



THE FREEDOM PROJECT CUMBRIA

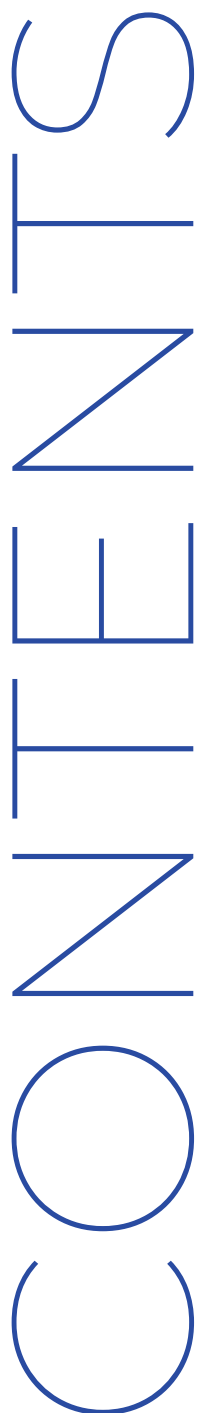
Annual Report

**Breaking the cycle of abuse,
rebuilding lives-
supporting Cumbria since 1997**

31st March 2025

Registered Charity No: 1187765

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As we transition into our 28th year of operating, with pride I share reflections of last year's charity highlights.

Another successful, but challenging year at the Freedom Project. The demand for our services continues to grow across all of our service offerings giving us the constant challenge of seeking additional funding in an increasingly challenging economic environment. We have seen the routes into our service grow with a particular increase from public health services demonstrating the gap in National Health Service provision and the importance of our activities in the holistic cycle of support to victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse.

We have stayed true to our strategy, delivering the majority of the intent of year two with a particular focus on raising awareness, growing our impact and a focus on breaking the cycle of abuse.

We have revised our service delivery model to provide an improved service offering for our clients as they come towards the end of their counselling journey. In collaboration with Morgan Sindall's All Together Cumbria we have provided additional off ramps to better support transition from our service. We have introduced new wraparound care, delivered by our support workers, which starts on initial contact with the charity providing emotional and practical needs beyond counselling alone. We have increased the number of counsellors and extended the range of counselling techniques as a result. In addition, we have introduced the provision of McKenzie Friend support for those needing support through the judicial system.

This year, above all previous years, we have been recognised by the community for what we do. We were honoured to be chosen as Brightside Events Charity of the Year for their community festival and nominated for Charity of the Year at Britain's Energy Coast Business Cluster Awards. We were extremely proud to receive the High Sheriff's Award which recognises our valuable service and meaningful contribution to the local community. In addition our charity manager was recognised as a finalist in the Enterprise Vision Awards.

We have closed the gaps in our trustee skill base through addition recruitment and have built a very strong, highly committed team of trustees with strengths in the core elements of running a charity aligned to the Charity Commission best practice.

Funding permitting, our focus next year will be on extending our reach across Cumbria and into communities we consider hard to reach, not previously using our services. In addition, in collaboration with EIDA we plan to focus on education, particularly across the local employer base, focusing on what employer's can do to provide a supportive environment for their employees who are impacted by domestic abuse.

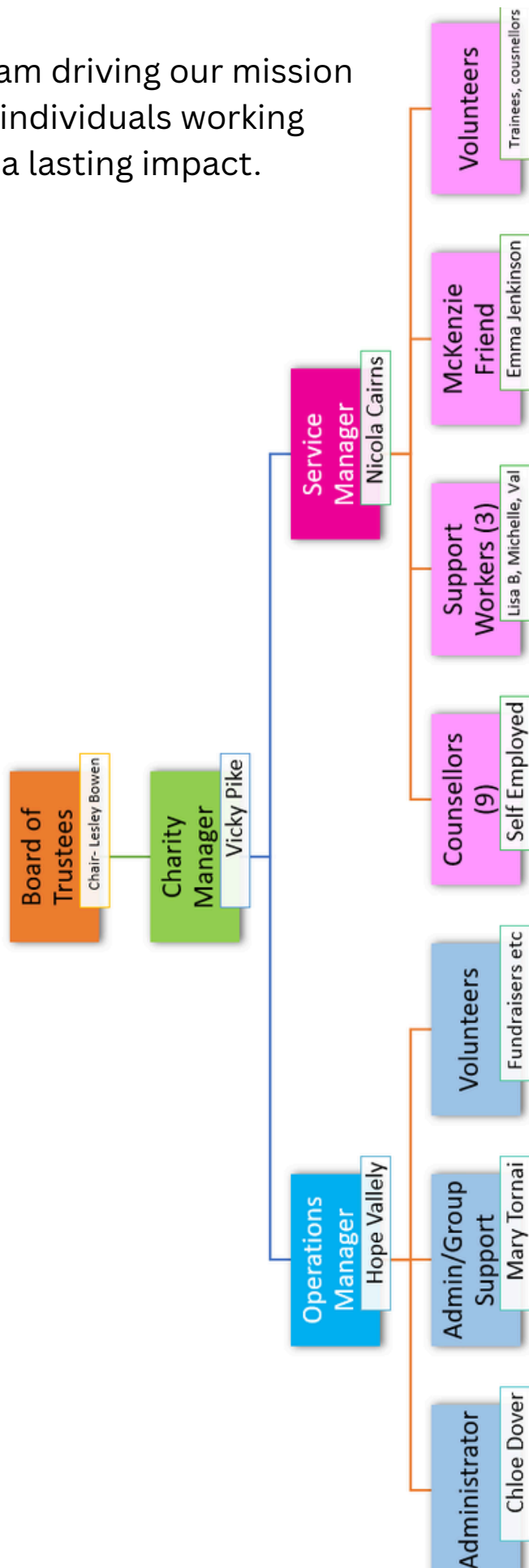
On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Freedom Project can I once again thank everyone who supports the Charity in any way. Our funders who's support we are forever grateful, our amazing team who run the charity on a day to day basis, our professional team of counsellors, our volunteers, our local supporters and of course our excellent team of Trustees.

Looking forward to another successful year with the ultimate vision of breaking the cycle of domestic abuse.

Lesley Bowen, Chair of Trustees

OUR TEAM!

Meet the passionate team driving our mission forward—dedicated individuals working together to make a lasting impact.



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

This year marks 28 years since our charity was founded—born from a conversation around a kitchen table, where Carole Launder, Susan James, and Shirley Fawcett united around a shared commitment to create change and support victims of domestic abuse in a community with little to no provision.

Since those early beginnings, public understanding of domestic abuse has evolved significantly. What was once seen as a private issue—often ignored or dismissed as ‘just a domestic’—is now more widely recognised as a serious, complex societal problem.

Survivors have bravely shared their stories, legislation has progressed, and powerful portrayals in programmes such as EastEnders, Emmerdale, and The Archers have helped bring the issue into public consciousness.

The silence has been broken, and vital conversations are now taking place in homes, schools, workplaces, and across communities.

2025

Today, we offer a free, holistic, family-focused service that supports victims, perpetrators, and children impacted by domestic and sexual abuse.

Our comprehensive approach provides emotional and practical support, one-on-one counselling, and therapeutic group work. Our primary goal is to break the cycle of abuse—empowering individuals to heal, rebuild, and move forward with their lives.

In West Cumbria, domestic abuse rates are approximately five percent higher than the national average, and referrals to our service continue to increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified the risks and challenges many families face, increasing the demand for our services. In 2014, we supported 245 individuals; by last year, that number had risen to 752—a 207% increase. In response, we quickly expanded our operations, growing from a team of 9 to 20 staff members—an impressive 122% increase—allowing us to continue meeting the rising demand for help. We are proud to be the only organisation in the region providing long-term, community-based support to entire families, free of charge.

Over the years, we have played an integral role in fostering a collaborative, multi-agency response to domestic abuse. While we’ve made considerable strides, the demand for services is growing, and ongoing, sustained efforts are essential. With the continued support of our partners and funders, we are confident that we can drive meaningful change and work toward eradicating domestic abuse.

OUR STRATEGIC AIMS FOR 2024-2025

01

Raising awareness

- We will introduce a targeted education and awareness programme, starting with the most vulnerable
- We will continue to collaborate with other agencies to become better than the sum of our parts and engaging communication strategy
- We will be core part of the ecosystem (police, healthcare, education)



02

Growing our impact

- Implement changes to our counselling model
- Review our current outcome model to help develop our Theory of Change



03

Breaking the cycle of abuse

- Use academic research to inform service design.



04

Charity structure and governance

- Refresh our gap analysis aligned to Charity Code of Governance including an independent facilitator
- Continually review the Trustee Board against capability
- Review our operating model and resize appropriately aligned to funding and service provision



We continue to work steadily toward our strategic aims and are proud of the progress we have made over the past year. Despite challenges, our team has remained focused and committed, and we are pleased with all that we have achieved. The outcomes reflect the dedication of our staff, trustees, volunteers, and partners, and position us well for the year ahead.



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

01

EVOLVING FOR RECOVERY & LONG TERM IMPACT

We reshaped our support model with a trauma-informed approach that prioritises safety, empowerment, and long-term healing. Key developments include:

- A structured, compassionate care pathway – guiding individuals through services in a clear, supportive way.
- Holistic, wraparound support – addressing emotional, social, and practical needs beyond counselling alone.
- Bespoke case management – recognising that recovery is not linear and tailoring support to each person's unique journey.
- Improved accessibility and waiting list management – making it easier for people to get timely help when they need it most.
- A renewed focus on empowerment – helping individuals build coping strategies, resilience, and confidence to move forward independently.

These changes are creating safer, more sustainable outcomes for those affected by trauma.

02

PILOT EMPLOYABILITY LAUNCHED

In partnership with Morgan Sindall's All Together Cumbria and Inspira, we launched a pilot programme to support service users ready to explore independence through work or education. The project included:

- Group and 1:1 sessions – offering personalised support.
- Financial and resilience workshops – helping participants build confidence and manage practical challenges.
- Skills health checks – identifying strengths and development areas to guide next steps.
- College course fair visits – introducing new opportunities and easing transitions into education.
- Confidence-building activities



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

03

CHOSEN CHARITY OF THE YEAR

Charity of the Year

We were honoured to be chosen as Brightside Events' Charity of the Year for their two-day community festival—raising £2,620 in vital unrestricted funds and significantly increasing awareness of our work.

04

HIGH SHERIFF OF CUMBRIA AWARD

We were proud to receive the High Sheriff's Award, recognising our valuable service and meaningful contribution to enhancing life in the community.

05

AWARD NOMINATIONS

This year, we were honoured to be nominated for two awards:

- Charity or Social Enterprise of the Year at the Britain's Energy Coast Business Cluster Awards, alongside a group of inspiring organisations.
- Our Charity Manager, Vicky, was a finalist in the Enterprise Vision Awards (Not-for-Profit category), recognising her deep commitment to creating positive change.

06

Volunteer Growth and New Opportunities

This year has seen exciting growth in our volunteer community. We were proud to host placement opportunities for two trainee counsellors, providing them with valuable hands-on experience while expanding the support we offer to those who need it most. We also welcomed a new Volunteer Coordinator — a former service user who brings deep empathy and lived experience to the role. Her journey from receiving support to leading others is a powerful testament to the impact of our work, and she now plays a vital role in guiding and inspiring our volunteers and the community.

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 , 100 Miles in May, Christmas Jumper Day and more!



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING



Services Delivered in 24-25

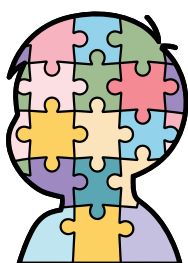
This year, we've seen strong engagement across all our services, reflecting both the dedication of our team and the growing trust placed in us by those we support. Below are some of the key highlights from the year:



1:1 Counselling Sessions

Our one-to-one sessions remain a vital lifeline. With an 81% attendance rate, we've seen continued commitment from individuals actively engaging in support.

81%
attendance
rate



Children & Young Persons Group 72 sessions delivered

Our weekly group created a safe, supportive space for children and young people to share, grow, and connect.



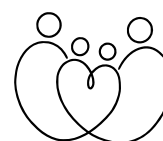
Helpline Support 1,467 calls received

Our helpline continues to provide immediate emotional and practical support — a critical point of connection for many.



McKenzie Friend Service

Our McKenzie Friend Service has gone from strength to strength, offering support to 40 families facing complex legal challenges.



40 Families
supported

96%

Of individuals referred to us went on to actively engage in support — a strong indicator of accessible, relevant services that meet real needs.

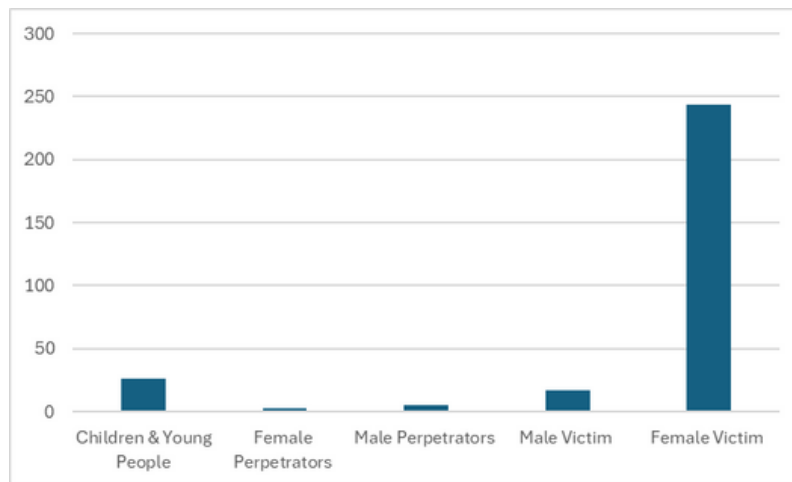
Behind every number is a life changed

Now lets look at the numbers...

We have had an extremely busy year with demand for our service continually growing. Referrals have increased by **19.9%** over the previous 12 months. In April 2024, we made the decision to officially expand our service county-wide, offering Zoom and telephone counselling sessions to individuals across Cumbria who are unable to attend our offices in person. This step has allowed us to increase accessibility and ensure support reaches those in more remote or rural areas.

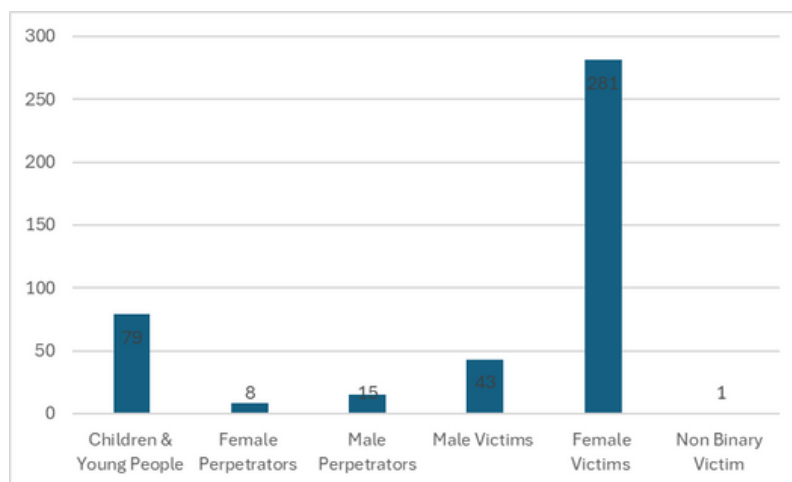
Clients Actively Engaging at 1st Apr 2024

325 clients were actively engaging in service.



New referrals to Service 1st Apr 24-31st Mar 25

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



752

people directly supported over the last 12 - month period



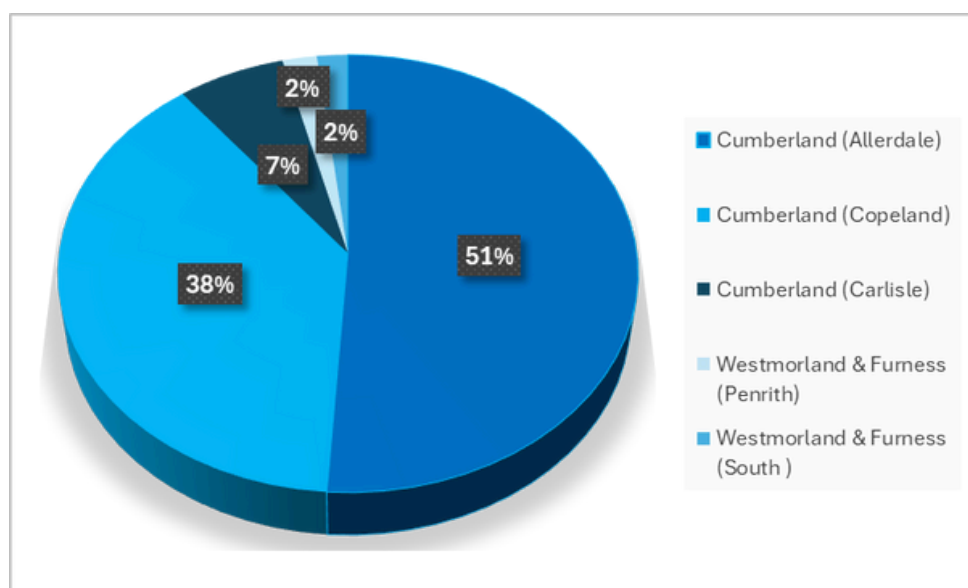
10.4% increase on 23-24

New referral data

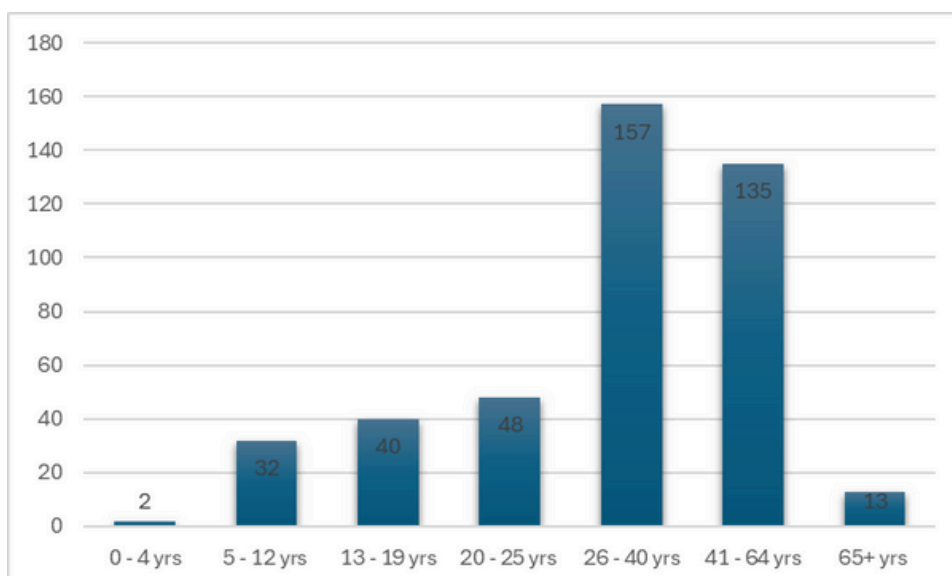
We carried out a deep dive into our new referrals to:-

- 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

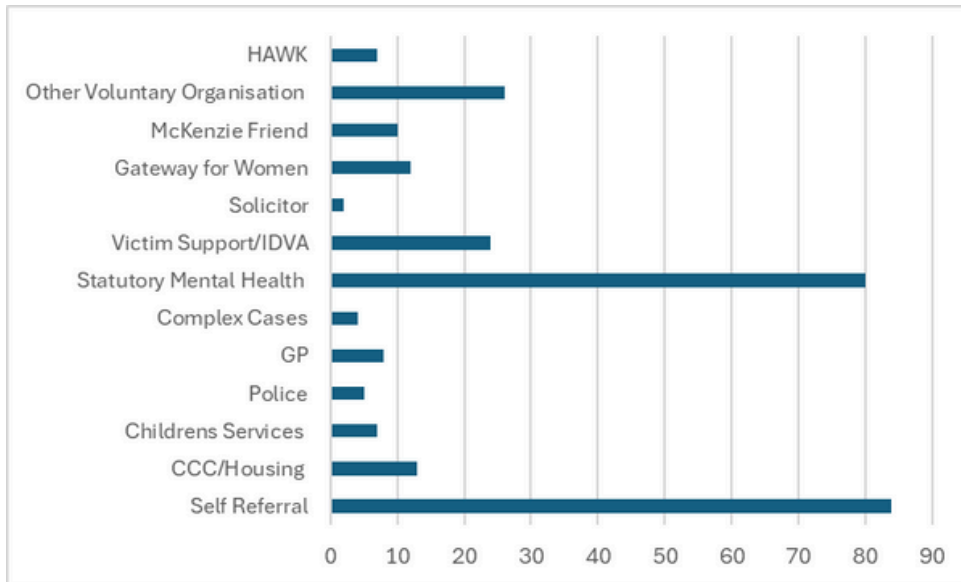


Age range of new referrals



Source of new referrals

Adult female victims inc 1 non binary victim (282)



15%
of female victims were
aged 20-25

44%
of female victims were
aged 26-40

37%
of female victims were
aged 41-64

4%
of female victims were
aged 65+



Referrals for female
victims increased by
19.5% on previous 12
months.

49%

of total referrals for female victims were
from statutory services. 29.7% were self
referrals.

Adult Male Victims (43)



Referrals for male
victims increased by
72% on previous 12
months.

7%
of male victims were
aged 20-25

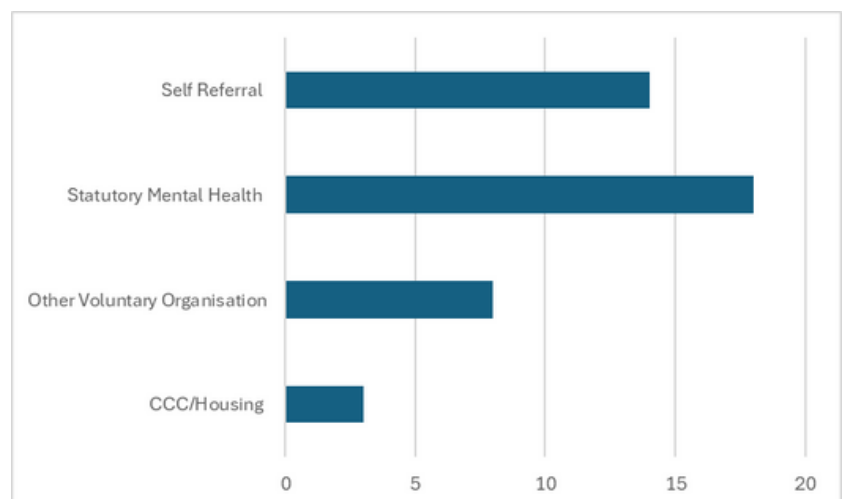
31%
of male victims were
aged 26-40

58%
of male victims were
aged 41-64

4%
of male victims were
aged 65+

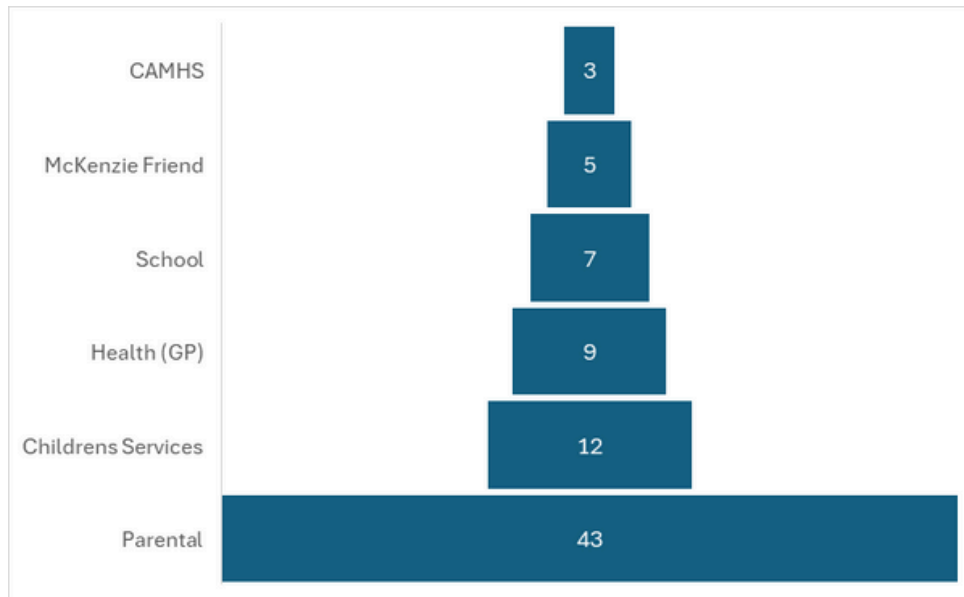
41%

of total referrals for male
victims were from Statutory
Mental Health Services



CYP new referral breakdown

Children and young people impacted(79)



58% of total referrals for CYP were from parents and guardians

39%



of CYP were male

61%

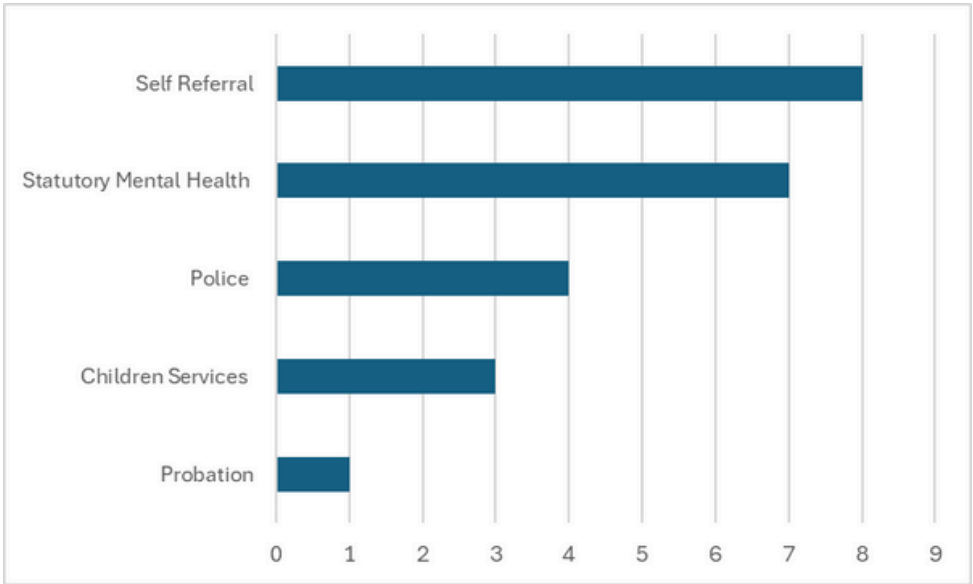


of CYP were female

27% (20) of CYP were referred due to showing abusive behaviours. 12 were female, 8 were male

New referrals

Perpetrators (23)



15%

of perpetrators
were aged 20-25

67%

of perpetrators
were aged 26-40

18%

of perpetrators
were aged 41-64

18



perpetrators were
male

5



perpetrators were
female

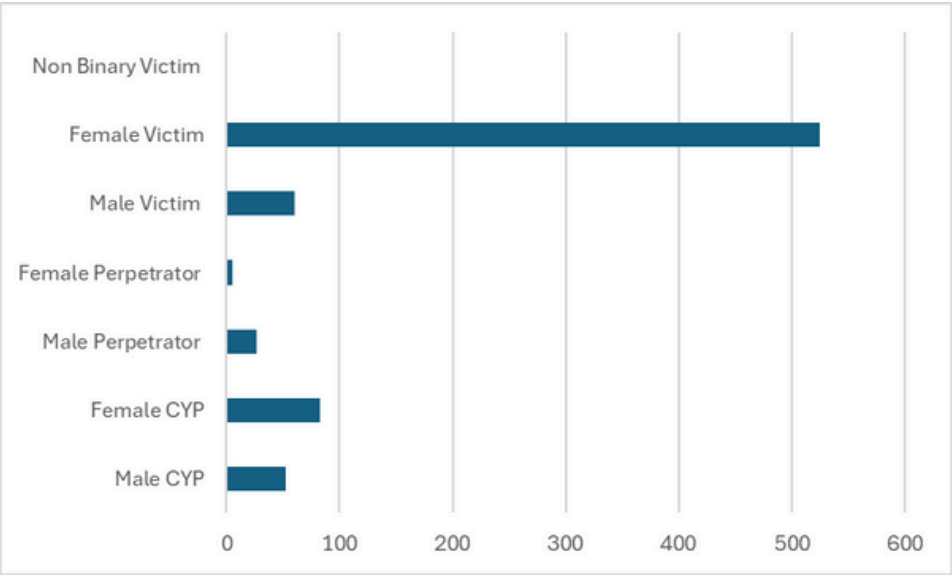


Referrals increased by 35%
from the previous 12 months

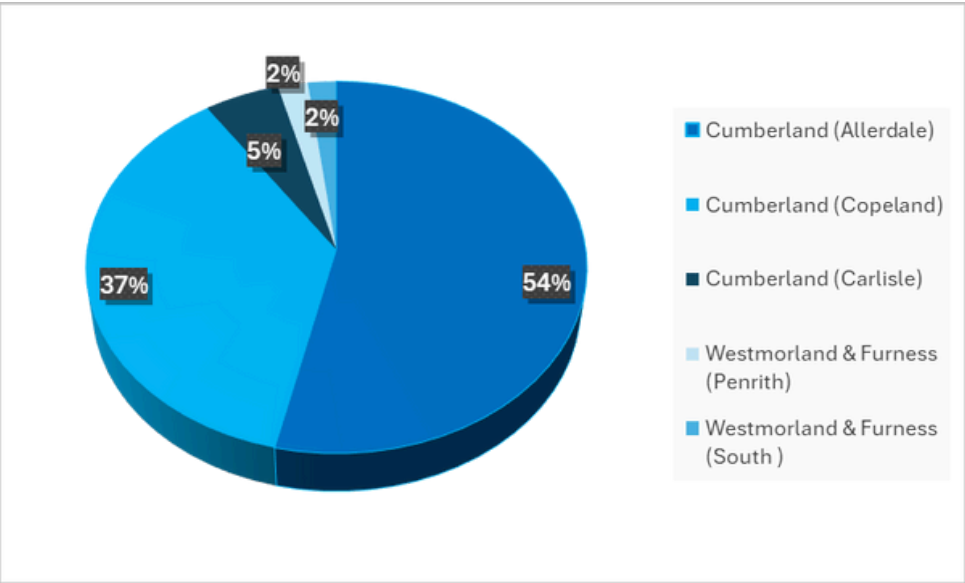
Summary of total clients supported

With those clients already open and engaging in services and the new referrals received, we have directly supported **752** people from Cumbria during the period 1st April 2024- 31st March 2025.

Gender & role

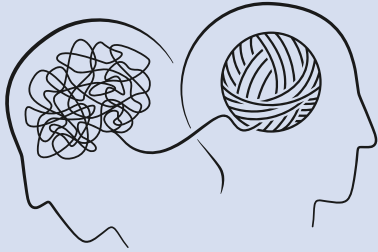


Area



THE DIFFERENCE WE HAVE MADE

1. Improved mental health and wellbeing



- 96% of victims reported....
- 71% of perpetrators reported....
- 73% of CYP reported....

My mental health has improved



- 88% of victims reported....
- 81% of perpetrators reported....
- 67% of CYP reported....

My self confidence has improved



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

I feel better I have someone to talk to



- 87% of victims reported....
- 79% of perpetrators reported....
- 77% of CYP reported....

My relationships with others have improved



- 87% of victims reported....
- 81% of perpetrators reported....
- 84% of CYP reported....

Things are happier at home

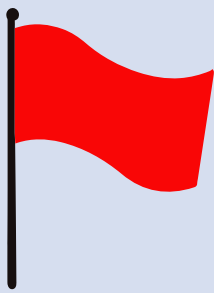
THE DIFFERENCE WE HAVE MADE

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



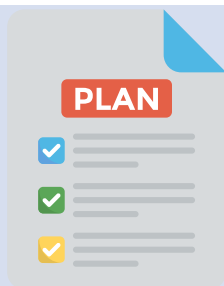
- 84% of victims reported....

I understand the signs for avoiding future abusive relationships



- 95% of perpetrators reported.....
- 88% 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

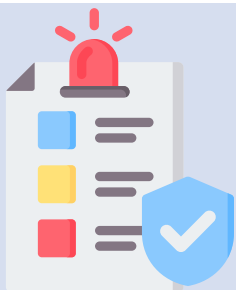


- 100% of CYP reported.....

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



- 68% of victims reported....
- 83% of CYP reported....

I feel safe at home



- 94% of victims reported....
- 100% of perpetrators reported....
- 89% of CYP reported

I could fully open up to my counsellor

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

“
I can feel a difference after only 3 sessions. I can now think, focus and have a clearer head.
”

“
Without The Freedom Project I wouldn't be where I am now. I am extremely thankful for everything you have done for me
”

“
Without FP i wouldnt be here now, I am extremely thankful. Everything about the service is fantastic I cant fault it. There was support at every stage from point of referral, someone was always available to talk to if I needed anything, nothing was too much. You are all amazing!
”

“
You have got me from the lowest part in my life to now being able to function and navigate life. The Freedom Project has been amazing throughout my whole journey thank you for everything you have done for me
”

“
I couldn't have done it without you all. You were the only thing propping me up. Thank you so much.



CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



“ Satisfaction is off the scale, the fill team is fantastic. I felt believed, supported and not judged as I had been in other services. I use the tools given to me in daily life and am able to verbalise my emotions in my new relationship ”

“ 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' ”

“ I have no one to talk to at home as I don't want to make my mum sad. Knowing I have the opportunity to talk in the children's group and know people are really listening is great. ”

“ My objectives have been met & my expectations exceeded. my counsellor is a experienced & very good listener who guided me throughout my counselling journey. Calm & strong throughout, not afraid to give tough love at times which I appreciate as it helped when reflecting on our sessions & enabled me to grow in confidence & be my self, accept my past & move forward. Mandy made me feel proud of myself for reaching out for help & made the whole expedience a positive one. I now have the confidence to express my true feelings & not be scared or too proud to explain to my family the emotions I am experiencing. ”

“ **Your service has been excellent. I wouldn't be here without my counsellor, I wouldn't have managed without her. I am now coping much better and I can see a future where I did not before.** ”

“

I Just wanted to tell you how amazing you are and without you I will still be stuck with my old life. From the bottom of my heart

Thank You for everything you have done for us. We all appreciate it. The last few weeks all stress came up and my nervous system blew up, I can't imagine if I was still there...with the stress every day.
Thank you Emma

“

Thank you Emma indeed, without your support I would be lost.

”

“

Thank you so much for everything. I would not have been okay without you supporting me in court

“

Thank you for all of your support. I'm starting a new job in the new year. All due to yours and Rachels care.

”



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A huge thank you to our awesome team of staff, volunteers, and therapists for all your care, commitment, and hard work this past year. Everything you've done, on your own and together, has been amazing, and we truly appreciate it.

To all our supporters and funders, thank you for standing with us as we work to break the cycle of abuse here in Cumbria. Your ongoing support means so much.



WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT CIO
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2025

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WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number 1187765

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WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2025. 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 vast 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 6 professional counsellors (5 adult and 1 Child and young person's counsellor), a Helpline Operative, 5 trained volunteers and 9 members of salaried staff comprising of the Charity Manager, Operations Manager, Service Manager, 2 Administration Assistant, 3 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 2025 (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 2025 (continued)

Financial review

The net funds for the year amounted to (£63,479). As of 31 March 2025, the charity had restricted funds of £182,386 (2024; £200,224) and unrestricted funds of £74,730 (2024; £120,371).

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 25/26 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 – Chairman

Date *22nd July 2025*
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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 2025 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.

.....
Mr D Roper

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Date

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES:					
Donations and Legacies	2	71,201	447,580	518,781	553,380
Income from investments	3	602	-	602	614
Income from Other					
Trading Activities	4	-	-	-	-
Other Income	5	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		71,803	447,580	519,383	553,994
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on :-					
Charitable activities	6	115,646	465,418	581,064	493,322
Fundraising activities	7	1,798	-	1,798	1,754
Total Resources Expended	8	117,444	465,418	582,862	495,076
Net income/(expenditure)		(45,641)	(17,838)	(63,479)	58,918
Transfer between funds		(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Net movement in funds		(45,641)	(17,838)	(63,479)	58,918
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds Introduced		-	-	-	-
Funds brought forward		120,371	200,224	320,595	261,677
Funds carried forward		74,730	182,386	257,116	320,595

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	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS	12	13,539	14,963
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	7,145	2,813
Cash at bank and in hand		254,966	312,426
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		262,111	315,239
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14	18,534	9,607
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NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		243,577	305,632
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		257,116	320,595
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more Than one year	15	(-)	(-)
		-----	-----
NET ASSETS		<u>£257,116</u>	<u>£320,595</u>
 FUNDS			
Restricted Income Funds	17	182,386	200,224
Unrestricted Income Funds		74,730	120,371
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TOTAL FUNDS		<u>£257,116</u>	<u>£320,595</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 22/7/25 and are signed on their behalf by:


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H Bell
Trustee- Programme assurance lead


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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 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash Used in Operating Activities		
Net movement in Funds	(63,479)	58,918
Add Back Depreciation Charge	4,073	4,987
Decrease/(Increase) in Debtors	(4,332)	12,857
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors	8,927	1,121
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Net Cash used in operating activities	(54,811)	77,883
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Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Fixed Assets Introduced	(-)	(-)
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Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets	(2,649)	(4,155)
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Cash Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities	(2,649)	(4,155)
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Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the Year	(57,460)	73,728
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the Year	312,426	238,698
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	254,966	312,426
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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 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations	-	29,153	29,153	15,703
Cumbria Community Foundation	49,910	-	49,910	10,000
Cockermouth Rotary	-	2,000	2,000	-
BBC Children In Need	20,183	-	20,183	32,910
Hadfield Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Cash For Kids	-	-	-	4,150
Copeland Community Fund	69,784	-	69,784	25,159
Police & Crime Commissioner Cumbria	40,358	-	40,358	53,811
Henry Smith	89,750	-	89,750	59,850
Morgan Sindall	-	3,000	3,000	-
Edward Gostling Foundation	-	-	-	25,000
GDF Funding	-	-	-	64,860
Barry Earl	-	2,000	2,000	-
Sellafield Snowball Fund	-	-	-	2,000
Bedrock Awards	-	-	-	85,000
KYC Lester	-	2,650	2,650	-
Prosperity Law	-	2,000	2,000	-
Snowball Fund	-	2,477	2,477	-
Just Giving	-	-	-	7,047
Francis C Scott	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Garfield Weston Fund	-	-	-	15,000
Souter Charitable Trust	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Jeronime Palmer	-	2,921	2,921	-
Chalk Cliff Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
Cumberland Council	-	-	-	16,022
Cumberland Council	-	-	-	5,000
Coalfields	-	-	-	5,000
GDF South Copeland	-	-	-	10,000
McKenzie Friend	42,857	-	42,857	7,868
National Lottery Community Fund	84,000	-	84,000	84,000
Safety Net	16,000	-	16,000	-
Eleanor Peel Trust	10,000	-	10,000	-
Together We Can	1,738	-	1,738	-
David and Ruth Lewis	15,000	-	15,000	-
Ambergate	5,000	-	5,000	-
Mosonic	2,000	-	2,000	-
Conference Sponsorship	1,000	-	1,000	-
	447,580	71,201	518,781	553,380

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3. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	602	-	602	614
	<u>602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>614</u>

4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Other Income	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Domestic Violence Support	115,646	465,418	581,064	493,322
	<u>115,646</u>	<u>465,418</u>	<u>581,064</u>	<u>493,322</u>

7. COSTS OF FUNDRAISING

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Expenditure	1,798	-	1,798	1,754
	<u>1,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,798</u>	<u>1,754</u>

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8. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY

	Activities Undertaken	Support	Total	Total
	Directly £	Costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Domestic Violence Support	582,862	-	582,862	495,076
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	582,862	-	582,862	495,076
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9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Total	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
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
	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	232,119	181,255
Employers National Insurance and Pension Contributions	21,132	14,172
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	253,251	195,427
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: £Nil)

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

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Management staff	3	2
Administrative staff	2	7
Support Workers	4	2
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Total	9	11
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11. TRUSTEE'S EMOLUMENTS

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2024: £Nil)

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short Leasehold Property £	IT Equipment £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1st April 2024	-	16,697	6,205	22,902
Additions	-	2,649	-	2,649
Donation Received	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
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At 31st March 2025	-	19,346	6,205	25,551
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DEPRECIATION				
At 1st April 2024	-	5,225	2,714	7,939
Charge for the year	-	3,201	872	4,073
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At 31st March 2025	-	8,426	3,586	12,012
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NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2025	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£10,920</u>	<u>£2,619</u>	<u>£13,539</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£11,472</u>	<u>£3,491</u>	<u>£14,963</u>

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

	Net Book Value	2025 Depreciation Charge	Net Book Value	2024 Depreciation Charge
Asset description	£-	£-	£-	£-
Fixtures, fittings, and equipment				

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13. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	4,474	-
Prepayments	2,671	2,813
	<u>7,145</u>	<u>2,813</u>

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
Trade Creditors	14,717	6,062
Other Taxes and Social security Costs	2,017	1,845
Accruals and deferred income	1,800	1,700
	<u>18,534</u>	<u>9,607</u>

Deferred Income

At 1st April 2024	-	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	-
Amounts released from previous year	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Deferred Income at 31st March 2025

-	-
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The deferred income at 31st March 2025 relates to donations received in advance

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
Repayable within one year	-	-
Repayable within two and five years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,517	11,022	13,539	14,963
Current Assets	90,747	172,364	262,111	315,239
Current Liabilities	(18,534)	(-)	(18,534)	(9,607)
Long Term Liabilities	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Net Assets at 31st March 2025	74,730	182,386	257,116	320,595

17. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1st April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31st March 2025 £
Copeland Borough Council	-	69,784	(60,241)	9,543
Cash For Kids	1,750	-	(1,750)	-
BBC Children In Need Kids Provision	12,730	20,183	(31,758)	1,155
Bedrock Awards	66,250	-	(66,250)	-
Cumberland Council	14,902	-	(-)	14,902
Cumbria Community Foundation	6,667	49,910	(39,667)	16,910
GDF South Copeland	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
Henry Smith	19,994	89,750	(58,464)	51,280
National Lottery Community Fund	10,852	84,000	(62,083)	32,769
Edward Gostling	27,170	-	(27,170)	-
Police & Crime Commissioner Cumbria	27,409	40,358	(57,678)	10,089
Coalfields	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Safety Net	-	16,000	(-)	16,000
Eleonor Peel Trust	-	10,000	(5,000)	5,000
Together We Can	-	1,738	(-)	1,738
David and Ruth Lewis	-	15,000	(-)	15,000
Ambergate	-	5,000	(-)	5,000
Mosonic	-	2,000	(-)	2,000
Conference Sponsorship	-	1,000	(-)	1,000
McKenzie Friend	-	42,857	(42,857)	-
	200,224	447,580	465,418	182,386

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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 direct client support through the Family Support Fund.

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 Cumbria Community Foundations- McKenzie Friend fund is to be used against staff salaries and the McKenzie Friend service provision.

The GDF South Copeland is to be used against counselling costs.

Eleonor Peel Trust fund is to be used against staff 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 Chair) L Bowen (Chair) M Burns R Deakin E Southward T Weston – Retired in October 2024 E Teasdale
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

WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2025. 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 6 professional counsellors (5 adult and 1 Child and young person's counsellor), a Helpline Operative, 5 trained volunteers and 9 members of salaried staff comprising of the Charity Manager, Operations Manager, Service Manager, 2 Administration Assistant, 3 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 2025 (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.

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Financial review

The net funds for the year amounted to (£63,479). As of 31 March 2025, the charity had restricted funds of £182,386 (2024; £200,224) and unrestricted funds of £74,730 (2024; £120,371).

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 25/26 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 – Chairman

Date *22nd July 2025*
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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 2025 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

Robinson Udale Ltd
Chartered Accountants and Tax Advisors
The Old Bank
41 King Street
Penrith
Cumbria
CA11 7AY

Date

**WEST CUMBRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES:					
Donations and Legacies	2	71,201	447,580	518,781	553,380
Income from investments	3	602	-	602	614
Income from Other					
Trading Activities	4	-	-	-	-
Other Income	5	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		71,803	447,580	519,383	553,994
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on :-					
Charitable activities	6	115,646	465,418	581,064	493,322
Fundraising activities	7	1,798	-	1,798	1,754
Total Resources Expended	8	117,444	465,418	582,862	495,076
Net income/(expenditure)		(45,641)	(17,838)	(63,479)	58,918
Transfer between funds		(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Net movement in funds		(45,641)	(17,838)	(63,479)	58,918
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds Introduced		-	-	-	-
Funds brought forward		120,371	200,224	320,595	261,677
Funds carried forward		74,730	182,386	257,116	320,595

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	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS	12	13,539	14,963
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	7,145	2,813
Cash at bank and in hand		254,966	312,426
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		262,111	315,239
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14	18,534	9,607
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NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		243,577	305,632
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		257,116	320,595
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more Than one year	15	(-)	(-)
		-----	-----
NET ASSETS		<u>£257,116</u>	<u>£320,595</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted Income Funds	17	182,386	200,224
Unrestricted Income Funds		74,730	120,371
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TOTAL FUNDS		<u>£257,116</u>	<u>£320,595</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 22/7/25 and are signed on their behalf by:


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H Bell
Trustee- Programme assurance lead


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M Burns
Trustee- Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash Used in Operating Activities		
Net movement in Funds	(63,479)	58,918
Add Back Depreciation Charge	4,073	4,987
Decrease/(Increase) in Debtors	(4,332)	12,857
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors	8,927	1,121
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net Cash used in operating activities	(54,811)	77,883
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Fixed Assets Introduced	(-)	(-)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets	(2,649)	(4,155)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cash Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities	(2,649)	(4,155)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the Year	(57,460)	73,728
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the Year	312,426	238,698
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	254,966	312,426
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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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 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations	-	29,153	29,153	15,703
Cumbria Community Foundation	49,910	-	49,910	10,000
Cockermouth Rotary	-	2,000	2,000	-
BBC Children In Need	20,183	-	20,183	32,910
Hadfield Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Cash For Kids	-	-	-	4,150
Copeland Community Fund	69,784	-	69,784	25,159
Police & Crime Commissioner Cumbria	40,358	-	40,358	53,811
Henry Smith	89,750	-	89,750	59,850
Morgan Sindall	-	3,000	3,000	-
Edward Gostling Foundation	-	-	-	25,000
GDF Funding	-	-	-	64,860
Barry Earl	-	2,000	2,000	-
Sellafield Snowball Fund	-	-	-	2,000
Bedrock Awards	-	-	-	85,000
KYC Lester	-	2,650	2,650	-
Prosperity Law	-	2,000	2,000	-
Snowball Fund	-	2,477	2,477	-
Just Giving	-	-	-	7,047
Francis C Scott	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Garfield Weston Fund	-	-	-	15,000
Souter Charitable Trust	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Jeronime Palmer	-	2,921	2,921	-
Chalk Cliff Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
Cumberland Council	-	-	-	16,022
Cumberland Council	-	-	-	5,000
Coalfields	-	-	-	5,000
GDF South Copeland	-	-	-	10,000
McKenzie Friend	42,857	-	42,857	7,868
National Lottery Community Fund	84,000	-	84,000	84,000
Safety Net	16,000	-	16,000	-
Eleanor Peel Trust	10,000	-	10,000	-
Together We Can	1,738	-	1,738	-
David and Ruth Lewis	15,000	-	15,000	-
Ambergate	5,000	-	5,000	-
Mosonic	2,000	-	2,000	-
Conference Sponsorship	1,000	-	1,000	-
	<u>447,580</u>	<u>71,201</u>	<u>518,781</u>	<u>553,380</u>

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3. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	602	-	602	614
	<u>602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>614</u>

4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Other Income	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Domestic Violence Support	115,646	465,418	581,064	493,322
	<u>115,646</u>	<u>465,418</u>	<u>581,064</u>	<u>493,322</u>

7. COSTS OF FUNDRAISING

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Expenditure	1,798	-	1,798	1,754
	<u>1,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,798</u>	<u>1,754</u>

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8. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY

	Activities Undertaken	Support	Total	Total
	Directly £	Costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Domestic Violence Support	582,862	-	582,862	495,076
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	582,862	-	582,862	495,076
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9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Total	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
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
	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	232,119	181,255
Employers National Insurance and Pension Contributions	21,132	14,172
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	253,251	195,427
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: £Nil)

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

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Management staff	3	2
Administrative staff	2	7
Support Workers	4	2
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Total	9	11
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11. TRUSTEE'S EMOLUMENTS

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2024: £Nil)

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short Leasehold Property £	IT Equipment £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1st April 2024	-	16,697	6,205	22,902
Additions	-	2,649	-	2,649
Donation Received	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
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At 31st March 2025	-	19,346	6,205	25,551
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DEPRECIATION				
At 1st April 2024	-	5,225	2,714	7,939
Charge for the year	-	3,201	872	4,073
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At 31st March 2025	-	8,426	3,586	12,012
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NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2025	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£10,920</u>	<u>£2,619</u>	<u>£13,539</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>£Nil</u>	<u>£11,472</u>	<u>£3,491</u>	<u>£14,963</u>

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

	Net Book Value £-	2025 Depreciation Charge £-	Net Book Value £-	2024 Depreciation Charge £-
Asset description				
Fixtures, fittings, and equipment				

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13. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	4,474	-
Prepayments	2,671	2,813
	<u>7,145</u>	<u>2,813</u>

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
Trade Creditors	14,717	6,062
Other Taxes and Social security Costs	2,017	1,845
Accruals and deferred income	1,800	1,700
	<u>18,534</u>	<u>9,607</u>

Deferred Income

At 1st April 2024	-	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	-
Amounts released from previous year	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Deferred Income at 31st March 2025

-	-
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The deferred income at 31st March 2025 relates to donations received in advance

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Obligations under finance leases	-	-
Repayable within one year	-	-
Repayable within two and five years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,517	11,022	13,539	14,963
Current Assets	90,747	172,364	262,111	315,239
Current Liabilities	(18,534)	(-)	(18,534)	(9,607)
Long Term Liabilities	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Net Assets at 31st March 2025	74,730	182,386	257,116	320,595

17. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1st April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31st March 2025 £
Copeland Borough Council	-	69,784	(60,241)	9,543
Cash For Kids	1,750	-	(1,750)	-
BBC Children In Need Kids Provision	12,730	20,183	(31,758)	1,155
Bedrock Awards	66,250	-	(66,250)	-
Cumberland Council	14,902	-	(-)	14,902
Cumbria Community Foundation	6,667	49,910	(39,667)	16,910
GDF South Copeland	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
Henry Smith	19,994	89,750	(58,464)	51,280
National Lottery Community Fund	10,852	84,000	(62,083)	32,769
Edward Gostling	27,170	-	(27,170)	-
Police & Crime Commissioner Cumbria	27,409	40,358	(57,678)	10,089
Coalfields	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Safety Net	-	16,000	(-)	16,000
Eleonor Peel Trust	-	10,000	(5,000)	5,000
Together We Can	-	1,738	(-)	1,738
David and Ruth Lewis	-	15,000	(-)	15,000
Ambergate	-	5,000	(-)	5,000
Mosonic	-	2,000	(-)	2,000
Conference Sponsorship	-	1,000	(-)	1,000
McKenzie Friend	-	42,857	(42,857)	-
	200,224	447,580	465,418	182,386

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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 direct client support through the Family Support Fund.

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 Cumbria Community Foundations- McKenzie Friend fund is to be used against staff salaries and the McKenzie Friend service provision.

The GDF South Copeland is to be used against counselling costs.

Eleonor Peel Trust fund is to be used against staff salaries.

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

