

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**

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.

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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.

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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.

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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 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**

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

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
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
Total income		<u>952,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>852,605</u>	<u>1,804,873</u>	<u>1,688,185</u>
Expenditure on:						
Costs of raising funds		216	-	-	216	292
Charitable activities	9	756,889	22,789	696,956	1,476,634	1,261,136
Total expenditure		<u>757,105</u>	<u>22,789</u>	<u>696,956</u>	<u>1,476,850</u>	<u>1,261,428</u>
Net movement before transfers		195,163	(22,789)	155,649	328,023	426,757
Transfers between funds	19	(86,135)	86,135	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>109,028</u>	<u>63,346</u>	<u>155,649</u>	<u>328,023</u>	<u>426,757</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		286,219	1,051,467	263,108	1,600,794	1,174,037
Total funds carried forward		<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.

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Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		1,054,613		970,795
Current assets					
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>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(163,985)		(75,869)	
			<u>908,371</u>	<u>679,999</u>	
Net current assets					
			<u>1,962,984</u>	<u>1,650,794</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities					
Creditors: falling due after more than one year	18	(34,167)		(50,000)	
			<u>1,928,817</u>	<u>1,600,794</u>	
Total net assets					
The funds of the charity					
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:

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C Warnock – Trustee

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J Hayden - Trustee

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

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Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 31 March 2022

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

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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.

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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.

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3. Statement of Financial Activities for the prior year

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total funds 2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
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
Total income		747,367	870,281	70,537	1,688,185
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		292	-	-	292
Charitable activities	10	522,337	724,577	14,222	1,261,136
Total expenditure		522,629	724,577	14,222	1,261,428
Gain on investment					
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		224,738	145,704	56,315	426,757
Transfers	19	(873,246)	(121,906)	995,152	-
Net movement		(648,508)	23,798	1,051,467	426,757
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		934,727	239,310	-	1,174,037
Total funds carried forward		286,219	263,108	1,051,467	1,600,794

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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>

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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

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12. Auditors remuneration

	2022	2021
	£	£
Audit fee	8,040	7,740
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13. Net income/(expenditure)

	2022	2021
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation – owned assets	22,317	14,222
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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
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The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Chief Executive	1	1
Core Staff	40	35
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	41	36
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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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15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
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
Depreciation			
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
Net book value			
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

**Notes to the financial statements (*Continued*)
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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 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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other loans	34,167	50,000
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	34,167	50,000
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19. Statement of funds

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted fund					
General fund	286,219	952,268	(757,105)	(86,135)	395,247
Designated fund					
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
Total unrestricted funds	1,337,686	952,268	(779,894)	-	1,510,060
Restricted funds					
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
Total restricted funds	263,108	852,605	(696,956)	-	418,757
Total funds	1,600,794	1,804,873	(1,476,850)	-	1,928,817

Transfers

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

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19. Statement of funds (*continued*)

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted fund					
General fund	237,864	762,904	(522,629)	(191,920)	286,219
Designated fund					
Property fund	559,106	55,000	(14,222)	370,911	970,795
Minibus	-	-	-	15,537	15,537
Accommodation	-	-	-	65,135	65,135
Total unrestricted funds	796,970	817,904	(536,851)	259,663	1,337,686
Restricted funds					
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)	-	-
Total restricted funds	377,067	870,281	(724,577)	(259,663)	263,108
Total funds	1,174,037	1,688,185	(1,261,428)	-	1,600,794

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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>

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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
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the period	328,023	426,757
Adjustments for:		
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
Net cash provided by operating activities	<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>