

# WEARISIDE WOMEN IN NEED

England & Wales - Charity number 1181932

## Details

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**Other names** WWIN Specialist Domestic Abuse Service

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-02-07

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: A) THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, INCLUDING TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION AND PRACTICAL, EMOTIONAL AND PEER SUPPORT, DIRECTED TO THE SUPPORT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SUFFERED OR ARE IN DANGER OF SUFFERING DISADVANTAGE AND EXPLOITATION AS A RESULT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; (B) ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF VOLUNTARY AND STATUTORY AGENCIES AND THE PUBLIC IN ALL ASPECTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

**Activities:** WWiN provides a range of direct community support services and supported accommodation for adults and children affected by domestic abuse. The Charity also delivers a range of prevention services: (i) Direct work with perpetrators of domestic abuse (ii) Delivery of training, awareness raising and community engagement (iii) Advocacy and support to family and friends

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- Sunderland

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,362,501	£2,224,046	£2,479,683	58
2024-03-31	£2,356,822	£2,077,379	£2,341,228	56
2023-03-31	£1,930,331	£1,797,363	£2,061,785	53
2022-03-31	£1,804,873	£1,476,850	£1,928,817	41
2021-03-31	£1,688,185	£1,261,428	£1,600,794	36

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CULLAGH WARNOCK		2018-05-09
Dr Catherine Donavon		2018-08-01
JOANNE HAYDEN		2013-05-16
Lisa Goodwin		2024-12-02
Mahnur Roushan		2021-01-01
Nasima Akhtar		2022-09-13
Patricia McManus		2019-06-11
Rachel Louise Smith		2024-03-04
SHARON GOULD		2018-06-09

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# Accounts

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Charity number: 1181932

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

## **Wearside Women in Need**

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## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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The trustees submit their annual report and the audited financial statements of Wearside Women in Need for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to relieve the needs of women and their children who are the victims of domestic violence in particular but not exclusively by:

- (a) the provision of services, including temporary residential accommodation and practical, emotional and peer support, directed to the support of women and children who have suffered or are in danger of suffering disadvantage and exploitation as a result of domestic violence;
- (b) advancing the education of voluntary and statutory agencies and the public in all aspects of domestic violence against women, its causes and its remedies.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the WWIN should undertake. In all financial matters and in governance the WWIN trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power or duties.

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees have had regards to the Charity Commission's guidance on their legal duty on public benefit, and are satisfied that the charitable company delivers public benefit, and due regard is paid to the guidance on public benefit whilst reviewing the charitable company's aim and objectives and also when planning future objects and deciding what the new projects the charitable company should undertake.

#### **Activities**

Domestic abuse is a cross-cutting issue impacting on every aspect of the lives of those affected, including the wider networks of family, friends, and community. Partnerships are vital as no single agency can meet the wide-ranging needs and we work closely with key partners such as Criminal Justice agencies, Health, Housing, other charities, and most importantly, the communities we serve.

The needs are wide ranging and in response, we continue to develop and expand services in line with feedback from service users, changing trends in data, and new legislation.

Our prevention strategy includes services that encourage early intervention through greater visibility, easier access, training, awareness raising and enabling wider participation on this agenda.

Dealing with the cause of the problem is a priority through addressing perpetrator behaviors and we have expanded this service significantly to address the differing needs and levels of risk that perpetrators pose.

Our main provision is the delivery of key crisis services for victims and survivors at all levels of risk. In accordance with 2021 Domestic Abuse Act this now includes the provision of services for children and young people including safe temporary accommodation (Refuge), fitting security on properties through our Sanctuary Scheme and access to legal protection.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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WWiN moves forward in 2025 led by a new Chief Executive Officer delivering a comprehensive range of services. There's always more to do, but we start the year from a secure base and new ideas to bring forward.

#### **WWIN: Current delivery**

**Accommodation Services** The provision of safe temporary accommodation across the Wearside area

**Refuge 1:** Family (Crisis) Accommodation A purpose-built refuge owned by a registered social landlord. This facility provides spacious self-contained accommodation for families in ten flats of varying sizes (one – three bedrooms) and extensive communal areas. It has full disabled access and accommodation. The refuge is staffed 24-hours a day, 365 days a year and accommodated 37 women and 50 children this year. Internal services within the Refuge include counselling for women and children, children's activities, and group work. We thank 'We Make Culture' for bringing music and the arts into the Refuge and the many charities and community groups who generously support our residents through donations and other goodwill gestures.

**WWIN Refuge 2:** This building is owned by WWIN and has been used to prioritise the needs of new and expectant mothers, babies and children under 3 years old this year. This Refuge is staffed 24-hours a day, 365 days a year and accommodated 37 women and 50 children.

**WWIN Refuge 3:** Six self-contained flats owned by WWIN for women with medium support needs. This project opened in May 2022 with the addition of the counselling team office and one-to-one counselling rooms based on site. This refuge has acted as a 'move on' for women who do not need full Refuge support and has met the needs of a variety of women such women in employment, migrant women who share a language and culture and older women seeking a quiet safe space. 17 women and have been supported through this accommodation within the year moving on into permanent housing.

**Dispersed Properties:** WWIN owns one dispersed property which is a 3-bedroomed family house, mainly used as 'move-on' for families from Refuge or for those families whose needs are unable to be met in refuge, for example those with teenage boys over 14.

**Sanctuary Scheme** Domestic abuse is a major cause of homelessness for women and children and Refuge is not the only available option. The Sanctuary Scheme aims to keep families in their own home when it is safe to do so through the provision of robust safety planning, legal protection, and home security measures; 145 homes received a range of safety measures through this scheme and we remain in touch with up to 100 households at all times to ensure the measures continue to be effective.

#### **Community based support services**

**Outreach – Community Support Provision** Community Support Provision of a range of community-based services experiencing domestic abuse in a range of settings. This is our biggest team supporting 960 adults and 28 children during the year. All cases receive a full risk and needs assessment and individual support plan. The 'average' length of WWIN support is sixteen weeks and is dependent on the complexity, external systems such as legal processes, and the needs of the individual. The teams carry all risk levels of risk and are embedded in a range of settings to ensure we reach into our communities.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Report of the Trustees (*Continued*) For the year ended 31 March 2025

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- Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs): WWIN has a direct referral pathway from Northumbria Police for all high-risk cases. IDVAs attend weekly Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) and support high risk victims through Safeguarding processes and legal proceedings.
- Domestic Abuse advocacy and support - providing wide range of support and practical help to support women and their children to live safer and independent lives free from abuse and harm. The outreach team focus on the needs of women to increase their safety, ensure they receive the services they need and improve health and well-being.
- Early Help Partnership with Together for Children: Outreach workers are based within Early Help Hubs to support Together for Children to complete risk assessments and safety planning.
- Outreach Team: We offer a wide range of support and practical help to support women and their children to live safer, more independent lives. The outreach team focus on the needs of women to increase their safety, ensure they receive the services they need and improve health and well-being.
- In addition, there is a Survivor's Forum with 92 active members, and 70 families engaged with WWIN hosted days out throughout the year, including to National Trust properties as well as children's parties at key festivals such as Christmas, Halloween, Easter and Eid..

We also have targeted outreach projects to help us reach victims/survivors who might not otherwise get help. These include:

- Health Advocate working with all 47 GP practices across Sunderland, training surgery staff and supporting referral pathways from General Practitioner's to provide direct support to families in need. During the year, the project supported 84 domestic abuse champions within surgeries and delivered 30 training sessions to 440 health care professionals.
- Police Control Room – Staff are based in the Police station on Friday and Saturday nights and able to respond to victims at the point of reporting. In addition WWIN are part of a Home-Office led pilot called Raneem's Law and provide a specialist domestic abuse advocate to be based in Police Control rooms during the day. The aim of this role is to up-skill and train Police colleagues on appropriate risk assessment and responses to emergency calls. During the Euro 2024 football tournament, WWIN's specialist domestic abuse advisors accompanied police colleagues on patrol to respond to calls relating to domestic abuse.

**Counselling for Adults:** Our Counselling service offers a range of interventions based on a six session 'contract' with flexibility to extend the sessions to meet identified needs. 273 adults accessed the counselling service in the year 2024/25.

**Counselling for Children:** This service has grown considerably over the past year, in line with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 that asserts children are victims in their own right. 134 children received therapeutic interventions across all service areas.

**Telephone Helpline:** Available 9am - 9pm 365 days a year; this freephone service is logged as 'short term work' as the helpline aims to respond and refer enquiries to the relevant service area, in year the helpline recorded 210 contacts.

**Training:** WWIN delivers a range of formal and informal training to agencies, community groups and student placements from local Universities. This year we delivered on a contract from the Ministry of Justice as part of a consortia named the Northern Training Consortium, to deliver sexual violence training across the North of England.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**Findaway:** Supporting Family, Friends, and Communities to respond helpfully to domestic abuse through an anonymous phonenumber offering confidential support to third parties and resources [www.wefindaway.org.uk](http://www.wefindaway.org.uk). For the year April 2024 to March 2025, the team responded to 104 calls from family members and/or friends.

The project hosted a national conference and published a report on the role of family and friends and a 'hierarchy of testimony' in Domestic Homicide Reviews in May 2024 in partnership with AAFDA. This has influenced practice at a national level as it has been disseminated with DHR Chairs across the country.

With a mission to raise awareness and challenge societal attitudes to domestic abuse, the Findaway team are engaged across community and faith groups and key institutions such as Sunderland College and University, local businesses, large employers, Gentoo social housing provider and Sunderland Association Football Club. During the year, 85 individuals in Sunderland attended free training sessions, the team provided 16 community briefings with over 500 participants and over 800 people attending public awareness engagement events. The Findaway team were instrumental in the City's 16 Days of Activism against VAWG campaign, designing all messaging and materials in collaboration with Sunderland City Council and Business Improvement District and others, culminating in a service at Sunderland Minster with key speakers the City Mayor and Deputy Leader of the Council.

During the year, the Findaway project commissioned four regional radio media campaign targeted at family, friends and colleagues which was heard 1.5 million times.

**Right Turn Perpetrator Interventions:** Access to interventions for perpetrators is an expanding area of WWIN's work. The Right Turn service is designed for people who want to change the way they behave towards their partners and/or ex-partners, providing one-to-one stabilisation support, behaviour change and accredited group work programmes.

Working alongside Right Turn, WWIN provide Integrated Support Service engaging with each victim in parallel. A specialist drug and alcohol worker is seconded from the locally commissioned recovery service.

The project offers:

- Early intervention and prevention as part of the Respect 'Make a Change' national programme,
- Assessment, educational and behaviour change interventions through group work programme
- The team have completed delivery of a Kings College London pilot called the ADVANCE Programme, in partnership with Change Grow Live substance misuse services engaging with men who identify their drug or alcohol issues are related to their domestic abuse
- The 'Hub & Spoke' model focusses on 'high harm' perpetrators in partnership with Northumbria Police, providing one-to-one stabilisation wraparound support for additional needs such as mental ill health, homelessness and addiction before embarking on the behaviour change programme.

During the year, the Right Turn team worked with 102 men, the majority of whom were referred by the Police or Social Services

### **Headline achievements**

#### **Outcomes**

WWIN works toward three main outcomes,

- Increased Safety
- Social Justice
- Improved Health and Well-Being

Outcomes vary in terms of what the survivor is seeking and situations that are outside of their control. Our main outcomes measure for outreach and refuge cases is the Short Warwick Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (SWEMWBS), 79% of closed cases with a pair of forms left the service with a significant improvement in their feeling of well-being.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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#### **Quality Assurance and Continual Learning**

WWIN was awarded with the Women's Aid Quality Mark for all service areas and received the award at the Women's Aid National Conference in July 2024.

The Right Turn team are currently working towards their Respect accreditation qualification for both Make A Change and Hub and Spoke.

WWIN have co-produced a set of Key Performance Indicators in partnership with Sunderland City Council which will be implemented from April 2025 at Executive Board responsible for implementing the newly launched 'No More' strategy to end domestic abuse and violence against women and girls in Sunderland.

It is also WWIN's priority to ensure the staff team receive regular high quality training. During the year all staff attended Surviving Economic Abuse training, as well as more informal lunch and learn webinars facilitated by academics and practitioners in relation to LGBTQ and domestic abuse, women in the criminal justice system and stalking. The leadership team have attended AAFDA training on becoming effective Domestic Abuse Related Death Review panel members, and Domestic Abuse and Disability.

#### **Policy and Influencing**

- During 2024/25 WWIN significantly increased our media presence, including numerous TV and Radio interviews including a full feature on Tyne Tees TV and BBC Politics North. The Chief Executive, staff members and women representing the Survivor's Forum were involved.
- WWIN were invited to represent DA work in Sunderland at the Women's Aid Policy Summit which included Home Office Ministers and officials.
- WWIN hosted a visit with officials from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to meet women living in our Safe Accommodation projects in the City Centre whose lives continue to be impacted by the riots in summer 2024 in partnership with Tyne and Wear Citizens.

#### **Equity Inclusion and Diversity**

- WWIN have strengthened their commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion, bringing together staff, trustees and members of the survivor's forum to co-produce an EDI vision and action plan. The group meets monthly and has delivered the following during the year:
- A series of 'lunch and learn' monthly webinars to continue improving our practice in relation to EDI.
- Development of new partnerships and co-location at WWIN premises, with organisations led 'by and for' individuals from racialised communities commencing in May 2025.
- The implementation of an accessibility toolbar on the website.
- Engagement from the Leadership Team and Trustees at the North East Anti-Racist Coalition.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Our income increased this year from £2,356,822 in the year ending March 2024 to £2,362,501 in the year ending March 2025.

Expenditure increased from £2,077,379 (2024) to £2,224,046 (2025); expenditure would have been higher but, like many other employers, we experienced some challenges in staff recruitment in this period.

The Trustees are committed to using the Charity's reserves in the best interests of its beneficiaries and have invested substantially in capital assets that deliver direct services and are independently sustainable, rather than building high levels of cash reserves. This will continue to be our strategy.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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#### **Reserves policy**

WWIN's reserves policy aims to mitigate any financial risks that the charity may encounter, with recognition of potential fluctuations in income streams that are difficult to predict in the longer term. A risk management plan is used to support the mitigation of any such risks and having agreed this plan, the Board accept a level of between three- and six-month's running costs as unrestricted cash reserves for the Charity. On 31st March 2025, unrestricted reserves stood at £950,976. Going forward we have plans to invest further in our properties and will use some of our unrestricted reserves, alongside grant funding to do this. In addition to these unrestricted reserves, designated (unrestricted) funds were also held for: property (£1,348,327); accommodation (£70,000) and cyber security (£50,000). Most of these designated funds are held in fixed assets.

#### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The Trustees appreciate the significant support received from Sunderland City Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPPC) for Northumbria, independent grant funders, businesses and the communities across Wearside that have supported the Charities modernisation plans over the last six years.

This has enabled additional services, strengthened existing provision, and set the scene for further development work in 2025 and beyond. The continuous improvement of services is a priority as there is always more to do and more that can be done.

Our ambitions include:

- Continuing to invest in our people through quality training and support – *“good people deliver good services”*.
- Strengthening our partnerships and the co-delivery of services that meet the needs of beneficiaries.
- Testing new ideas and different ways of delivering services and piloting new approaches.
- Ensuring that children's voices, needs and experiences are heard, understood and responded to in all service delivery areas.
- Meeting the needs of beneficiaries with complex needs and protected characteristics who are often poorly served by services.
- Strengthening our brand and ensuring information, advice and access to support is easy to find and that WWiN is recognised across our delivery area.
- Working with communities to equip them to identify, support and protect people they care about.
- Making perpetrators of domestic abuse more visible to agencies and the public and ensuring they receive the services they need to stop the abuse.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Registered charity number: 1181932  
Registered office: 4-6 Mary Street, Sunderland, SR1 3NH

#### **Advisors**

Auditors: S&W Audit - 17 Queens Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RN

Bankers: Lloyds Banking Group - 54 Fawcett Street, Sunderland, SR1 1SF

#### **Directors and trustees**

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S Gould  
J Hayden  
M Hull  
C Donovan  
C Warnock  
J Gillespie  
P McManus  
A Fry  
M Roushan  
N Akhtar

#### **Key management personnel**

The key management personnel are the non-executive directors of the organisation; they are responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity's activities:

Chief Executive Officer	L Seebohm	Appointed June 2024
Director	B Rodgerson	Resigned June 2024
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	K Wheatley	
Facilities and Asset Manager	F Philogene	

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Objectives and policies**

The charity's activities expose it to several financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

### **Governing Document**

Wearside Women in Need CIO was established on 7th February 2019 and became operational on 1st April 2019 with the assets transferred from the previous charity at that date.

### **Risks**

The major risks have been reviewed by the trustees, with systems in place to manage the risks. Key risks have been identified below.

#### **Cash flow risk**

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures. Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

#### **Credit risk**

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments.

The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

#### **Liquidity risk**

To maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance. Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees consider the recruitment of new trustees as the need arises and Trustees are appointed following rigorous review. Once appointed they undertake training to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to perform their duties.

#### **Remuneration policy**

Remuneration is set by an HR sub-group made up of a subset of trustees and advised by an independent HR advisor. All staff are paid at least the living wage, decisions about executive pay are determined by the trustees.

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Report of the Trustees (Continued)  
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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

The 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 state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity. 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

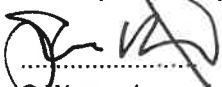
So far as each of the trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

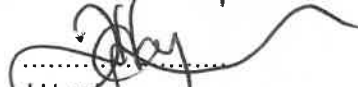
- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditors**

A resolution to appoint auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in line with the charity's policies and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the trustees on 10/11..... 2025 and signed on its behalf, by:

  
.....  
C Warnock  
Trustee

  
.....  
J Hayden  
Trustee

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Wearside Women in Need for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is 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 charities 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's 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 charities 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.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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#### **Other information**

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **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 in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respects with the trustees' report; or
- The charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records or returns; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed auditor under the companies Act 2006 and we report in accordance with this Act.

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.

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 a general understanding of the company's legal and regulatory framework through enquiry of management concerning their understanding of relevant laws and regulations, the entity's policies and procedures regarding compliance, and how they identify, evaluate and account for litigation claims. We also drew on our existing understanding of the company's industry and regulation.

We understand that the company complies with the framework through:

- Engaging external legal professionals as required and making changes to internal procedures and controls as necessary.
- The directors' close involvement in the day-to-day running of the business, meaning that any litigation or claims would come to their attention directly.
- Monitoring of updates made by regulatory bodies.

In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the company's ability to conduct its business, and where there is a risk that failure to comply could result in material penalties. We identified the following laws and regulations as being of significance in the context of the company:

- The Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice in respect of the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

We performed the following specific procedures to gain evidence about compliance with the significant laws and regulations identified above:

- Making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- Obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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The senior statutory auditor led a discussion with senior members of the engagement team regarding the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. The areas identified in this discussion were:

- Manipulation of the financial statements via and management overriding controls.
- The incorrect recognition of grants and donations resulting in the income being recognised in the incorrect accounting period.

These areas were communicated to the other members of the engagement team not present at the discussion.

The procedures we carried out to gain evidence in the above areas included:

- Performed data analytics on the general ledger against client specific criteria
- Obtained third party evidence for a sample of donations and grants, to ensure that it was appropriate to recognise the income in the financial statements in accordance with the principles of the SORP.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://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 charities 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 charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charities trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Craig Henderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
For and on behalf of S&W Audit

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**Chartered Accountants and  
Statutory Auditors**

17 Queens Lane  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 1RN  
15 December 2025

## Wearside Women in Need

### Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations	4	46,015	-	-	46,015	29,687
Charitable activities	5,6		-	-		
- Grants and contracts		1,195,391	-	667,613	1,863,004	1,946,712
- Rents and support		432,100	-	-	432,100	360,525
Trading activities	8	1,400	-	-	1,400	4,795
Investment income	7	10,280	-	-	10,280	7,473
Other Income		9,702	-	-	9,702	7,630
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,694,888</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>667,613</b>	<b>2,362,501</b>	<b>2,356,822</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	9	1,483,816	41,606	697,939	2,223,361	2,077,163
Costs of raising funds		685	-	-	685	216
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>1,484,501</b>	<b>41,606</b>	<b>697,939</b>	<b>2,224,046</b>	<b>2,077,379</b>
<b>Net movement before transfers</b>		<b>210,387</b>	<b>(41,606)</b>	<b>(30,326 )</b>	<b>138,455</b>	<b>279,443</b>
Transfers between funds		(50,000)	50,000	-	-	-
<b>Net income/expenditure</b>		<b>160,387</b>	<b>8,394</b>	<b>(30,326)</b>	<b>138,455</b>	<b>279,443</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		790,589	1,459,933	90,706	2,341,228	2,061,785
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>950,976</b>	<b>1,468,327</b>	<b>60,380</b>	<b>2,479,683</b>	<b>2,341,228</b>

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

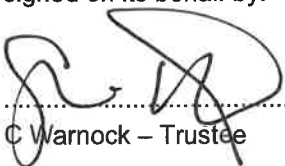
**Wearside Women in Need**

**Balance Sheet  
As at 31 March 2025**

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		1,348,327		1,393,932
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	16	394,973		45,966	
Cash at bank and in hand		857,681		1,015,520	
			<u>1,252,654</u>	<u>1,061,486</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(121,298)		(100,023)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>1,131,356</u>	<u>961,463</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,479,683</u>	<u>2,355,395</u>	
Creditors: falling due after more than one year	18		-	(14,167)	
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>2,479,683</u>	<u>2,341,228</u>	
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			950,976		790,589
Designated funds			1,468,327		1,459,933
Restricted funds			60,380		90,706
	20		<u>2,479,683</u>		<u>2,341,228</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10th November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
C Warnock – Trustee

  
S Gould – Trustee

the notes on pages 17 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Cash generated from operations	24	(145,686)	397,570
Interest paid		(1,265)	(10,669)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		<b>(146,951)</b>	<b>386,901</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(32,612)
Interest received		10,280	7,473
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets		2,999	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>13,279</b>	<b>(25,139)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		(24,167)	(153,076)
Proceeds from new borrowings		-	-
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities</b>		<b>(24,167)</b>	<b>153,076</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>(157,839)</b>	<b>208,686</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,015,520	806,834
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>857,681</b>	<b>1,015,520</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consist of:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		857,681	1,015,520

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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#### **1. Accounting policies**

Wearside Women in Need is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 5 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on page 1.

##### **1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Wearside Women in Need meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### **1.2 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budgets in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, the increased level of demand for the services and the additional funding available the trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

##### **1.3 Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for restricted purposes specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements *(Continued)* for the year ended 31 March 2025

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#### 1.4 Income

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

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specific period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specific period; related expenditure is accounted when incurred.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

Interest receivable on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### 1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is possible 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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the cost against the expenditure was incurred.

#### 1.6 Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities.

#### 1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

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

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 20% straight line

Fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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#### **1.8 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### **1.9 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### **1.10 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments which are instantly accessible from the opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### **1.11 Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

#### **1.12 Financial instruments**

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **1.13 Pensions**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

## **2. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements in the preparation of the financial statements.

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### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 3. Statement of Financial Activities for the prior year

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations	4	29,687	-	-	29,687	43,741
Charitable activities	5,6		-			
- Grants and contracts		1,189,692	-	757,020	1,946,712	1,519,399
- Rents and support		360,525	-	-	360,525	361,369
Trading activities	8	4,795	-	-	4,795	3,550
Investment income	7	7,473	-	-	7,473	1,020
Other Income		7,630	-	-	7,630	1,252
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,599,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>757,020</u>	<u>2,356,822</u>	<u>1,930,331</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	9	1,105,451	68,011	903,701	2,077,163	1,797,147
Costs of raising funds		216	-	-	216	216
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,105,667</u>	<u>68,011</u>	<u>903,701</u>	<u>2,077,379</u>	<u>1,797,363</u>
<b>Net movement before transfers</b>		494,135	(68,011 )	(146,681 )	279,443	132,968
Transfers between funds	20	(59,018)	59,018	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>435,117</u>	<u>(8,993)</u>	<u>(146,681)</u>	<u>279,443</u>	<u>132,968</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		355,472	1,468,926	237,387	2,061,785	1,928,817
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>790,589</u>	<u>1,459,933</u>	<u>90,706</u>	<u>2,341,228</u>	<u>2,061,785</u>

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

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<b>4. Donations</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
Donations	46,015	29,687
	<u>46,015</u>	<u>29,687</u>
<b>5. Income from charitable activities by activity</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
Housing and support	1,679,428	1,544,177
Outreach	615,676	734,310
	<u>2,295,104</u>	<u>2,278,487</u>
<b>6. Grants and contracts</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
Grant	698,412	786,618
Contracts	1,164,592	1,160,094
	<u>1,863,004</u>	<u>1,946,712</u>
<b>7. Investment income</b>		
All of the charitable company's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.		
<b>8. Other trading activities</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
Training income	1,400	4,795
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>4,795</u>

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 9. Charitable Activities expenditure

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Housing and support	1,202,871	293,871	1,496,742	1,257,155
Outreach	618,886	107,733	726,619	820,008
	<u>1,821,757</u>	<u>401,604</u>	<u>2,223,361</u>	<u>2,077,163</u>

#### 10. Support costs

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Staff costs	296,811	264,123
Insurance	13,409	11,514
Subscriptions	3,117	2,034
Professional fees	37,941	46,086
Office costs	38,326	39,456
Governance costs	12,000	9,000
	<u>401,604</u>	<u>372,212</u>

#### 11. Governance costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fee	12,000	9,000
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>

#### 12. Auditors' remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fee	12,000	9,000
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>

#### 13. Net income/(expenditure)

	2025 £	2024 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation – owned assets	41,605	43,605
	<u>41,605</u>	<u>43,605</u>

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

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#### 14. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,536,219	1,378,923
Social security costs	140,722	122,858
Other pension costs	51,685	38,821
	<u>1,728,626</u>	<u>1,540,602</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Chief Executive	1	1
Core Staff	57	55
	<u>58</u>	<u>56</u>

There was one employee who received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (2024 – one).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment in the year (2024 - £nil). One trustee was reimbursed expenses during the year (2024- nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024 - £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, the Assistant Director and the Asset Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £161,023 (2024 - £151,631).

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	1,519,307	10,000	1,529,307
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(6,000)	( 6,000)
	<u>1,519,307</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,523,307</u>
At 31 March 2025	1,519,307	4,000	1,523,307
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	129,375	6,000	135,375
Charge for year	41,605	-	41,605
Disposals	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
	<u>170,980</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>174,980</u>
At 31 March 2025	170,980	4,000	174,980
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	1,348,327	-	1,348,327
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,398,932</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,393,932</u>

#### 16. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	308,154	250
Prepayments and accrued income	86,819	45,716
	<u>394,973</u>	<u>45,966</u>

#### 17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	18,252	3,249
Social security and other taxes	29,634	29,419
Other creditors	3,563	1,787
Accrued expenses	62,849	55,568
Deferred income	7,000	-
Other loans	-	10,000
	<u>121,298</u>	<u>100,023</u>

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Continued)**

**Deferred income**

Deferred income relates to income received for future periods.

	£
At 1 April 2024	-
Amounts released to income	-
Additions during the year	7,000
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At 31 March 2025	7,000
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**18. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans	-	14,167
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	-	14,167
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Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2025

19. Statement of funds

*For the year ended 31 March 2025*

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>					
General fund	790,589	1,694,888	(1,484,501)	(50,000)	950,976
<b>Designated fund</b>					
Property fund	1,398,926	-	( 41,606 )	-	1,348,327
Accommodation	70,000	-	-	-	70,000
Cyber security	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>2,250,522</u>	<u>1,694,888</u>	<u>( 1,526,107 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,419,303</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Roseline Foundation	-	30,000	( 15,519 )	-	14,481
Ballinger Trust	4,329	-	( 4,329 )	-	-
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner	-	418,535	( 418,535 )	-	-
Comic Relief	57,752	100,202	( 115,420 )	-	42,534
Respect	-	41,676	( 41,676 )	-	-
Jill Franklin Trust	-	36,548	( 36,548 )	-	-
Trailblazer	10,625	-	( 7,260 )	-	3,365
Sunderland City Council (PCC)	-	40,652	( 40,652 )	-	-
Sarah Charlton Foundation	15,000	-	( 15,000 )	-	-
Bauer Radio	3,000	-	( 3,000 )	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>90,706</u>	<u>667,613</u>	<u>( 697,939 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,380</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>2,341,228</u>	<u>2,362,501</u>	<u>( 2,224,046 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,479,683</u>

**Transfers**

The transfers relate to spend on capital assets, once purchase is made the asset is designated into property funds.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 19. Statement of funds

*For the year ended 31 March 2024*

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>					
General fund	355,472	1,599,802	( 1,105,667 )	( 59,018 )	790,589
<b>Designated fund</b>					
Property fund	1,398,926	-	( 41,605 )	32,612	1,389,933
Accommodation	70,000	-	( 26,406 )	26,406	70,000
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,824,398</u>	<u>1,599,802</u>	<u>( 1,173,678 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250,522</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	50,056	-	( 50,056 )	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	19,798	-	( 19,798 )	-	-
Ballinger Trust	13,539	15,000	( 24,210 )	-	4,329
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner	-	381,988	( 381,988 )	-	-
Comic Relief	84,255	98,554	( 125,057 )	-	57,752
Respect	-	45,392	( 45,392 )	-	-
Virgin Money	6,531	-	( 6,531 )	-	-
County Durham Community Foundation	53,926	68,052	( 121,978 )	-	-
Jill Franklin Trust	4,986	28,014	( 33,000 )	-	-
Winston Churchill	4,296	-	( 4,296 )	-	-
Trailblazer	-	29,875	( 19,250 )	-	10,625
Sunderland City Council (PCC)	-	72,145	( 72,145 )	-	-
Sarah Charlton Foundation	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Bauer Radio	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>237,387</u>	<u>757,020</u>	<u>( 903,701 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,706</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>2,061,785</u>	<u>2,356,822</u>	<u>( 2,077,379 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,341,228</u>

#### Transfers

The transfers relate to spend on capital assets, once purchase is made the asset is designated into property fund

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements *(Continued)* for the year ended 31 March 2025

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#### 19. Statement of funds *(continued)*

James Knott Foundation: Part funding for a Volunteer Co-ordinator to recruit, supervise and deploy volunteers across service areas.

Ballinger Trust: Part funding for a Volunteer Co-ordinator to recruit, supervise and deploy volunteers across service areas.

Jill Franklin Trust: Provision of a Mental Health Outreach Worker supporting women with mental health problems within accommodation and community services.

BBC Children in Need: Small grant to support activities for children in Refuge.

Comic Relief: A five-year grant to develop and deliver a service for Family and Friends of victims of abuse. A partnership approach with Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (Aafda).

Respect: A new early intervention and prevention initiative for Perpetrators of domestic abuse delivering one to one and groupwork for men over 18yrs of age.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust: An 'Activate Grant' to promote and activate the role of Family and Friends in the prevention and early intervention of domestic abuse.

Virgin Money Foundation: A grant to strengthen Charity Leadership and sustainability.

Durham Community Foundation: A grant administered by the Foundation on behalf of NHS Charities Together. This grant funds delivery of an adult Counselling Service in partnership with 'My Sister's Place' (Middlesbrough).

Youth Music Trailblazer Fund - a series of Early Years Music Making Sessions delivered across WWIN refuges and outreach services to mothers and children

Sunderland City Council (in partnership with the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) - 'Hub and Spoke' one-to-one programme delivered to serial domestic abuse perpetrators who are assessed as posing a high risk of harm.

Sarah Charlton Foundation - Domestic abuse prevention work to support the WWIN outreach team.

Bauer Radio - Emergency 'cash for kids cost of living' fund for children impacted by domestic abuse.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC): (i) provision of Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates (IDVA's) - to support high risk victims of abuse including cases subject to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC). (ii) IDVA (iii) Two grants to support children and parents including therapeutic interventions. (iv) Grant to support community engagement for family, friends and community members (Findaway project).

Roseline Foundation: recovery work and support to women and children whose lives have been impacted by domestic abuse, including festivals, outdoor activities, arts and creativity.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### Designated funds

Property Fund: The Board have designated funds for the ongoing support of our buildings. This includes plans in the coming year to, (i) complete works in Sunderland and (ii) establish a new base in Sunderland from which to deliver front line services.

Accommodation Fund: To improve accommodation and our properties.

Cyber security - to work towards Cyber Essentials accreditation for cyber security including training for all staff.

#### 20. Analysis of net assets by fund *For the year ended 31 March 2025*

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	1,348,327	-	1,348,327
Net current assets	1,070,976	60,380	1,131,356
	<u>2,419,303</u>	<u>60,380</u>	<u>2,479,683</u>

#### *For the year ended 31 March 2024*

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	1,393,932	-	1,393,932
Net current assets	902,779	58,684	961,463
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(14,167)	-	(14,167)
	<u>2,282,544</u>	<u>58,684</u>	<u>2,341,228</u>

#### 21. Pensions

##### Defined contribution

Pension contributions payable for the year ended 31 March 2025 amounted to £51,685 (2024 - £38,821). There were no amounts outstanding at the year-end (2024 – nil).

#### 22. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024- none).

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**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

23. Net cash provided by operating activities	2025 £	2024 £	
<b>Net income for the period</b>	138,455	279,443	
<b>Adjustments for:</b>			
Depreciation charges	41,605	43,606	
Interest received	( 10,280 )	( 7,473 )	
Interest paid	1,265	10,669	
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	1,000	-	
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	( 349,008 )	74,856	
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	31,275	( 3,531 )	
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>145,686</u>	<u>397,570</u>	
24. Analysis of changes in net debt	At 1 Apr 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2025 £
Long term borrowings	( 14,167 )	14,167	-
Short term borrowings	( 10,000 )	10,000	-
Total liabilities	<u>( 24,167 )</u>	<u>24,167</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	1,015,520	( 157,839 )	857,681
	<u>991,353</u>	<u>( 133,672 )</u>	<u>857,681</u>

**WEAR SIDE WOMEN IN NEED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181932

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# Accounts

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**Wearside Women in Need**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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The trustees submit their annual report and the audited financial statements of Wearside Women in Need for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to relieve the needs of women and their children who are the victims of domestic violence in particular but not exclusively by:

- (a) the provision of services, including temporary residential accommodation and practical, emotional and peer support, directed to the support of women and children who have suffered or are in danger of suffering disadvantage and exploitation as a result of domestic violence;
- (b) advancing the education of voluntary and statutory agencies and the public in all aspects of domestic violence against women, its causes and its remedies.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the WWIN should undertake. In all financial matters and in governance the WWIN trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power or duties.

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees have had regards to the Charity Commission's guidance on their legal duty on public benefit, and are satisfied that the charitable company delivers public benefit, and due regard is paid to the guidance on public benefit whilst reviewing the charitable company's aim and objectives and also when planning future objects and deciding what the new projects the charitable company should undertake.

#### **Activities**

Domestic abuse is a cross cutting issue impacting on every aspect of the lives of those affected, including the wider networks of family, friends, and community. Partnerships are vital as no single agency can meet the wide-ranging needs and we work closely with key partners such as Criminal Justice agencies, Health, Housing, other charities, and most importantly, the communities we serve.

The needs are wide ranging and in response, we continue to develop and expand services in line with feedback from service users, changing trends in data, and new legislation.

Our prevention strategy includes services that encourage early intervention through greater visibility, easier access, training, awareness raising and enabling wider participation on this agenda.

Dealing with the cause of the problem is a priority through addressing perpetrator behaviour and we have expanded this service significantly to address the differing needs and levels of risk that perpetrators pose.

Our main provision is the delivery of key crisis services for victims and survivors at all levels of risk. In accordance with 2021 DA Act this now includes the provision of services for children and young people including safe temporary accommodation (Refuge), fitting security on properties through our Sanctuary Scheme and access to legal protection.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Report of the Trustees (*Continued*) For the year ended 31 March 2024

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WWiN moves forward in 2024 led by a new Chief Officer delivering a comprehensive range of services. There's always more to do, but we start the year from a secure base and new ideas to bring forward.

#### **WWIN: Current delivery**

**Accommodation Services** The provision of safe temporary accommodation across the Wearside area

**Refuge 1:** Family (Crisis) Accommodation A purpose-built refuge owned by a registered social landlord. This facility provides spacious self-contained accommodation for families in ten flats of varying sizes (one – three bedrooms) and extensive communal areas. It has full disabled access and accommodation. The refuge is staffed 24-hours a day, 365 days a year and accommodated fifty-five women and one hundred and eighteen children this year. Internal services within the Refuge include counselling for women and children, children's activities, and group work. We thank 'We Make Culture' for bringing music and the arts into the Refuge and the many charities and community groups who generously support our residents through donations and other goodwill gestures.

**WWIN Refuge 2:** This building is owned by WWIN and has been used to meet a variety of needs this year accommodating twenty-eight women and fifty-seven children. At the beginning of the year the facility supported Ukrainian women and their children into permanent accommodation, this scheme ended in September 2023. The property was closed from September 23 to January '24 to enable significant building improvements. From January to March the building re-opened with a capacity of eight women and a focus on the parenting of children under three years of age.

**WWIN Refuge 3:** Six self-contained flats owned by WWIN for women with medium support needs. This project opened in May 2022 with the addition of an outreach office base on site, the project has acted as a 'move on' for women who do not need full Refuge support and has met the needs of a variety of women such women in employment, migrant women who share a language and culture and older women seeking a quiet safe space. Nineteen women and twenty-one children have been supported through this accommodation within the year moving on into permanent housing.

**Dispersed Properties:** WWiN owns one dispersed property and manages three properties on behalf of Sunderland Council. These properties supported seven women and twenty-one children within the year.

**Sanctuary Scheme** Domestic abuse is a major cause of homelessness for women and children and Refuge is not the only available option. The Sanctuary Scheme aims to keep families in their own home when it is safe to do so through the provision of robust safety planning, legal protection, and home security measures; ninety-four women and one hundred and ninety-four children received a range of safety measures through this scheme.

#### **Community based support services**

**Outreach – Community Support Provision** of a range of community-based services to women and children experiencing domestic abuse in a range of settings. This is our biggest team supporting eight hundred and forty-seven women and one thousand three hundred and eighty-six children. All cases receive a full risk and needs assessment and individual support plan. The 'average' length of a case is sixteen weeks and is dependent on the complexity, external systems such as legal processes, and the needs of the individual. The teams carry all risk levels of risk and are embedded in a range of settings to ensure we reach into our communities.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Report of the Trustees (*Continued*) For the year ended 31 March 2024

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- Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs): WWIN has a direct referral pathway from Northumbria Police for all high-risk cases. IDVAs attend weekly Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) and support high risk victims through Safeguarding processes and legal proceedings.
- Outreach Team: We offer a wide range of support and practical help to support women and their children to live safer, more independent lives. The outreach team focus on the needs of women to increase their safety, ensure they receive the services they need and improve health and well-being.
- Early Help Partnership with Together for Children: Outreach workers are based within Early Help Hubs to support Together for Children to complete risk assessments and safety planning. This project also delivers a range of group work programmes across Wearside in our own premises and from community buildings.

We also have targeted outreach projects to help us reach victims/survivors who might not otherwise get help. These include:

- Health Advocate - working with all GP practices across Sunderland, training surgery staff and supporting referral pathways from General Practitioner's to provide direct support to families in need. One hundred and fifty-eight Health Staff were trained to deliver Routine Enquiry and seventy-three Health Champions trained in completing DASH Risk Assessments.
- Police Control Room – Out of hours direct support for victims. Staff are based in the Police station on Friday and Saturday nights and able to respond to victims at the point of reporting.

**Counselling for Adults:** Our Counselling service offers a range of interventions based on a six session 'contract' with flexibility to extend the sessions to meet identified needs. Three hundred and four adults accessed the counselling service.

**Counselling for Children:** This is a new and developing service with plans to expand provision in line with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 that asserts children are victims in their own right; one hundred and fifty-three children received therapeutic interventions across all service areas.

**Group work:** A range of groups are offered across projects including therapeutic peer groups and accredited programmes for women and children. Twenty-four groups were delivered with one hundred and seventeen attendees.

**Telephone Helpline:** Available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year; this freephone service is logged as 'short term work' as the helpline aims to respond and refer enquiries to the relevant service area, in year the helpline recorded five thousand two hundred and thirty eight contacts, a 55% increase on the previous year.

**Training:** WWIN delivers a range of formal and informal training to agencies, community groups and student placements from local Universities. This year we secured funding from the Ministry of Justice as part of a consortia named the to deliver sexual violence training across the North of England, started in March 2024, the training rolls out across the coming year.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Report of the Trustees (*Continued*) For the year ended 31 March 2024

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**Findaway:** Supporting Family, Friends, and Communities to respond helpfully to domestic abuse through an anonymous phonenumber offering confidential support to third parties and resources [www.wefindaway.org.uk](http://www.wefindaway.org.uk). The project was featured on BBC TV Red Nose Day on 15th March 2024.

As a 'learning project', research is important for further development. This year, in partnership with the charity Advocacy After fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA), we have worked with family members involved in Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's), WWIN commissioned a research paper to be launched in May 2024 which is to be the subject of WWIN's 40th Anniversary Conference. The research report explores the experience of family members within the review process, recommendations from reports, and the barriers facing chairs and panel members. The conference aims to start a conversation to address these barriers.

**Right Turn Perpetrator Interventions:** Access to interventions for perpetrators is an expanding area of WWIN's work. Right Turn completes assessments, one to one work and groupwork interventions with men who identify their behaviour is harmful within relationships.

The project now offers (i) early intervention and prevention as part of the Respect 'Make a Change' national programme, (ii) assessment, educational and behaviour change interventions through Right Turn, (iii) The ADVANCE Programme, in partnership with Change Grow Live substance misuse services engaging with men who identify their drug or alcohol issues are related to their domestic abuse and (iv) 'The Hub & Spoke' which focusses on high harm perpetrators in partnership with Northumbria Police.

The range of interventions and flexibility of approach results in a high referral acceptance rate. Right Turn worked with one hundred and five men from one hundred and thirty referrals.

### Headline achievements

#### Capital Assets

As part of a continuous improvement plan on all our property, significant work was completed on our Washington refuge including external repairs, improving disability access to the rear of the property and upgrading internal facilities.

The loan relating to the purchase of our Sunderland City Centre buildings was settled in year; plans have been submitted to the Council to explore the potential development of these properties in 2024/25.

**Outcomes** WWiN uses three main outcomes measures

- Safety
- Social Justice
- Improved Health and Well-Being

Outcomes vary in terms of what the survivor is seeking and situations that are outside of their control. Our main outcomes measure for outreach and refuge cases is the Warwick Edinburgh (Short version), seventy eight percent of closed cases with a pair of forms left the service feeling safer with a statistically significant improvement in their feeling of well-being.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees (*Continued*) For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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WWIN secured the Women's Aid Quality Mark for all service areas. Our accommodation was highlighted as a very high standard.

Sunderland is a pilot area for the Government's Supported Housing Improvement Programme (SHIP Review), resulting in a detailed inspection of our commissioned supported accommodation. The inspectors found a high level of support was demonstrated which passed the standard with ease.

Right Turn is currently working toward respect accreditation with a view to submitting in 2024, the service already operates fully within the respect best practice framework.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Our income increased this year from £1,930,331 in the year ending March 2023 to £2,356,822 in the year ending March 2024. This was partly due to an 11% cost of living increase on our main (Council) contract and also to high occupancy rates in our accommodation.

Expenditure increased from £1,797,363 (2023) to £2,077,379 (2024); expenditure would have been higher but, like many other employers, we experienced some challenges in staff recruitment in this period.

The Trustees are committed to using the Charity's reserves in the best interests of its beneficiaries and have invested substantially in capital assets that deliver direct services and are independently sustainable, rather than building high levels of cash reserves. This will continue to be our strategy.

#### **Investment policy**

The Trustees are committed to using the charities reserves in the best interests of its beneficiaries and have invested substantially in capital assets that deliver direct services and are independently sustainable rather than building high levels of cash reserves.

#### **Reserves policy**

WWIN's reserves policy aims to mitigate any financial risks that the charity may encounter, with recognition of potential fluctuations in income streams that are difficult to predict in the longer term. A risk management plan is used to support the mitigation of any such risks and having agreed this plan, the Board accept a level of between three and six month's running costs as unrestricted cash reserves for the Charity. At 31st March 2024, unrestricted reserves stood at £790,589 (an increase on the previous year, representing 4.5 month's running costs). Going forward we have plans to invest further in our properties and will use some of our unrestricted reserves, alongside grant funding to do this. In addition to these unrestricted reserves, designated (unrestricted) funds were also held for: property (£1,389,933); accommodation (£70,000). The majority of these designated funds are held in fixed assets.

#### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The Trustees appreciate the significant support received from Sunderland City Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPPC) for Northumbria, independent grant funders, businesses and the communities across Wearside that have supported the Charities modernisation plans over the last five years.

This has enabled additional services, strengthened existing provision, and set the scene for further development work in 2024 and beyond. The continuous improvement of services is a priority as there is always more to do and more that can be done.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Report of the Trustees (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Our ambitions include:

- Continuing to invest in our people through quality training and support – “good people deliver good services”.
- Strengthening our partnerships and the co-delivery of services that meet the needs of beneficiaries.
- Testing new ideas and different ways of delivering services and piloting new approaches.
- Ensuring that children’s voices, needs and experiences are heard, understood and responded to in all service delivery areas.
- Meeting the needs of beneficiaries with complex needs and protected characteristics who are often poorly served by services.
- Strengthening our brand and ensuring information, advice and access to support is easy to find and that WWiN is recognised across our delivery area.
- Working with communities to equip them to identify, support and protect people they care about.
- Making perpetrators of domestic abuse more visible to agencies and the public and ensuring they receive the services they need to stop the abuse.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number: 1181932  
Registered office: 4-6 Mary Street, Sunderland, SR1 3NH

#### Advisors

Auditors: CLA Evelyn Partners Limited - 17 Queens Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RN  
Bankers: Lloyds Banking Group - 54 Fawcett Street, Sunderland, SR1 1SF

#### Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S Gould  
J Hayden  
M Hull  
C Donovan  
C Warnock  
J Gillespie  
P McManus  
A Fry  
M Roushan  
N Akhtar

#### Key management personnel

The key management personnel are the non-executive directors of the organisation; they are responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity’s activities:

Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary: L Seebohm  
Assistant Director: K Wheatley  
Asset Manager: G Ridley

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Objectives and policies**

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

### **Governing Document**

Wearside Women In Need CIO was established on 7th February 2019 and became operational on 1st April 2019 with the assets transferred from the previous charity at that date.

### **Risks**

The major risks have been reviewed by the trustees, with systems in place to manage the risks. Key risks have been identified below.

#### **Cash flow risk**

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures. Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

#### **Credit risk**

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments.

The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

#### **Liquidity risk**

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance. Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees consider the recruitment of new trustees as the need arises and Trustees are appointed following rigorous review. Once appointed they undertake training to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to perform their duties.

### **Remuneration policy**

Remuneration is set by an HR sub-group made up of a subset of trustees and advised by an independent HR advisor. All staff are paid at least the living wage, decisions about executive pay are determined by the trustees.

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Report of the Trustees (Continued)**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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

The 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 state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity. 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

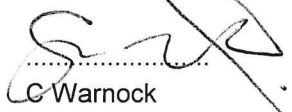
So far as each of the trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:


- there is no relevant audit information of which the charities auditors are unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditors**

A resolution to appoint auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in line with the charity's policies and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the trustees on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and signed on its behalf, by:

  
C Warnock  
Trustee

  
~~J Hayden~~ S B Gould  
Trustee

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Wearside Women in Need for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the 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 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 charities affairs as at 31 March 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's 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 charities 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.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need (Continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**Other information**

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**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 in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respects with the trustees' report; or
- The charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records or returns; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, 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 charities 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 company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's 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 regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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.

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 legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the charity itself and the industry in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the trustees and other management. The most significant were identified as the Charities Act 2011, UK GAAP (FRS102) and relevant tax legislation. We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

- making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- assessing the risk of management override including identifying and testing journal entries; and
- confirmation received directly from the banks to verify the balance at 31 March 2024.

Our audit did not identify any key audit matters relating to the detection of irregularities including fraud. However, despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need (Continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**Use of Our Report**

This report is made solely to the charities 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 charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charities trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Craig Henderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**For and on behalf of CLA Evelyn Partners Ltd**

*10<sup>th</sup> September 2024*

**Chartered Accountants and  
Statutory Auditors**

17 Queens Lane  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 1RN

## Wearside Women in Need

### Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations	4	29,687	-	-	29,687	43,741
Charitable activities	5,6		-			
- Grants and contracts		1,189,692	-	757,020	1,946,712	1,519,399
- Rents and support		360,525	-	-	360,525	361,369
Trading activities	8	4,795	-	-	4,795	3,550
Investment income	7	7,473	-	-	7,473	1,020
Other Income		7,630	-	-	7,630	1,252
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,599,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>757,020</u>	<u>2,356,822</u>	<u>1,930,331</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	9	1,105,451	68,011	903,701	2,077,163	1,797,147
Costs of raising funds		216	-	-	216	216
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,105,667</u>	<u>68,011</u>	<u>903,701</u>	<u>2,077,379</u>	<u>1,797,363</u>
<b>Net movement before transfers</b>		494,135	( 68,011 )	( 146,681 )	279,443	132,968
Transfers between funds	20	( 59,018 )	59,018	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>435,117</u>	<u>( 8,993 )</u>	<u>( 146,681 )</u>	<u>279,443</u>	<u>132,968</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		355,472	1,468,926	237,387	2,061,785	1,928,817
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>790,589</u>	<u>1,459,933</u>	<u>90,706</u>	<u>2,341,228</u>	<u>2,061,785</u>

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

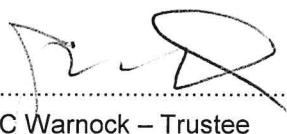
**Wearside Women in Need**

**Balance Sheet  
As at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		1,393,932		1,404,926
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	16	45,966		120,822	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,015,520		806,834	
			<u>1,061,486</u>	<u>927,656</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	( 100,023 )		( 120,998 )	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>961,463</u>	<u>806,658</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,355,395</u>	<u>2,211,584</u>	
Creditors: falling due after more than one year	18	( 14,167 )		( 149,799 )	
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>2,341,228</u>	<u>2,061,785</u>	
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			790,589		355,472
Designated funds			1,459,933		1,468,926
Restricted funds			90,706		237,387
	20		<u>2,341,228</u>		<u>2,061,785</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 9th September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
C Warnock – Trustee

  
.....  
S Gould – Trustee

the notes on pages 16 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Cash generated from operations	24	397,570	74,811
Interest paid		( 10,669 )	( 8,145 )
<b><i>Net cash provided by operating activities</i></b>		<u>386,901</u>	<u>66,666</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		( 32,612 )	( 391,323 )
Interest received		7,473	1,020
<b><i>Net cash used in investing activities</i></b>		<u>( 25,139 )</u>	<u>( 390,303 )</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		( 153,076 )	( 19,424 )
Proceeds from new borrowings		-	152,500
<b><i>Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities</i></b>		<u>( 153,076 )</u>	<u>133,076</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		208,686	( 190,561 )
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		806,834	997,395
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u>1,015,520</u>	<u>806,834</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consist of:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,015,520	806,834

**1. Accounting policies**

Wearside Women in Need is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“CIO”) registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 5 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity’s operations and principal activities are detailed on page 1.

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Wearside Women in Need meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**1.2 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budgets in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, the increased level of demand for the services and the additional funding available the trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**1.3 Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**1.4 Income**

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

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specific period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specific period; related expenditure is accounted when incurred.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

Interest receivable on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is possible 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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the cost against the expenditure was incurred.

**1.6 Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities.

**1.7 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

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

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 20% straight line

Fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.

**1.8 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

**1.9 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.10 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments which are instantly accessible from the opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.11 Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

**1.12 Financial instruments**

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.13 Pensions**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

**2. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements in the preparation of the financial statements.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements *(Continued)* for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### 3. Statement of Financial Activities for the prior year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations	4	43,741	-	-	43,741	22,339
Charitable activities	5,6					
- Grants and contracts		817,817	-	701,582	1,519,399	1,490,472
- Rents and support		361,369	-	-	361,369	268,628
Investment income	7	1,020	-	-	1,020	50
Trading activities	8	3,550	-	-	3,550	23,384
Other Income		1,252	-	-	1,252	-
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,228,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>701,582</u>	<u>1,930,331</u>	<u>1,804,873</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Costs of raising funds		216	-	-	216	216
Charitable activities	9	853,256	60,939	882,952	1,797,147	1,476,634
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>853,472</u>	<u>60,939</u>	<u>882,952</u>	<u>1,797,363</u>	<u>1,476,850</u>
<b>Net movement before transfers</b>		375,277	( 60,939 )	( 181,370 )	132,968	-
Transfers between funds	20	( 415,052 )	415,052	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>( 39,775 )</u>	<u>354,113</u>	<u>( 181,370 )</u>	<u>132,968</u>	<u>328,023</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		395,247	1,114,813	418,757	1,928,817	1,600,794
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>355,472</u>	<u>1,468,926</u>	<u>237,387</u>	<u>2,061,785</u>	<u>1,928,817</u>

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

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<b>4. Donations</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Donations	29,687	43,741
	<u>29,687</u>	<u>43,741</u>
	<u>29,687</u>	<u>43,741</u>
<b>5. Income from charitable activities by activity</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Housing and support	1,544,177	1,359,661
Outreach	734,310	521,107
	<u>2,278,487</u>	<u>1,880,768</u>
	<u>2,278,487</u>	<u>1,880,768</u>
<b>6. Grants and contracts</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Grant	76,618	778,569
Contracts	1,160,094	737,830
	<u>1,946,712</u>	<u>1,516,339</u>
	<u>1,946,712</u>	<u>1,516,339</u>
<b>7. Investment income</b>		
All of the charitable company's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.		
<b>8. Other trading activities</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Training income	4,795	3,550
Fundraising income	-	-
	<u>4,795</u>	<u>3,550</u>
	<u>4,795</u>	<u>3,550</u>

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**9. Charitable Activities expenditure**

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Housing and support	1,004,899	253,750	1,257,155	1,237,352
Outreach	700,052	118,462	820,008	559,795
	<u>1,704,951</u>	<u>372,212</u>	<u>2,077,163</u>	<u>1,797,147</u>

**10. Support costs**

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Staff costs	264,123	149,224
Insurance	11,514	11,321
Subscriptions	2,034	1,164
Professional fees	46,086	41,652
Office costs	39,456	77,431
Governance costs	9,000	8,400
	<u>372,212</u>	<u>289,192</u>

**11. Governance costs**

	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fee	9,000	8,400
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>8,400</u>

**12. Auditors remuneration**

	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fee	9,000	8,400
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>8,400</u>

**13. Net income/(expenditure)**

	2024 £	2023 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation – owned assets	43,605	41,010
	<u>43,605</u>	<u>41,010</u>

Notes to the financial statements *(Continued)*  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

14. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,378,923	1,151,241
Social security costs	122,858	100,281
Other pension costs	38,821	32,041
Redundancy costs	-	3,110
	<u>1,540,602</u>	<u>1,286,673</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Chief Executive	1	1
Core Staff	55	52
	<u>56</u>	<u>53</u>

There was one employee who received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (2023 – one).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment in the year (2023 - £nil). One trustee was reimbursed expenses during the year of £0 (2023 - nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023 - £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, the Assistant Director and the Asset Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £151,631 (2023 - £147,648).

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Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2023	1,486,696	10,000	1,496,696
Additions	32,612	-	32,612
At 31 March 2024	1,519,308	10,000	1,529,308
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2023	87,770	4,000	91,770
Charge for year	41,605	2,000	43,605
At 31 March 2024	129,375	6,000	135,375
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2024	1,389,933	4,000	1,393,933
At 31 March 2023	1,398,926	6,000	1,404,926

16. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	250	48,088
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	45,716	72,734
	45,966	120,822

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	3,249	23,638
Social security and other taxes	29,419	22,897
Other creditors	1,787	4,125
Accrued expenses	55,568	41,054
Deferred income	-	1,840
Other loans	10,000	10,000
Bank loan	-	17,444
	100,023	120,998

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### 17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Continued)

##### Deferred income

Deferred income relates to income received for future periods.

	£
At 1 April 2023	1,840
Amounts released to income	( 1,840 )
Additions during the year	-
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At 31 March 2024	-
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#### 18. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	14,167	24,167
Bank loans	-	125,632
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	14,167	149,799
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#### 19. Loans

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

Amounts due within one year or on demand

	-	17,444
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##### Amounts falling due between two and five years:

Repayable by instalments:

Bank loans of 2-5 years by instalments

	-	61,411
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##### Amounts falling due in more than five years:

Repayable by instalments:

Bank loans more 5 years by instalments

	-	64,221
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## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements *(Continued)* for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### 20. Statement of funds

*For the year ended 31 March 2024*

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>					
General fund	355,472	1,599,802	( 1,105,667 )	( 59,018 )	790,589
<b>Designated fund</b>					
Property fund	1,398,926	-	( 41,605 )	32,612	1,389,933
Minibus	-	-	-	-	-
Accommodation	70,000	-	( 26,406 )	26,406	70,000
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,824,398</u>	<u>1,599,802</u>	<u>( 1,173,678 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250,522</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	50,056	-	( 50,056 )	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	19,798	-	( 19,798 )	-	-
Ballinger Trust	13,539	15,000	( 24,210 )	-	4,329
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner	-	381,988	( 381,988 )	-	-
Comic Relief	84,255	98,554	( 125,057 )	-	57,752
Respect	-	45,392	( 45,392 )	-	-
Virgin Money	6,531	-	( 6,531 )	-	-
County Durham Community Foundation	53,926	68,052	( 121,978 )	-	-
Jill Franklin Trust	4,986	28,014	( 33,000 )	-	-
Winston Churchill	4,296	-	( 4,296 )	-	-
Trailblazer	-	29,875	( 19,250 )	-	10,625
Sunderland City Council (PCC)	-	72,145	( 72,145 )	-	-
Sarah Charlton Foundation	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Bauer Radio	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>237,387</u>	<u>757,020</u>	<u>( 903,701 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,706</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>2,061,785</u>	<u>2,356,822</u>	<u>( 2,077,379 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,341,228</u>

#### Transfers

The transfers relate to spend on capital assets, once purchase is made the asset is designated into property funds.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### 20. Statement of funds (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2023

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>					
General fund	395,247	1,228,749	( 853,472 )	( 415,052 )	355,472
<b>Designated fund</b>					
Property fund	1,046,613	-	( 39,010 )	391,323	1,398,926
Minibus	3,065	-	( 3,065 )	-	-
Accommodation	65,135	-	( 18,864 )	23,729	70,000
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>1,510,060</b>	<b>1,228,749</b>	<b>( 914,411 )</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,824,398</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	299,042	-	( 248,986 )	-	50,056
NHS England – Health Advocate	10,584	-	( 10,584 )	-	-
BBC Children in Need	-	10,500	( 10,500 )	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	10,084	15,000	( 5,286 )	-	19,798
Ballinger Trust	3,825	15,000	( 5,286 )	-	13,539
Comic Relief	58,971	111,941	( 86,657 )	-	84,255
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner	-	351,875	( 351,875 )	-	-
Respect	-	25,833	( 25,833 )	-	-
Virgin Money	-	8,000	( 1,469 )	-	6,531
County Durham Community Foundation	23,863	114,942	( 84,879 )	-	53,926
Jill Franklin Trust	4,888	29,916	( 29,818 )	-	4,986
Winston Churchill	7,500	8,750	( 11,954 )	-	4,296
Harbour	-	9,825	( 9,825 )	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>418,757</b>	<b>701,582</b>	<b>( 882,952 )</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>237,387</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,928,817</b>	<b>1,930,331</b>	<b>( 1,797,363 )</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,061,785</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					

Clinical Commission Group (CCG): (i) Delivery of an advocacy/training project to general practitioner surgeries across Wearside (ii) Residential therapeutic service for women with complex needs, (iii) Therapeutic counselling service for adults suffering abuse and trauma.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC): (i) Provision of Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates (IDVA's) to support high-risk victims of abuse including cases subject to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC). (ii) Independent Domestic Abuse Advocate (IDVA) (iii) Two grants to support children and parents including therapeutic interventions. (iv) Grant to support community engagement and training for Family, Friends and community members (Findaway Project). Also to support the 'legacy' of the Ask Me (2021-22) scheme.

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### Notes to the financial statements *(Continued)* for the year ended 31 March 2024

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#### 20. Statement of funds *(continued)*

James Knott Foundation: Part funding for a Volunteer Co-ordinator to recruit, supervise and deploy volunteers across service areas.

Ballinger Trust: Part funding for a Volunteer Co-ordinator to recruit, supervise and deploy volunteers across service areas.

Jill Franklin Trust: Provision of a Mental Health Outreach Worker supporting women with mental health problems within accommodation and community services.

BBC Children in Need: Small grant to support activities for children in Refuge.

Comic Relief: A five-year grant to develop and deliver a service for Family and Friends of victims of abuse. A partnership approach with Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (Aafda).

Respect: A new early intervention and prevention initiative for Perpetrators of domestic abuse delivering one to one and groupwork for men over 18yrs of age.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust: An 'Activate Grant' to promote and activate the role of Family and Friends in the prevention and early intervention of domestic abuse.

Virgin Money Foundation: A grant to strengthen Charity Leadership and sustainability.

Durham Community Foundation: A grant administered by the Foundation on behalf of NHS Charities Together. This grant funds delivery of an adult Counselling Service in partnership with 'My Sister's Place' (Middlesbrough).

Harbour: A grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner administered by Harbour to deliver [in partnership with Harbour] a support service in the Police Control Room at weekends.

Youth Music Trailblazer Fund - a series of Early Years Music Making Sessions delivered across WWIN refuges and outreach services to mothers and children

Sunderland City Council (in partnership with the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) - 'Hub and Spoke' one-to-one programme delivered to serial domestic abuse perpetrators who are assessed as posing a high risk of harm.

Sarah Charlton Foundation - Domestic abuse prevention work to support the WWIN outreach team.

Bauer Radio - Emergency 'cash for kids cost of living' fund for children impacted by domestic abuse.

#### **Designated funds**

Property Fund: The Board have designated funds for the ongoing support of our buildings. This includes plans in the coming year to, (i) complete works in Sunderland and (ii) establish a new base in Sunderland from which to deliver front line services.

Accommodation Fund: To improve accommodation at the Washington site.

Minibus: Funds are also designated for ongoing running costs of the minibus which is used for children's trips and transport for families moving in and out of refuge. 27

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#### 21. Analysis of net assets by fund *For the year ended 31 March 2024*

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,393,932	-	1,393,932
Net current assets	902,779	58,684	961,463
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	( 14,167 )	-	( 14,167 )
	<u>2,282,544</u>	<u>58,684</u>	<u>2,341,228</u>

#### *For the year ended 31 March 2023*

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,404,926	-	1,404,926
Net current assets	747,974	58,684	806,658
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	( 149,799 )	-	( 149,799 )
	<u>2,003,101</u>	<u>58,684</u>	<u>2,061,785</u>

#### 22. Pensions

##### Defined contribution

Pension contributions payable for the year ended 31 March 2024 amounted to £38,821 (2023 - £32,041). There were no amounts outstanding at the year end (2023 - nil).

#### 23. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

#### 24. Net cash provided by operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the period	279,443	132,968
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	43,606	41,010
Interest received	( 7,473 )	( 1,020 )
Interest paid	10,669	8,145
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	74,856	( 45,861 )
Increase in creditors	( 3,531 )	( 60,431 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>397,570</u>	<u>74,811</u>

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24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Long term borrowings	( 149,799 )	135,632	( 14,167 )
Short term borrowings	( 27,444 )	17,444	( 10,000 )
Total liabilities	( 177,243 )	153,076	( 24,167 )
Cash and cash equivalents	806,834	208,686	1,015,520
	<u>629,591</u>	<u>361,762</u>	<u>991,353</u>

**WEAR SIDE WOMEN IN NEED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181932

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# Accounts

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**Wearside Women in Need**

**Report of the Trustees and  
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**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

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## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31 March 2023**

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The trustees submit their annual report and the audited financial statements of Wearside Women in Need for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to relieve the needs of women and their children who are the victims of domestic violence in particular but not exclusively by:

- (a) the provision of services, including temporary residential accommodation and practical, emotional and peer support, directed to the support of women and children who have suffered or are in danger of suffering disadvantage and exploitation as a result of domestic violence;
- (b) advancing the education of voluntary and statutory agencies and the public in all aspects of domestic violence against women, its causes and its remedies.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the WWIN should undertake. In all financial matters and in governance the WWIN trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power or duties.

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees have had regards to the Charity Commission's guidance on their legal duty on public benefit, and are satisfied that the charitable company delivers public benefit, and due regard is paid to the guidance on public benefit whilst reviewing the charitable company's aim and objectives and also when planning future objects and deciding what the new projects the charitable company should undertake.

#### **Activities**

Domestic abuse is a cross cutting issue impacting on every aspect of the lives of those affected, including the wider networks of family, friends and community. Partnerships are vital as no single agency can meet the wide-ranging needs and we work closely with key partners such as Criminal Justice agencies, Health, Housing and other charities that support our work.

As the nation recovers from the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic we now operate within a 'cost of living' crisis that impacts disproportionately on women and not only increases the risk of violence and abuse in relationships, but limits women's choices in leaving abusive relationships.

In response, we have expanded and strengthened our services this year: successfully securing a five-to-seven-year contract with Sunderland Council in April 2022; securing additional funds for a variety of interventions from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and completed significant work on our own buildings thereby expanding our accommodation offer and support available.

WWiN moves forward with a comprehensive range of services and a secure mixed funding base including an ability to generate income as we strive to secure sustainable services. We look forward to strengthening our approach further and have some ambitious plans to take forward in the next three years.

**Current delivery**

- **Accommodation Services** The provision of safe temporary accommodation across the Wearside area

**Family Refuge (Crisis) Accommodation** A purpose-built refuge owned by a registered social landlord. This facility provides spacious self-contained accommodation for families in ten flats of varying sizes (one – three bedrooms) and extensive communal areas. It has full disabled access and accommodation. The refuge is staffed 24-hours a day, 365 days a year and accommodated seventy-five women and one hundred and forty-five children this year. Internal services have increased within the Refuge including counselling for women and children, children's activities, and group work. We thank 'We Make Culture' for bringing music and the arts into the Refuge and the many charities and community groups who generously support our residents through donations and other goodwill gestures.

**Stage 2 Accommodation and Support (Sunderland)** Six modern, self-contained flats for single women with medium support needs. This project completed in May 2022 with the addition of an outreach office base on site, the project has acted as a 'move on' for women who do not need full Refuge support and has met the needs of a variety of women such women in employment, migrant women who share a language and culture and older women seeking a quiet safe space. Thirteen women and four children have moved through this accommodation within the year moving on into permanent housing.

**Ukrainian Refugee Accommodation** In response to the evacuation of Ukrainian women and children at the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, WWiN worked closely with Sunderland Housing to reduce the risk of violence against women and girls arriving in Sunderland with insecure housing. Twenty-one women and three children have been safely accommodated whilst waiting for permanent housing.

**Dispersed Property** WWiN also owns a dispersed property used as Refuge 'overflow' and/or move on accommodation. This property has accommodated two women and three children in the year.

**Sanctuary Scheme** Domestic abuse is a major cause of homelessness for women and children and Refuge is not the only option. The Sanctuary Scheme aims to keep families in their own home when it is safe to do so through the provision of robust safety planning, legal protection and home security measures. One hundred and seventy two women with three hundred and fourteen children used this scheme enabling them to remain in their family home.

- **Community based support services**

**Outreach – Community Support** Provision of a range of community-based services to women and children experiencing domestic abuse in a range of settings. This is our biggest team supporting one thousand and seventy-nine victims and survivors who had one thousand seven hundred and forty children. All cases receive a full risk and needs assessment and have an individual support plan. The 'average' length of a case is sixteen weeks and is dependent on the complexity, external systems such as legal processes, and the needs of the individual. The teams carry all risk levels of risk and are embedded in a range of settings to ensure we reach into our communities.

- (i) Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs): WWiN has a direct referral pathway from Northumbria Police for all high risk cases. IDVAs attend weekly Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) and support high risk victims through Safeguarding processes and legal proceedings.
- (ii) Outreach Team: We offer a wide range of support and practical help to support women and their children to live safer, more independent lives. The outreach team focus on the needs of women to increase their safety, ensure they receive the services they need and improve health and well-being.
- (iii) Early Help Partnership with Together for Children: Outreach workers are based within Early Help Hubs to support Together for Children to complete risk assessments and safety planning. This project also delivers a range of group work programmes across Wearside in our own premises and from community buildings.

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We also have targeted outreach projects to help us reach victims/survivors who might not otherwise get help. These include:

- **Health Advocate** - Funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), this post-holder works into GP practices across Sunderland, training surgery staff and supporting referral pathways from GP's to provide direct support to families in need. There are forty GP Practices across the area; thirty-eight are now engaging with the scheme and this year two hundred and eighty staff received domestic abuse awareness training in 'Using Routine Enquiry'; seventy one nominated Health Champions have completed risk assessment training and we have an active network with top-up training sessions on request and a pathway into WWiN for referrals and/or support with assessments.
- **Complex Needs Assertive Outreach Workers** – This team engage with women who find it difficult to access mainstream services due to their past experiences and behaviours. Engagement is key and the team operate in partnership with probation hubs, substance misuse services and partner charities enabling access to accommodation, advocacy and support. This year the team supported one hundred and twenty-one women with one hundred and sixty-nine children.

**Counselling for Adults:** Our Counselling service offers a range of interventions based on a six session 'contract' that can be extended to meet identified needs. Two hundred and three women and two men accessed the counselling service. Counselling for male victims is delivered outside of our women only spaces.

**Counselling for Children:** This is a relatively new and developing service with plans to expand provision in line with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 that asserts children are victims in their own right; one hundred and five children received therapeutic interventions across all service areas.

**Group work:** A range of groups are delivered across projects including therapeutic peer groups and accredited programmes for women and children. Twenty four groups were delivered with one hundred and seventeen attendees.

**Telephone Helpline:** Available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year; this freephone service is logged as 'short term work' as the helpline aims to respond and refer enquiries to the relevant service area, in year the helpline recorded three thousand three hundred and sixty-six contacts.

**Training:** WWiN delivers a range of formal and informal training to agencies, community groups and student placements from local Universities.

**Findaway:** Supporting Family, Friends and Communities This is year two (of five) in the development and delivery of a community-based approach to early intervention and prevention of domestic abuse. The project has launched a new website [www.wefindaway.org.uk](http://www.wefindaway.org.uk) and some strong resources to share with other services with thirty six training sessions delivered to one thousand one hundred and twenty five members of the public. The scheme was well received when presented at three national conferences including the Domestic Abuse Commissioners (DAC) two-day conference highlighting best practice approaches.

#### **Perpetrator Interventions – 'Right Turn', 'Make a Change' and 'Hub & Spoke'**

This service started in April 2022 with 'Right Turn', a programme for men who want to address their abusive behaviours, the initiative quickly attracted other funding and now includes the Respect 'Make a Change' (early intervention and prevention) module and the 'Hub & Spoke' model targeting high harm perpetrators as identified by Northumbria Police, thus offering perpetrator interventions at three levels. In the first year the project received one hundred and twenty one referrals.

### **Headline achievements**

**Capital Assets** We have invested heavily in property in the last three years, upgrading and expanding our accommodation offer and, in 2022, purchasing a large building in Sunderland as our main office base to house an expanding staff team. This acquisition forms part of the charities long term sustainability plan in making our reserves 'work' for our beneficiaries in real time, generating income and offering flexibility to changing needs and trends.

**Outcomes** WWiN uses three main outcomes measures

Safety

Social Justice

Health and Well-Being

although outcomes vary in terms of what the survivor is seeking. This year we can see the benefit of the additional investment in staffing levels as our outcomes show eighty five percent of clients leaving the service feel safer and have improved their well-being scores (an increase of 20% on previous years).

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

A number of new and/or expanded funding opportunities meant our income has increased this year to £1,930,331 (£1,804,873 in 2021-22). This increased resource enabled us to deliver more services, as our expenditure increased to £1,797,363 (2021-22 to £1,476,850)

The Trustees are committed to using the charities reserves in the best interests of its beneficiaries and have invested substantially in capital assets that deliver direct services and are independently sustainable, rather than building high levels of cash reserves.

### **Investment policy**

The Trustees are committed to using the charities reserves in the best interests of its beneficiaries and have invested substantially in capital assets that deliver direct services and are independently sustainable rather than building high levels of cash reserves.

### **Reserves policy**

Its reserves policy aims to mitigate any financial risks that the charity may encounter, with recognition of potential fluctuations in income streams that are difficult to predict in the longer term. A risk management plan is used to support the mitigation of any such risks and having agreed this plan, the Board have set a level of £350,000 as unrestricted reserves for the Charity. This figure is reviewed regularly and is based on a calculation of the likely real costs of dealing with any emergency or winding up the organisation. At 31st March 2023, unrestricted reserves stood at £355,472 (a decrease on the previous year when they were £395,247). In addition to this, designated (unrestricted) funds were also held for: property (£1,398,926); accommodation (£70,000), further details can be found in note 20.

### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The Trustees appreciate the significant support received from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Sunderland City Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPPC) for Northumbria, independent grant funders, businesses and the communities across Wearside that have supported the Charities modernisation plans over the last four years.

This has enabled additional services, strengthened existing provision, and set the scene for further development work in 2023 and beyond.

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Our ambitions include:

- Continuing to invest in our people through quality training and support – “*good people deliver good services.*”
- Strengthening our partnerships and the co-delivery of services that meet the needs of beneficiaries.
- Testing new ideas and different ways of delivering services and piloting new approaches.
- Ensuring that children’s voices, needs and experiences are heard, understood and responded to in all service delivery areas.
- Meeting the needs of beneficiaries with complex needs and protected characteristics who are often poorly served by services.
- Strengthening our brand and ensuring information, advice and access to support is easy to find and that WWiN is recognised across our delivery area.
- Working with communities to equip them to identify, support and protect people they care about.
- Making perpetrators of domestic abuse more visible to agencies and the public and ensuring they receive the services they need to stop the abuse.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number: 1181932  
Registered office: 28 Bridge House, Bridge Street, Sunderland, SR1, 1TE

#### Advisors

Auditors: Haines Watts North East Audit LLP - 17 Queens Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RN

Bankers: Lloyds Banking Group - 54 Fawcett Street, Sunderland, SR1 1SF

#### Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S Gould  
J Hayden  
M Hull  
C Donovan  
C Warnock  
J Gillespie  
P McManus  
A Fry  
C Cetinoglu Resigned 03 February 2023  
M Roushan  
N Akhtar Appointed 13 September 2022

#### Key management personnel

The key management personnel are the non-executive directors of the organisation; they are responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity’s activities:

Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary: R Rogerson  
Assistant Director K Wheatley  
Asset Manager G Ridley

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Objectives and policies**

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

### **Governing Document**

Wearside Women In Need CIO was established on 7th February 2019 and became operational on 1st April 2019 with the assets transferred from the previous charity at that date.

### **Risks**

The major risks have been reviewed by the trustees, with systems in place to manage the risks. Key risks have been identified below.

#### **Cash flow risk**

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures. Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

#### **Credit risk**

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments.

The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

#### **Liquidity risk**

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance. Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees consider the recruitment of new trustees as the need arises and Trustees are appointed following rigorous review. Once appointed they undertake training to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to perform their duties.

#### **Remuneration policy**

Remuneration is set by an HR sub-group made up of a subset of trustees and advised by an independent HR advisor. All staff are paid at least the living wage, decisions about executive pay are determined by the trustees.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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

The 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 state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity. 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

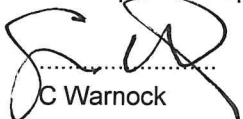
So far as each of the trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charities auditors are unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditors**

A resolution to appoint auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in line with the charity's policies and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the trustees on 12/09 2023 and signed on its behalf, by:

  
C Warnock  
Trustee

  
J Hayden  
Trustee

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need  
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Wearside Women in Need for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the 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 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 charities affairs as at 31 March 2023, 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's 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 charities 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.

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**Other information**

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**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 in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respects with the trustees' report; or
- The charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records or returns; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, 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 charities 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 company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**Auditor's 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 regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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.

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 legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the charity itself and the industry in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the trustees and other management. The most significant were identified as the Charities Act 2011, UK GAAP (FRS102) and relevant tax legislation. We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

- making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- assessing the risk of management override including identifying and testing journal entries; and
- confirmation received directly from the banks to verify the balance at 31 March 2023.

Our audit did not identify any key audit matters relating to the detection of irregularities including fraud. However, despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need (*Continued*)  
For the year ended 31 March 2023

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**Use of Our Report**

This report is made solely to the charities 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 charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charities trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*C. Henderson*

**Craig Henderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**For and on behalf of Haines Watts North East Audit LLP**

*14<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

**Chartered Accountants and  
Statutory Auditors**

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## Wearside Women in Need

### Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations	4	43,741	-	-	43,741	22,339
Charitable activities	5,6					
- Grants and contracts		817,817	-	701,582	1,519,399	1,490,472
- Rents and support		361,369	-	-	361,369	268,628
Investment income	7	1,020	-	-	1,020	50
Trading activities	8	3,550	-	-	3,550	23,384
Other Income		1,252	-	-	1,252	-
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,228,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>701,582</u>	<u>1,930,331</u>	<u>1,804,873</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Costs of raising funds		216	-	-	216	216
Charitable activities	9	853,256	60,939	882,952	1,797,147	1,476,634
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>853,472</u>	<u>60,939</u>	<u>882,952</u>	<u>1,797,363</u>	<u>1,476,850</u>
<b>Net movement before transfers</b>		<u>375,277</u>	<u>( 60,939 )</u>	<u>( 181,370 )</u>	<u>132,968</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfers between funds	20	( 415,052 )	415,052	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>( 39,775 )</u>	<u>354,113</u>	<u>( 181,370 )</u>	<u>132,968</u>	<u>328,023</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		395,247	1,114,813	418,757	1,928,817	1,600,794
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>355,472</u>	<u>1,468,926</u>	<u>237,387</u>	<u>2,061,785</u>	<u>1,928,817</u>

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

**Wearside Women in Need**


**Balance Sheet**

**As at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		1,404,926		1,054,613
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	16	120,822		74,961	
Cash at bank and in hand		806,834		997,395	
			<u>927,656</u>		<u>1,072,356</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	( 120,998 )		( 163,985 )	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>806,658</u>		<u>908,371</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,211,584</u>		<u>1,962,984</u>
Creditors: falling due after more than one year	18	( 149,799 )		( 34,167 )	
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>2,061,785</u>		<u>1,928,817</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			355,472		395,247
Designated funds			1,468,926		1,114,813
			<u>1,824,398</u>		<u>1,510,060</u>
Restricted funds			237,387		418,757
	20		<u>2,061,785</u>		<u>1,928,817</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... 12/09 ..... 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
C Warnock – Trustee

  
.....  
J Hayden - Trustee

the notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Statement of Cash Flows  
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

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		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Cash generated from operations	24	74,811	66,327
Interest paid		( 8,145 )	( 1,992 )
<b><i>Net cash provided by operating activities</i></b>		<u>66,666</u>	<u>661,335</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		( 391,323 )	( 106,134 )
Interest received		1,020	50
<b><i>Net cash used in investing activities</i></b>		<u>( 390,303 )</u>	<u>( 106,084 )</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		( 19,424 )	( 5,833 )
Proceeds from new borrowings		152,500	-
<b><i>Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities</i></b>		<u>133,076</u>	<u>( 5,833 )</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		( 190,561 )	549,418
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		997,395	447,977
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u>806,834</u>	<u>997,395</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consist of:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>806,834</u>	<u>997,395</u>

**1. Accounting policies**

Wearside Women in Need is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“CIO”) registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 5 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity’s operations and principal activities are detailed on page 1.

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Wearside Women in Need meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**1.2 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budgets in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, the increased level of demand for the services and the additional funding available the trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**1.3 Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

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**1.4 Income**

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

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specific period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specific period; related expenditure is accounted when incurred.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

Interest receivable on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is possible 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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the cost against the expenditure was incurred.

**1.6 Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities.

**1.7 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

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

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 20% straight line

Fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

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**1.8 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

**1.9 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.10 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments which are instantly accessible from the opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.11 Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

**1.12 Financial instruments**

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.13 Pensions**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

**2. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements in the preparation of the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2023

3. Statement of Financial Activities for the prior year

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	4	22,339	-	-	22,339
Charitable activities	5,6				
- Grants and contracts		637,867	-	852,605	1,490,472
- Rents and support		268,628	-	-	268,628
Investment income	7	50	-	-	50
Other trading activities	8	23,384	-	-	23,384
<b>Total income</b>		<u>952,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>852,605</u>	<u>1,804,873</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Costs of raising funds		216	-	-	216
Charitable activities	9	756,889	22,789	696,956	1,476,634
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>757,105</u>	<u>22,789</u>	<u>696,956</u>	<u>1,476,850</u>
<b>Net movement before transfers</b>		195,163	( 22,789 )	155,649	328,023
Transfers between funds	19	( 86,135 )	86,135	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>109,028</u>	<u>63,346</u>	<u>155,649</u>	<u>328,023</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		286,219	1,051,467	263,108	1,600,794
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>395,247</u></u>	<u><u>1,114,813</u></u>	<u><u>418,757</u></u>	<u><u>1,928,817</u></u>

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*) for the year ended 31 March 2023

#### 4. Donations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	43,741	22,339
	<u>43,741</u>	<u>22,339</u>

#### 5. Income from charitable activities by activity

	2023	2022
	£	£
Housing and support	1,359,661	984,327
Outreach	521,107	774,773
	<u>1,880,768</u>	<u>1,759,100</u>

#### 6. Grants and contracts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants	778,569	1,037,844
Contracts	737,830	452,628
	<u>1,516,399</u>	<u>1,490,472</u>

#### 7. Investment income

All of the charitable company's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

#### 8. Other trading activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Training income	3,550	4,600
Fundraising income	-	18,784
	<u>3,550</u>	<u>23,384</u>

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**9. Charitable Activities expenditure**

	<b>Direct Costs</b>	<b>Support Costs</b>	<b>2023 Total £</b>	<b>2022 Total £</b>
Housing and support	1,028,287	209,065	1,237,352	798,475
Outreach	479,668	80,127	559,795	678,159
	<u>1,507,955</u>	<u>289,192</u>	<u>1,797,147</u>	<u>1,476,634</u>

**10. Support costs**

	<b>2023 Total £</b>	<b>2022 Total £</b>
Staff costs	149,224	137,342
Insurance	11,321	10,283
Subscriptions	1,164	541
Professional fees	41,652	40,439
Office costs	77,431	68,654
Governance costs	8,400	8,040
	<u>289,192</u>	<u>265,299</u>

**11. Governance costs**

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Audit fee	8,400	8,400
	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>

**12. Auditors remuneration**

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Audit fee	8,400	8,040
	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,040</u>

**13. Net income/(expenditure)**

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation – owned assets	41,010	22,317
	<u>41,010</u>	<u>22,317</u>

Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
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14. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,151,241	851,041
Social security costs	100,281	64,771
Other pension costs	32,041	22,400
Redundancy costs	3,110	-
	<u>1,286,673</u>	<u>938,212</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Chief Executive	1	1
Core Staff	52	40
	<u>53</u>	<u>41</u>

There was one employee who received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (2022 – one).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment in the year (2022 - £nil). One trustee was reimbursed expenses during the year of £101 (2022 - £178). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022 - £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, the Assistant Director and the Asset Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £164,487 (2022 - £105,286).

Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*)  
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15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2022	1,095,373	10,000	1,105,373
Additions	391,323	-	391,323
At 31 March 2023	1,486,696	10,000	1,496,696
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2022	48,760	2,000	50,760
Charge for year	39,010	2,000	41,010
At 31 March 2023	87,770	4,000	91,770
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2023	1,398,926	6,000	1,404,926
At 31 March 2022	1,046,613	8,000	1,054,613

16. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	48,088	17,429
Other debtors	-	1,151
Prepayments and accrued income	72,734	56,381
	120,822	74,961

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	23,638	77,197
Social security and other taxes	22,897	18,746
Other creditors	4,125	4,702
Accrued expenses	41,054	36,230
Deferred income	1,840	17,110
Other loans	10,000	10,000
Bank loan	17,444	-
	120,998	163,985

Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2023

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Continued)

**Deferred income**

Deferred income relates to income received for future periods.

	£
At 1 April 2022	17,110
Amounts released to income	( 17,110 )
Additions during the year	1,840
	<u>1,840</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,840</u>

18. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans	24,167	34,167
Bank loans	125,632	-
	<u>149,799</u>	<u>34,167</u>

19. Loans

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

Amounts due within one year or on demand	17,444	-
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**Amounts falling due between two and five years:**

Repayable by instalments:

Bank loans of 2-5 years by instalments	61,411	-
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**Amounts falling due in more than five years:**

Repayable by instalments:

Bank loans more 5 years by instalments	64,221	-
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Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*)  
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20. Statement of funds

*For the year ended 31 March 2023*

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>					
General fund	395,247	1,228,749	( 853,472 )	( 415,052 )	355,472
<b>Designated fund</b>					
Property fund	1,046,613	-	( 39,010 )	391,323	1,398,926
Minibus	3,065	-	( 3,065 )	-	-
Accommodation	65,135	-	( 18,864 )	23,729	70,000
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,510,060</u>	<u>1,228,749</u>	<u>( 914,411 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,824,398</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	299,042	-	( 248,986 )	-	50,056
NHS England – Health Advocate	10,584	-	( 10,584 )	-	-
BBC Children in Need	-	10,500	( 10,500 )	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	10,084	15,000	( 5,286 )	-	19,798
Ballinger Trust	3,825	15,000	( 5,286 )	-	13,539
Comic Relief	58,971	111,941	( 86,657 )	-	84,255
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner	-	351,875	( 351,875 )	-	-
Respect	-	25,833	( 25,833 )	-	-
Virgin Money	-	8,000	( 1,469 )	-	6,531
County Durham Community Foundation	23,863	114,942	( 84,879 )	-	53,926
Jill Franklin Trust	4,888	29,916	( 29,818 )	-	4,986
Winston Churchill	7,500	8,750	( 11,954 )	-	4,296
Harbour	-	9,825	( 9,825 )	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>418,757</u>	<u>701,582</u>	<u>( 882,952 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,387</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,928,817</u>	<u>1,930,331</u>	<u>( 1,797,363 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,061,785</u>

**Transfers**

The transfers relate to spend on capital assets, once purchase is made the asset is designated into property funds.

Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*)  
for the year ended 31 March 2023

20. Statement of funds (*continued*)

*For the year ended 31 March 2022*

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>					
General fund	286,219	952,268	( 757,105 )	( 86,135 )	395,247
<b>Designated fund</b>					
Property fund	970,795	-	( 20,317 )	96,135	1,046,613
Minibus	15,537	-	( 2,472 )	( 10,000 )	3,065
Accommodation	65,135	-	-	-	65,135
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,337,686</u>	<u>952,268</u>	<u>( 779,894 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,510,060</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	246,849	237,648	( 185,455 )	-	299,042
NHS England – Health Advocate	-	29,154	( 18,700 )	-	10,584
BBC Children in Need	-	10,000	( 10,000 )	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	6,259	15,000	( 11,175 )	-	10,084
Ballinger Trust	-	15,000	( 11,175 )	-	3,825
Comic Relief	-	90,318	( 31,347 )	-	58,971
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner	-	267,181	( 267,181 )	-	-
Together for Children	-	95,000	( 95,000 )	-	-
LGA Foundation	10,000	-	( 10,000 )	-	-
County Durham Community Foundation	-	47,726	( 23,863 )	-	23,863
Jill Franklin Trust	-	29,328	( 24,440 )	-	4,888
Churchill Memorial Trust	-	16,250	( 8,750 )	-	7,500
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>263,108</u>	<u>852,605</u>	<u>( 696,956 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>418,757</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,600,794</u>	<u>1,804,873</u>	<u>( 1,476,850 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,928,817</u>

**Restricted Funds**

Sunderland Council: Main contract to deliver a range of services across Sunderland including Refuge, Outreach, Children's support, Perpetrator interventions, Sanctuary Scheme, and Counselling.

Together for Children: Linked to the Main Council contract for domestic abuse in Sunderland this element is to deploy specialist domestic abuse workers into Together for Children (TfC) teams providing support to TfC staff in safeguarding children and adults subject to domestic abuse and the delivery of a range of group work programmes for women and children.

Clinical Commission Group (CCG): (i) Delivery of an advocacy/training project to general practitioner surgeries across Wearside (ii) Residential therapeutic service for women with complex needs, (iii) Therapeutic counselling service for adults suffering abuse and trauma.

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### Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*) for the year ended 31 March 2023

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#### 20. Statement of funds (*continued*)

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC): (i) Provision of Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates (IDVA's) to support high-risk victims of abuse including cases subject to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC). (ii) Independent Domestic Abuse Advocate (IDVA) (iii) Two grants to support children and parents including therapeutic interventions. (iv) Grant to support community engagement and training for Family, Friends and community members (Findaway Project). Also to support the 'legacy' of the Ask Me (2021-22) scheme.

James Knott Foundation: Part funding for a Volunteer Co-ordinator to recruit, supervise and deploy volunteers across service areas.

Ballinger Trust: Part funding for a Volunteer Co-ordinator to recruit, supervise and deploy volunteers across service areas.

Jill Franklin Trust: Provision of a Mental Health Outreach Worker supporting women with mental health problems within accommodation and community services.

BBC Children in Need: Small grant to support activities for children in Refuge.

Comic Relief: A five-year grant to develop and deliver a service for Family and Friends of victims of abuse. A partnership approach with Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (Aafda).

Respect: A new early intervention and prevention initiative for Perpetrators of domestic abuse delivering one to one and groupwork for men over 18yrs of age.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust: An 'Activate Grant' to promote and activate the role of Family and Friends in the prevention and early intervention of domestic abuse.

Virgin Money Foundation: A grant to strengthen Charity Leadership and sustainability.

Durham Community Foundation: A grant administered by the Foundation on behalf of NHS Charities Together. This grant funds delivery of an adult Counselling Service in partnership with 'My Sister's Place' (Middlesbrough).

Harbour: A grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner administered by Harbour to deliver [in partnership with Harbour] a support service in the Police Control Room at weekends.

#### **Designated funds**

Property Fund: The Board have designated funds for the ongoing support of our buildings. This includes plans in the coming year to, (i) complete works in Sunderland and (ii) establish a new base in Sunderland from which to deliver front line services.

Accommodation Fund: To improve accommodation at the Washington site.

Minibus: Funds are also designated for ongoing running costs of the minibus which is used for children's trips and transport for families moving in and out of refuge.

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**21. Analysis of net assets by fund**

*For the year ended 31 March 2023*

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	1,404,926	-	1,404,926
Net current assets	747,974	58,684	806,658
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	( 149,799 )	-	( 149,799 )
	<u>2,003,101</u>	<u>58,684</u>	<u>2,061,785</u>

*For the year ended 31 March 2022*

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	1,054,613	-	1,054,613
Net current assets	858,324	50,047	908,371
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	( 34,167 )		( 34,167 )
	<u>1,878,770</u>	<u>50,047</u>	<u>1,928,817</u>

**22. Pensions**

**Defined contribution**

Pension contributions payable for the year ended 31 March 2023 amounted to £32,041 (2022 - £22,400). There were no amounts outstanding at the year end (2022 – nil).

**23. Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

**24. Net cash provided by operating activities**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the period</b>	132,968	328,023
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	41,010	22,317
Interest received	( 1,020 )	( 50 )
Interest paid	8,145	1,992
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	( 45,861 )	232,930
Increase in creditors	( 60,431 )	78,115
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>74,811</u>	<u>663,327</u>

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24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
Long term borrowings	( 34,167 )	( 115,632 )	( 149,799 )
Short term borrowings	( 100,645 )	73,201	( 27,444 )
Total liabilities	( 134,812 )	( 42,431 )	( 177,243 )
Cash and cash equivalents	997,395	( 190,561 )	806,834
	<u>862,583</u>	<u>( 232,992 )</u>	<u>629,591</u>

**WEAR SIDE WOMEN IN NEED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181932

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# Accounts

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**Wearside Women in Need**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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**Report of the Trustees  
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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The trustees submit their annual report and the audited financial statements of Wearside Women in Need for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for the Directors report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to relieve the needs of women and their children who are the victims of domestic violence in particular but not exclusively by:

- (a) the provision of services, including temporary residential accommodation and practical, emotional and peer support, directed to the support of women and children who have suffered or are in danger of suffering disadvantage and exploitation as a result of domestic violence;
- (b) advancing the education of voluntary and statutory agencies and the public in all aspects of domestic violence against women, its causes and its remedies.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the WWIN should undertake. In all financial matters and in governance the WWIN trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power or duties.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have had regards to the Charity Commission's guidance on their legal duty on public benefit, and are satisfied that the charitable company delivers public benefit, and due regard is paid to the guidance on public benefit whilst reviewing the charitable company's aim and objectives and also when planning future objects and deciding what the new projects the charitable company should undertake.

**Activities**

To meet WWiN's constitutional objects, a variety of residential projects, outreach services, counselling, helplines and public offices are provided. This year we continued to operate services under the very challenging conditions created by the Covid 19 pandemic. Our services remained open through the crisis and we have acted to mitigate the significant impact of this major health crisis on domestic abuse victims by:

**Crisis Accommodation Services:** The provision of safe temporary accommodation from three properties across Wearside:

**Lakehouse:** A purpose-built refuge owned by a registered social landlord. This facility provides spacious self-contained accommodation for families in ten flats of varying sizes (one – three bedrooms) and extensive communal areas. It has full disabled access and accommodation. The refuge is staffed 24-hours a day, 365 days a year and provides support to women and children who need a safe place and space to recover from their experiences.

**Complex Needs Recovery Unit:** A specialist therapeutic recovery programme for single women who often struggle to gain access to mainstream accommodation. The project accepts up to 8 residents in shared accommodation and provides a high-level support service. Also staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

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**Stage 2 Accommodation and Support (Sunderland):** Six modern, self-contained flats for single women with low-level support needs. Further building work has been undertaken this year to provide an office base on this site, this is due to complete in May 2022 and will serve the local community with facilities for advice and counselling and a gardening project.

**Sanctuary Scheme:** An additional option in terms of home safety. The scheme assesses the security on properties offering a range of measures to enable victims to stay in their own homes where it is safe to do so. The scheme offers outreach support for up to six months.

**Outreach Services:** Provision of a range of community-based services to women and children experiencing domestic abuse, employing:

- Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs): WWiN has a direct referral pathway from Northumbria Police for all high risk cases. IDVAs attend Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) and support high risk victims through Safeguarding (child and adult) and court proceedings.
- Outreach Team: We offer a wide range of support and practical help to support women and their children to live safer, more independent lives. The outreach team focus on the needs of women to establish connections and re-engage with communities. Together with refuge staff, this team also provides group-work programmes and delivers training across the City of Sunderland to partner agencies, individuals and community groups.
- Early Help Partnership with Together for Children: Outreach workers are based within Early Help Hubs with a view to supporting Together for Children to complete risk assessments and safety planning. This project also delivers a range of group work programmes across Wearside from various community buildings.

We also have a number of targeted outreach projects to help us reach victims/survivors who might not otherwise get help. These include:

- A&E IDVA - An initiative funded by Sunderland Council, this post-holder works within Sunderland Royal Hospital, promoting assessments of need, able to respond to patient concerns and enquiries providing a direct referral route into all WWiN's services.
- Health Advocate - Funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) this post-holder works into GP practices across Sunderland, training surgery staff and supporting pathways from GP's to provide direct support to families in need.
- Complex Needs Assertive Outreach Workers - Engage with women who are poorly served by mainstream services enabling access to accommodation, advocacy and support.

**Counselling – Adults and Children:** The Counselling service expanded this year to include children and increase provision in the community. Our Counselling service offers a range of interventions from brief interventions of 1-3 sessions and 6 session model that can be extended to meet identified needs.

**Telephone Helpline:** Available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year; this freephone service is answered by trained WWiN staff.

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**Training:** WWiN delivers a range of training courses:

- Level 1, 2 and 3 Domestic Abuse Training in Sunderland as part of a wider Northumbria training partnership.
- Covid 19 and Domestic Abuse: A bespoke programme to support access to services during Covid 19.
- LGBT and Domestic Abuse – Good practice responses
- Risk Assessment for professionals working with Domestic Abuse cases.

**Community Engagement:**

- Funded through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, WWiN delivered the Women's Aid Community Ambassador 'Ask Me' scheme North of Tyne in partnership with Harbour specialist domestic abuse service.
- WWiN has a strong community footprint embedded in its long history of serving the local community. We value the generous support in the form of donations from individuals and local businesses, active 'facebook' conversations with a range of supporters and beneficiaries, and attend various local events by kind invitation.

**New Services in 2022:**

**Findaway:** We were delighted to receive a five-year grant from Comic Relief to support the development and implementation of a Family, Friends and Community approach to domestic abuse. This is an exciting community-based project evidenced through findings from Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's) and community engagement with third parties who are in a position to support victims of abuse. The project will provide a helpline, advocacy, resources and training for 'supporters'. This project aims to produce a replicable model that can be integrated into existing services and strengthen our approach to tackling domestic abuse.

**Children and Young People:** Funded through the Police and Crime Commissioners Office and Children in Need, this service launched in our family Refuge in November 2021 with the addition of a children's therapist supported by a local community arts group, 'We Make Culture'. The approach responds to a range of needs through one-to-one therapy, music, art dance and outdoor activities. The service is being expanded and delivered in the community from April 2022.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Headline achievements:**

**Contracts** - We are delighted to have secured the Sunderland Council contract to deliver a range of services across the city. This secures core services for five years (with an option of a two-year extension) and expands provision from April 2022 to include: work with perpetrators; an increased presence in children's safeguarding through Together for Children; increases in our outreach provision.

**Grants** - Our thanks to Comic Relief for the five-years funding to support a new 'Family, Friends and Communities' project. This early intervention and prevention approach is gaining much interest locally and nationally.

**Donor support** - We are pleased to have been selected as the charity of choice by 'New Look' fashions', Ocado and Sage. New Look have 46 high street stores in the North East and offer a great opportunity to raise funds and awareness of domestic abuse 'on the high street', Ocado are also busy also busy raising unrestricted funds we can use for service development and provision Sage are providing great volunteers who are transforming some of our gardens.

**Capital Assets** - We have invested heavily in our buildings in the last three years, upgrading and expanding our accommodation offer. In April 2021 we completed the refurbishment of an old Refuge and opened six modern, single-person, self-contained flats. These have been occupied throughout the year and the site is being further developed with the addition of an office base, car park and garden area.

**Headline performance:**

- WWiN received 3,239 referrals (all service areas).
- Our 24 Hour Helpline responded to 3,069 enquiries and support needs.
- Lakehouse Refuge received 163 referrals and accommodated 53 women with 84 children. Delays in securing 'move on' properties remain, post-pandemic, and reduce the number of available spaces .
- The Recovery Unit received 24 referrals and accommodated 20 women with a complexity of needs.
- The Sanctuary Scheme received 226 referrals and completed home safety measures on 180 properties across Wearside.
- The Outreach Team received 2,246 referrals; 1,120 cases progressed to a full assessment and support plan. (N.B. this service receives a high volume of duplicate referrals.)
- Counselling received 202 adult referrals with 144 adults progressing into contracted counselling sessions. The Children's service was implemented mid-year with 28 children engaging in either group or individual therapy.
- Group work has been challenged by Covid 19 restrictions and health anxieties following the pandemic; 248 women attended groups in the community and a further 20 women in residential settings.
- Ask Me – North of Tyne trained 219 Community Ambassadors – a legacy that we will pick up in 2022 through our new Findaway project.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

A number of new and/or expanded funding opportunities has meant our income has increased this year to £1,804,873 in 2021-22 (£1,688,185 in 2020-21). This increased capacity gave us the resource to deliver more services and our expenditure also increase in 2021-22 to £1,476,850 (£1,261,428 in 2020-21).

**Investment policy**

The Trustees are committed to using the charities reserves in the best interests of its beneficiaries and have invested substantially in capital assets that deliver direct services and are independently sustainable rather than building high levels of cash reserves.

**Reserves policy**

Its reserves policy aims to mitigate any financial risks that the charity may encounter, with recognition of potential fluctuations in income streams that are difficult to predict in the longer term. A risk management plan is used to support the mitigation of any such risks and having agreed this plan, the Board have set a level of £350,000 as unrestricted reserves for the Charity. This figure is reviewed regularly and is based on a calculation of the likely real costs of dealing with any emergency or winding up the organisation. At 31st March 2022, unrestricted reserves stood at £395,247 (an increase on the previous year when they were £286,219). In addition to this, designated (unrestricted) funds were also held for: property (£1,046,613); minibus (£3,065); accommodation (£65,135), further details can be found in note 19.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The Trustees appreciate the significant support received from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Sunderland City Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPPC) for Northumbria, independent grant funders, businesses and the communities across Wearside that have supported the Charities modernisation plans over the last 4 years.

This has enabled additional services, strengthened existing provision, and set the scene for further development work in 2022 and beyond. Our ambitions include:

- Investing in our people through quality training and support – “good people deliver good services.”
- Strengthening our partnerships and the co-delivery of services that meet the needs of beneficiaries.
- Testing new ideas and different ways of delivering services and piloting new approaches.

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- Ensure-ing that children’s voices, needs and experiences are heard and understood in all service delivery areas.
- Meeting the needs of beneficiaries with complex needs and protected characteristics who are often poorly served by services.
- Strengthening our brand and ensuring information, advice and access to support is easy to find and that WWiN is recognised across our delivery area.
- Reaching into communities to equip them to identify, support and protect people they care about.
- Making perpetrators of domestic abuse more visible to agencies and the public and ensuring they receive the services they need to stop the abuse.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number: 1181932  
Registered office: 28 Bridge House, Bridge Street, Sunderland, SR1, 1TE

#### Advisors

Auditors: Haines Watts - 17 Queens Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RN

Bankers: Lloyds Banking Group - 54 Fawcett Street, Sunderland, SR1 1SF

#### Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S Gould	
J Hayden	
M Hull	
C Donovan	
C Warnock	
J Gillespie	
P McManus	
C Wright	Resigned 01 January 2022
A Fry	
C Cetinoglu	
J Gooding	Resigned 01 February 2022
M Roushan	

#### Key management personnel

The key management personnel are the non-executive directors of the organisation; they are responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity’s activities:

Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary:	R Rogerson
Operations Manager	G Ridley

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Objectives and policies**

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

### **Governing Document**

Wearside Women In Need CIO was established on 7th February 2019 and became operational on 1st April 2019 with the assets transferred from the previous charity at that date.

### **Risks**

The major risks have been reviewed by the trustees, with systems in place to manage the risks. Key risks have been identified below.

#### **Cash flow risk**

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures. Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

#### **Credit risk**

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments.

The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

#### **Liquidity risk**

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance. Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees consider the recruitment of new trustees as the need arises and Trustees are appointed following rigorous review. Once appointed they undertake training to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to perform their duties.

### **Remuneration policy**

Remuneration is set by an HR sub-group made up of a subset of trustees and advised by an independent HR advisor. All staff are paid at least the living wage, decisions about executive pay are determined by the trustees.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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

The 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 state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity. 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charities auditors are unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditors**

A resolution to appoint auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in line with the charity's policies and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the trustees on ..... 2022 and signed on its behalf, by:

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C Warnock  
Trustee

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J Hayden  
Trustee

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need  
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Wearside Women in Need for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the 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 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 charities affairs as at 31 March 2022, 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's 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 charities 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.

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**Other information**

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

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

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 charities 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 in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, 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 charities 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 company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's 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.

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 legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the charity itself and the industry in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the trustees and other management. The most significant were identified as the Charities Act 2011, UK GAAP (FRS102) and relevant tax legislation. We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

- making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- assessing the risk of management override including identifying and testing journal entries;
- confirmation received directly from the banks to verify the balance at 31 March 2022; and
- challenging the assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.

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Our audit did not identify any key audit matters relating to the detection of irregularities including fraud. However, despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://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 charities trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charities trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Donna Bulmer BA (Hons) ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**For and on behalf of Haines Watts**

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**Chartered Accountants and  
Statutory Auditors**

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## Wearside Women in Need

### Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations	4	22,339	-	-	22,339	60,065
Charitable activities	5,6					
- Grants and contracts		637,867	-	852,605	1,490,472	1,378,878
- Rents and support		268,628	-	-	268,628	229,976
Investment income	7	50	-	-	50	66
Other trading activities	8	23,384	-	-	23,384	19,200
<b>Total income</b>		<u>952,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>852,605</u>	<u>1,804,873</u>	<u>1,688,185</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Costs of raising funds		216	-	-	216	292
Charitable activities	9	756,889	22,789	696,956	1,476,634	1,261,136
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>757,105</u>	<u>22,789</u>	<u>696,956</u>	<u>1,476,850</u>	<u>1,261,428</u>
<b>Net movement before transfers</b>		195,163	( 22,789 )	155,649	328,023	426,757
Transfers between funds	19	( 86,135 )	86,135	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>109,028</u>	<u>63,346</u>	<u>155,649</u>	<u>328,023</u>	<u>426,757</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		286,219	1,051,467	263,108	1,600,794	1,174,037
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>395,247</u>	<u>1,114,813</u>	<u>418,757</u>	<u>1,928,817</u>	<u>1,600,794</u>

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Balance Sheet  
As at 31 March 2022**

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		1,054,613		970,795
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	16	74,961		307,891	
Cash at bank and in hand		997,395		447,977	
			<u>1,072,356</u>	<u>755,868</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	( 163,985 )		( 75,869 )	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>908,371</u>	<u>679,999</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,962,984</u>	<u>1,650,794</u>	
Creditors: falling due after more than one year	18	( 34,167 )		( 50,000 )	
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>1,928,817</u>	<u>1,600,794</u>	
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			395,247		286,219
Designated funds			1,114,813		1,051,467
			<u>1,510,060</u>	<u>1,337,686</u>	
Restricted funds			418,757		263,108
	19		<u>1,928,817</u>	<u>1,600,794</u>	

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
C Warnock – Trustee

.....  
J Hayden - Trustee

the notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Statement of Cash Flows  
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Cash generated from operations	23	663,327	502,647
Interest paid		( 1,992 )	( 916 )
<b><i>Net cash provided by operating activities</i></b>		<u>661,335</u>	<u>501,731</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		( 106,134 )	( 288,154 )
Interest received		50	66
<b><i>Net cash used in investing activities</i></b>		<u>( 106,084 )</u>	<u>( 288,088 )</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		( 5,833 )	-
<b><i>Net cash (used in) / provided by financing activities</i></b>		<u>( 5,833 )</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		549,418	213,643
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		447,977	234,334
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u>997,395</u>	<u>447,977</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consist of:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>997,395</u>	<u>447,977</u>

## **1. Accounting policies**

Wearside Women in Need is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“CIO”) registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 5 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity’s operations and principal activities are detailed on page 1.

### **1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Wearside Women in Need meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

### **1.2 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budgets in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, the increased level of demand for the services and the additional funding available the trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

### **1.3 Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

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**1.4 Income**

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

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specific period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specific period; related expenditure is accounted when incurred.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

Interest receivable on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is possible 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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the cost against the expenditure was incurred.

**1.6 Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities.

**1.7 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

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

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 5 years

Fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
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**1.8 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

**1.9 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.10 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments which are instantly accessible from the opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.11 Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

**1.12 Financial instruments**

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.13 Pensions**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

**2. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no significant estimates.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 3. Statement of Financial Activities for the prior year

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total funds 2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	4	60,065	-	-	60,065
Charitable activities	5, 6				
- Grants and contracts		453,597	870,281	55,000	1,378,878
- Rents and support		229,976	-	-	229,976
Investment income	7	66	-	-	66
Other trading activities	8	3,663	-	15,537	19,200
<b>Total income</b>		<b>747,367</b>	<b>870,281</b>	<b>70,537</b>	<b>1,688,185</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds		292	-	-	292
Charitable activities	10	522,337	724,577	14,222	1,261,136
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>522,629</b>	<b>724,577</b>	<b>14,222</b>	<b>1,261,428</b>
Gain on investment					
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		<b>224,738</b>	<b>145,704</b>	<b>56,315</b>	<b>426,757</b>
Transfers	19	( 873,246 )	( 121,906 )	995,152	-
<b>Net movement</b>		<b>( 648,508 )</b>	<b>23,798</b>	<b>1,051,467</b>	<b>426,757</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		934,727	239,310	-	1,174,037
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>286,219</b>	<b>263,108</b>	<b>1,051,467</b>	<b>1,600,794</b>

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 4. Donations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	22,339	60,065
	<u>22,339</u>	<u>60,065</u>

#### 5. Income from charitable activities by activity

	2022	2021
	£	£
Housing and support	984,327	964,848
Outreach	774,773	644,006
	<u>1,759,100</u>	<u>1,608,854</u>

#### 6. Grants and contracts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants	1,037,844	882,703
Contracts	452,628	495,675
	<u>1,490,472</u>	<u>1,378,378</u>

#### 7. Investment income

All of the charitable company's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

#### 8. Other trading activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Training income	4,600	3,663
Fundraising income	18,784	15,537
	<u>23,384</u>	<u>19,200</u>

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 9. Charitable activities expenditure

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Housing and support	650,024	148,451	798,475	675,728
Outreach	561,311	116,848	678,159	585,408
	<u>1,211,335</u>	<u>265,299</u>	<u>1,476,634</u>	<u>1,261,136</u>

#### 10. Support costs

	£
Staff and related costs	137,342
Insurance	10,283
Subscriptions	541
Professional fees	40,439
Office costs	68,654
Governance costs (note 11)	8,040
	<u>265,299</u>

#### 11. Governance costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Audit fee	8,040	7,740
	<u>8,040</u>	<u>7,740</u>

Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
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12. Auditors remuneration

	2022	2021
	£	£
Audit fee	8,040	7,740
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

13. Net income/(expenditure)

	2022	2021
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation – owned assets	22,317	14,222
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

14. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	851,041	764,324
Social security costs	64,771	59,120
Other pension costs	22,400	20,395
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	938,212	843,839
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Chief Executive	1	1
Core Staff	40	35
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	41	36
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

There were no employees who received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (2021 – Nil).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment in the year (2021 - £nil). One trustee was reimbursed expenses during the year of £178 (2021 - £241). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021 - £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and Assistant Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £105,286 (2021 - £127,570).

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### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### 15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2021	999,239	-	999,239
Additions	96,134	10,000	106,134
At 31 March 2022	1,095,373	10,000	1,105,373
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2021	28,443	-	28,443
Charge for year	20,317	2,000	22,317
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	48,760	2,000	50,760
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2022	1,046,613	8,000	1,054,613
At 31 March 2021	970,796	-	970,796

#### 16. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	17,429	658
Other debtors	1,151	1,677
Prepayments and accrued income	56,381	305,556
	74,961	307,891

#### 17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	77,197	16,748
Social security and other taxes	18,746	14,333
Other creditors	4,702	7,323
Accrued expenses	36,230	22,465
Deferred income	17,110	15,000
Other loans	10,000	-
	163,985	75,869

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

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**17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Continued)**

**Deferred income**

Deferred income relates to income received for future periods.

	<b>£</b>
At 1 April 2021	15,000
Amounts released to income	( 15,000 )
Additions during the year	17,110
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At 31 March 2022	17,110
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**18. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other loans	34,167	50,000
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	34,167	50,000
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Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*)  
for the year ended 31 March 2022

## 19. Statement of funds

*For the year ended 31 March 2022*

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>					
General fund	286,219	952,268	( 757,105 )	( 86,135 )	395,247
<b>Designated fund</b>					
Property fund	970,795	-	( 20,317 )	96,135	1,046,613
Minibus	15,537	-	( 2,472 )	( 10,000 )	3,065
Accommodation	65,135	-	-	-	65,135
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,337,686</u>	<u>952,268</u>	<u>( 779,894 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,510,060</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	246,849	237,648	( 185,455 )	-	299,042
NHS England – Health Advocate	-	29,154	( 18,700 )	-	10,584
BBC Children in Need	-	10,000	( 10,000 )	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	6,259	15,000	( 11,175 )	-	10,084
Ballinger Trust	-	15,000	( 11,175 )	-	3,825
Comic Relief	-	90,318	( 31,347 )	-	58,971
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner		267,181	( 267,181 )	-	-
Together for Children		95,000	( 95,000 )	-	-
LGA Foundation	10,000	-	( 10,000 )	-	-
County Durham Community Foundation	-	47,726	( 23,863 )	-	23,863
Jill Franklin Trust	-	29,328	( 24,440 )	-	4,888
Churchill Memorial Trust		16,250	( 8,750 )	-	7,500
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>263,108</u>	<u>852,605</u>	<u>( 696,956 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>418,757</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,600,794</u>	<u>1,804,873</u>	<u>( 1,476,850 )</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,928,817</u>

**Transfers**

The transfers relate to spend on capital assets, restrictions lift once the purchase is made.

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**19. Statement of funds (continued)**

*For the year ended 31 March 2021*

	<b>At 1 April 2020 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2021 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>					
General fund	237,864	762,904	( 522,629 )	( 191,920 )	286,219
<b>Designated fund</b>					
Property fund	559,106	55,000	( 14,222 )	370,911	970,795
Minibus	-	-	-	15,537	15,537
Accommodation	-	-	-	65,135	65,135
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>796,970</u>	<u>817,904</u>	<u>( 536,851 )</u>	<u>259,663</u>	<u>1,337,686</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	115,000	246,849	( 115,000 )	-	246,849
Capital Grant CCG	59,175	-	-	( 59,175 )	-
Grants receivable	65,135	-	-	( 65,135 )	-
NHS Sunderland – Health Advocate	-	34,000	( 34,000 )	-	-
Homeless Link	-	100,000	( 100,000 )	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	-	15,000	( 8,741 )	-	6,259
Ministry of Housing, Communities and local government	-	71,450	( 73,854 )	2,404	-
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner	-	55,000	( 55,000 )	-	-
Together for Children	-	90,000	( 90,000 )	-	-
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	33,000	( 33,000 )	-	-
LGA Foundation	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Coronavirus Community Support Fund	-	69,442	( 69,442 )	-	-
Other Covid-19 grants	-	145,540	( 145,540 )	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>377,067</u>	<u>870,281</u>	<u>( 724,577 )</u>	<u>( 259,663 )</u>	<u>263,108</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>1,174,037</u></u>	<u><u>1,688,185</u></u>	<u><u>( 1,261,428 )</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,600,794</u></u>

## Wearside Women in Need

### Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*) for the year ended 31 March 2022

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#### 19. Statement of funds (*continued*)

##### Restricted Funds

Sunderland City Council: Delivery of a range of crisis services including supported (refuge) accommodation; outreach services; hospital IDVA and the Sanctuary Scheme.

Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG): (i) Delivery of an advocacy/training project to general practitioner surgeries across Wearside. (ii) Residential Therapeutic Service for women with complex needs, (iii) therapeutic counselling service and (iv) Fundraiser.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC): Provision of Independent Advocacy and support service to high risk victims including cases subject to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Management Conferencing (MARAC), Community Counselling and delivery of the 'Ask Me' Community Ambassador Scheme (North of Tyne).

Together for Children: Delivery of a range of group work programmes for women and children delivered in a range of settings across Wearside and direct advocacy and support provision in Early Help Hubs.

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG): Delivery of Outreach support to women with complex needs including provision of a 'Crash Pad'.

James Knott Foundation: Volunteer Co-ordinator recruiting and managing volunteers to support service provision, community engagement and education.

Jill Franklin Trust: Provision of a Mental Health Outreach Worker

BBC Children in Need: Support for children in refuge accommodation

##### Designated funds

Property Fund: The Board have designated funds for the ongoing support of our buildings. This includes plans in the coming year to, (i) complete works in Sunderland and (ii) establish a new base in Sunderland from which to deliver front line services.

Accommodation Fund: To improve accommodation at the Washington site.

Minibus: Funds are also designated for ongoing running costs of the minibus which is used for children's trips and transport for families moving in and out of refuge.

#### 20. Analysis of net assets by fund

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,054,613	-	1,054,613
Net current assets	858,324	50,047	908,371
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	( 34,167 )	-	( 34,167 )
	<u>1,878,770</u>	<u>50,047</u>	<u>1,928,817</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)  
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20. Analysis of net assets by fund (continued.)

*For the year ended 31 March 2021*

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	970,795	-	970,795
Net current assets	397,418	282,581	679,999
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	( 50,000 )	-	( 50,000 )
	<u>1,318,213</u>	<u>282,581</u>	<u>1,600,794</u>

21. Pensions

**Defined contribution**

Pension contributions payable for the year ended 31 March 2022 amounted to £22,400 (2021 - £20,395).

22. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - £nil).

23. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the period</b>	328,023	426,757
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	22,317	14,222
Interest received	( 50 )	( 66 )
Interest paid	1,992	916
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	232,930	( 39,185 )
Increase in creditors	78,115	100,003
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>663,327</u>	<u>502,647</u>

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
Long term borrowings	( 50,000 )	15,833	( 34,167 )
Short term borrowings	( 33,388 )	( 67,257 )	( 100,645 )
Total liabilities	<u>( 83,388 )</u>	<u>( 51,424 )</u>	<u>( 134,812 )</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	447,977	549,418	997,395
	<u>364,589</u>	<u>497,994</u>	<u>862,583</u>

**WEAR SIDE WOMEN IN NEED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1181932

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# Accounts

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**Wearside Women in Need**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 March 2021**

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## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31 March 2021**

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The trustees submit their annual report and the audited financial statements of Wearside Women in Need for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for the Directors report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to relieve the needs of women and their children who are the victims of domestic violence in particular but not exclusively by:

- (a) the provision of services, including temporary residential accommodation and practical, emotional and peer support, directed to the support of women and children who have suffered or are in danger of suffering disadvantage and exploitation as a result of domestic violence;
- (b) advancing the education of voluntary and statutory agencies and the public in all aspects of domestic violence against women, its causes and its remedies.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the WWIN should undertake. In all financial matters and in governance the WWIN trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their power or duties.

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees have had regards to the Charity Commission's guidance on their legal duty on public benefit, and are satisfied that the charitable company delivers public benefit, and due regard is paid to the guidance on public benefit whilst reviewing the charitable company's aim and objectives and also when planning future objects and deciding what the new projects the charitable company should undertake.

#### **Activities**

To meet WWiN's constitutional objects, a variety of residential projects, outreach services, telephone helplines and public offices are provided. This year we have operated services under the very challenging conditions created by the Covid 19 pandemic. Trustees have been blown away by the dedication and professionalism shown by the WWiN staff team during this difficult year. Our services never closed and our staff continued to provide excellent, life-saving and life-changing support to women and children. The delivery of our front line services included the following.

**Crisis Refuge Services:** The provision of safe accommodation from two refuges:

- Lakehouse – A purpose-built refuge owned by a registered social landlord. This facility provides spacious self-contained accommodation for families in ten flats of varying sizes (one – three bedrooms) and extensive communal areas. It has full disabled access and accommodation. The refuge is staffed 24-hours a day, 365 days a year and provides support to women and children who need a safe place to be.
- Complex Needs Recovery Unit, formally used a family refuge this facility now offers a specialist therapeutic recovery programme for single women who need additional support. The project accepts up to 8 residents in shared accommodation.
- Sunderland Refuge was closed in March 2018 and has been modernised to provide 6 self-contained flats for single women over 45 years of age. This is a substantial building with scope to develop further amenities to support the accommodation offer; work is planned to start in 2021 to further expand the facilities.
- Sanctuary Scheme is an additional option in terms of home safety. The scheme assesses the security on properties offering a range of measures to enable victims to stay in their own homes where it is safe to do so. The scheme is usually backed up with legal protection and offers outreach support for up to six months.

**Outreach Services:** Our outreach team provides a range of community-based services to women and children experiencing domestic abuse, employing:

- I. Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs): WWiN has a direct referral pathway from Northumbria Police for all high risk cases. IDVAs attend Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) and support high risk victims through Safeguarding (child and adult) and court proceedings.
- II. Outreach Team: We offer a wide range of support and practical help to support women and their children to live safer, more independent lives. The outreach team focus on the needs of women to establish connections and re-engage with communities. Together with refuge staff, this team also provides group-work programmes and delivers training across the City of Sunderland to partner agencies, individuals and community groups
- III. Early Help Partnership with Together for Children: Outreach workers are based within Early Help Hubs with a view to supporting Together for Children to complete risk assessments and safety planning. This project also delivers a range of group work programmes across Wearside from various locations.

We also have a number of targeted outreach projects to help us reach victims/survivors who might not otherwise get help. These include:

- A&E IDVA An initiative funded by Sunderland Council, this post-holder works within Sunderland Royal Hospital, promoting assessments of need, able to respond to patient concerns and enquiries providing a direct referral route into all WWiN's services.
- Health Advocate Funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) this post-holder works into GP practices across Sunderland, training surgery staff and supporting pathways from GP's to provide direct support to families in need.
- Complex Needs Assertive Outreach Workers engage with women who are poorly served by mainstream services enabling access to accommodation, advocacy and support.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees (*Continued*) For the year ended 31 March 2021**

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**Telephone Helpline:** Available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year; this freephone service is answered by trained WWIN staff.

**Training:** WWiN delivers a range of training courses on behalf of Sunderland City Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and as a Women's Aid national pilot site, we deliver the community Ambassador 'Ask Me' scheme and the 'Trusted Professional' training for selected agencies. We also deliver bespoke training on request on issues such as Cyber stalking and this year, 'Working with Domestic Abuse during Covid19'.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

During this period:

- Lakehouse Refuge accommodated 50 women with 75 children; a significantly smaller number than previous years due to 'lockdown' processes (due to infection control) and difficulties securing 'move on' properties during the pandemic.
- The Recovery Unit accommodated 30 women with a complexity of needs. The unit was funded by the Homelessness Fund and this approach was featured in two national conferences as good practice.
- The Sanctuary Scheme completed home safety measure on 91 properties across Wearside.
- The Outreach Team worked with 1,064 cases that received a full risk and needs assessment and support plan.
- Our 24 Hour Helpline responded to 3,043 calls.
- Counselling delivery has been particularly challenging during Covid 19 and the needs were greater than ever; 69 clients attended 663 sessions in a mixture of face to face, online and telephone contacts.
- Training and group work also suffered due to health restrictions as we moved from the traditional 'room full of participants' to an online delivery; in spite of this 45 women completed programmes.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

In spite of a challenging financial situation, with rents affected by lockdown restrictions and community fundraising activities curtailed, our actual income increased slightly to £1,688,185 in 2020-21 (£1,312,147 in 2019-20). This increased capacity gave us the resource to deliver more services and our expenditure also increase in 2020-21 to £1,261,428 (2019-20 in £1,108,491).

#### **Investment policy**

The Trustees are committed to using the charities reserves in the best interests of its beneficiaries and have invested substantially in capital assets that deliver direct services and are independently sustainable rather than building high levels of cash reserves.

**Reserves policy**

Its reserves policy aims to mitigate any financial risks that the charity may encounter, with recognition of potential fluctuations in income streams that are difficult to predict in the longer term. A risk management plan is used to support the mitigation of any such risks and having agreed this plan, the Board are working toward a level of £300,000 as free cash reserves for the Charity. At 31st March 2021, free cash reserves stood at £286,219 (a slight increase on the previous year when they were £237,864). In addition to this, designated (unrestricted) funds were also held for: property (£970,795); minibuses (£15,537); accommodation (£65,135), further details can be found in note 20.

**Principal funders**

Trustees note that a significant local authority contract (to deliver refuge, outreach and children's services) will be subject to open tender during 2021-22. Trustees have reviewed in detail WWiN's capacity to withstand the potential loss of this contract and are confident the organisation is a. well-placed to secure the new contract and b. well-positioned to withstand the loss of the contract if another organisation was to secure it.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The Trustees appreciate the significant support received from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Sunderland City Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPPC) for Northumbria, independent grant funders and the communities across Wearside that have supported the Charities modernisation plans over the last 3 years. This has enabled additional services, strengthened existing provision, and set the scene for further development work in 2021 and beyond. Our ambitions include:

- Investing in our people through quality training and support – *“good people deliver good services.”*
- Strengthen our partnerships and the co-delivery of services that meet the needs of beneficiaries.
- Strengthen our relationships with learning institutions across the region and encourage young people to engage with this agenda.
- Demonstrate ‘what works’ through strong data analysis, research and meaningful consultation with beneficiaries.
- Expand service provision to empower and strengthen community responses to domestic abuse; explore the role of families, friends and communities in safeguarding victims and survivors.
- Ensure that children's voices, needs and experiences are heard and understood in all service delivery areas.
- Meet the needs of beneficiaries with complex needs and protected characteristics who are often ‘poorly served’ by services.
- Strengthen our brand and ensure information, advice and access to support is easy to find and that WWiN is recognised across our delivery area.

## **Wearside Women in Need**

### **Report of the Trustees (Continued) For the year ended 31 March 2021**

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#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Registered charity number: 1181932  
Registered office: 28 Bridge House, Bridge Street, Sunderland, SR1, 1TE

#### **Advisors**

Auditors: Haines Watts - 17 Queens Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RN

Bankers: Lloyds Banking Group - 54 Fawcett Street, Sunderland, SR1 1SF

#### **Directors and trustees**

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S Gould	
J Hayden	
M Hull	
C Donovan	
C Warnock	
J Gillespie	
P McManus	
C Wright	Appointed 1 January 2021
A Fry	Appointed 1 January 2021
C Cetinoglu	Appointed 1 January 2021
J Gooding	Appointed 1 January 2021
M Roushan	Appointed 1 January 2021

#### **Key management personnel**

The key management personnel are the non-executive directors of the organisation; they are responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity's activities:

Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary:	R Rogerson
Associate Director	A Lord
Operations Manager	G Ridley

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Objectives and policies**

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

### **Governing Document**

Wearside Women In Need CIO was established on 7th February 2019 and became operational on 1st April 2019 with the assets transferred from the previous charity at that date.

### **Risks**

The major risks have been reviewed by the trustees, with systems in place to manage the risks. Key risks have been identified below.

#### **Cash flow risk**

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures. Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

#### **Credit risk**

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments.

The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

#### **Liquidity risk**

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance. Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees consider the recruitment of new trustees as the need arises and Trustees are appointed following rigorous review. Once appointed they undertake training to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to perform their duties.

#### **Remuneration policy**

Remuneration is set by an HR sub-group made up of a subset of trustees and advised by an independent HR advisor. All staff are paid at least the living wage, decisions about executive pay are determined by the trustees.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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

The 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 state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity. 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charities auditors are unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditors**

A resolution to appoint auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in line with the charity's policies and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the trustees on ..... 2021 and signed on its behalf, by:

.....  
C Warnock  
Trustee

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need  
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Wearside Women in Need for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the 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 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 charities affairs as at 31 March 2021, 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's 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 charities 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.

However, not all future events or conditions can be predicted. The COVID-19 viral pandemic is one of the most significant economic events for the UK with unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes. It is therefore difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications on the charitable company's activities, customers, suppliers and wider economy. The trustees' view on the impact of COVID-19 is disclosed on within the trustees report on page 6 and accounting policies note.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need (Continued)  
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**Other information**

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

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

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 charities 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 in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, 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 charities 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 company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's 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.

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 legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the charity itself and the industry in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the trustees and other management. The most significant were identified as the Charities Act 2011, UK GAAP (FRS102) and relevant tax legislation. We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

- making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- reviewing the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- assessing the risk of management override including identifying and testing journal entries;
- confirmation received directly from the banks to verify the balance at 31 March 2021; and
- challenging the assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.

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**Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Wearside Women in Need (Continued)  
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Our audit did not identify any key audit matters relating to the detection of irregularities including fraud. However, despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://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 charities trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charities trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Donna Bulmer BA (Hons) ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Haines Watts**

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**Chartered Accountants and  
Statutory Auditors**

17 Queens Lane  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 1RN

**Wearside Women in Need**

**Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)  
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 As restated £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations	4	60,065	-	-	60,065	-
Charitable activities	5,6					
- Grants and contracts		453,597	55,000	870,281	1,378,878	1,043,402
- Rents and support		229,976	-	-	229,976	240,423
Investment income	7	66	-	-	66	584
Other trading activities	8	3,663	15,537		19,200	28,278
Other income						
- Transfer on incorporation		-	-	-	-	970,381
<b>Total income</b>		<u>747,367</u>	<u>70,537</u>	<u>870,281</u>	<u>1,688,185</u>	<u>2,282,528</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Costs of raising funds		292	-	-	292	741
Charitable activities	9	522,337	14,222	724,577	1,261,136	1,107,750
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>522,629</u>	<u>14,222</u>	<u>724,577</u>	<u>1,261,428</u>	<u>1,108,491</u>
<b>Net movement before transfers</b>		<u>224,738</u>	<u>56,315</u>	<u>145,704</u>	<u>426,757</u>	<u>1,174,037</u>
Transfers between funds	20	( 873,629 )	995,152	( 121,906 )	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>( 648,508 )</u>	<u>1,051,467</u>	<u>( 113,959 )</u>	<u>426,757</u>	<u>1,174,037</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		934,727	-	239,310	1,174,037	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>286,219</u>	<u>1,051,467</u>	<u>263,108</u>	<u>1,600,794</u>	<u>1,174,037</u>

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

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**Balance Sheet  
As at 31 March 2021**

	Notes	£	2021 £	2020 As restated £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		970,795		696,863
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	16	307,891		268,706	
Cash at bank and in hand		447,977		234,334	
			<u>755,868</u>	<u>503,040</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	( 75,869 )		( 25,866 )	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>679,999</u>	<u>477,174</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,650,794</u>	<u>1,174,037</u>	
Creditors: falling due after more than one year	18	( 50,000 )		-	
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>1,600,794</u>	<u>1,174,037</u>	
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			286,219		934,727
Designated funds			1,051,467		-
			<u>1,337,686</u>	<u>934,727</u>	
Restricted funds			263,108		239,310
	20		<u>1,600,794</u>	<u>1,174,037</u>	

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ..... 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
S Gould – Trustee

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C Warnock - Trustee

the notes on pages 15 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

## Wearside Women in Need

### Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 31 March 2021

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		2021	2020
		As restated	
	Notes	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Cash generated from operations	25	502,647	945,719
Interest paid		( 916 )	-
<b><i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i></b>		<u>501,731</u>	<u>945,719</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		( 288,154 )	( 711,969 )
Interest received		66	584
<b><i>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</i></b>		<u>( 288,088 )</u>	<u>( 711,385 )</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		213,643	234,334
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		234,334	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<u>447,977</u>	<u>234,334</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents consist of:</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>447,977</u>	<u>234,334</u>

**1. Accounting policies**

Wearside Women in Need is a CIO registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 5 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are detailed on page 1.

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Wearside Women in Need meets the definition of a public benefit under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**1.2 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budgets in making their assessment. In particular, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trustees have reviewed their projections to take into account the impact on the charity for possible scenarios brought on by the impact of COVID-19, along with measures they can take to mitigate any risks identified. Based on these assessments, the increased level of demand for the services and the additional funding available the trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

**1.3 Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements (Continued)  
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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**1.4 Income**

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

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions and is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income received to deliver services over a specific period covering more than one financial year is accounted for over the specific period; related expenditure is accounted when incurred.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

Interest receivable on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**1.5 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is possible 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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the cost against the expenditure was incurred.

**1.6 Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities.

**1.7 Tangible fixed assets**

All assets costing more the £1,000 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

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

Freehold property - 2% straight line

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**1.8 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

**1.9 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.10 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments which are instantly accessible from the opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.11 Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

**1.12 Financial instruments**

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.13 Pensions**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

**2. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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#### 3. Statement of Financial Activities for the prior year

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total funds 2020 As restated £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	4	24,179	-	-	24,179
Charitable activities	5, 6				
- Grants and contracts		616,017	1,004,152	-	1,620,169
- Rents and support		240,423	-	-	240,423
Investment income	7	584	-	-	584
Other trading activities	8	3,559	-	-	3,559
<b>Total income</b>		<b>884,762</b>	<b>1,004,152</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,888,914</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds		741	-	-	741
Charitable activities	10	292,578	800,950	14,222	1,107,750
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>293,319</b>	<b>800,950</b>	<b>14,222</b>	<b>1,108,491</b>
Gain on investment		255,857	137,757	-	393,614
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		<b>847,300</b>	<b>340,959</b>	<b>( 14,222 )</b>	<b>1,174,037</b>
Transfers	19	( 609,436 )	36,108	573,328	-
<b>Net movement</b>		<b>237,864</b>	<b>377,067</b>	<b>559,106</b>	<b>1,174,037</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>237,864</b>	<b>377,067</b>	<b>559,106</b>	<b>1,174,037</b>

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#### 4. Donations

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	60,065	-
	<u>60,065</u>	<u>-</u>

#### 5. Income from charitable activities by activity

	2021	2020
	£	£
Housing and support	964,848	1,387,947
Outreach	644,006	472,645
	<u>1,608,854</u>	<u>1,860,592</u>

#### 6. Grants and contracts

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants	882,703	1,228,495
Contracts	495,675	391,674
	<u>1,378,378</u>	<u>1,620,169</u>

#### 7. Investment income

All of the charitable company's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

#### 8. Other trading activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Training income	3,663	3,559
Fundraising income	15,537	24,179
	<u>19,200</u>	<u>27,738</u>

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#### 9. Charitable activities expenditure

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Housing and support	512,331	163,397	675,728	642,414
Outreach	476,289	109,119	585,408	465,336
	<u>988,620</u>	<u>272,516</u>	<u>1,261,136</u>	<u>1,107,750</u>

#### 10. Support costs

	£
Staff and related costs	202,303
Insurance	7,003
Subscriptions	1,534
Professional fees	4,415
Office costs	49,521
Governance costs (note 11)	7,740
	<u>272,516</u>

#### 11. Governance costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Audit fee:		
Current Auditor	7,740	-
Previous Auditor	-	5,100
	<u>7,740</u>	<u>5,100</u>

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**12. Auditors remuneration**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
Audit fee:		
Current Auditor	7,740	-
Previous Auditor	-	5,100
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**13. Net income/(expenditure)**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation – owned assets	14,222	15,106
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**14. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	764,324	497,052
Social security costs	59,120	139,784
Other pension costs	20,395	37,570
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>843,839</u>	<u>674,406</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	No.	No.
Chief Executive	1	1
Core Staff	35	28
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>36</u>	<u>29</u>

There were no employees who received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (2020 – none).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment in the year (2020 - £nil). One trustee was reimbursed expenses during the year of £241 (2020 - £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2020 - £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Assistant Director and Operations Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £127,570 (2020 - £84,276).

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### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2021

#### 15. Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Freehold Property £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2020 as restated	711,085	711,085
Additions	288,154	288,154
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2021	<u>999,239</u>	<u>999,239</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 April 2020 as restated	14,222	14,222
Charge for year	14,222	14,222
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
At 31 March 2021	<u>28,443</u>	<u>28,443</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 March 2021	<u>970,796</u>	<u>970,796</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>696,863</u>	<u>696,863</u>

#### 16. Debtors

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Trade debtors	658	-
Other debtors	1,677	-
Prepayments and accrued income	305,556	268,706
	<u>307,891</u>	<u>268,706</u>

#### 17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Trade creditors	16,748	1,098
Social security and other taxes	14,333	11,909
Other creditors	7,323	2,233
Accrued expenses	22,465	10,626
Deferred income	15,000	-
	<u>75,869</u>	<u>25,866</u>

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17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year *(Continued)*

**Deferred income**

Deferred income relates to income received for future periods.

	£
At 1 April 2020	-
Amounts released to income	-
Additions during the year	15,000
At 31 March 2021	<u>15,000</u>

18. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other loans	50,000	-
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Amounts falling due in more than five years:</b>		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more 5 years by instalments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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### 19. Prior period adjustment

A prior period adjustment has been made in respect of;

- (1) Capitalisation of assets were not in line with the accounting policy.
- (2) Recognition of grant income in line with the SORP.
- (3) Presentation of the income transferred from the unincorporated charity.

#### Change to the balance sheet

		As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated at 31 March 2020
		£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible assets	(1)	740,206	( 43,343 )	696,863
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Accrued income	(2)	94,534	174,175	268,709
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Funds</b>				
Unrestricted funds		842,410	604,546	237,864
Designated funds		-	559,106	559,106
Restricted funds		200,795	176,272	377,067
	(1,2)	<u>1,043,205</u>	<u>130,832</u>	<u>1,174,037</u>
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

#### Change to the statement of financial activities

		As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated at 31 March 2020
		£	£	£
Income	(1,3)	1,852,495	430,033	2,282,523
Expenditure	(2)	( 1,040,147 )	( 68,344 )	( 1,108,491 )
Gains on investments	(3)	230,857	( 230,857 )	-
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Surplus for the year		1,043,205	130,832	1,174,037
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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### Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*) for the year ended 31 March 2021

#### 20. Statement of funds

*For the year ended 31 March 2021*

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>					
General fund	237,864	762,904	( 522,629 )	( 191,920 )	286,219
<b>Designated fund</b>					
Property fund	559,106	55,000	( 14,222 )	370,911	970,795
Minibus	-	-	-	15,537	15,537
Accommodation	-	-	-	65,135	65,135
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>796,970</u>	<u>817,904</u>	<u>( 536,851 )</u>	<u>259,663</u>	<u>1,337,686</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	115,000	246,849	( 115,000 )	-	246,849
Capital Grant CCG	59,175	-	-	( 59,175 )	-
Grants receivable	65,135	-	-	( 65,135 )	-
NHS Sunderland – Health Advocate	-	34,000	( 34,000 )	-	-
Homeless Link	-	100,000	( 100,000 )	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	-	15,000	( 8,741 )	-	6,259
Ministry of Housing, Communities and local government	-	71,450	( 73,854 )	2,404	-
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner	-	55,000	( 55,000 )	-	-
Together for Children	-	90,000	( 90,000 )	-	-
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	33,000	( 33,000 )	-	-
LGA Foundation	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Coronavirus Community Support Fund	-	69,442	( 69,442 )	-	-
Other Covid-19 grants	-	145,540	( 145,540 )	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>377,067</u>	<u>870,281</u>	<u>( 724,577 )</u>	<u>( 259,663 )</u>	<u>263,108</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>1,174,037</u></u>	<u><u>1,688,185</u></u>	<u><u>( 1,261,428 )</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,600,794</u></u>

#### Transfers

The transfers relate to spend on capital assets, restrictions lift once the purchase is made.

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### Notes to the financial statements (Continued) for the year ended 31 March 2021

#### 21. Statement of funds (continued)

*For the year ended 31 March 2020*

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General fund	-	1,276,376	( 307,451 )	( 36,108 )	-	934,727
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	-	1,278,376	( 307,541 )	( 36,108 )	-	934,727
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Sunderland City Council	-	334,424	( 354,187 )	19,763	-	-
Mental Health Project	-	14,250	( 14,250 )	-	-	-
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	-	230,000	( 115,000 )	-	-	115,000
PCC DV Car Pilot	-	33,059	( 33,059 )	-	-	-
Women's Aid Grant	-	50,000	( 50,000 )	-	-	-
PCC Marach	-	38,416	( 38,416 )	-	-	-
Cyber Stalking Initiative	-	15,445	( 15,445 )	-	-	-
Ministry of Housing, Communities and local government	-	62,289	( 78,634 )	16,345	-	-
Children's Services	-	94,750	( 94,750 )	-	-	-
Tom Cowie Fund	-	4,209	( 4,209 )	-	-	-
Community Foundation	-	3,000	( 3,000 )	-	-	-
Grants receivable	-	65,135	-	-	-	65,135
Capital Grant CCG	-	59,175	-	-	-	59,175
	-	1,004,152	( 800,950 )	36,108	-	239,310
<b>Total funds</b>	-	1,888,914	( 1,108,491 )	-	-	1,174,037

#### Designated Funds

Property: This fund holds the net book value of the properties

Minibus: donations received to support the purchase of a new minibus in the future

Accommodation: funds held to support the ongoing work in the refuges providing accommodation for women.

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#### 21. Statement of funds (*continued*)

##### Restricted Funds

Sunderland City Council: Delivery of a range of crisis services including supported (refuge) accommodation; outreach services; hospital IDVA and the Sanctuary Scheme.

Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG): (i) Delivery of an advocacy/training project to general practitioner surgeries across Wearside. (ii) direct support to children in refuge and (iii) therapeutic counselling service.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC): Provision of Independent Advocacy and support service to high risk victims including cases subject to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Management Conferencing (MARAC).

Together for Children: Delivery of a range of group work programmes for women and children delivered in a range of settings across Wearside and direct advocacy and support provision in Early Help Hubs.

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG): Delivery of Outreach support to women with complex needs including provision of a 'Crash Pad'.

Lloyds Bank Foundation: Core funding to support the service development and sustainability.

James Knott Foundation: Volunteer Co-ordinator recruiting and managing volunteers to support service provision, community engagement and education.

Women's Aid: Year 5 of a National Pilot to develop and deliver a new approach to the provision, prevention and protection of victims of domestic abuse.

##### Covid grants

We thank the following funders for providing financial support that has enabled our services to meet the needs of beneficiaries throughout the pandemic.

- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)
- Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- CAF Bank
- Ballinger Trust

#### 22. Analysis of net assets by fund

*For the year ended 31 March 2021*

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	970,795	-	970,795
Net current assets	397,418	282,581	679,999
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	( 50,000 )	-	( 50,000 )
	<u>1,318,213</u>	<u>282,581</u>	<u>1,600,794</u>

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22. Analysis of net assets by fund (continued.)

*For the year ended 31 March 2020 (as restated)*

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	696,863	-	696,863
Net current assets	279,049	198,125	477,174
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-
	<u>975,912</u>	<u>198,125</u>	<u>1,174,037</u>

23. Pensions

**Defined contribution**

Pension contributions payable for the year ended 31 March 2021 amounted to £20,395 (2020 - £17,122).

24. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - £nil).

25. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the period</b>	426,757	1,174,037
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	14,222	15,106
Interest received	( 66 )	( 584 )
Interest paid	916	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	( 39,185 )	( 268,706 )
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	100,003	25,866
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u>502,647</u>	<u>945,719</u>

26. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2021 £
Long term borrowings	-	( 50,000 )	( 50,000 )
Short term borrowings	( 15,240 )	( 18,148 )	( 33,388 )
Total liabilities	<u>( 15,240 )</u>	<u>( 68,148 )</u>	<u>( 83,388 )</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	234,334	213,643	447,977
	<u>219,094</u>	<u>145,495</u>	<u>364,589</u>