. If the CIO is wound up, the liability of each member to contribute to the assets of the company is limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

The affairs of the charity are managed by the trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the CIO.

The trustees who served during the year, to the date of signing this report, are listed on page 3.

Appointment of Trustees

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be a minimum of three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustees can act only to call a meeting of the trustees or appoint a new trustee. Every trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest trustee's annual report and accounts, on or before appointment.

Risk Management

The trustees are responsible for identifying and managing risk. The trustees examine the major risks that the charity faces and put into operation systems so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. A risk management policy is currently being developed which will be regularly reviewed by the trustees.

Charitable aims and objectives

The objects of the charity are:

The promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and the promotion of the effective use of charitable resources for the public benefit, by providing support to charities and not for profit organisations operating in South Yorkshire and beyond which are established to relieve the mental and physical distress of people who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives.

Activities undertaken for the public benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (SYSVP) was established on the 5th June 2017, initially to deliver a contract from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner to provide a unified Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Service across the whole of South Yorkshire. This service is provided by four independent and separate existing organisations:

- Barnsley Sexual Abuse Rape Crisis Services (BSARCS)
- Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)
- Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (RothACS)
- Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (SRASAC)

The SYSVP Board of Trustees consists of two trustee members from each organisation. The following trustees hold formal roles on the Board:

Chair: Kirsten Howells (DRASACS)

Secretary: Anne Cooper (RothACS)

Treasurer: Ruth Kennedy (SRASAC)

The ISVAs and Children's ISVAs (CHISVAs) based in the four organisations provide practical and emotional support for adults and children who report current or historical sexual offences. The support offered includes:

- Listening
- Undertaking risk and needs assessments
- Liaison with a range of statutory and non-statutory agencies
- Family support
- Signposting
- Accompanying clients
- Navigation through the judicial process

The support offered to clients is underpinned by a range of well-established services provided within each of the four organisations.

Achievements during the period

The service continued to maintain its KPIs with clients and partners, ensuring that a quality service is maintained for men, women and children who have reported sexual offences and would like support and advocacy on their journey.

There has been a 20% increase in referrals compared to Year 4, which was lower than expected due to the decrease associated with the lockdown in Q1 2020-21. The number of active clients is 30% higher than reported in year 4 which has increased the average caseload for ISVAs. The increase is attributed to the lower number of referrals in Year 4, the record number of referrals in Year 5, and the court & criminal justice backlog increasing the time a client receives ISVA support.

The increase in ISVA resource has maintained caseloads within manageable limits. The number of cases closed within four weeks has remained consistent with previous trends, with approximately 30% of cases referred closed in four weeks. Difficulties in contacting the client continue to be the main reason why referrals are closed in the first four weeks. For cases that progress beyond the four-week stage, 15% are closed as the client is uncontactable.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

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Based on the data provided, the average client is female (88%) aged 24 and under (50%), and was abused by a family member, partner or ex-partner (52%) with assaults by 'strangers' at 7%. Drawing comparisons with males, they are more likely to be abused by a close relative (33%) than a partner or ex-partner (7%) compared to females, in which 30% of cases involve a partner or ex-partner.

- Contact Times & Risk Assessments

100% of clients who were accepted into the ISVA service had both Risk Assessments and Safety Plans completed as per the service model. 100% of clients had an ISVA attempt to contact them within 48 hours of accepting the referral. ISVAs supported 45 clients at Court over the reporting period.

- Complaints

There were no complaints received by the service over the reporting period.

- Active Case Summary

853 (Year 4 average of 658) people were active with an ISVA at any given date during the last reporting period.

49 (Year 4 average of 43) is the average number of cases per ISVA over the reporting period. By area the caseloads are Barnsley 50, Doncaster 55, Rotherham 42, and Sheffield 30.

- Cases closed within the first month

28% of cases referred in Q4 were closed within 4 weeks, a slight decrease from Q3 figure of 31%. The average for year 5 of 30% was above the Year 4 average of 24%. The reasons for closure remain within previous trends. The anomaly of 'unable to contact' has been traced to a peak in one service over the reporting period, and there have been no changes in the process of how workers attempt contact with a client.

Future Plans

With all four delivery partners working effectively and efficiently alongside each other to deliver the Partnership's key objectives and striving to relieve the mental and physical distress of people who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives, the future of the Partnership is only affected by one issue: funding.

Events after the end of the reporting period

The Partnership signed a new contract with the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire, for the period 1st April 2023 to 25 March 2025, with option to extend for a further four years.

The Charity's policy on reserves

At the financial year end the charity did not hold any reserves. The trustees view this to be acceptable as liabilities and financial risk are considered to be minimal.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Related parties

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is made up of members from each of the following organisations:

- Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (SRASAC)
- Barnsley Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Services (BSARCS)
- Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)
- Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (RothACS)

The partner organisations each have members on the Board of Trustees of SYSVP.

The trustees consider that there are no other related parties to the charity.

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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 and applicable accounting standards. 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.

Financial Position

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 14. The Statement of Financial Activities shows income for the year of £616,560 (2021: £490,540). Total funds at the year-end were £120 (2021: nil).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed:



Date: 23 January 2023

K Howells, Chair of the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 in this financial year. I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 23 January 2023

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
BCVS Services Limited
Priory Campus, Pontefract Road, Lundwood, Barnsley, S71 5PN

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Income					
Income from charitable activities	2	616,560	-	616,560	490,540
Total income		<u>616,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>616,560</u>	<u>490,540</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	616,440	-	616,440	490,540
Total expenditure		<u>616,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>616,440</u>	<u>490,540</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		120	-	120	-
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>-</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All prior year income and expenditure was classified as unrestricted.

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Current assets					
Debtors	4	62,525		45,792	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>80</u>		<u>9,886</u>	
Total current assets			62,605		55,678
Current liabilities					
Creditors	5				
amounts falling due within one year			(62,485)		(55,678)
Net current assets			120		-
Net assets			<u>120</u>		<u>-</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			120		-
Restricted funds			-		-
Total funds			<u>120</u>		<u>-</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: 

Date: 23 January 2023

K Howells, Chair of the Trustees

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Funds 2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	120	-
Adjustments for:		
(increase)/decrease in debtors	(16,733)	(11,187)
increase/(decrease) in creditors	6,807	(13,532)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(9,806)	(24,719)
Cash flows from investing activities	-	-
Cash flows from financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(9,806)	(24,719)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	9,886	34,605
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	80	9,886
Cash in hand and at bank	80	9,886
Notice deposits	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	80	9,886

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

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2. Income from Charitable Activities

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THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
<u>Direct cost of charitable activities:</u>				
ISVA Service - Barnsley	123,676	-	123,676	95,100
ISVA Service - Doncaster	153,470	-	153,470	124,896
ISVA Service - Rotherham	132,472	-	132,472	103,897
ISVA Service - Sheffield	195,222	-	195,222	166,647
Training grant	11,150	-	11,150	-
	<u>615,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>615,990</u>	<u>490,540</u>
<u>Support Costs:</u>				
Accountancy Fee	450	-	450	-
Total	<u>616,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>616,440</u>	<u>490,540</u>

4. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accrued contract income	62,525	45,792
	<u>62,525</u>	<u>45,792</u>

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors - amounts due to partner organisations	62,485	55,678
	<u>62,485</u>	<u>55,678</u>

6. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses

There were no payments, remuneration or benefits made to trustees during this or the previous financial period.

7. Related party transactions

Payments to the individual partner organisation are detailed in note 3, page 13 of this report.

There were no other related party transactions during this or the previous financial period.

8. Independent Examination of accounts

The cost of the Independent Examination and accountancy services was £450. Prior year accountancy fees were paid by the partner organisations.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1173283

Accounts

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Full Name: THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

Registered Charity Number: 1173283

Principal Address: 25 Thorne Road
Doncaster
South Yorkshire
DN1 2EZ

Trustees: Ms C A Cooper
Ms J Foers – *resigned 01/03/2021*
Miss K Howells
Ms J Keen – *appointed 01/03/2021*
Ms R Kennedy
Mr D Lister
Ms W D Peake
Dr C Scarlett – *resigned 11/02/2021*
Ms F Stephenson
Ms A Tatlow – *appointed 06/09/2021*

Chair: Miss K Howells

Treasurer: Ms R Kennedy

Secretary Ms C A Cooper

Bankers: The Cooperative Bank
Business Direct Plus
P O Box 250
Skelmersdale
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Community Accountant
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Pontefract Road
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Structure, governance and management

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (SYSVP) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution (CIO Foundation), registered 05 June 2017.

The members of the CIO are the charity trustees. Membership of the CIO cannot be transferred to anyone else. If the CIO is wound up, the liability of each member to contribute to the assets of the company is limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

The affairs of the charity are managed by the trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the CIO.

The trustees who served during the year, to the date of signing this report, are shown on page 3.

Appointment of Trustees

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be a minimum of three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustees can act only to call a meeting of the trustees or appoint a new trustee. Every trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest trustee's annual report and accounts, on or before appointment.

Risk Management

The trustees are responsible for identifying and managing risk. The trustees examine the major risks that the charity faces and put into operation systems so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. A risk management policy is currently being developed which will be regularly reviewed by the trustees.

Charitable aims and objectives

The objects of the charity are:

The promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and the promotion of the effective use of charitable resources for the public benefit, by providing support to charities and not for profit organisations operating in South Yorkshire and beyond which are established to relieve the mental and physical distress of people who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Activities undertaken for the public benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (SYSVP) was established on the 5th June 2017, initially to deliver the contract from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner to provide a unified Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Service across the whole of South Yorkshire. This service is provided by four independent and separate existing organisations:

- Barnsley Sexual Abuse Rape Crisis Services (BSARCS)
- Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)
- Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (RothACS)
- Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (SRASAC)

The SYSVP Board of Trustees consists of two trustee members from each organisation. The following trustees hold formal roles on the Board:

Chair: Kirsten Howells (DRASACS)

Secretary: Anne Cooper (RothACS)

Treasurer: Ruth Kennedy (SRASAC)

The ISVAs and Children's ISVAs (CHISVAs) based in the four organisations provide practical and emotional support for adults and children who report current or historical sexual offences. The support offered includes:

- Listening
- Undertaking risk and needs assessments
- Liaison with a range of statutory and non-statutory agencies
- Family support
- Signposting
- Accompanying clients
- Navigation through the judicial process

The support offered to clients is underpinned by a range of well-established services provided within each of the four organisations.

Achievements during the period

The year was exceptional for the ISVA service, much like many other organisations adaptations were made to service delivery in response to the pandemic which also impacted the volume of referrals over the year and the number of court cases.

Overall there was a 5% reduction in the number of referrals into the service, mainly from a 40% reduction in referrals for Q1 period during the 'first' lockdown. The reduction in the number of cases which are closed in the first four weeks from 34% in 2019-20 to 24% in this reporting period, alongside rescheduled court dates due to the pandemic, resulted in the overall number of active cases being maintained at 680 in Q4 of Year 4.

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There have been some small changes in the overall demographics and offence type of people accessing the ISVA service. Whilst there has been a slight shift in ethnicity percentages and an increase in the proportion of males accessing support, white females aged between 12 and 24 still make up the greater proportion of cases. Whilst females are still more likely to be seeking support for offences that are 'recent,' the figure has reduced from 67% last year to 57% in this reporting period. For males there has been a slight shift towards offences that are 'historical' in nature, as previously both 'recent' and 'historical' offences were equal.

Overall, the service maintained support and service levels throughout the reporting period despite the challenges imposed by the pandemic.

During this period, the local service providers of BSARCS, DRASACS, RothACS and SRASAC achieved national accreditation of the CHISVA and ISVA services through Lime Culture CIC.

Future Plans

Operationally, maintaining service delivery in challenging times is the focus to ensure clients receive the support required. From a strategic viewpoint, the ISVA service is due to be recommissioned in April 2022 and as such the focus will be on drawing on experience and best practice from the past five years to submit a strong bid to retain the contract moving forward.

The Charity's policy on reserves

At the financial year end the charity did not hold any reserves. The trustees view this to be acceptable as liabilities and financial risk are considered to be minimal.

Related parties

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is made up of members from each of the following organisations:

- Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (SRASAC)
- Barnsley Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Services (BSARCS)
- Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)
- Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (RothACS)

The partner organisations each have members on the Board of Trustees of SYSVP.

The trustees consider that there are no other related parties to the charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records 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 and applicable accounting standards. 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.

Financial Position

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 12. The Statement of Financial Activities shows income for the year of £490,540 (2020: £415,472). Total funds at the year end were £nil, with all contract income to be transferred to the partner organisations.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed:



Date: 26th January 2022

K Howells, Chair of the Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 in this financial year. I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

Basis of independent examiner's report

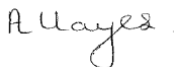
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 26th January 2022

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
BCVS Services Limited
Priory Campus, Pontefract Road, Lundwood, Barnsley, S71 5PN

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Income					
Contract income	2	490,540	-	490,540	415,260
Other income		-	-	-	212
Total Income		490,540	-	490,540	415,472
Expenditure					
ISVA Service - Barnsley		95,100	-	95,100	76,290
ISVA Service - Doncaster		124,896	-	124,896	106,071
ISVA Service - Rotherham		103,897	-	103,897	85,075
ISVA Service - Sheffield		166,647	-	166,647	147,824
Other expenditure		-	-	-	212
Total resources expended		490,540	-	490,540	415,472
Net income/(expenditure)		-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		-	-	-	-

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All prior year income and expenditure was classified as unrestricted.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Current assets					
Debtors	3	45,792		34,605	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>9,886</u>		<u>34,605</u>	
Total current assets			55,678		69,210
Current liabilities					
Creditors	4		(55,678)		(69,210)
amounts falling due within one year					
Net current assets			-		-
Net assets			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			-		-
Restricted funds			-		-
Total funds			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed:



Date: 26th January 2022

K Howells, Chair of the Trustees

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership 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 note(s).

Classification of income & expenditure

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.6, SORP 2019 (smaller charities). The charity also meets the requirements for exemption from preparing a statement of cash flows.

Going Concern note

The charity has secured a contract from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner which will sustain the organisation until 31 March 2022. This government funding has continued during the Covid-19 pandemic. The trustees therefore have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

Taxation

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is a registered charity and is exempt from UK corporation tax on income from its charitable activities.

Funds Structure

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

2. Contract Income

A contract between The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for South Yorkshire and the South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership for the provision of a South Yorkshire Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) and a Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (CHISVA) service.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

3. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accrued contract income	45,792	34,605
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>45,792</u>	<u>34,605</u>

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Creditors	55,678	69,210
	<u>55,678</u>	<u>69,210</u>

5. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses

There were no payments, remuneration or benefits made to trustees during this or the previous financial period.

6. Related party transactions

Payments to the individual partner organisation are detailed within the Statement of Financial Activities, on page 9 of this report.

There were no other related party transactions during this or the previous financial period.

7. Independent Examination of accounts

The cost of the independent examination and accountancy services for the year was £425 (2020: £425). The fee is paid by the partner organisations.