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REPORT AND 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 – <i>resigned 01/03/2021</i> Miss K Howells Ms J Keen – <i>appointed 01/03/2021</i> Ms R Kennedy Mr D Lister Ms W D Peake Dr C Scarlett – <i>resigned 11/02/2021</i> Ms F Stephenson Ms A Tatlow – <i>appointed 06/09/2021</i>
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 WN8 6WT
Independent Examiner:	Angela Hayes Community Accountant BCVS Services Limited Priory Campus Pontefract Road Barnsley S71 5PN

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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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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 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				
amounts falling due within one year			(55,678)		(69,210)
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

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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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3. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accrued contract income	45,792	34,605
Other debtors	-	-
	45,792	34,605

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Creditors	55,678	69,210
	55,678	69,210

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.