

Charity number: 1181932

Wearside Women in Need

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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.

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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 as women in employment, migrant women who share a language and culture and older women seeking a quiet safe space. 17 women 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.

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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.

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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. 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.

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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.

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

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.

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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	

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.

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

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.

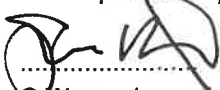
So far as each of the trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- 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

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

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.

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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.

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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;

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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. 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
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15 December 2025

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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	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
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
Total income		<u>1,694,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>667,613</u>	<u>2,362,501</u>	<u>2,356,822</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	9	1,483,816	41,606	697,939	2,223,361	2,077,163
Costs of raising funds		685	-	-	685	216
Total expenditure		<u>1,484,501</u>	<u>41,606</u>	<u>697,939</u>	<u>2,224,046</u>	<u>2,077,379</u>
Net movement before transfers		210,387	(41,606)	(30,326)	138,455	279,443
Transfers between funds		(50,000)	50,000	-	-	-
Net income/expenditure		<u>160,387</u>	<u>8,394</u>	<u>(30,326)</u>	<u>138,455</u>	<u>279,443</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		790,589	1,459,933	90,706	2,341,228	2,061,785
Total funds carried forward		<u>950,976</u>	<u>1,468,327</u>	<u>60,380</u>	<u>2,479,683</u>	<u>2,341,228</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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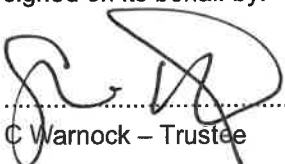
Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2025

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

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.

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Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 31 March 2025

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

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

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.

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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.

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

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	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
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
Total income		<u>1,599,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>757,020</u>	<u>2,356,822</u>	<u>1,930,331</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	9	1,105,451	68,011	903,701	2,077,163	1,797,147
Costs of raising funds		216	-	-	216	216
Total expenditure		<u>1,105,667</u>	<u>68,011</u>	<u>903,701</u>	<u>2,077,379</u>	<u>1,797,363</u>
Net movement before transfers		494,135	(68,011)	(146,681)	279,443	132,968
Transfers between funds	20	(59,018)	59,018	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>435,117</u>	<u>(8,993)</u>	<u>(146,681)</u>	<u>279,443</u>	<u>132,968</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		355,472	1,468,926	237,387	2,061,785	1,928,817
Total funds carried forward		<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.

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

4. Donations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	46,015	29,687
	<u>46,015</u>	<u>29,687</u>

5. Income from charitable activities by activity

	2025	2024
	£	£
Housing and support	1,679,428	1,544,177
Outreach	615,676	734,310
	<u>2,295,104</u>	<u>2,278,487</u>

6. Grants and contracts

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grant	698,412	786,618
Contracts	1,164,592	1,160,094
	<u>1,863,004</u>	<u>1,946,712</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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Training income	1,400	4,795
	<u>1,400</u>	<u>4,795</u>

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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>

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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).

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

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
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>
Depreciation			
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>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	1,348,327	-	1,348,327
	<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>

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

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 £
Unrestricted fund					
General fund	790,589	1,694,888	(1,484,501)	(50,000)	950,976
Designated fund					
Property fund	1,398,926	-	(41,606)	-	1,348,327
Accommodation	70,000	-	-	-	70,000
Cyber security	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Total unrestricted funds	2,250,522	1,694,888	(1,526,107)	-	2,419,303
Restricted funds					
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)	-	-
Total restricted funds	90,706	667,613	(697,939)	-	60,380
Total funds	2,341,228	2,362,501	(2,224,046)	-	2,479,683

Transfers

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

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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 2024

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted fund					
General fund	355,472	1,599,802	(1,105,667)	(59,018)	790,589
Designated fund					
Property fund	1,398,926	-	(41,605)	32,612	1,389,933
Accommodation	70,000	-	(26,406)	26,406	70,000
Total unrestricted funds	1,824,398	1,599,802	(1,173,678)	-	2,250,522
Restricted funds					
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
Total restricted funds	237,387	757,020	(903,701)	-	90,706
Total funds	2,061,785	2,356,822	(2,077,379)	-	2,341,228

Transfers

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

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

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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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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23.	Net cash provided by operating activities	2025	2024	
		£	£	
	Net income for the period	138,455	279,443	
	Adjustments for:			
	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)	
	Net cash provided by operating activities	145,686	397,570	
24.	Analysis of changes in net debt			
		At 1 Apr	Cash	At 31 Mar
		2024	flows	2025
		£	£	£
	Long term borrowings	(14,167)	14,167	-
	Short term borrowings	(10,000)	10,000	-
	Total liabilities	(24,167)	24,167	-
	Cash and cash equivalents	1,015,520	(157,839)	857,681
		991,353	(133,672)	857,681