



KALEIDOSCOPIC UK

TURNING THE LENS ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Registered charity number 1196530, FBC Centre,
Wokingham, RG40 4ES



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Foreword

Victoria Robertson BEM, Founder & Chair of Trustees

As I reflect on the achievements for 2023, I commend our team as well as our partnerships, beneficiaries, their families, as well as the communities who include us as part of their journey. Working together is an honour and also key to understanding risk, vulnerability, identifying gaps and implementing effective trauma informed support for all. Trust and confidence in us and our services is key to defining effective and ongoing, sustainable support.

The statistics of those subjected to abuse in England and Wales remain at their highest, the Domestic abuse commissioner's office findings from victim-survivors highlights survivor-led support services are the most effective yet least funded. The complex and diverse risks to all due to domestic abuse is something we are passionate about educating all on as prevention, the feedback has been incredible to what we have put in place over the last year.

Whilst I was delighted with the added amendments to the Domestic Abuse act 2021 for all, and most recently post separation abuse being added to the coercive and controlling behaviour law 2105, we also know from clients about the gaps and challenges that still exist. We are honoured to highlight their voices, wishes and remain client centred.

We are proud to provide prevention, education, awareness, recovery services as well as helping create changes to benefit all those subjected to any form of abuse.

I am grateful to our incredible team of survivors for their heart, ability, and innovation to always tackle new challenges and projects which are ever evolving or adapting with humility, grace and compassion.

Despite the current financial pressure, limit on available resources, challenges, and impacts across the country, I am especially grateful to all who support, include us, our aims as well as encompassing the children and adults subjected to abuse that our services support through our projects, programmes and activities.

Objectives for 2023

Kaleidoscopic Uk is a charitable incorporated charity (CIO) our purpose as defined in our constitution.

Our objectives for 2023 were to develop and expand our existing services to meet the increasing need, as well as raising as much awareness of all forms of domestic abuse

To adapt our services to meet the need and any gaps identified along the way as best that we can.

To continue to keep the victim- survivor at the heart of everything we do and work with others to raise the profile of peer support and the need for long term peer support services.

Freedom programme for children/teen's

Freedom for children and Teen's programme delivery is something we are delighted to be able to deliver, children often don't have any support for recovery available that is specific to the domestic abuse.

1 in 5 children are reported to be victims of domestic abuse and children are now recognised as victims in their own right under the DA ACT 2021

Our aim was to provide this to local children to support their recovery from abuse. 2 trained[#] facilitators along with the support of our volunteers were able to deliver this cpd accredited and recognised programme for ages 5-11 years subjected to any form of abuse in person.

With the Teen programme delivered online to those aged 12-16 years.

A total of 157 children and young people benefitted from this course with most accessing our long term support following course completion.

52% also identified with SEN needs

Thank you to Wokingham Borough council for supporting us with funding.



Educate 2 Eradicate

Educate 2 Eradicate is something we had long been developing and had piloted to a local school in 2021, using feedback from this, cluster groups of teachers and head teachers, combined with the voices of child victim-survivors alongside the latest research we delivered to many year groups following the pilot.

Our aim is to highlight the reality, challenge myths and engage children and young people in the conversations about healthy relationships.

Raising awareness of all forms of domestic abuse to children and those that support them in an interactive and age appropriate, trauma informed way.

We were delighted to deliver this to more schools thanks to the fund raising with Wokingham Town Council Mayor who picked us as her chosen charity for 2022 and selected this project for the benefit of all the funds raised. Specifically providing this for FREE delivery in Wokingham Borough Schools.

We are delighted to have delivered this to over 1 thousand children and young people in schools in 2023.



Liberation programme

Liberation from abuse programme is something we are delighted to continue delivering due to its success and increase in referrals after the amazing feedback of our course, which has helped hundreds of adults feel heard, validated and liberated as well as informed on their rights and able to help break the cycle of abuse. We help continue their freedom journey with useful knowledge and practical tools, delivered by those with lived experience alongside the latest research.

We continued to develop and deliver the Liberation recovery programme and due to the number of referrals, to meet the need we trained additional survivors to facilitate the course. This was all with the help from the office of police and crime commission for the Thames Valley who funded the programme for 12months ending in 2024.



Sanctuary Support

Our Sanctuary support groups continued to grow in person and online monthly where clients come to offload, in a safe space, gain advice and support as well as being among others in similar situations. We gathered feedback to highlight any gaps. Some were identified including the restriction on clients attending to access essential items such as food, bin bags and household items due to financial/economic abuse as well as the cost of living.



Our Sanctuary support groups continued in their popularity in our safe spaces where people gain support and advice as well as meet peers in similar situations with many friendships formed. The coffee, cake and craft continue to help provide a chance to offload, feel supported while being creative and feeling grounded through the crafts, access ongoing and specialist support.

We extended our multiple monthly groups to other communities and areas to reach many more victim survivors. With feedback we adapted our groups to also include essential and household items due to the increased pressure on all with the cost of living and financial/economic abuse and limited access to other supports available thanks to support from the National Lottery funding

Fun with mum

Due to the gaps identified for children accessing long term support and also that due to abuse fun can be sucked out of family life on top of the cost of living we decided to trial a new service called Fun with Mum.

The monthly sessions provide those referred in:

Safe space, friendly face

Activities for ALL ages

Light meal and refreshments

A chance to reconnect within family and with others in similar situations

Fun With Mum is a support group for children who have experienced domestic abuse. This group provides the opportunity for you, as mum, to enhance your connection with your child/children through play and fun in a safe place. We know fun is so often sucked out of family life when abuse occurs.

With feedback we implemented this group which has been growing each month. Like all of our services they are free to attend and there is specialist support available. Thanks to support from the Finchampstead Baptist Church for some funding to make this possible.

Activities for 2023

Our activities have continued to strengthen and develop throughout 2023 with a huge increase in clients referrals, additional needs identified and range in accessing our services from partner organisations and services.

We continued to adapt, evolve and update all we provide based on feedback which is essential as a survivor-led charity. Starting our 'Fun with Mum' monthly sessions so that children also have ongoing, longer term support.

Supporting our clients as well their families and evolving to do this is something we are passionate about, so we aimed throughout the year to do so in as many ways as possible.

This includes many projects mentioned but in addition with providing pamper hampers to clients on mother's day and food hampers for the whole family at Christmas., thanks to the support of Wokingham United Charities and Berkshire community foundation.

We also network with others to provide clients with presents for children on birthdays and Christmas which are harder financially for all with huge thanks to Berkshire helper elves and the Giving tree for many in need of a helping hand.

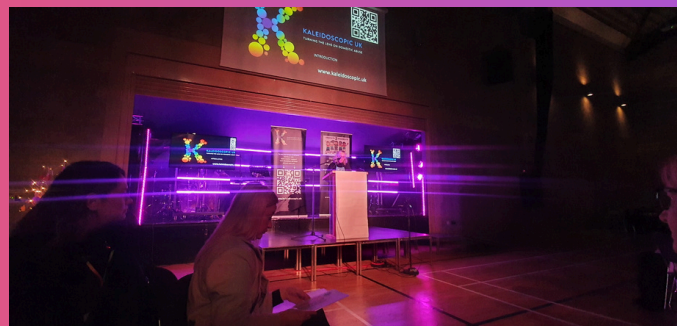
Additional Projects

Mother's Day can be a day that most clients are triggered by when having escaped abuse and most clients wouldn't have the time or resources to focus on themselves, so with the support of those purchasing a variety of gifts or donating items we were able to provide some gifts for mum as well as a food hamper for the family of goodies for all to help them celebrate and help relieve some pressure with the food hamper and pamper hampers.

Due to economic and financial abuse plus the cost-of-living crisis as well as many clients never being able to access holidays due to control of the abusive partner the funding of our Family Freedom fund enabled families to borrow and have camping holidays using our purchased equipment. This meant many clients and their families could and can have a holiday without the outlay of costs for the equipment as well as that of storing it all.

Christmas has always been a time of increased pressure on families and especially victim-survivors of abuse. We wanted to continue our Christmas family food hampers which we did successfully for 86 families, the hampers include all the nice goodies for Christmas and beyond to keep people fed over the festive period when accessing help is harder to do.





Awareness

Raising awareness of all areas of abuse, it's impacts, gaps and reality is part of our constitution. To do this we held many social media campaigns as well as in person or virtual events for people to take part in as individuals or organisations.

We created awareness videos from the voice of survivors to further educate all on different topics of abuse and Post separation abuse. These proved hugely successful and now are used by other charities and organisations as part of their awareness/training. We held the first ever post separation abuse awareness week #psaaw which was a huge success with some of our resources going viral. Due to this we were invited to deliver training to other services/organisations on this topic.

We also produced the first uk survey around PSA for those being subjected and were able to publish the results.

Our annual Domestic Abuse prevention convention, 16 days of activism/white ribbon vigil as well as taking part in many other events to represent Kaleidoscopic Uk survivor voices were a great way of also raising awareness and combined outreach



Finances



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Kaleidoscopic UK

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no

1196530

Set out on pages

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Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and 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 Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 22nd October 2024

Name: Rachel Eden

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December 2017

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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Section B

Disclosure

NONE



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2023

To

Period end date
31/12/2023

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					
Donations	3,358	4,474	-	7,832	7,715
Grants	-	27,647	-	27,647	11,158
Fundraising Activities Income	1,259	-	-	1,259	49
Conference (Domestic Abuse Prevention)	4,064	-	-	4,064	4,110
Receipts from other Charitable Awareness Activities	2,661	-	-	2,661	2,589
Interest	-	-	-	-	0
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,343	32,121	-	43,464	25,621
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,343	32,121	-	43,464	25,621

A3 Payments

Liberation from Abuse Programme	-	2,498	-	2,498	2,866
Christmas Hampers	-	4,310	-	4,310	3,552
Mother's Day Hampers	-	200	-	200	996
Sanctuary	994	886	-	1,881	232
Educate to Eradicate (E2E) Programme	-	2,174	-	2,174	414
Family Freedom	-	814	-	814	-
Child and Teen Freedom (C&T Freedom)	-	4,723	-	4,723	-
Conference (Domestic Abuse Prevention)	3,687	-	-	3,687	3,089
Website	2,974	2,054	-	5,028	2,709
Cost of other Charitable Awareness Activities	1,894	-	-	1,894	963
Additional Client Support	116	-	-	116	408
Expenses for Fundraising Activities	125	-	-	125	1,241
Merchandise	142	-	-	142	1,161
Core Costs	745	131	-	876	660
Transaction Fees	223	-	-	223	-
Holistic Health	90	-	-	90	-
Sub total	10,991	17,789	-	28,780	18,289

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

Laptop (Liberation). Bought 10/01/23	-	499	-	499	429
Laptop (Liberation). Bought 10/01/23	-	499	-	499	-
Laptop (Liberation). Bought 26/01/23	-	449	-	449	-
Sub total	-	1,447	-	1,447	-
Total payments	10,991	19,236	-	30,227	18,289
Net of receipts/(payments)	352	12,885	-	13,237	7,332
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,361	6,604	-	8,964	-
Cash funds this year end	2,713	19,488	-	22,201	7,332

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

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balances	2,569	19,477	-
	Cash	144	11	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	2,713	19,488	
		OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	Laptop (Bought 2022)	Liberation	429	-
	Laptop (Bought 2023)	Liberation	499	-
	Laptop (Bought 2023)	Liberation	499	-
	Laptop (Bought 2023)	Liberation	449	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
	Facilitator fee to be used for training	E2E	175	
	Facilitator fee to be used for training	C&T Freedom	105	
	Facilitator fee to be used for training	Liberation	315	
	Facilitator fee to be used for training	Unrestricted	228	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

Trustees

Jane Ainslie

Prudence Bray MBE

Laura Harris

Victoria Robertson BEM

Priya Dawkins



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