

Annual Report

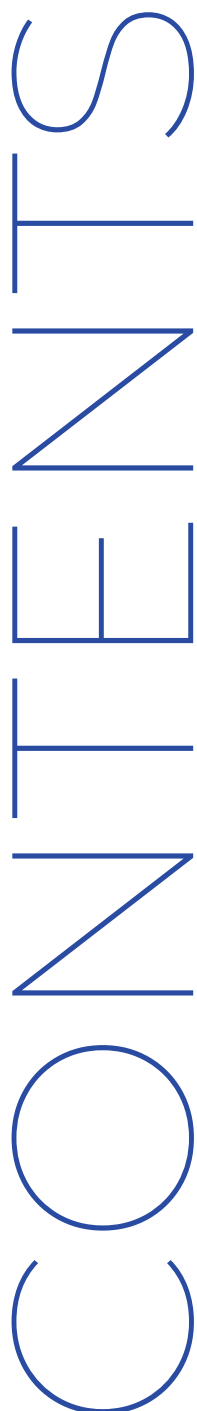


THE
**FREEDOM
PROJECT**
CUMBRIA

31st March 2024

Registered Charity No: 1187765

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Acknowledgements

Well, what a successful but incredibly challenging year at the Freedom Project. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, in any way, to the continued success of our amazing charity.

We have spent time as a team reviewing our strategic themes and the progress we have made against each one and I am delighted to report that we have made significant progress against each one;

- Raising awareness
- Growing our impact
- Breaking the cycle of abuse and
- A continual focus on our structure and governance.

We plan to retain these themes as we move into delivery year 24/25 with an increased focus on some specific areas, all with the intent of breaking the cycle of domestic abuse.

Unfortunately, we have seen a significant increase in demand for our services particularly across children and young people and specific categories of female victims. We have responded by scaling our service with increased funding, revising our delivery structure, recruiting additional support workers and increasing their case oversight responsibilities.

We have been challenged by some very distressing client outcomes and safeguarding issues this year. We have taken the opportunity of each event to undertake a 'learning from experience' event, review our processes and where necessary enhancing our governance. In all cases I can report confidently that our response and processes were appropriate and followed correctly. An absolute credit to the Freedom Project delivery team and Board of Trustees.

Bedrock has afforded us the opportunity to continue to develop the skills of the leadership team and recruit an additional leadership role, that of Service Manager. We continue to be grateful to their continued support.

We have continued the best practice of regularly reviewing the Trustee skills, roles and accountabilities and I'm delighted that we have recruited an additional Trustee to enhance the skills of the Board.

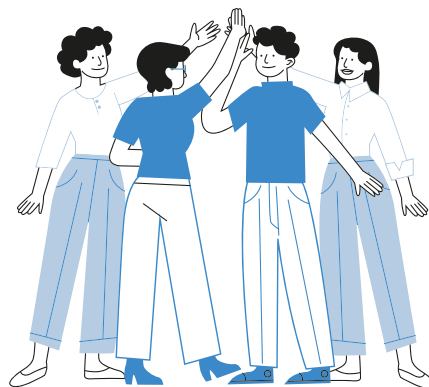
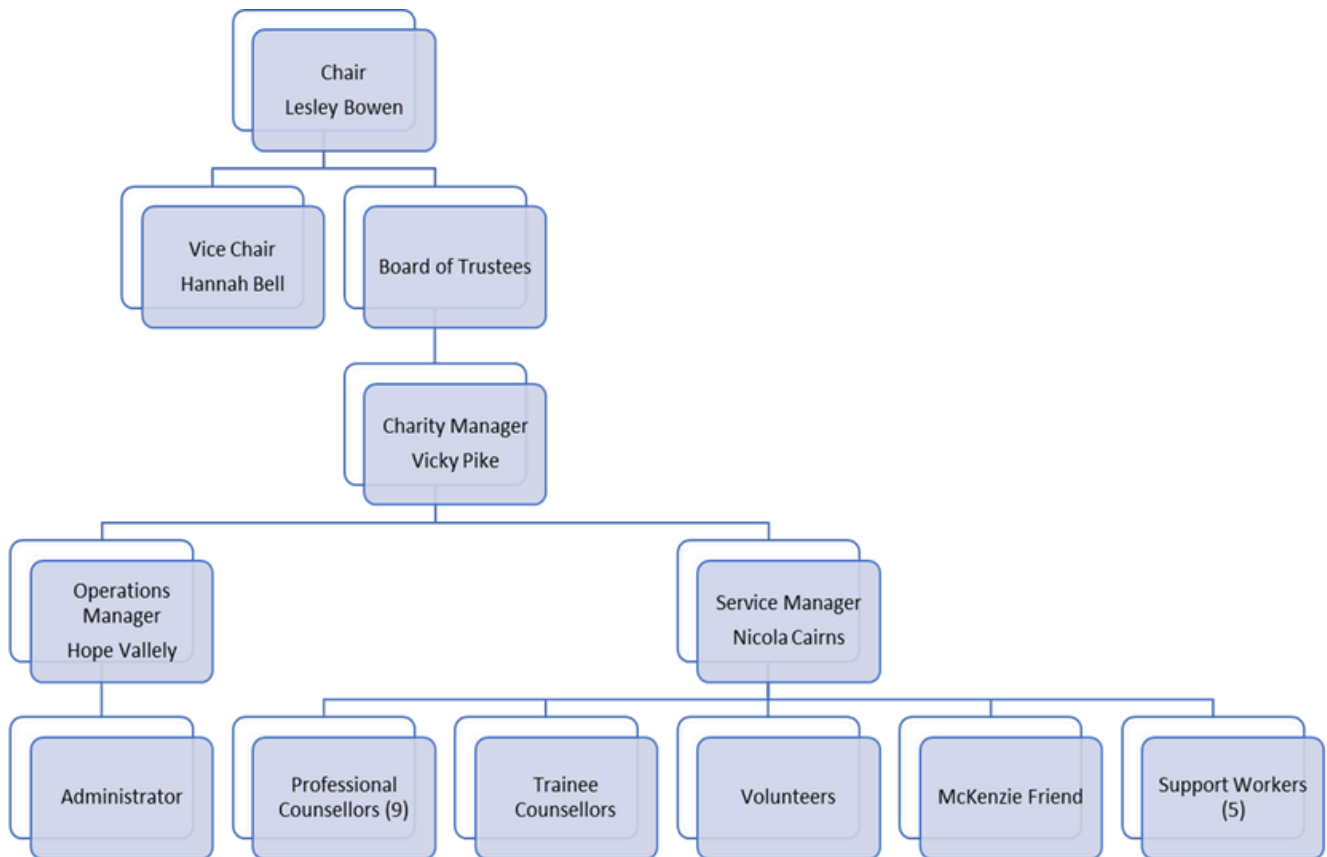
Exciting news in that we are expanding our services across the whole of Cumbria and have changed our trading name to The Freedom Project Cumbria, no longer referencing 'West' Cumbria.

Our main focus over the next 12 month will be to increase our service offering to support the increasing demand, developing our educational awareness plan with the aim to breaking the cycle and reaching out to areas across Cumbria who have potentially not been able to engage in our services, regionally and hard to reach. On behalf of the Board of Trustees can I thank everyone who supports the Freedom Project, in any capacity. We can only provide the incredible service we do as a result of our funders, the delivery team, volunteers, the board of Trustees and our local supporters.

Looking forward to another successful year delivering our very important mission to an extended reach and ultimately breaking the cycle.

Lesley
Chair of the Trustees

OUR TEAM!



MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEES

WCDVS Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year in March. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period.

Our Vision

To deliver effective, co-ordinated, responsive and accessible services for victims, perpetrators and children who are living with, or have lived with, domestic and sexual abuse. Breaking the cycle of abuse now and for future generations.

Our Mission

To help break the cycle of domestic abuse.

Our values

- We care
- We are inclusive
- We do not judge
- We take our responsibilities seriously
- We are client focussed
- We provide a safe space



Our values and mission are central to our approach, which includes placing the needs of our clients first and “walking the extra mile” to help bring change to those whose lives have been affected by abuse

OUR HISTORY

1997

Our charity is celebrating 27 years of helping people this year- after it's birth in which the three founders Carole Launder, Susan James and Shirley Fawcett sat around a kitchen table with a hope for change. They recognised a need for support for domestic violence victims in the area.

We've seen a huge change in how domestic abuse is perceived. When our charity started its work, domestic violence was either not talked about or simply brushed off as 'a domestic'. There was nowhere for victims to turn. That has changed profoundly. TV and radio dramas have played an important role. Powerful storylines in Eastenders, Emmerdale, and The Archers have brought the subject into our living rooms.

The need for our service grew and grew over the years, which led us to increase our scope: to work with perpetrators in 2008 and Children and Young people in 2010.

2024

Today we provide a free, holistic, family-based approach, working with victims, perpetrators and children suffering from trauma and the effects of domestic and sexual abuse. We provide emotional support, practical support, 1-1 counselling and group work with the ultimate aim of trying to break the cycle of abuse, helping people recover and move on with their lives.

Here in West Cumbria, rates of domestic abuse are five per cent above the national average and referrals to our service are increasing. We are the only organisation in our area offering free, long-term, community-based support to the whole family. We've seen a collaborative, multi-agency approach develop in recent years. Even though we've come a long way, there's a lot more to do. If we continue to work together and raise awareness, we can eradicate domestic abuse.

This year the trustees have worked extremely hard and put in many hours of voluntary time to improving our governance, using The Charity Governance Code to help us ensure this has been developed to a high level. Via support from the Bedrock programme, we were able to confirm our mission, vision and set our values. Various workshops were held with the trustees and key members of staff to develop our strategy up until 2026.

OUR STRATEGIC AIMS FOR 2023-2024

01

Raising awareness

- We will seek to understand who we are and who we are not reaching
- We will raise awareness of our services across Cumbria through an active and engaging communication strategy (awards, media, plan etc)
- We will collaborate with other agencies to become better than the sum of our parts.



02

Growing our impact

- Develop methodologies to obtain feedback on our service. Launch service user groups to inform service design
- Document our service offering & understand our client journey
- Research & implement a menu of services to provide options to supplement long term counselling
- Review our counselling model to ensure value & appropriate outcomes



03

Breaking the cycle of abuse

- Establish Links with education/research bodies
- Develop the evidence base, build and identify the data needed in order to inform future research & analysis



04

Charity structure and governance

- Embed current organisational changes to our operating model to ensure effective delivery
- Introduce independent oversight of case management including in-house clinical supervision
- Ensure a clear safeguarding line-of-sight throughout the organisation



At the March Board meeting, the trustees signed off on our strategy for 2024 – 2026 with the above objectives continuing as we move forward.



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

01

OPEN DAY

We held an open day to show off our new premises and spread awareness of our work. Local MP's, the police, Children's Services, Health, Housing and other third sector and domestic abuse organisations attended. Lots of positive conversations were had which have resulted in a number of collaborations.

02

COLLABORATIONS

We have had a busy year working on our mission to help break the cycle of abuse, realising this cannot be done alone. We are collaborating with a number of other organisations and partners to provide the best support to those suffering from abuse in Cumbria:

- **Cumberland Council**- we are providing drop-in sessions in the new family hub.
- **Together We**- partnership to discuss complex referrals and decide which local provider would be best suited to provide support.
- **SafetyNet**- to provide counselling support to survivors and children living in supported accommodation throughout Cumbria.
- **All Together Cumbria and Inspira**- to pilot an Employability Programme in 2024 for our service users at the end of their journey who would like help returning to/ gaining employment.
- **Transforming West Cumbria Partnership**- funded through the Sellafield Ltd social impact, multiplied (SiX) programme and delivered by Cumbria Community Foundation, focusses on addressing the area's most entrenched social issues and inequalities.



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

03

CHOSEN CHARITY OF THE YEAR

We were delighted to be chosen as 'Charity of the Year' which resulted in lots of awareness raising for our charity, new connections and much needed unrestricted funding. **British Energy Coast Business Cluster (BECBC)** raised £6,702 and **Beth Dixon, Mayor of Workington for 2023-2024** raised £808.00

04

FOUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Due to the Bedrock Programme, we were able to increase our core team. We recruited a Service Manager, creating headroom for our current team to take on additional management development and for our Charity Manager to develop her role to focus more on our charity's strategic direction, fundraising and raising our profile locally. In January 2024 we recruited three additional Support Workers.

05

FIVE NEW VOLUNTEERS RECRUITED

1 volunteer to support in our weekly women's group, 3 volunteers who are police officers. They attend every month to offer advice and support and 1 new trustee joined our board.

06

NEW SERVICE LINE ADDED

Via the Transforming West Cumbria Partnership we have been able to recruit a McKenzie Friend- to support disadvantaged women in West Cumbria who need help, advice, and support through the family courts process.

Our community fundraising has continued to grow and members of our local community have been busy raising funds for us via The Great North Run, New Years Eve Dip, Christmas Jumper Days, a Fire Walk and much more!

WEAR PURPLE TO WORK IN OCTOBER FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH



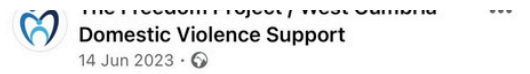
Workington Town Council Staff



Hi-Def Ariel Surveying Limited Staff



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING



A big thank you to Lucy Corrie and David Rowlandson for holding a charity fundraising dart competition at the weekend in loving memory of their Mam/Sister Shelly Clark.

They raised a massive £1515 that will support other victims/survivors of abuse in our area!
An amazing amount raised we are blown away ❤️

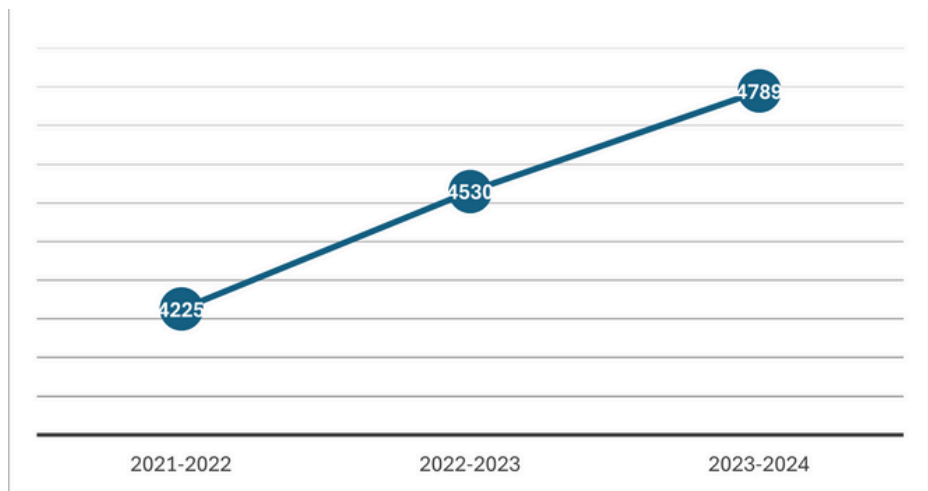


Services Delivered

We have an extremely dedicated and knowledgeable team who are passionate about the charity and the service users we support and help.

1-1 Counselling Sessions Attended

This year's data shows an increase in the number of sessions delivered against the previous 2 years (counselling for adults and children).



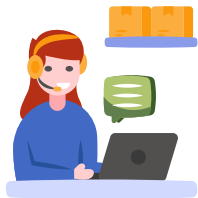
94%



of planned sessions were attended in 23-24



4.7% increase on 22-23



1452 calls to our helpline



73 sessions of our survivors group was delivered



72 sessions of our children's group was delivered



McKenzie Friend project started Sept 23. 25 women supported , 59 children benefitting.

97%

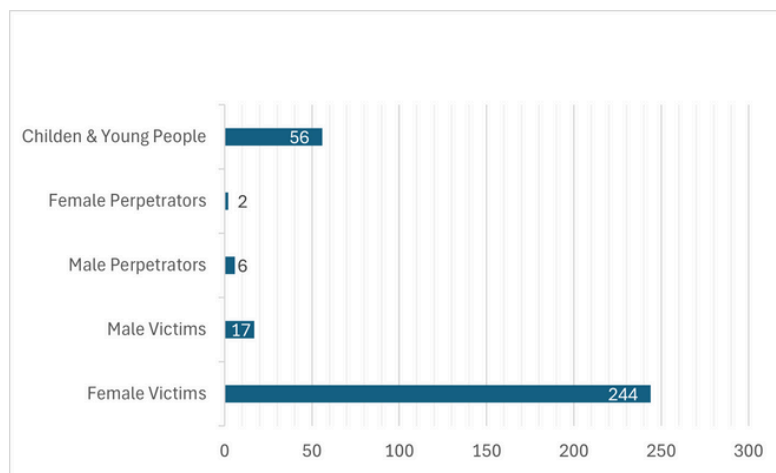
of total new referrals engaged with our service via 1-1 support, 1-1 counselling, group work and the helpline (an increase of 2% on the previous 12 months).

Now lets look at the numbers...

We have had an extremely busy year with demand for our service continually growing. Referrals have increased by **22.7%** over the previous 12 months. On 1st Apr 2023 the seven established Cumbrian authorities transitioned to two new unitary authorities. The areas of Allerdale, Carlisle and Copeland are now serviced by Cumberland Council, with Barrow, Eden and South Lakeland coming under Westmorland and Furness Council.

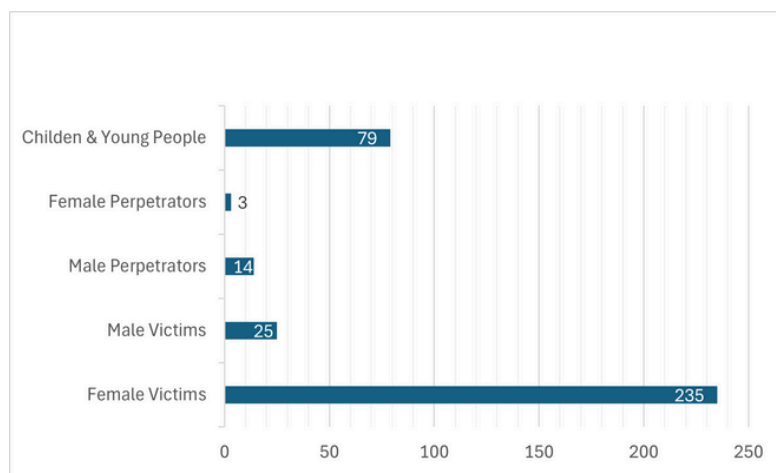
Clients Actively Engaging at 1st Apr 2023

325 clients were actively engaging in service.



New referrals to Service 1st Apr 23-31st Mar 24

356 people were referred who had never accessed our service before.



681

people directly supported over the last 12 - month period



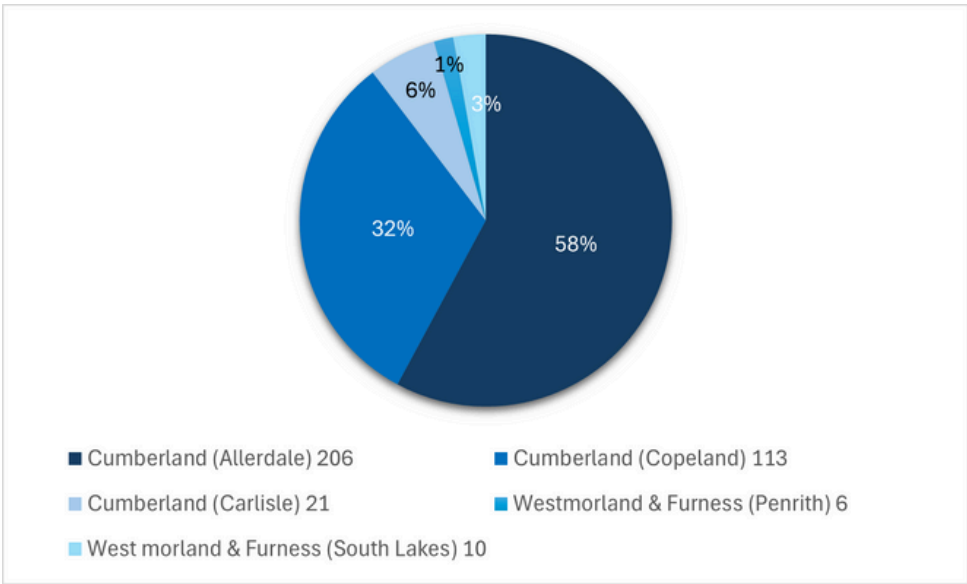
31% increase on 22-23

New referral data

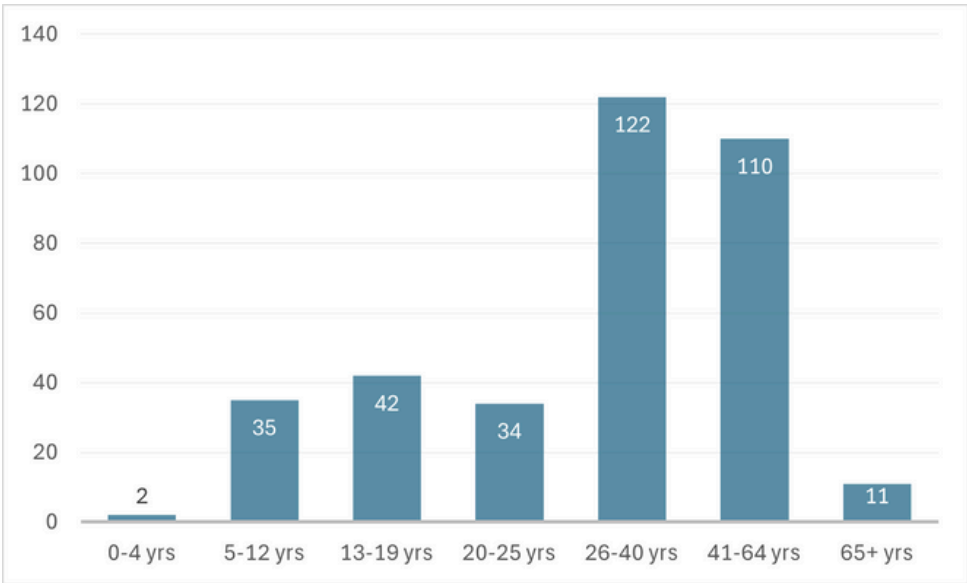
We carried out a deep dive into our new referrals to:-

- understand where our referrals were coming from
- understand the areas we are not reaching
- develop a communications plan to reach the areas our data shows we are not currently reaching.

Area of new referrals

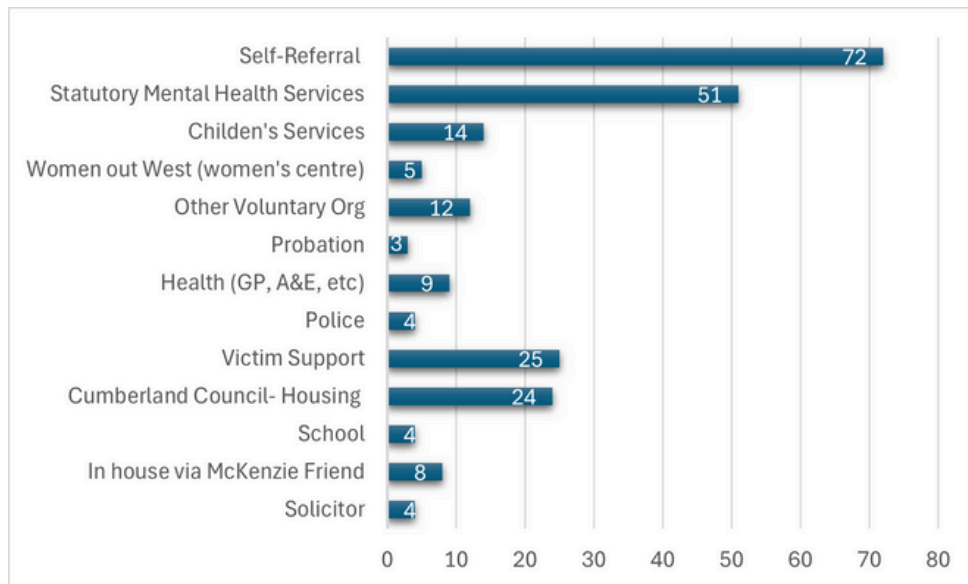


Age range of new referrals



Source of new referrals

Adult female victims (235)



13%
of female victims were
aged 20-25

43%
of female victims were
aged 26-40

40%
of female victims were
aged 41-64

4%
of female victims were
aged 65+



Referrals for female
victims increased by
22.3% on previous 12
months.

46%

of total referrals for female victims were
from statutory services. 30% were self
referrals.

Adult Male Victims (25)



Referrals for male
victims increased by
66% on previous 12
months.

8%
of male victims were
aged 20-25

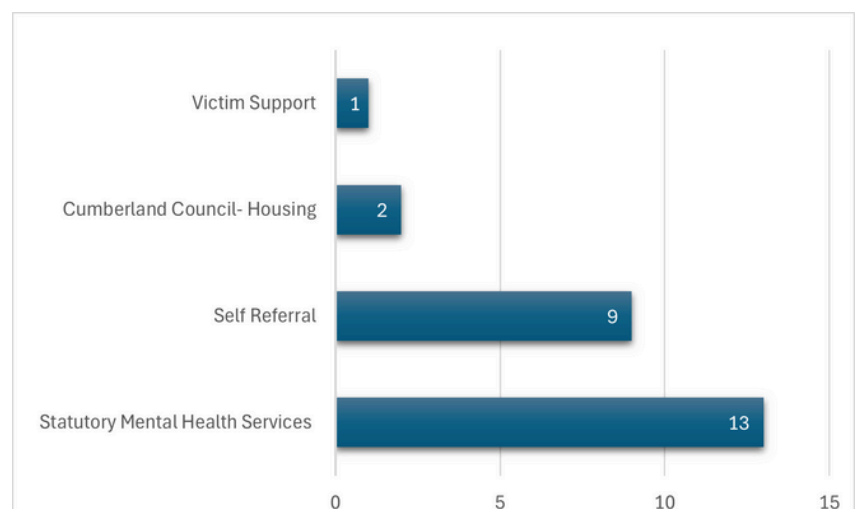
24%
of male victims were
aged 26-40

60%
of male victims were
aged 41-64

8%
of male victims were
aged 65+

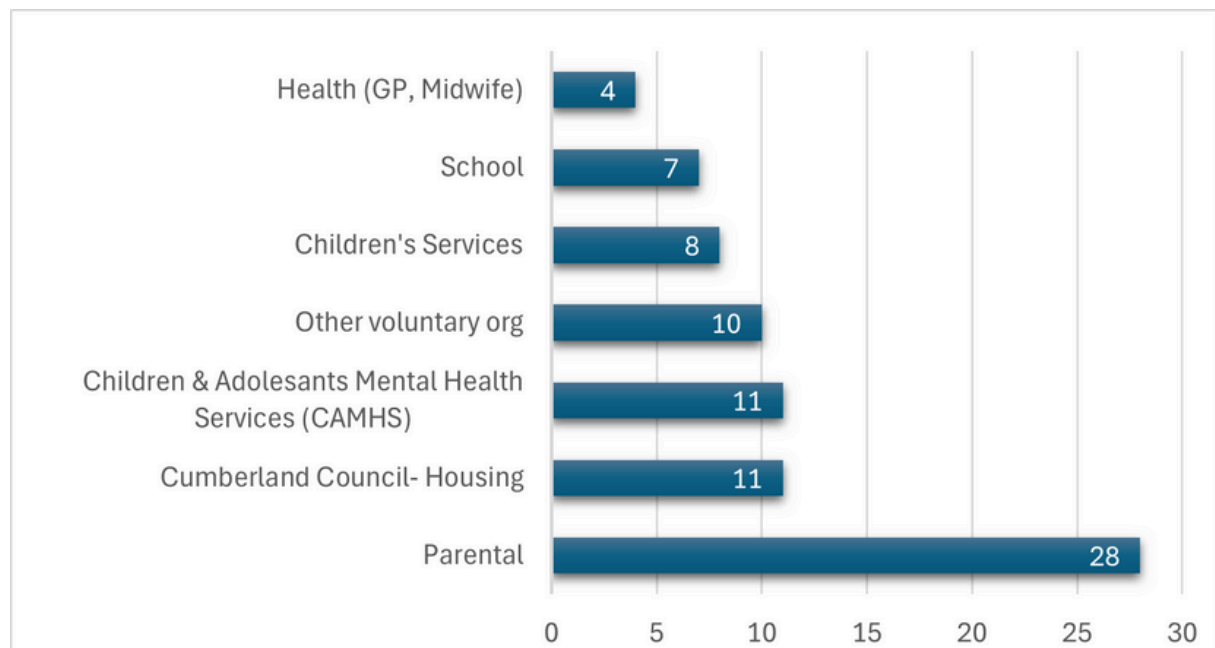
52%

of total referrals for male
victims were from Mental
Health Services



CYP new referral breakdown

Children and young people impacted(79)



52% of total referrals for CYP were from statutory services

41%



of CYP were male

59%

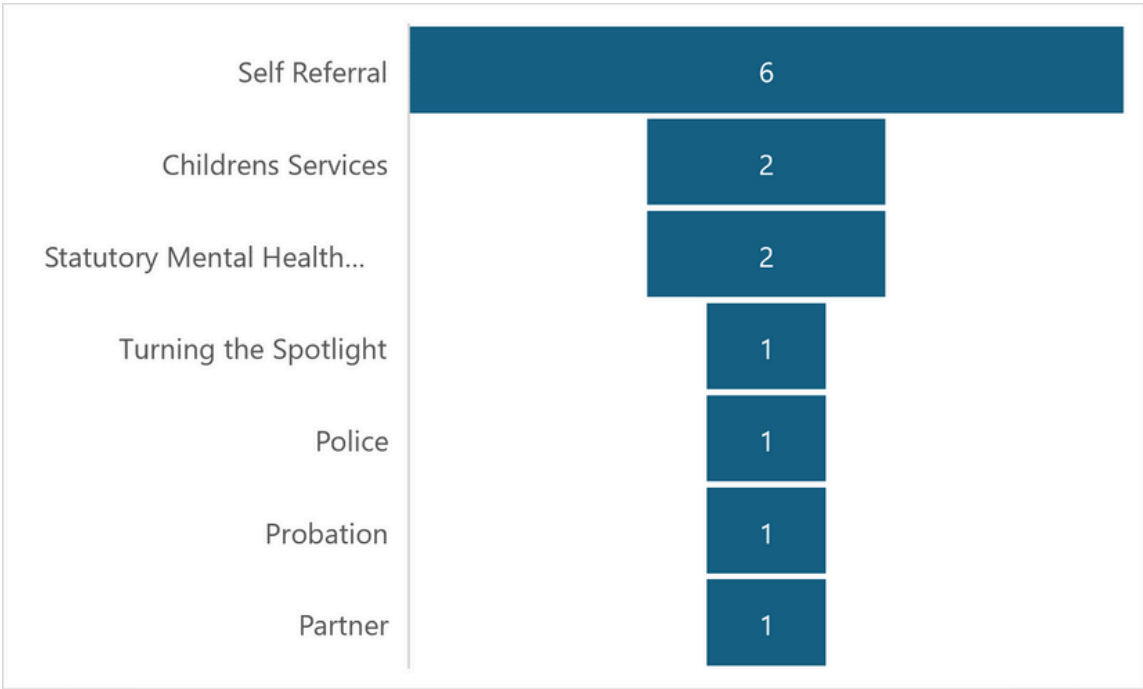


of CYP were female

28% (22) of CYP were referred due to showing abusive behaviours. 13 were female, 9 were male

New referrals

Perpetrators (17)



18%

of perpetrators
were aged 20-25

64%

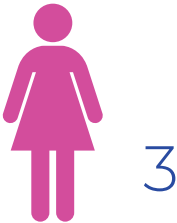
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perpetrators were
male



perpetrators were
female

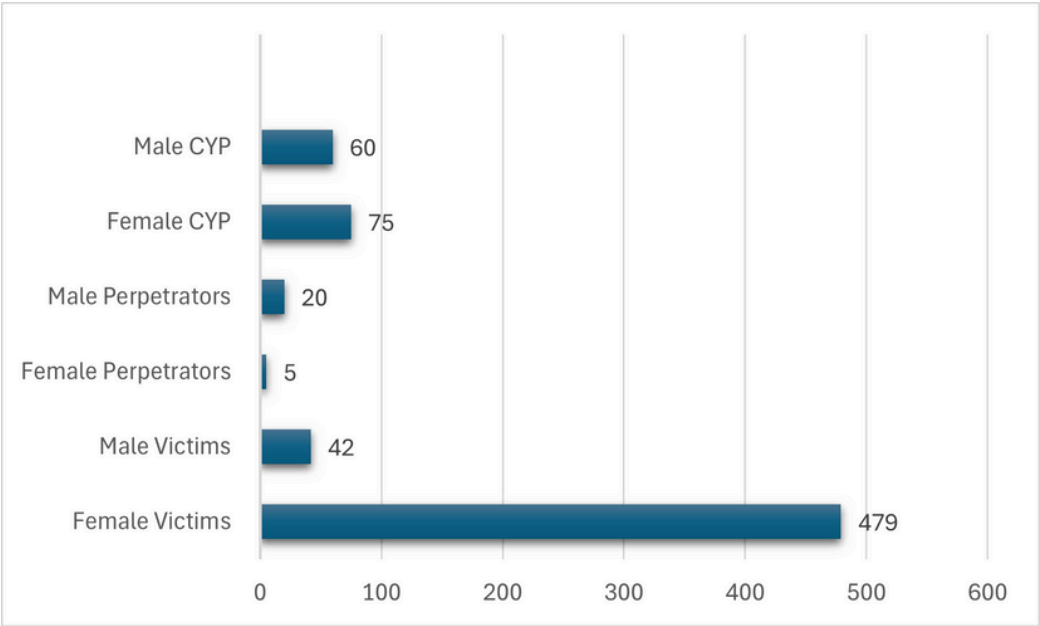


Referrals dropped by 10% from
the previous 12 months

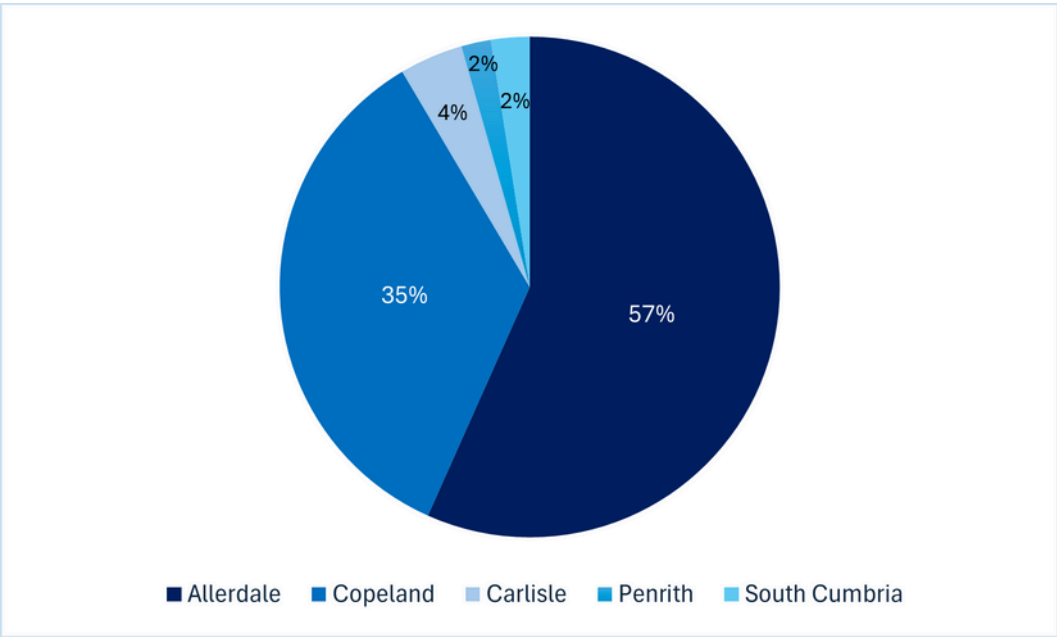
Summary of total clients supported

With those clients already open and engaging in services and the new referrals received, we have directly supported **681** people from Cumbria during the period 1st April 2023- 31st March 2024.

Gender & role

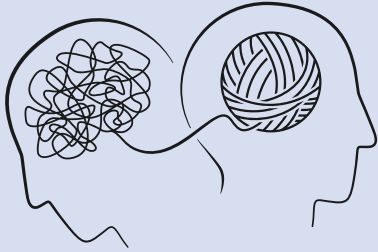


Area



THE DIFFERENCE WE HAVE MADE

1. Improved mental health and wellbeing



- 97% of victims reported....
- 68% of perpetrators reported....
- 72% of CYP reported....

My mental health has improved



- 85% of victims reported....
- 82% of perpetrators reported....
- 66% of CYP reported....

My self confidence has improved



- 100% of victims, CYP and Perpetrators reported....

I feel better I have someone to talk to



- 85% of victims reported....
- 80% of perpetrators reported....
- 78% of CYP reported....

My relationships with others have improved



- 85% of victims reported....
- 80% of perpetrators reported....
- 78% of CYP reported....

Things are happier at home

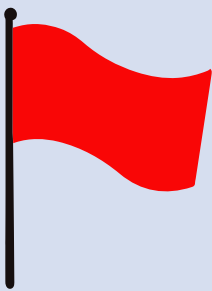
THE DIFFERENCE WE HAVE MADE

2. Breaking the cycle of abuse



- 98% of victims reported....
- 100% of perpetrators reported....

I understand the impact abuse has on myself and my family



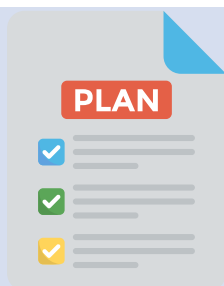
- 85% of victims reported....

I understand the signs for avoiding future abusive relationships



- 94% of perpetrators reported.....
- 84% of CYP reported.....

I feel better able to control my emotions



- 100% of perpetrators reported.....

I have a plan in place to manage my anger

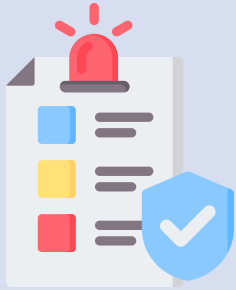


- 100% of CYP reported.....

I understand that the things that happen at home are not my fault

THE DIFFERENCE WE HAVE MADE

2. Improved safety



- 100% of victims and CYP reported....

I know what to do if I ever feel unsafe in the future



- 65% of victims reported....
- 80% of CYP reported....

I feel safe at home



- 92% of victims reported....
- 100% of perpetrators reported....
- 88% of CYP reported

I could fully open up to my counsellor

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

“ I have always felt safe and supported in all contact with the service from sessions to wrap around care amazing service ”

“ My support has been amazing, to say the least. I have been helped and supported through my process and the worst scariest time in my life and help is still continuing. Brilliant service! ”

“ Saved my life . I was suicidal when I contacted the organisation now I work and am almost back to me ”

“ The FP have been so supportive. Before I went I was sure I would be judged for my behaviour...but not at all. I was listened to for the first time in my life. ...without judgement and that meant such a lot. Not saying they thought my violent behaviour was ok...they encouraged me to look at myself and the impact I had on others. ”

“ **My counsellor sorts my jumbled thoughts out and helps me see a clearer path. My ex put in for an appeal. It was denied but two days later he tried again so I have months of waiting to find out again. Freedom really is my lifeline, I cant thank you all enough!** ”

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

“ This service has been monumental in my life, giving me the help I need to better deal with my issues by myself, but also not alone as they're always there should I need them ”

“ I don't usually say anything but Mandy really helped me sort my head out. I can recognise when I'm getting angry and remove myself from the situation. Cheers Mandy ”

“ I love going to the FP. We do lots of drawing and play games. We talk about my feelings and feed my worries to the 'worry monster' ”

“ My dad was so scary when he lived at home with us. I still get nightmares that he might come and take me away. We talk about my dreams and my worries and this makes me feel better and not so scared. ”

“
I can't tell you how much I appreciate the support calls I get while I wait for counselling. I love how this charity works by supporting me while I am waiting and not being left in the dark alone for months like other organisations have done.

“

I've found Emma proactive, very patient and careful to ensure things weren't missed. She's kept me calm at the worst time of my life and really helped me to stay with things when I felt overwhelmed.

She explains everything clearly and has made me feel very supported and cared for in navigating the family courts- a process that is extremely uncertain and frightening

“

what a brilliant service! I used to feel so alone in my chaos until I was referred to the McKenzie Friend. Emma is a star!

”

“

the support has been amazing and Emma has been the only source of stable and proactive support i have received

”

“

What would I suggest? nothing! Just more of Emma and the team! They do a fantastic job and I am so grateful that they have helped me. I don't think I would be here today if it wasn't for Emma. Emma has an ability to make every life matter and I'm so grateful



Victim Support

I just wanted to get in touch as we recently had our last team meeting of the year and I gave the staff the opportunity to share any feedback about local services.

My team could not praise your service enough, you were described as reliable, caring and a wonderful service.

Our clients show significantly better outcomes after engaging with you and our staff wanted your staff to know how much we appreciate you all.



Lynchpin Support

I have a very good friend who's had a really awful time in the last 18 months and the service that has had the most positive impact on her (and her children) is yours. By a long, long way. I knew when I put her in touch with you that you would of course support her - but yet again I'm blown away by the combination of compassion & expertise that you all have in bucketloads.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A massive thank you to our amazing team of staff, volunteers and therapists for your care, dedication, and hard work over the past twelve months. Your individual and collective efforts are nothing short of extraordinary and are deeply valued.

To our supporters and funders, we thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to breaking the cycle of abuse in Cumbria.



WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT CIO
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2024

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WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

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WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number	1187765
The board of trustees	S Fawcett S James H Bell (Vice Chairman) L Bowen (Chairman) M Burns R Deakin E Southward T Weston – Resigned August 2023 E Teasdale – Appointed September 2023
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WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2024. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are listed on page 1.

Structure, Governance and Management

West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered as a charity on 5th February 2020 and the charity number is 1187765. The charity is regulated by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and is subject to charity law.

The charities trustees also form the management committee of the organisation, and they are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The Board of Trustees currently has a membership of 8 people. Some are representatives of partner organisations such as Cumbria County Council and Health services. They have fast knowledge and experience in the issues surrounding domestic abuse and working with victims of abuse and their children. Our chair is the head of Performance and Talent with our biggest local employer, Sellafield Ltd, our vice chair is a Programme Assurance Lead at Kellogg Brown & Root (U.K.) Ltd and our treasurer is a chartered accountant and director of her own company.

The Board meets monthly and more frequently if required. The Board is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the organisation and for robust governance and rigorous financial management.

The Charity Manager holds the day-to-day responsibility for the operational management of the organisation, and for the day-to-day provision of services.

The service is delivered via a combination of 8 professional counsellors (7 adult and 1 Child and young person's counsellor), a Helpline Operative, 5 trained volunteers and 10 members of salaried staff comprising of the Charity Manager, Operations Manager, Service Manager, 1 Administration Assistant, 5 Support Workers for victims/survivors and 1 McKenzie Friend for all disadvantaged women.

Objectives and Activities

The Freedom Project is unique in West Cumbria in providing a free holistic family approach, working with victims, perpetrators and children suffering from the trauma and effects of domestic and sexual abuse.

Our mission is to help break the cycle of abuse in Cumbria through the following objectives:

- Supporting clients by improving their safety and security for themselves and their children.
- Supporting survivors to move on, equipped with the resilience and skills to avoid future abusive relationships.
- Help children/young people who are caught up in domestic abuse, as a victim, or witness, and those starting to display challenging and abusive behaviours, to cope with difficult situations and manage their emotional and physical responses in a healthy and positive way.
- Help perpetrators to change their behaviour so that they cease to abuse.
- Work with partner agencies to promote better integrated services to victims and perpetrators and raise awareness on domestic abuse
- Act as an advocate so that domestic abuse is kept high on the policy and decision-making agendas.

WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 (continued)

Our main services are delivered through the Freedom Project, which consists of:

- A Confidential Helpline offering practical and emotional support. This is the route to which many of our referrals are received.
- one-to-one assessment of need where client and support worker decide which counselling support service pathway (group sessions, one-to-one sessions, or both) is most appropriate for themselves, and their family
- one-to-one and individual counselling for victims, perpetrators, and children/ young people
- Volunteer befriending and support service (including pre counselling sessions- provided to clients on the waiting list that feel they need immediate support, attending courts, helping with transport)
- a rolling programme of group sessions with adult victims/survivors.
- a rolling programme of group sessions for children (primary age and under)
- a rolling programme of group sessions for older children/young people (secondary age up to 18)
- Providing McKenzie Friend support to all disadvantaged who need help, advice, and support through the family courts process.

Our values and mission are central to our approach, which includes placing the needs of our clients first and “walking the extra mile” to help bring change to those whose lives have been affected by domestic abuse.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their responsibility to have due regard to the Commission’s guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers and duties. Trustees are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities and in planning their activities for the year have kept in mind the Charity Commission’s guidance at Trustee meetings.

West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support brings benefit to the public in line with its objects through its range of services (detailed above) that are freely accessible to the public affected by domestic abuse including victims, their children and families and perpetrators.

WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 (continued)

Financial review

The net funds for the year amounted to £58,918. As of 31 March 2024, the charity had restricted funds of £200,224 (2023; £139,853) and unrestricted funds of £120,371 (2023; £121,824).

We are delighted to report that our funding is stable and are extremely grateful to our supporters, past and present, Francis C Scott, Garfield Weston, The Henry Smith Foundation, Cumbria Community Foundation, BBC Children in Need, The Allen Lane Foundation, CFM Cash for Kids, Cumbria Police Commissioner Fund, The Hadfield Trust, Sellafield Ltd, The Peel Trust, GDF Allerdale, GDF Copeland, Edward Gostling Foundation, National Lottery Community Fund, Cumberland Council, as well as several smaller grants from local businesspeople.

However, we cannot be complacent and are continuing to review the project's finances on a regular basis to identify any possible shortfalls and submit further applications necessary to ensure that this vital service continues to help the communities of West Cumbria.

We are committed to keeping our service free so that it remains accessible to everyone irrespective of their income. There are enough barriers in place already which deter victims and perpetrators of abuse from seeking help - we will not add ability to pay to that list.

Therefore, the service will always need to be paid for from sources other than fees charged to clients. In the past costs have been entirely met through grants from charities and funding agencies.

We believe this will continue to be the case for the foreseeable future. However, we will gear our organization up to bid for contracts which may be tendered by the Police, Health, Children's and Adult Social Services, the Home Office etc. We will respond to such opportunities on a full cost recovery basis.

In the meantime, we will support our Trustees and volunteers and continue to be more pro-active in terms of fund-raising, including encouraging donations and business sponsorships.

Reserve's policy

WCDVS's reserves policy aims to have income equivalent to at least 3 months running costs and service costs enabling the organisation to meet both short term cash flow pressures and legal commitments in the event of the organisation being unable to continue to operate. The Board of Trustees keeps this policy under review as part of its ongoing monitoring of the financial needs of the organisation and management of risk.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a risk management strategy which composes: ~ review of the risks the charity may face, ~ the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan; and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Plans for the Future

We have spent time as a team reviewing our strategic themes and the progress we have made against each one and we are delighted to report that we have made significant progress against each one;

- Raising awareness
- Growing our impact
- Breaking the cycle of abuse and
- A continual focus on our structure and governance.

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We plan to retain these themes as we move into delivery year 24/25 with an increased focus on some specific areas, all with the intent of breaking the cycle of domestic abuse.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

L Bowen
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On behalf of the board
L Bowen – Chairperson

Date *9th July 2024*

West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support Group.

I report on the accounts of West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support for the year ended 31 March 2024 as set out on pages 7 – 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, (the 2011 Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Mr D Roper

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Date 15 July 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES:					
Donations and Legacies	2	57,750	495,630	553,380	384,146
Income from investments	3	614	-	614	359
Income from Other					
Trading Activities	4	-	-	-	-
Other Income	5	-	-	-	7,483
Total Incoming Resources		58,364	495,630	553,994	391,988
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on :-					
Charitable activities	6	58,063	435,259	493,322	424,030
Fundraising activities	7	1,754	-	1,754	1,031
Total Resources Expended	8	59,817	435,259	495,076	425,061
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,453)	60,371	58,918	(33,073)
Transfer between funds		(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Net movement in funds		(1,453)	60,371	58,918	(33,073)
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds Introduced		-	-	-	294,750
Funds brought forward		121,824	139,853	261,677	-
Funds carried forward		120,371	200,224	320,595	261,677

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	12	14,963	15,795
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	2,813	15,670
Cash at bank and in hand		312,426	238,698
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		315,239	254,368
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14	9,607	8,486
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NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		305,632	245,882
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		320,595	261,677
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more Than one year	15	(-)	(-)
		-----	-----
NET ASSETS		<u>£320,595</u>	<u>£261,677</u>
 FUNDS			
Restricted Income Funds	17	200,224	139,853
Unrestricted Income Funds		120,371	121,824
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TOTAL FUNDS		<u>£320,595</u>	<u>£261,677</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 9th July 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:


H Bell
Trustee- Vice Chair


M Burns
Trustee- Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash Used in Operating Activities		
Net movement in Funds	58,918	261,677
Add Back Depreciation Charge	4,987	2,952
Decrease/(Increase) in Debtors	12,857	(15,670)
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors	1,121	8,486
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Net Cash used in operating activities	77,883	257,445
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Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Fixed Assets Introduced	(-)	(10,385)
	-	-
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets	(4,155)	(8,362)
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Cash Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities	(4,155)	(18,747)
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Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the Year	73,728	238,698
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the Year	238,698	-
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	312,426	238,698
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The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2015)-(Charities SORP(FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold. Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold properties -	Straight line over the life of the lease
Plant and machinery -	25% reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings and equipment -	25% reducing balance

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations	-	15,703	15,703	18,678
Cumbria Community Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	20,000
Cumbria County Council	-	-	-	30,305
BBC Children In Need	32,910	-	32,910	31,264
Hadfield Trust	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Cash For Kids	4,150	-	4,150	4,700
Copeland Community Fund	25,159	-	25,159	5,642
Police & Crime Commissioner Cumbria	53,811	-	53,811	29,531
Henry Smith	59,850	-	59,850	59,800
Morgan Sindall	-	-	-	5,000
Edward Gostling Foundation	25,000	-	25,000	10,000
GDF Funding	64,860	-	64,860	51,888
Clothworkers Foundation	-	-	-	7,400
Sellafield Snowball Fund	2,000	-	2,000	5,000
Bedrock Awards	85,000	-	85,000	25,025
Awards For All	-	-	-	10,000
Copeland Borough Council	-	-	-	5,000
Allerdale Borough Council	-	-	-	10,000
Just Giving	-	7,047	7,047	14,413
Francis C Scott	-	15,000	15,000	10,000
Garfield Weston Fund	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Souter Charitable Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
29 th May Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,000
David and Ruth Lewis	-	-	-	7,500
Cumberland Council	16,022	-	16,022	-
Cumberland Council	5,000	-	5,000	-
Coalfields	5,000	-	5,000	-
GDF South Copeland	10,000	-	10,000	-
McKenzie Friend(Time To Change)	7,868	-	7,868	-
National Lottery Community Fund	84,000	-	84,000	-
	----- 495,630 -----	----- 57,750 -----	----- 553,380 -----	----- 384,146 -----

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3. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	614	-	614	359
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	614	-	614	359
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4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Other Income	-	-	-	7,483
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	-	-	-	7,483
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6. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Domestic Violence Support	58,063	435,259	493,322	424,030
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	58,063	435,259	493,322	424,030
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7. COSTS OF FUNDRAISING

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Expenditure	1,754	-	1,754	1,031
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	1,754	-	1,754	1,031
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8. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY

	Activities Undertaken	Support	Total	Total
	Directly £	Costs £	2024 £	2023 £
Domestic Violence Support	495,076	-	495,076	425,061
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	495,076	-	495,076	425,061
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9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Total	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages	-	-
Legal and Professional fees	-	-
Office running costs	-	-
Premises Costs	-	-
Finance charges – Finance Lease	-	-
Depreciation	-	-
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	-	-
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The Board of Trustees is of the opinion that every cost incurred, no matter what the expense, goes directly towards supporting the victims. The support costs provide the infrastructure which enables the direct counselling service to be delivered to our service users.

10. STAFF COSTS

	Total	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	181,255	122,392
Employers National Insurance and Pension Contributions	14,172	7,996
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	195,427	130,388
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: £Nil)

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The average number of employees during the year, calculated on a full-time equivalent basis was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Management staff	2	2
Administrative staff	7	4
Support Workers	2	2
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Total	11	8
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11. TRUSTEE'S EMOLUMENTS

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2023: £Nil)

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short Leasehold Property £	IT Equipment £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1st April 2023	-	12,542	6,205	18,747
Additions	-	4,155	-	4,155
Donation Received	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
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At 31st March 2024	-	16,697	6,205	22,902
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DEPRECIATION				
At 1st April 2023	-	1,401	1,551	2,952
Charge for the year	-	3,824	1,163	4,987
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At 31st March 2024	-	5,225	2,714	7,939
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NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2024	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£11,472</u>	<u>£3,491</u>	<u>£14,963</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£11,141</u>	<u>£4,654</u>	<u>£15,795</u>

Included in tangible fixed assets are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

	2024	2023
Asset description	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
	Depreciation Charge	Depreciation Charge
	£-	£-
Fixtures, fittings, and equipment		

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13. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Debtors	-	12,972
Prepayments	2,813	2,698
	<u>2,813</u>	<u>15,670</u>

14. CREDITORS : (Amounts falling due within one year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
Trade Creditors	6,062	5,748
Other Taxes and Social security Costs	1,845	1,094
Accruals and deferred income	1,700	1,644
	<u>9,607</u>	<u>8,486</u>

Deferred Income

At 1st April 2023	-	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	-
Amounts released from previous year	-	-

Deferred Income at 31st March 2024

-	-
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The deferred income at 31st March 2024 relates to donations received in advance

15. CREDITORS (Amounts falling due after more than one year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
Repayable within one year	-	-
Repayable within two and five years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,353	11,610	14,963	15,795
Current Assets	126,625	188,614	315,239	254,368
Current Liabilities	(9,607)	(-)	(9,607)	(8,486)
Long Term Liabilities	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
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Net Assets at 31st March 2024	120,371	200,224	320,595	261,677
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17. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1st April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31st March 2024 £
Allerdale Borough Council	7,501	-	(7,501)	-
Copeland Borough Council	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Cash For Kids	-	4,150	(2,400)	1,750
Awards For All	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
BBC Children In Need Kids Provision	11,876	32,910	(32,056)	12,730
Cumbria County Council	14,572	-	(14,572)	-
McKenzie Friend(Time To Change)	-	7,868	(7,868)	-
Bedrock Awards	25,025	85,000	(43,775)	66,250
Cumberland Council	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Cumberland Council	-	16,022	(1,120)	14,902
Cumbria Community Foundation	11,667	10,000	(15,000)	6,667
Hadfield Trust	5,000	5,000	(10,000)	-
GDF Funding	12	64,860	(64,872)	-
GDF South Copeland	-	10,000	(2,500)	7,500
Henry Smith	19,936	59,850	(59,792)	19,994
Sellafield Ltd Grant	3,713	-	(3,713)	-
Snowball Fund	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	84,000	(73,148)	10,852
Morgan Sindall	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Edward Gostling	10,000	25,000	(7,830)	27,170
Copeland Community Fund	-	25,159	(25,159)	-
Police & Crime Commissioner Cumbria	13,051	53,811	(39,453)	27,409
Coalfields	-	5,000	(-)	5,000
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	139,853	495,630	435,259	200,224
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Purposes of restricted funds

The purpose of the BBC Children in Need fund is to contribute towards the costs of our children's provision.

The purpose of Cumbria County Council grant is to fund an increase in service costs to meet increasing demand on our service.

The purpose of Copeland Community Fund is to be used against staff and support worker salaries and counselling costs for Copeland residents.

The purpose of the Cumbria Community Foundation grants received was to part fund staff salaries and 1-1 counselling costs.

The purpose of Hadfield Trust fund is to be used against perpetrator project costs.

The purpose of the Henry Smith fund is to be used against staff salaries.

The purpose of Edward Gosling Trust fund is to be used against staff salaries and counselling costs.

The purpose of Police & Crime Commissioners Cumbria fund is to be used against counselling costs.

The purpose of National Lottery Community fund is to be used against counselling costs.

The purpose of Bedrock Awards fund is to be used against staff and support worker salaries.

The purpose McKenzie Friend fund is to be used against staff and support worker salaries.

The charity's general restricted funds are usually smaller grants/donations and are used as directed by the provider.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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CHARITY NUMBER 1187765

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number	1187765
The board of trustees	S Fawcett S James H Bell (Vice Chairman) L Bowen (Chairman) M Burns R Deakin E Southward T Weston – Resigned August 2023 E Teasdale – Appointed September 2023
Registered office	First Floor Offices Unit 1 Dobies Cumbria Ltd Dobies Business Park Lillyhall West Workington CA14 4HX
Independent Examiners	Robinson Udale Limited Chartered Accountants & Tax Advisors The Old Bank 41 King Street Penrith Cumbria CA117AY

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2024. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are listed on page 1.

Structure, Governance and Management

West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered as a charity on 5th February 2020 and the charity number is 1187765. The charity is regulated by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and is subject to charity law.

The charities trustees also form the management committee of the organisation, and they are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The Board of Trustees currently has a membership of 8 people. Some are representatives of partner organisations such as Cumbria County Council and Health services. They have fast knowledge and experience in the issues surrounding domestic abuse and working with victims of abuse and their children. Our chair is the head of Performance and Talent with our biggest local employer, Sellafield Ltd, our vice chair is a Programme Assurance Lead at Kellogg Brown & Root (U.K.) Ltd and our treasurer is a chartered accountant and director of her own company.

The Board meets monthly and more frequently if required. The Board is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the organisation and for robust governance and rigorous financial management.

The Charity Manager holds the day-to-day responsibility for the operational management of the organisation, and for the day-to-day provision of services.

The service is delivered via a combination of 8 professional counsellors (7 adult and 1 Child and young person's counsellor), a Helpline Operative, 5 trained volunteers and 10 members of salaried staff comprising of the Charity Manager, Operations Manager, Service Manager, 1 Administration Assistant, 5 Support Workers for victims/survivors and 1 McKenzie Friend for all disadvantaged women.

Objectives and Activities

The Freedom Project is unique in West Cumbria in providing a free holistic family approach, working with victims, perpetrators and children suffering from the trauma and effects of domestic and sexual abuse.

Our mission is to help break the cycle of abuse in Cumbria through the following objectives:

- Supporting clients by improving their safety and security for themselves and their children.
- Supporting survivors to move on, equipped with the resilience and skills to avoid future abusive relationships.
- Help children/young people who are caught up in domestic abuse, as a victim, or witness, and those starting to display challenging and abusive behaviours, to cope with difficult situations and manage their emotional and physical responses in a healthy and positive way.
- Help perpetrators to change their behaviour so that they cease to abuse.
- Work with partner agencies to promote better integrated services to victims and perpetrators and raise awareness on domestic abuse
- Act as an advocate so that domestic abuse is kept high on the policy and decision-making agendas.

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Our main services are delivered through the Freedom Project, which consists of:

- A Confidential Helpline offering practical and emotional support. This is the route to which many of our referrals are received.
- one-to-one assessment of need where client and support worker decide which counselling support service pathway (group sessions, one-to-one sessions, or both) is most appropriate for themselves, and their family
- one-to-one and individual counselling for victims, perpetrators, and children/ young people
- Volunteer befriending and support service (including pre counselling sessions- provided to clients on the waiting list that feel they need immediate support, attending courts, helping with transport)
- a rolling programme of group sessions with adult victims/survivors.
- a rolling programme of group sessions for children (primary age and under)
- a rolling programme of group sessions for older children/young people (secondary age up to 18)
- Providing McKenzie Friend support to all disadvantaged who need help, advice, and support through the family courts process.

Our values and mission are central to our approach, which includes placing the needs of our clients first and “walking the extra mile” to help bring change to those whose lives have been affected by domestic abuse.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their responsibility to have due regard to the Commission’s guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers and duties. Trustees are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities and in planning their activities for the year have kept in mind the Charity Commission’s guidance at Trustee meetings.

West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support brings benefit to the public in line with its objects through its range of services (detailed above) that are freely accessible to the public affected by domestic abuse including victims, their children and families and perpetrators.

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 (continued)

Financial review

The net funds for the year amounted to £58,918. As of 31 March 2024, the charity had restricted funds of £200,224 (2023; £139,853) and unrestricted funds of £120,371 (2023; £121,824).

We are delighted to report that our funding is stable and are extremely grateful to our supporters, past and present, Francis C Scott, Garfield Weston, The Henry Smith Foundation, Cumbria Community Foundation, BBC Children in Need, The Allen Lane Foundation, CFM Cash for Kids, Cumbria Police Commissioner Fund, The Hadfield Trust, Sellafield Ltd, The Peel Trust, GDF Allerdale, GDF Copeland, Edward Gostling Foundation, National Lottery Community Fund, Cumberland Council, as well as several smaller grants from local businesspeople.

However, we cannot be complacent and are continuing to review the project's finances on a regular basis to identify any possible shortfalls and submit further applications necessary to ensure that this vital service continues to help the communities of West Cumbria.

We are committed to keeping our service free so that it remains accessible to everyone irrespective of their income. There are enough barriers in place already which deter victims and perpetrators of abuse from seeking help - we will not add ability to pay to that list.

Therefore, the service will always need to be paid for from sources other than fees charged to clients. In the past costs have been entirely met through grants from charities and funding agencies.

We believe this will continue to be the case for the foreseeable future. However, we will gear our organization up to bid for contracts which may be tendered by the Police, Health, Children's and Adult Social Services, the Home Office etc. We will respond to such opportunities on a full cost recovery basis.

In the meantime, we will support our Trustees and volunteers and continue to be more pro-active in terms of fund-raising, including encouraging donations and business sponsorships.

Reserve's policy

WCDVS's reserves policy aims to have income equivalent to at least 3 months running costs and service costs enabling the organisation to meet both short term cash flow pressures and legal commitments in the event of the organisation being unable to continue to operate. The Board of Trustees keeps this policy under review as part of its ongoing monitoring of the financial needs of the organisation and management of risk.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a risk management strategy which composes: ~ review of the risks the charity may face, ~ the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan; and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Plans for the Future

We have spent time as a team reviewing our strategic themes and the progress we have made against each one and we are delighted to report that we have made significant progress against each one;

- Raising awareness
- Growing our impact
- Breaking the cycle of abuse and
- A continual focus on our structure and governance.

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We plan to retain these themes as we move into delivery year 24/25 with an increased focus on some specific areas, all with the intent of breaking the cycle of domestic abuse.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

L Bowen
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On behalf of the board
L Bowen – Chairperson

Date *9th July 2024*

West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support Group.

I report on the accounts of West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support for the year ended 31 March 2024 as set out on pages 7 – 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, (the 2011 Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Mr D Roper

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41 King Street
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Date 15 July 2024

**WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES:					
Donations and Legacies	2	57,750	495,630	553,380	384,146
Income from investments	3	614	-	614	359
Income from Other					
Trading Activities	4	-	-	-	-
Other Income	5	-	-	-	7,483
Total Incoming Resources		58,364	495,630	553,994	391,988
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on :-					
Charitable activities	6	58,063	435,259	493,322	424,030
Fundraising activities	7	1,754	-	1,754	1,031
Total Resources Expended	8	59,817	435,259	495,076	425,061
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,453)	60,371	58,918	(33,073)
Transfer between funds		(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Net movement in funds		(1,453)	60,371	58,918	(33,073)
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds Introduced		-	-	-	294,750
Funds brought forward		121,824	139,853	261,677	-
Funds carried forward		120,371	200,224	320,595	261,677

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts


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BALANCE SHEET

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	12	14,963	15,795
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	2,813	15,670
Cash at bank and in hand		312,426	238,698
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		315,239	254,368
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14	9,607	8,486
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NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		305,632	245,882
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		320,595	261,677
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more Than one year	15	(-)	(-)
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NET ASSETS		<u>£320,595</u>	<u>£261,677</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted Income Funds	17	200,224	139,853
Unrestricted Income Funds		120,371	121,824
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TOTAL FUNDS		<u>£320,595</u>	<u>£261,677</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 9th July 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:


H Bell
Trustee- Vice Chair


M Burns
Trustee- Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash Used in Operating Activities		
Net movement in Funds	58,918	261,677
Add Back Depreciation Charge	4,987	2,952
Decrease/(Increase) in Debtors	12,857	(15,670)
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors	1,121	8,486
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Net Cash used in operating activities	77,883	257,445
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Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Fixed Assets Introduced	(-)	(10,385)
	-	-
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets	(4,155)	(8,362)
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Cash Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities	(4,155)	(18,747)
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Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the Year	73,728	238,698
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the Year	238,698	-
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	312,426	238,698
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The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2015)-(Charities SORP(FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold. Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold properties -	Straight line over the life of the lease
Plant and machinery -	25% reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings and equipment -	25% reducing balance

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations	-	15,703	15,703	18,678
Cumbria Community Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	20,000
Cumbria County Council	-	-	-	30,305
BBC Children In Need	32,910	-	32,910	31,264
Hadfield Trust	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Cash For Kids	4,150	-	4,150	4,700
Copeland Community Fund	25,159	-	25,159	5,642
Police & Crime Commissioner Cumbria	53,811	-	53,811	29,531
Henry Smith	59,850	-	59,850	59,800
Morgan Sindall	-	-	-	5,000
Edward Gostling Foundation	25,000	-	25,000	10,000
GDF Funding	64,860	-	64,860	51,888
Clothworkers Foundation	-	-	-	7,400
Sellafield Snowball Fund	2,000	-	2,000	5,000
Bedrock Awards	85,000	-	85,000	25,025
Awards For All	-	-	-	10,000
Copeland Borough Council	-	-	-	5,000
Allerdale Borough Council	-	-	-	10,000
Just Giving	-	7,047	7,047	14,413
Francis C Scott	-	15,000	15,000	10,000
Garfield Weston Fund	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Souter Charitable Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
29 th May Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,000
David and Ruth Lewis	-	-	-	7,500
Cumberland Council	16,022	-	16,022	-
Cumberland Council	5,000	-	5,000	-
Coalfields	5,000	-	5,000	-
GDF South Copeland	10,000	-	10,000	-
McKenzie Friend(Time To Change)	7,868	-	7,868	-
National Lottery Community Fund	84,000	-	84,000	-
	----- 495,630 -----	----- 57,750 -----	----- 553,380 -----	----- 384,146 -----

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3. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	614	-	614	359
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	614	-	614	359
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4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Other Income	-	-	-	7,483
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	-	-	-	7,483
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6. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Domestic Violence Support	58,063	435,259	493,322	424,030
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	58,063	435,259	493,322	424,030
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7. COSTS OF FUNDRAISING

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Expenditure	1,754	-	1,754	1,031
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	1,754	-	1,754	1,031
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8. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY

	Activities Undertaken	Support	Total	Total
	Directly £	Costs £	2024 £	2023 £
Domestic Violence Support	495,076	-	495,076	425,061
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	495,076	-	495,076	425,061
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9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Total	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages	-	-
Legal and Professional fees	-	-
Office running costs	-	-
Premises Costs	-	-
Finance charges – Finance Lease	-	-
Depreciation	-	-
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	-	-
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The Board of Trustees is of the opinion that every cost incurred, no matter what the expense, goes directly towards supporting the victims. The support costs provide the infrastructure which enables the direct counselling service to be delivered to our service users.

10. STAFF COSTS

	Total	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	181,255	122,392
Employers National Insurance and Pension Contributions	14,172	7,996
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	195,427	130,388
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: £Nil)

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The average number of employees during the year, calculated on a full-time equivalent basis was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Management staff	2	2
Administrative staff	7	4
Support Workers	2	2
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Total	11	8
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11. TRUSTEE'S EMOLUMENTS

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2023: £Nil)

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short Leasehold Property £	IT Equipment £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1st April 2023	-	12,542	6,205	18,747
Additions	-	4,155	-	4,155
Donation Received	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
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At 31st March 2024	-	16,697	6,205	22,902
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DEPRECIATION				
At 1st April 2023	-	1,401	1,551	2,952
Charge for the year	-	3,824	1,163	4,987
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At 31st March 2024	-	5,225	2,714	7,939
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NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2024	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£11,472</u>	<u>£3,491</u>	<u>£14,963</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£11,141</u>	<u>£4,654</u>	<u>£15,795</u>

Included in tangible fixed assets are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

	2024	2023
Asset description	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
	Depreciation Charge	Depreciation Charge
	£-	£-
Fixtures, fittings, and equipment		

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13. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Debtors	-	12,972
Prepayments	2,813	2,698
	<u>2,813</u>	<u>15,670</u>

14. CREDITORS : (Amounts falling due within one year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
Trade Creditors	6,062	5,748
Other Taxes and Social security Costs	1,845	1,094
Accruals and deferred income	1,700	1,644
	<u>9,607</u>	<u>8,486</u>

Deferred Income

At 1st April 2023	-	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	-
Amounts released from previous year	-	-

Deferred Income at 31st March 2024

-	-
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The deferred income at 31st March 2024 relates to donations received in advance

15. CREDITORS (Amounts falling due after more than one year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
Repayable within one year	-	-
Repayable within two and five years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,353	11,610	14,963	15,795
Current Assets	126,625	188,614	315,239	254,368
Current Liabilities	(9,607)	(-)	(9,607)	(8,486)
Long Term Liabilities	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
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Net Assets at 31st March 2024	120,371	200,224	320,595	261,677
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17. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1st April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31st March 2024 £
Allerdale Borough Council	7,501	-	(7,501)	-
Copeland Borough Council	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Cash For Kids	-	4,150	(2,400)	1,750
Awards For All	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
BBC Children In Need Kids Provision	11,876	32,910	(32,056)	12,730
Cumbria County Council	14,572	-	(14,572)	-
McKenzie Friend(Time To Change)	-	7,868	(7,868)	-
Bedrock Awards	25,025	85,000	(43,775)	66,250
Cumberland Council	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Cumberland Council	-	16,022	(1,120)	14,902
Cumbria Community Foundation	11,667	10,000	(15,000)	6,667
Hadfield Trust	5,000	5,000	(10,000)	-
GDF Funding	12	64,860	(64,872)	-
GDF South Copeland	-	10,000	(2,500)	7,500
Henry Smith	19,936	59,850	(59,792)	19,994
Sellafield Ltd Grant	3,713	-	(3,713)	-
Snowball Fund	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	84,000	(73,148)	10,852
Morgan Sindall	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Edward Gostling	10,000	25,000	(7,830)	27,170
Copeland Community Fund	-	25,159	(25,159)	-
Police & Crime Commissioner Cumbria	13,051	53,811	(39,453)	27,409
Coalfields	-	5,000	(-)	5,000
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	139,853	495,630	435,259	200,224
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Purposes of restricted funds

The purpose of the BBC Children in Need fund is to contribute towards the costs of our children's provision.

The purpose of Cumbria County Council grant is to fund an increase in service costs to meet increasing demand on our service.

The purpose of Copeland Community Fund is to be used against staff and support worker salaries and counselling costs for Copeland residents.

The purpose of the Cumbria Community Foundation grants received was to part fund staff salaries and 1-1 counselling costs.

The purpose of Hadfield Trust fund is to be used against perpetrator project costs.

The purpose of the Henry Smith fund is to be used against staff salaries.

The purpose of Edward Gosling Trust fund is to be used against staff salaries and counselling costs.

The purpose of Police & Crime Commissioners Cumbria fund is to be used against counselling costs.

The purpose of National Lottery Community fund is to be used against counselling costs.

The purpose of Bedrock Awards fund is to be used against staff and support worker salaries.

The purpose McKenzie Friend fund is to be used against staff and support worker salaries.

The charity's general restricted funds are usually smaller grants/donations and are used as directed by the provider.

