

Charity registration number: 1178308

STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services - Dorset Rape Crisis)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objects of the charity are for the public benefit generally and in particular, but not exclusively, in the area of Dorset:

- To relieve the trauma, whether psychological, emotional, social or physical of persons and their families who have experienced or otherwise suffered as a result of rape, other sexual assault, sexual/domestic abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual harassment of any kind by providing support, help or assistance of any kind; and
- To advance the education of the public in the subject of rape, sexual/domestic abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual harassment and/or its psychological, physical, emotional or social impact on women, men and children by such means as the trustees deem fit; and
- The relief of need by the promotion of the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being and safety of victims of domestic, sexual, and associated abuse.

Public benefit

The activities undertaken for the public benefit include:

- Live Chat facility via our website;
- consent activities in local schools, colleges and universities;
- groups for clients;
- training provider and raising awareness in the public.

Direct support is also provided to survivors through the Charity's:

- Adult Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) service;
- Children and Young People (CYP) ISVA service;
- short-term counselling programme;
- pie-trial counselling and long-term counselling for adults and children.

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

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Use of volunteers

Our volunteers remain central to our service delivery, and we are delighted to offer a number of different volunteering roles including placement counsellor, administration, community events, social media and school workshops. Their support compliments the work of the paid staff team and it increases the diversity within our organisation with different ages, genders, nationalities and faiths coming together to support our beneficiaries. During 2024-2025 there were on average of 59 (2023-2024 82) active volunteers.

The reduction in volunteer numbers reflects the changes in wider society with the ongoing cost of living crisis and during the year we saw more volunteers having to cease their support to pursue paid employment.

Another factor was the closure of our telephone support-line. This dedicated team of volunteers were offered different roles to continue volunteering with STARS Dorset, however, all chose to retire or take a break from volunteering. We are grateful for their dedicated support over many years and are delighted that a small group have continued to meet up regularly as friends, having served together as Supportline Listeners.

New volunteers receive an in-depth induction and those supporting clients receive clinical supervision. All volunteers were invited to our Annual Autumn Awayday held in October and joined the staff team and sessional counsellors on a day together, looking at our achievements and considering our future needs in a more challenging funding landscape.

Our Volunteer Coordinator was promoted within the organisation to take on the role of Team Leader. The recruitment process for her replacement was challenging and not successful in the first round.

STARS Dorset continues to offer real opportunities for progression and volunteers are actively encouraged to take these up, as well as being supported in doing so. There are numerous examples of Counsellors who started as Support Line Volunteers, and of sessional and permanent staff who started as volunteers within the organisation. Paid roles are always shared internally with volunteers. This inspires volunteers as well as adding to the sense of value they feel, both in terms of how much they value the opportunity to volunteer with STARS Dorset and the extent to which they feel valued by the organisation.

Volunteers are invited and included to attend training days, social events and monthly events such as the popular Breakfast Club and Gather Lunches. This helps them to feel fully embedded in the STARS Dorset Team and makes them feel valued and supports retention. The Charity's CEO takes time to connect with volunteers at both STARS Dorset centres and values their feedback in helping to develop all areas of service delivery.

We are so very thankful for our team of amazing volunteers who help support the staff team to deliver our specialist support. We are grateful to all those that have been able to continue to commit their time to volunteering with us throughout another challenging year. With the appointment of a new Volunteer Co-ordinator, we look forward to developing additional volunteering roles to increase our support and reach across Dorset.

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Achievements and performance

Overview and how we achieve our aims

It has been another exciting, but challenging year as we continue to evolve as an organisation. Throughout the year we continued with a focus on wellbeing which included a number of different afternoon activities such as connecting with nature; mini-golf; afternoon teas; bird-spotting at a local nature reserve. These activities provide opportunities to get to know team members from other areas of the charity as well as mitigating against the impact of the work we do every day, in supporting survivors of rape and sexual assault.

There were two staff away days in April 24 and January 25 which provided an opportunity to continue to connect with one another. As a growing staff team, with different working patterns and different work locations, it is challenging to find time when all staff are together. The April away day helped us to consider the overall work of STARS Dorset and launched ongoing focus throughout the year, to ensure there is alignment of the Mission, Vision, Aims and Values of STARS Dorset and how this translates into individual team goals. We have considered and discussed how expected behaviours need to link to our values and this has helped to align all teams with a clear sense of purpose, in how their particular service helps to achieve the charitable objectives of STARS Dorset.

The Annual Autumn Away Day for staff, volunteers and sessional counsellors provided time for the whole workforce to spend the day together. One activity included a round-the-table discussion on spending priorities and provided helpful insights. This annual event is enjoyed by all who attend, and we are thankful to have the resource to enable this opportunity for investing in the whole workforce.

Recruitment at the Board level has continued during 2024 and we have been delighted to welcome new trustees with relevant skills to help lead us into the next phase of our development. This has included Trustees from outside of Dorset, which further strengthens our diversity and reach, as a charity.

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Key Achievements

2024 saw the 5th anniversary of STARS Dorset and gave opportunity to share our achievements in the first five years of the new charity. This included celebration events for stakeholders, partners, ex-staff, and volunteers and a celebration hosted by the Trustees at a wonderful venue, where we were able to reflect on the progress since our launch in May 2019. It also provided a good opportunity to celebrate our successes, particularly in navigating Covid, a doubling of referrals and progress made with digital transformation as we embrace CRM platforms to drive efficiency as well as looking forward to new opportunities in the next 5 years.

We were delighted to secure additional funding from both local authorities in Dorset, which enabled the expansion of our Engagement Team with the recruitment of two Consent Engagement workers for both Dorset Council area and the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council area, and a student project worker. This has helped us to progress with one of our long-term aspirations of developing greater awareness and engagement, as part of our wider prevention strategy and charitable aim as a charity. Through this project, we have been able to build stronger relationships with commissioners in both local authorities, and we look forward in continuing to deliver services for them, supporting victims and working closely as a multiagency partner with both community safety partnership teams.

A particular highlight has been the lead role we have taken in the development of a Harmful Sexual Behaviour pathway for schools and education settings in the BCP area. Working as a part of a small project team alongside Dorset Police, the Community Safety Team and The Shores, we have built on the previous research carried out to develop a framework to support frontline teams to both identify problematic and harmful behaviours in children, as well as a pathway for ongoing support and interventions.

Over the summer months we were able to have stands at two shows in Dorset - Gillingham & Shaftesbury in August, and the Dorset County Show in September. Again, this helped to promote the work of STARS Dorset to a much wider audience. These were funded projects and provided useful insights on how we can engage with the public.

Another key achievement of the year has been the registering of our wholly owned trading subsidiary, Interstellar Dorset Ltd with Companies House and the appointment of Directors to its Board. This will help us to income generate through a range of traded activities and services to help provide unrestricted funding for STARS Dorset and become less reliant on grants. We look forward to its development and creating sustainable financial funding streams to enable us to have greater flexibility and agility in the delivery of our services, to meet changing needs.

Through a small piece of funding awarded by Dorset Council, we were able to pilot our WISE project to young people living in the Dorset Council area who were not reporting to the police. WISE stands for Wellbeing Interventions Supporting Empowerment and delivers 6 focused, 1-2-1 sessions to help young people in the journey of recovery. The pilot was successfully run between February and March with positive outcomes for those who engaged with the project. We hope to secure additional funding to embed this as an additional frontline service for our Children, Young People & Families service to enhance our offer alongside the ISVA service and Counselling service.

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Challenges

The changing funding landscape continues to be a challenge for us, and we are thankful to have two commissioned services providing some financial stability and sustainability. Our on-going grant awarded from the National Lottery has enabled us to sustain our specialist counselling service, supporting those who have experienced sexual assault from a partner in an intimate relationship. This is now established as a frontline service for many of our clients. We were thankful to have our Rape Support Fund grant awarded by the Ministry of Justice extended for a further 12 months until 31st March 2026. However, we remain concerned by this short-term extension as it inhibits our ability to make longer-term financial plans with such a short timeframe.

Another challenge we have had to navigate has been the political change of government and future financial impact to us with the increased National Insurance contributions coming into force in April 2026. This is of concern and will have a significant impact for future budget forecasting. Despite being commissioned by NHS England there has not yet been an uplift in the contract to mitigate against these rises for this particular contract.

It is still a challenge to attract corporate sponsorship and public donations due to the stigma and taboo of our sector, as well as the victim-blaming society that sadly still exists. The appointment of a new fundraising assistant, to work alongside our Chief Executive, is starting to increase donations and potential funding streams.

During the year, a local counselling service supporting families closed, in spite of being a paid-for service. This could see a potential increase in referrals to STARS Dorset to manage. Careful monitoring of this will be needed to ensure our services are not overwhelmed as it is likely other similar charities could also close in the months ahead.

Sadly, during the year, the difficult decision was taken to close our telephone support-line, as an active listening service. This was a carefully considered decision as we were very mindful that the charity began in the late 1980s, as a telephone support service.

A review of activity, over a three-year period, identified a significant reduction of calls, year on year. We believe this could be due to the National Helpline launching which provides 24/7 support - a service we are not able to provide. We are grateful to those that committed a lifetime of volunteering on our support-line. It has now become an Information Line providing recorded, signposting information to callers, including the 24/7 national telephone helpline for victims of sexual assault.

Fundraising activities

During the reporting year, the charity did not employ the services of a professional fundraiser or a commercial participator to carry out fundraising activities. Recruitment for a staff member to be employed as a fund-raising assistant was successful.

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Measuring success

The Board were pleased to see how the implementation of integrated IT systems has driven greater efficiencies throughout the year. The management team are now looking at how to create similar efficiencies with a new telephony platform and more fully integrated print services. Grant funding awarded in the year towards an IT upgrade will also help ensure each team has the right tech for the role they have.

Our newly appointed Engagement Team delivered some exciting projects in both local areas which has led to continuation funding in the BCP area. The Board were pleased that STARS Dorset became a lead partner in the development of a Harmful Sexual Behaviour project for all schools in the BCP Local Authority area. This work will continue to develop in the new financial year and has fostered a growing number of partnership opportunities with education providers across all age ranges within the BCP area.

The Board were also delighted that STARS Dorset secured additional funding from Dorset Council to continue its work in rural communities. The funding enabled the purchase of a STARS Dorset Van which has been “wrapped” with our bright STARS Dorset logo and provides a strong visual at community engagement events.

The Board are delighted to see the increasing numbers of sessional counsellors and volunteers attend and be fully involved in our Annual Autumn Away Day which was held at Kingston Mauward College in October 2024. This has now established as an important day of bringing our whole workforce team together building a sense of connection and shared vision and purpose.

The financial landscape remains extremely challenging for the voluntary sector and the Board is pleased to see that our strong financial controls and a prudent approach ensured the forecasted deficit budget was mitigated. The Charity also received its first Legacy gift at the end of the financial year. The Board are giving careful consideration of how to create a lasting STARS Dorset legacy for future clients, living in Dorset, who will need our specialist support with this unexpected donation.

Financial review

The Charity has received income of £1,510,199 (2024: £1,138,850) for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The Charity expenditure of £1,428,197 (2024: £1,167,430) which gives a surplus for the year of £82,002 (2024: deficit of £28,580).

At 31 March 2025 the Charity has total funds of £602,729 (2024: £520,727), of this £90,020 are restricted funds (2024: £93,677) that are due to be spent in the next financial year.

The Charity ended the financial year in a strong position.

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Policy on reserves

The Board of Trustees at STARS Dorset is committed to maintaining financial stability and ensuring the sustainability of our charitable activities. To this end, our reserves policy mandates that we maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover the charity's liabilities and committed costs. This includes all employee-related liabilities (such as salaries and redundancy payouts), other contractual obligations (including leases and service contracts), and any additional committed expenditures. The calculation of our reserves will encompass these financial obligations to ensure that STARS-Dorset can continue to operate effectively and fulfill our mission even in the face of financial uncertainties. The Board will review and adjust this policy annually to ensure it remains adequate and reflective of our operational needs and financial commitments.

The charity has free reserves of £490,478 as at 31 March 2025 (2024: £416,410). The Trustees consider this level of reserves to be sufficient to deliver charitable objectives for the next twelve months. Free reserves are calculated by deducting fixed assets from the unrestricted funds held at the year end.

Plans for future periods

Whilst the future funding landscape continues to be challenging, with a number of grants and trust organisations stopping their funding opportunities or changing their priorities, we are confident that our careful financial controls and strategies will see us through an uncertain funding year ahead. We are confident that Interstellar Dorset will provide additional funding streams for us once it begins trading from October 2025.

We are encouraged to see that additional funding has been secured through the work of our dedicated Fundraising Assistant who is now established in role.

On-going investment in new technology will help to drive efficiencies as we have already seen the benefit of an integrated app for staff expenses linking directly to our finance software. The management team are now reviewing new, dynamic CRMs so that we have one platform for clients', volunteers', training and events' data.

We have also identified a new role to help build capacity in our ISVA service with a Client Caseworker. This will reduce the additional administrative burden as the caseworker will provide support for admin and advocacy tasks. Additional funding was awarded, by the OPCC for Dorset at the end of March 2024, for a pilot to run for 12 months.

It is important for us to find creative ways to engage with clients who have received support from us. Currently we are exploring how this can be best achieved with steering groups. Another area of support identified is that for dedicated family support, so that siblings, parents and carers can have access to specialist support enabling them to provide trauma-informed care and support at home, advice on how to prepare their child for counselling, and what to expect from a police investigation.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number: 1178308

Principal Office: Stanley House
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Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

- Dr J Farquharson (appointed 1 August 2024)
- A Hancox
- Dr P A Arabaci Hills
- V A J C Heeley (resigned 18 August 2025)
- G Vagg (appointed 30 April 2024)
- J Cordner
- A Mantzouratou (resigned 24 May 2024)
- A Ghiloni (resigned 14 January 2025)
- D Wells (appointed 18 August 2025)

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Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document and organisational structure

The charity is controlled by its constitution and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The governance of STARS-Dorset is overseen by a committed Board of Trustees. The charity operates under the Constitution last amended on 22nd April 2025 which outlines the framework for decision-making and governance of the organisation. Throughout the year, the Board have actively supported the implementation of the charity's mission, which includes relieving trauma and advancing public education on issues related to sexual abuse and trauma.

The Board ensures the effective management of the charity's operations by meeting regularly and working closely with the CEO and senior management team. This year, the Trustees met as a full Board every two months and in various sub-committees, which also met as standard every two months, but with additional meetings called as needed. These meetings gave the Board times to discuss key governance, financial, and strategic matters.

The People Sub-Committee leads on the crucial role of maintaining fair and competitive pay practices within the charity. This sub-committee conducts regular pay reviews and salary benchmarking exercises, the findings and recommendations of which are presented to the full Board for ratification. This is true for all levels of employee.

Since April 2025, the sub-committee structure has been paused to enable a review of current Board engagement and working practices. This will be kept under review.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Vacancies are advertised locally, regionally and nationally using different networks and recruitment platforms to ensure a wide reach to attract the right skills and experience the Board have identified.

During the reporting period, the Board of Trustees saw two new appointments and one retirement and since the year end one new appointment and one retirement:

Victoria Heeley retired from the Board in August 2025 after 7 years of dedicated service acting as Chair and Trustee. The Board extends its gratitude for her significant contribution to the charity.

Allegra Ghiloni and Anna Mantzouratou both retired from the board during the year. They both brought valuable skills and experience to support the continued growth and governance of STARS Dorset and the Board are grateful for their contribution.

During the reporting period, there have been two new trustee appointments, Graham Vagg and Dr Jackie Farquharson in April and August 2024 respectively.

Ros Wells was appointed as a Trustee in August 2025.

New Trustee appointments and any retirements during the year have been aligned with the Constitution, ensuring that the Board continues to have the necessary skills, knowledge, and experience to guide the charity effectively.

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Induction and training of trustees

All Trustees must attend the STARS Dorset in-house induction and are provided with all essential documents including those which brief them on their legal obligations under charity law.

Major risks and management of those risks

Risk management remains a core responsibility of the Board, and Trustees regularly reviewed and updated the charity's risk register. The Board have considered major risks and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks. Key risks identified and managed during the period include:

Financial impact of the National Insurance rise for Employers

Loss of volunteers due to ongoing cost of living challenges

Strong Clinical Leadership

Development of a Clinical Team has ensured strong clinical governance for day-to-day service delivery and a new Head of Adult Counselling was recruited and appointed in March 2025, to bring further skill and experience to our clinical services.

Funding sustainability

In light of ongoing economic challenges, Trustees have focused on diversifying the charity's income streams. The newly appointed Fundraising Assistant has embedded well into the team and culture of the charity and has secured additional grant funding in the new financial year for both project work and core costs. This has reduced the burden for our CEO enabling her to focus on the development of our trading subsidiary, Interstellar Dorset

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20/01/26 and signed on its behalf by:



A Hancox
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 20/01/26 and signed on its behalf by:



A Hancox
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services - Dorset Rape Crisis)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services - Dorset Rape Crisis) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 11), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 auditor's 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. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: the Charities Act 2011, and the Charity SORP.

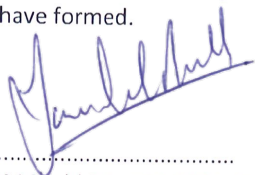
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity are complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to the management. We corroborated our inquiries through our review of board minutes.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the Audit engagement team included:

- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations; and
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant law and regulations

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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For and on behalf of TC Group, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 23 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £ (As restated)
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	141,931	537,920	679,851	492,332
Charitable activities	4	657,016	144,145	801,161	629,345
Other trading activities	5	22,362	-	22,362	12,578
Investment income	6	6,635	-	6,635	4,595
Other income		190	-	190	-
Total income		<u>828,134</u>	<u>682,065</u>	<u>1,510,199</u>	<u>1,138,850</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	(292)
Charitable activities	8	<u>(755,429)</u>	<u>(672,768)</u>	<u>(1,428,197)</u>	<u>(1,167,138)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(755,429)</u>	<u>(672,768)</u>	<u>(1,428,197)</u>	<u>(1,167,430)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		72,705	9,297	82,002	(28,580)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>12,954</u>	<u>(12,954)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		85,659	(3,657)	82,002	(28,580)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>427,050</u>	<u>93,677</u>	<u>520,727</u>	<u>549,307</u>
Total funds carried forward	20	<u><u>512,709</u></u>	<u><u>90,020</u></u>	<u><u>602,729</u></u>	<u><u>520,727</u></u>

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

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 20.

The notes on pages 18 to 32 form an integral part of these financial statements.

STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services - Dorset Rape Crisis)

**(Registration number: 1178308)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	22,230	-	22,230	10,640
Investments	15	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>22,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,231</u>	<u>10,640</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	16	141,186	-	141,186	140,747
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>501,061</u>	<u>90,020</u>	<u>591,081</u>	<u>466,767</u>
		642,247	90,020	732,267	607,514
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(151,769)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(151,769)</u>	<u>(97,427)</u>
Net current assets		<u>490,478</u>	<u>90,020</u>	<u>580,498</u>	<u>510,087</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>512,709</u>	<u>90,020</u>	<u>602,729</u>	<u>520,727</u>
Net assets		<u>512,709</u>	<u>90,020</u>	<u>602,729</u>	<u>520,727</u>
Funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds					
Restricted funds				90,020	93,677
Unrestricted income funds					
Unrestricted funds				<u>512,709</u>	<u>427,050</u>
Total funds	20			<u>602,729</u>	<u>520,727</u>

The financial statements on pages 15 to 32 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20/01/26 and signed on their behalf by:



A Hancox
Trustee

STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services - Dorset Rape Crisis)

Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £ (As restated)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		82,002	(28,580)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	7	6,164	8,913
Investment income	6	<u>(6,635)</u>	<u>(4,595)</u>
		81,531	(24,262)
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in debtors	16	(439)	(24,243)
Increase in creditors	17	<u>46,788</u>	<u>20,320</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>127,880</u>	<u>(28,185)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	6	6,635	4,595
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	14	(10,200)	(582)
Acquisition of investments in subsidiary undertakings	15	<u>(1)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(3,566)</u>	<u>4,013</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		124,314	(24,172)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>466,767</u>	<u>490,939</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>591,081</u></u>	<u><u>466,767</u></u>

Cash flows for purchase of tangible fixed assets and movement in creditors have been amended for amounts totalling £7,554 for assets purchased but not yet paid.

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

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

1 Legal form

STARS is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) for the public benefit and registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The principal address is noted on the company information page in these accounts.

2 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services - Dorset Rape Crisis) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Reclassification of comparative amounts

A reclassification has been performed to reallocate contractual income from being shown in donations and legacies within the Statement of Financial Activities to charitable activities. The value of contractual income reallocated is £629,345 and this does not impact the surplus or charity funds brought forward.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

No significant judgements have had to be made in preparing these financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Where services are donated, these are recognised in the financial statements as income at the cost value the charity would have incurred if the services were paid for.

Grant and contract income

Grants and contract income are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants or contract have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant or contract and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Depreciation and amortisation

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

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and fittings	5 year straight line
Computer equipment	3 year straight line
Motor Vehicles	3 year straight line

Debtors

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

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

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

STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Services - Dorset Rape Crisis)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

Financial instruments

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £ (As restated)
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	3,041	3,425
Legacies	100,000	-
Grants, including capital grants;		
Grants from other charities	576,810	488,907
	<u>679,851</u>	<u>492,332</u>

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Ministry of Justice	271,907	262,089
National Lottery	92,388	91,474
Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner	85,220	80,220
Dorset Council - VCSE	73,405	40,124
Dorset Community Foundation	38,890	-
Talbot Villiage Trust	15,000	-
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Foundation	-	10,000
Valentine Charitable Trust	-	5,000
	<u>576,810</u>	<u>488,907</u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £ (As restated)
Contract income	<u>801,161</u>	<u>629,345</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Events income;		
Fundraising events income	12,912	5,264
Training income	<u>9,450</u>	<u>7,314</u>
	<u>22,362</u>	<u>12,578</u>

6 Investment income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>6,635</u>	<u>4,595</u>

7 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising	<u>-</u>	<u>292</u>

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8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activity		386,745	348,789
Staff costs	11	1,027,296	808,776
Allocated support costs	9	236	183
Governance costs	9	<u>13,920</u>	<u>9,390</u>
		<u>1,428,197</u>	<u>1,167,138</u>

9 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to other expenditure

	Governance costs £	Finance costs £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activity	<u>13,920</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>14,156</u>	<u>9,573</u>

Governance costs

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Audit fees		
Audit of the financial statements	8,574	7,920
Legal fees	<u>5,346</u>	<u>1,470</u>
	<u>13,920</u>	<u>9,390</u>

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

During the year ended 31 March 2025, there were no trustees expenses paid to trustees (2024: £nil).

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	928,942	734,775
Social security costs	73,919	55,344
Pension costs	24,435	18,657
	<u>1,027,296</u>	<u>808,776</u>

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

	2025 No	2024 No
Head count	<u>41</u>	<u>36</u>

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2025 No	2024 No
£60,001 - £70,000	1	1
£70,001 - £80,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £140,219 (2024 - £128,379).

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12 Taxation

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

13 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £ (As restated)
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	18,425	473,907	492,332
Charitable activities	4	605,735	23,610	629,345
Other trading activities	5	12,578	-	12,578
Investment income	6	4,595	-	4,595
Total income		<u>641,333</u>	<u>497,517</u>	<u>1,138,850</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7	(221)	(71)	(292)
Charitable activities	8	<u>(670,769)</u>	<u>(496,369)</u>	<u>(1,167,138)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(670,990)</u>	<u>(496,440)</u>	<u>(1,167,430)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(29,657)</u>	<u>1,077</u>	<u>(28,580)</u>
Net movement in funds		(29,657)	1,077	(28,580)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>456,707</u>	<u>92,600</u>	<u>549,307</u>
Total funds carried forward	20	<u>427,050</u>	<u>93,677</u>	<u>520,727</u>

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14 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	50,541	-	45,975	96,516
Additions	-	10,200	7,554	17,754
At 31 March 2025	50,541	10,200	53,529	114,270
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	40,502	-	45,374	85,876
Charge for the year	5,564	-	600	6,164
At 31 March 2025	46,066	-	45,974	92,040
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	4,475	10,200	7,555	22,230
At 31 March 2024	10,039	-	601	10,640

15 Fixed asset investments

	2025 £
Shares in group undertakings and participating interests	1

Shares in group undertakings and participating interests

	Subsidiary undertakings £	Total £
Cost		
Additions	1	1
At 31 March 2025	1	1
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	1	1

The Charity set up a trading subsidiary in Interstellar Dorset Ltd (16350401) registered on 28th March 2025 and in which it holds a 100% share. There was no activity during this financial year in the trading subsidiary other than registration of the company.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

16 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	109,289	111,138
Prepayments and accrued income	25,022	22,734
Other debtors	<u>6,875</u>	<u>6,875</u>
	<u>141,186</u>	<u>140,747</u>

Debtors includes £6,875 (2024: £6,875) receivable after more than one year.

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	<u>6,875</u>	<u>6,875</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	49,998	27,267
Other taxation and social security	17,905	16,032
Other creditors	4,796	3,924
Accruals and deferred income	<u>79,070</u>	<u>50,204</u>
	<u>151,769</u>	<u>97,427</u>

Income is deferred where income is received in advance relating to service delivery in future periods. Included in accruals and deferred income is £63,350 (2024: £37,742) relating to contracts due to commence from 1st April 2026.

18 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Operating lease commitments

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

18 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts (continued)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Land and buildings		
Within one year	25,625	50,376
Between one and five years	<u>-</u>	<u>25,625</u>
	<u><u>25,625</u></u>	<u><u>76,001</u></u>
Other		
Within one year	1,435	1,550
Between one and five years	<u>2,182</u>	<u>3,618</u>
	<u><u>3,617</u></u>	<u><u>5,168</u></u>

The amount of non-cancellable operating lease payments recognised as an expense during the year was £51,926 (2024 - £46,655).

19 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £24,435 (2024 - £18,657).

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

20 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	427,050	828,134	(755,429)	12,954	512,709
Restricted funds					
PCC CSA funding	-	45,220	(45,220)	-	-
Ministry of Justice	-	271,907	(271,907)	-	-
PCC Complex Trauma	13,303	35,000	(48,303)	-	-
Dorset Council VCSE Pathway	69,812	-	(69,812)	-	-
National Lottery Domestic Abuse Fund	4,198	92,388	(93,415)	-	3,171
BCP Consent Fund	3,610	111,290	(78,017)	-	36,883
Percy Bilton	2,754	-	-	(2,754)	-
Safer Streets Project	-	32,855	(32,855)	-	-
Serious Violence Duty	-	78,405	(18,239)	(10,200)	49,966
TVT Groups	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
	<u>93,677</u>	<u>682,065</u>	<u>(672,768)</u>	<u>(12,954)</u>	<u>90,020</u>
Total funds	<u>520,727</u>	<u>1,510,199</u>	<u>(1,428,197)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>602,729</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

20 Funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	456,707	641,333	(670,990)	427,050
Restricted funds				
PCC CSA funding	-	45,220	(45,220)	-
BBC Children in Need - CYP ISVA	9,274	-	(9,274)	-
Ministry of Justice	-	262,089	(262,089)	-
PCC Complex Trauma	23,240	35,000	(44,937)	13,303
Dorset Council VCSE Pathway	40,124	40,124	(10,436)	69,812
National Lottery Domestic Abuse Fund	17,208	91,474	(104,484)	4,198
BCP Consent Fund	-	23,610	(20,000)	3,610
Percy Bilton	2,754	-	-	2,754
	<u>92,600</u>	<u>497,517</u>	<u>(496,440)</u>	<u>93,677</u>
Total funds	<u><u>549,307</u></u>	<u><u>1,138,850</u></u>	<u><u>(1,167,430)</u></u>	<u><u>520,727</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

20 Funds (continued)

The restricted funds represent amounts given to the Trust with restrictions as to their use. All the funds were expended during the year in accordance with those restrictions.

PCC - CSA funding - funds support for adult victims of child sexual abuse.

PCC Complex Trauma - funds trauma focused counselling for those clients who have experienced complex trauma.

Ministry of Justice - the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Fund provides funding to run our centres in Dorset, providing specialist support to survivors, including funding for male clients of sexual abuse.

Percy Bilton - funding to provide furnishing for a training room.

Dorset Council VCSE Pathway - funding to deliver support and personalised programmes to children and young people across Dorset.

National Lottery Domestic Abuse Fund - funding to Provide specialist counselling to victims of Domestic Abuse to support them in their recovery from the trauma they have experienced and enable them to focus on their future dreams and aspirations no longer hindered by the abuse.

BCP Consent Fund - Engagement Contract - funding is to recruitment of an Alcohol and Consent worker to work in BCP originally from now until 31/3/25, however this was extended into the 2025/26 financial year.

Safer Streets Project - funding is to recruit an employee to work with the engagement team to promote alcohol and consent safety within schools and younger communities of the Dorset area.

Serious Violence Duty - We received funding from Dorset Council for our Engagement activities and a pilot to support children referred to us. Funding of £10,000 was received to enable us to have stands at the Gillingham Show in August 2024 and the Dorset County Show in September 2024. These were new projects focused on awareness raising and to engage the general public in conversation and discussion on the issues of sexual violence in society. A second amount of £11,405 was received to focus on supporting children who had been victims of sexual violence. This was used to run a pilot for our new initiative called our WISE Project providing focused interventions for 6 weeks to children and young people who are have not reported to the police but benefit from our specialist support. The final amount of £57,000 was used to fund new initiatives and invest in infrastructure to sustain the work of our Engagement Team ensuring they have the correct technology to drive efficiencies and able data capture at engagement events. It also enabled us to purchase a van which is used across Dorset to raise awareness and support rural communities, so creating a lasting legacy with the funding provided.

TVT Groups - funding is for four cohorts of the 12-week psycho-education programme to groups of clients at the Poole centre.

For comparative information only:

BBC Children in Need - CYP ISVA - this project will help children and young people who are victims of rape, sexual abuse and exploitation. With targeted support it will help the children and young people to cope better, improve family relationships and maintain social engagement.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

20 Funds (continued)

Transfer between funds

A transfer from the Serious Violence Duty fund and the general fund has occurred to recognise the fulfilment of the restriction through the purchase of a van recognised as a fixed asset.

A transfer was made from the Percy Bilton fund to recognise expenditure incurred on furnishings that had been originally allocated to the general fund but which satisfied the restriction on this fund.

21 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	466,767	124,314	591,081
Net debt	466,767	124,314	591,081
	At 1 April 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	490,939	(24,172)	466,767
Net debt	490,939	(24,172)	466,767

22 Related party transactions

During the year ended 31 March 2025, the partner of the CEO of the charity completed building works totalling £450 (2024: £1,600).