

AIM NORTHWEST

Legal and administrative information

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS REPORT)

Year Ending 31st March 2022

Overview

As a small charity, we have come to realise the value of those who believe in the mission, values and the impact of the work AIM Northwest delivers. With more than 70% of our volunteers having personally experienced domestic abuse, our all-volunteer charity understands the tremendous power that comes from people sharing their experiences and using their knowledge to empower others who are currently experiencing or have been impacted by domestic abuse.

We would therefore like to thank all our volunteers for their time and investment in supporting men, women and children impacted by Domestic abuse and our wider community.

We would also like to thank those organisations who have supported us in funding some of our activities. Special thanks to Forever Manchester, The Arnold Clarke Community Fund and The Rotary Club of Leigh. Not to forget our local communities who support us in our fundraising efforts, which goes a long way towards providing the support we do, our work could not exist without this support.

What we do.

AIM Northwest is a domestic Abuse charity. We support anyone effected by domestic abuse. Our belief is that All Individuals Matter and that we are there to respond to anyone impacted by domestic abuse, whether that be victim or perpetrator. We work within our local and wider communities in raising awareness of and tackle domestic abuse. 100% volunteer lead, the works of the charity are carried out via volunteers who work from as little as 2 hours per week to 30 hours per week.

Where we do it.

AIM Northwest has current services In Wigan, Leigh, Salford, Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside.

Key achievements

- In the past year, AIM Northwest has experienced growth. This is demonstrated by the rise in service referrals that we are receiving.
- Our Services are becoming established within the Rochdale, Oldham and Tameside area of greater Manchester, where we now have several volunteers training in delivering support.
- We received a total of 168 referrals for support across all our services. This includes Peer Mentor; Positive change and the uniform recycle scheme.
- We donated over 100 items of recycled Uniform to over 150 families across a small area of Leigh in the first of our 2-year pilot scheme which we hope will eventually provide further volunteer opportunities.
- We are beginning to establish solid relationships to support educational awareness that will enable us to have a greater impact in the future. We have conducted education awareness sessions about domestic abuse awareness with local schools, discussing both being the victim and the abuser.

KEY ACTIVITIES

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT:

Peer Mentor Programme

Over the course of 2022-23 the peer mentor programme has received further applications for volunteers. A further 4 were successfully recruited and trained for the role. The criteria for the Role of peer mentor have been changed to accommodate need of support within the service. This now does not require the applicant to have direct experience of domestic abuse, rather the willingness to undertake training. It continues to be the value of the Peer support service that Victims accessing our service feel that the mentor understands as they are an 'expert by experience'. We are still providing this opportunity for interaction through our weekly coffee mornings.

Owing to the success of the Peer mentor programme, AIM Northwest said goodbye to 3 volunteers who state as a direct result of volunteering for the charity, they now feel ready for paid employment, with our support they secured employment and moved onto pastures new. This is an incredible success story for both the mentors and for AIM Northwest as a charity.

Case Study

Please note the clients Name has been changed to protect their identity.

Luna was referred to the peer mentor service. She had left the abusive relationship and has settled from leaving refuge 6 months ago. Her job centre coach referred her due to feeling isolated. Luna met with her support worker on a weekly basis in the community. Support needs included mental health wellbeing, to improve self-esteem and confidence and to support Luna to maximise her income.

Her Mentor referred her to a mental health provider, she was supported with the assessment and encouraged to attend 6 weekly sessions of therapy which she attended. When this was complete Luna and her mentor discussed opportunities to volunteer, this would help her self-esteem, confidence, and also promote social inclusion. Luna now volunteers at a coffee morning; she makes tea and coffee and provides other refreshments to attendees. Luna went from volunteering one morning a week to now volunteering for two. Her confidence, self-esteem and sense of belonging has improved. Her mental health wellbeing has improved, and she is now on fortnightly appointments with her mentor and will soon be moving to monthly before considering discharge from the service.

Positive Change Service

The positive change service has developed over the course of the year as we responded the level of support required for both victims and perpetrators. The Positive change service now provides the same level of support to victims and perpetrators through support and prevention workers.

The increase in need for these services is growing and to date we have had some excellent positive outcomes for those we work with.

Case Study

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Susan attended the office in an emotional state. Her children had been removed from her care several months earlier and her relationship with existing services around her have broken down due to her emotional dysregulation. Susan does not feel like anyone cares about her and other domestic abuse services have turned her away for support as she is seen to have perpetrated domestic abuse as well as being the victim of domestic abuse.

Given the unique position of the charity working with both the victim and abuser we were able to support Susan on the positive change service where she is now working on a 1-2-1 basis with a support worker. Her support worker attends social care meetings with her, supports her to court hearings and provides general practical and emotional support around her needs holistically. If it was not for this service, Susan would not be able to find any local support services that would be able to support her.

Susan has been supported to secure Permanent accommodation, to engage with her legal teams, to manage her finances and to engage in mental health support services.

Case Study

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Chris has been referred to Positive Change by probation worker. When his present worker met him, he was anxious and felt that he was going to be judged.

"The one thing I will remember is that you didn't judge me and that you didn't treat me like scum of the earth, even though we had some hard conversations that I didn't like, you did make me think about what I'd done and how it was out of order."

It took over 6 months to complete the course as Chris was finding it difficult to engage with the process. Providing support, that did not give up on Chris, helped him to see the good in himself and helped to bring about the positive change we want to see.

We continue to enable those who have offended in a positive way, through encouragement, building their confidence and self-esteem, and by showing positive change can happen. Those who offend are often ostracised and struggle to re integrate into the community. We demonstrate through our All Individuals matter approach that despite the barriers we will not be deterred in supporting offenders of domestic abuse to realise their potential.

Support group/coffee morning

Our support group runs on a Thursday Morning between 10am and 12pm. This takes place at AIM Northwest Charity base at Leigh Spinners Mill.

The group has been running for over 12 months now and has regular attendees. During the school holidays we change the coffee morning to the schools out club where those with children can and have attended with their children and a packed lunch has been provided.

Those who access our peer mentor service will be able to continue to access the support group once they are no longer accessing the peer service further supporting them in rebuilding their lives. There are plans to deliver additional support through the coffee morning via guest speakers around health and wellbeing.

The Uniform Recycle.

The Uniform Recycle came into being by accident as we were supporting some of our families to find recycled uniform from our local community. As we were asking the community to support us, we found there were many people asking us to help them. We decided this would be a great opportunity to open the door for anyone experiencing domestic abuse to come and speak to us in a safe space. We collected uniforms for over 12 schools across a small area of Leigh, volunteers ran pop up stalls in the communities where the need was identified.

We provided over 150 families with uniform across the 8 weeks we ran the project, and the plan is to run it for another year to continue collecting data to learn what the options are for the long-term project.

FUNDRAISING and GRANTS

AIM Northwest is in the early stages of development as a charity and have fundraised through several channels to support our activities. We have been fortunate to have been awarded 2 grants in the last financial year alongside our own fundraising activities.

Grants 2022 -2023

£1200 funding from the Rotary Club of Leigh.

£1000 through Forever Manchester.

Community Events

Ladies Night

Quiz Nights

Tribute Acts

Stepping out against domestic abuse campaign

Charity tub collections

Northern Soul Events

Other activities:

We sold advent packs and Christmas Eve boxes

Domestic Violence Awareness month and Advent raffles

With thanks to:

Cardinal Langley high school – Middleton

Prospect Sellafield Branch

For donations of fundraising on our behalf.

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED

Volunteer development and growth

We have achieved our plan to further develop our volunteers. Having an office base for our volunteers to work from has made such a significant difference, we have gained and lost volunteers however we have maintained enough volunteers to continue to grow our services.

Expanding of existing services

We continued to expand our services and now are operating within other boroughs. We plan to continue to develop our offer by recruiting more volunteers and working towards paid employees.

Increasing funds

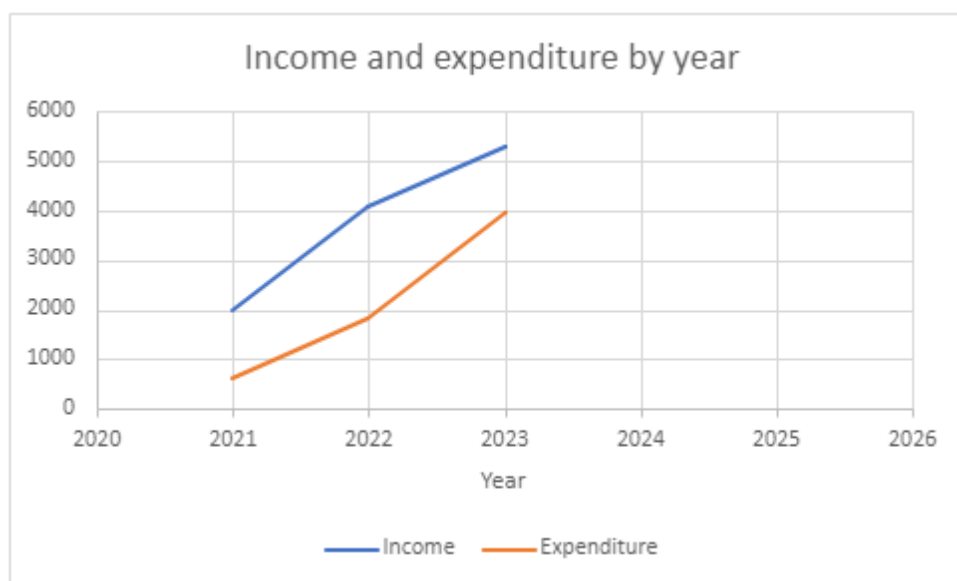
We have increased our funds this year from £4000 =- £

We are still aiming to be able to employ a member of staff in 2024 and will look in 2023 to seek our bigger funding opportunities now we have seen a significant period of self-sustainability. We are very proud of the work we have achieved on a very limited budget.

FINANCIAL REPORT

This year has again seen a rise in income (30%) which reflects the hard work of our trustees and volunteers in fundraising activities. Expenses have also increased with costs generally increasing with inflation, but also notable increases in costs for our online presence- we have a new website. We now have an office at Leigh and the rent accounts for approximately 20% of our costs.





GRATITUDES

Leigh Spinners Mill

For their continued support in providing promotion of our services, supporting the works of the charity and

Admirals Labels

For Continuing in provision of printing of our literature that helps spread the word about our services.

Professional Witness Group

For providing round the clock lone working safety for our volunteers so they have peace of mind if they need help, it is at hand.

Cardinal Langley High School, Middleton

Who have worked with us in development of our education services? To their wonderful staff and pupils for engaging with us and supporting us to deliver education to pupils that

An Extra special thanks our clients who place their faith in us, by asking us for help in the most difficult of times.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

AIM Northwest

1191333

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1-May-22

To

30/04/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	3,950		-	3,950	1,557
Charity Shop	8		-	8	22
Grants	-		-	-	2,000
Christmas	-		-	-	402
Donations	1,326		-	1,326	15
Crowd Funding			-	-	90
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,284	-	-	5,284	4,087
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,284	-	-	5,284	4,087
A3 Payments					
Fundraising		-	-	-	23
Bank	8	-	-	8	23
Insurance	1,133	-	-	1,133	604
Office Supplies	146	-	-	146	125
Office Equipment	492	-	-	492	335
Fundraising Expenses	263	-	-	263	464
Rent	344	1,000		1,344	
Mileage	164			164	
DBS	86			86	
Website	615	-	-	615	250
Refunds	-	-	-	-	22
IT	260			260	
Service delivery	217			217	
Volunteer and Employee costs	149			149	
Staff Training	50			50	
Subscriptions	42	-	-	42	-
Sub total	3,969	1,000	-	4,969	1,846
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,969	1,000	-	4,969	1,846
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,315	- 1,000	-	315	2,240
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,793	1,000	-	3,793	1,552
Cash funds this year end	4,108	-	-	4,108	3,793

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	63	-	
	Nat West	3,729		
	Paypal	316		
			-	
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	4,108	-	-
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	