

# RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

England & Wales · Charity number 1203892

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-07-07

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS AND SUFFERING OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT.

**Activities:** Resolute Women's Support Services will support women who have experienced or are experiencing domestic abuse.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£71,082	£61,753	-	-
2024-12-31	£42,196	£33,353	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Mark Storey</b>	Chair	2025-10-30
Cheryl Kwok		2025-08-15
Dawn Louise Velody		2026-05-05
Dr Elizabeth Dalgarno		2025-02-17
Mandy Steele		2021-06-11
Manveet Chhina		2025-01-31

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# Accounts

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Lucy Powell  
Manveet Chhina (Appointed January 2025)  
Dr Elizabeth Dalgarno (Appointed February 2025)  
Cheryl Kwok (Appointed August 2025)  
Mark Storey, DL (Appointed October 2025)  
Amita Fearon (Appointed February 2025, resigned October 2025)

**Chair:** Lucy Powell (Chair until February 2025)  
Amita Fearon (Chair from February until October 2025)  
Mark Storey, DL (Chair from October 2025)

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## RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

### TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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### 2. Charitable Activities and Achievements

Throughout this period, Resolute Women's Support has continued to deliver a range of vital services to survivors of domestic abuse in Barnsley and the surrounding areas. Our activities included:

- **Peer Support Groups - women**

Resolute's peer support groups offer survivor-led, trauma-informed spaces where women can share experiences, reduce isolation, and build mutual support. Facilitated by staff with lived experience, groups empower participants through connection, shared understanding, and practical coping strategies, helping survivors rebuild confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

- **Advocacy Support**

We provide one-to-one advocacy and support for survivors navigating the criminal and family justice systems. Trained advocates offer emotional support, practical guidance, and safety planning, ensuring women feel informed, believed, and supported while engaging with legal processes during highly stressful and traumatic times.

- **Therapeutic Support Packages**

Resolute offers funded therapeutic support packages, including EMDR, for survivors experiencing trauma and PTSD. Delivered by qualified therapists, therapy helps women process abuse, reduce trauma symptoms, and improve emotional wellbeing, supporting long-term recovery and enabling survivors to move forward with greater stability and confidence.

- **Volunteering at The Lotus**

The Lotus offers volunteering opportunities within a safe town-centre hub, including a newly launched coffee shop, high-end clothing outlet and wellbeing space. Volunteers build confidence, develop practical and employability skills, form supportive connections, and gain experience that supports progression into training, education, or employment. Our services continue to be delivered on a volunteer-led basis, and we aim to expand our reach and increase the impact of our services in the future. We've also had a student work placement volunteer for the shop from the local college.

- **Workplace Domestic Abuse Training**

Resolute Women's Support delivers accredited online domestic abuse training to workplaces, equipping employers and staff to recognise abuse, respond safely and support survivors. The training improves safeguarding, reduces risk and helps organisations meet their duty of care while creating informed, compassionate, and trauma-aware working environments.

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- **Campaigning and Advocacy**

We continued to amplify the voices of survivors, engaging in both national and local campaigns to raise awareness and influence policy on issues relating to domestic violence. We worked closely with local authorities to ensure our voices were heard on the topic of domestic abuse. Deborah has also been a key component in driving forward the Tag & App initiative with central government and the House of Lords. A trial of this is now planned to take place during 2026 across 3 different UK Police Forces. Deborah Jones has also attended many specialist meetings around the UK as a guest speaker to talk about Domestic Abuse Survivors and the Tag & App initiative.

### 3. Trustees' Responsibilities and Governance

As Trustees, we are committed to ensuring that Resolute Women's Support is run efficiently and responsibly. The charity is governed by a group of trustees who meet regularly to review our activities and strategic direction. We ensure that the charity adheres to its core mission, complies with legal requirements, and upholds the highest standards of transparency and accountability.

During this period, we have implemented the following:

- **A full review of the governance** of the charity including all the associated policy and procedural documentation to ensure it is all in place and up to date.
- **Strategic Planning:** We have worked on developing a longer-term strategy for the charity, with the aim of scaling up services and ensuring sustainability.
- **Risk Management:** We have continued to monitor risks associated with the charity's operations, including financial risks, safeguarding risks, and reputational risks. Appropriate measures have been put in place to mitigate these risks.
- **Volunteer and Staff Development:** We have invested in training and developing our volunteers and staff, ensuring that they have the skills and knowledge required to provide high-quality services. We have also ensured the charity CEO Deborah Jones became a paid member of staff and we hope to add to the paid staffing numbers over the next year.

### 4. Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, Resolute Women's Support plans to:

Expand our reach and support more women and children affected by domestic abuse.

- **Survivor Recovery Retreats**

Our survivor recovery retreats provide safe, restorative spaces for women affected by abuse to rest, reflect, and rebuild. Combining therapeutic support, peer connection, and wellbeing activities, the retreats help survivors process trauma, regain confidence, and take meaningful steps towards recovery away from everyday pressures.

- **Peer Support Groups – young people**

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- **Therapeutic Support Packages/Creative workshops – young people**  
Resolute offers funded therapeutic support packages for young survivors experiencing trauma and PTSD. Delivered by qualified therapists, therapy helps them process abuse, reduce trauma symptoms and improve emotional wellbeing. Paired with a range of creative workshops we enable young people to connect, be heard and feel supported in a safe place.
- **Tag & App launch across trial police forces**  
During 2026 – Deborah Jones part of team working with Ministry of Justice to trial this new initiative to protect Domestic Abuse survivors when the perpetrators are released.
- **New Training course for Legal Professionals for the Repeal of the Presumption of contact rule**  
To be developed with Claire Throssell MBE this training will be aimed at Legal professionals in the first instance to highlight the changes needed in practise to accommodate the upcoming repeal of the Presumption of Contact law. The plan is to also modify this training for other professional organisations and public services such as the police, social services etc
- **Increase our fundraising efforts and apply for new grants** to ensure the financial sustainability of our operations.
- **Develop coworking partnership opportunity with YWCA**
- **Research and develop additional partnership opportunities** throughout the year

We will also continue to monitor and evaluate our services to ensure we are providing the best possible support to survivors of domestic abuse.

Resolute Women's Support remains committed to supporting women and children affected by domestic abuse in Barnsley. We are grateful to all of our volunteers, staff, donors, and partners who help us continue our work. We look forward to another year of growth, impact, and positive change as we work to empower survivors of domestic abuse and make a lasting difference in our community.

We'd like to thank our Grant donors: Awards for All, Brelms Trust, Allen Lane Foundation, Wharfedale Foundation, Garfield Weston Fund, Webmart, Freshgate Foundation, Holgate Lodge, Screwfix, Hillards Charitable Trust, Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust & Gripple. Their charitable donations this year have enabled us to continually provide so many vital services, to renovate the Lotus safe space hub as well as launch the coffee shop and to run our Peer Support workshops and new Trauma based therapies. We also want to thank local trades people who provided materials and vital skills free of charge for our renovation work at the Lotus – Wickes, Brewers, MKM Barnsley, Ace Carpet Barnsley, Jurassic Spark Electricians, G Hackett Plastering and Sliders Wardrobes.

#### **The Charity's policy on reserves**

The trustees recognise the need to keep reserves at a level which will give the charity stability to enable it to continue to operate in the future. For these purposes, the charity will aim to maintain a general reserve in the region of £5,000 at any one time, with a view to increasing this as necessary once the activities of the charity become more established. The actual level of reserves held by the charity on 31.12.25, represented by unrestricted funds, was £8,005 (2024: £980).

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**Related parties**

The trustees consider that there are no related parties to the charity.

**Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

**Financial Position**

The financial statements are set out in pages 10 to 14. The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus for the year of £9,329 (2024: £8,843). The total funds of the charity at the year-end stand at £25,658 (2024: £16,329). The reserves of the charity, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £8,005 at the year-end.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed:  Date: 23 March 2026

**Mark Storey, DL (Chair)**

**RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year, under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts, under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records, in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met;

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date: 23 March 2026

Stephanie Tolson  
Community Accountant  
BCVS Services  
23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN

**RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants Received	2	800	30,200	31,000	27,600
Fundraising & Donations		40,058	-	40,058	14,546
Other Income		24	-	24	50
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>40,882</b>	<b>30,200</b>	<b>71,082</b>	<b>42,196</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries		3,861	2,461	6,322	-
Freelance & Consultancy		18,281	-	18,281	1,229
Rent & Room Hire		1,553	7,657	9,210	12,038
Events & Activities		344	243	587	2,256
Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings		1,088	74	1,162	3,795
Buildings Repairs & Maintenance		2,662	618	3,280	75
Utilities		-	1,350	1,350	-
Admin & Office costs		981	3,559	4,540	7,157
Website & IT Systems		-	6,258	6,258	-
Insurance		-	159	159	565
Marketing & Publicity		620	1,317	1,937	408
Volunteer & Staff Expenses		3,784	158	3,942	3,036
Training		33	4,042	4,075	1,927
Accountancy	5	650	-	650	-
Misuse of funds		-	-	-	572
Sundry & Miscellaneous Expenses		-	-	-	295
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>33,857</b>	<b>27,896</b>	<b>61,753</b>	<b>33,353</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>7,025</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>9,329</b>	<b>8,843</b>
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-
Total Funds Bought Forward		980	15,349	16,329	7,486
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	6	<b>8,005</b>	<b>17,653</b>	<b>25,658</b>	<b>16,329</b>

**RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	2025	2024
<b>Monetary Assets:</b>		
Virgin Bank Current Account	£25,658	£16,141
Petty Cash	£0	£188
<b>Total monetary assets</b>	<u>£25,658</u>	<u>£16,329</u>

	2025	2024
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Debtors	<u>£0</u>	<u>£37</u>
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£37</u>

	2025	2024
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Accountancy Fee	£700	£650
PAYE	£276	£0
Rent	£776	£0
Utilities	<u>£816</u>	<u>£0</u>
	<u>£2,568</u>	<u>£650</u>

**Fixed Assets held for the Charities own use:**

- Laptops, printers & computer equipment
- Security Cameras
- Shelving & Clothes rails
- Office and shop Furniture
- Coffee machine and kitchen equipment
- Mobile phones

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Date: 23 March 2026

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## RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

#### 1. Accounting policies

##### Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis which summarises the movement of cash in and out of the organisation. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, such as bank accounts where cash can be readily available to pay debts as they fall due. This format of accounts is available to non-company charities with gross annual income of £250,000 or less.

##### Classification of income & expenditure

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification.

##### Funds structure

The charity maintains an unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from grants and donations of a general nature, member subscriptions & fees, charges for goods and service provided and payment for service contracts delivered.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes.

#### 2. Grants Received

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	Total	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
Garfield Weston Foundation	7,500	-
Allen Lane Foundation	5,000	-
The Wharfedale Foundation	10,000	-
Webmart Ltd Grant	7,350	-
Gripple Foundation	350	-
Freshgate Foundation (unrestricted)	800	-
Brelms Trust	-	6,000
National Lottery Awards for All	-	20,000
Asda	-	1,600
	<b><u>31,000</u></b>	<b><u>27,600</u></b>

#### 3. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses

Other than reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the Charity, there were no payments, remuneration or expenses made to trustees during this or the previous accounting period.

#### 4. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in this or the previous accounting period.

## RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 5. Independent Examination of accounts

The cost of the independent examination and accountancy services for the year was £700 (2024: £650).

#### 6. Fund Analysis

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Fund	980	40,882	(33,857)	-	8,005
	<b>980</b>	<b>40,882</b>	<b>(33,857)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,005</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
National Lottery Awards for All	10,858	-	(10,858)	-	-
Brelms Trust	3,813	-	(3,796)	-	17
Asda	678	-	(678)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	7,500	(7,043)	-	457
Allen Lane Foundation	-	5,000	(2,719)	-	2,281
The Wharfedale Foundation	-	10,000	(2,461)	-	7,539
Webmart Ltd Grant	-	7,350	-	-	7,350
Gripple Foundation	-	350	(341)	-	9
	<b>15,349</b>	<b>30,200</b>	<b>(27,896)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,653</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>16,329</b>	<b>71,082</b>	<b>(61,753)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,658</b>

#### 7. Restricted Funds

- National Lottery Awards for All – grant funding received in 2024 towards rent, office costs, equipment and developing a new website.
- Brelms Trust – grant funding received in 2024 for core costs. The charity used the funds to develop training courses, design course manuals and cover trainer and accreditation costs.
- Asda – grant funding in 2024 for therapy and art events and office supplies.
- Garfield Weston Foundation – Grant funding to cover general building, rent, utilities and office costs.
- Allen Lane Foundation – Grant funding to cover rent, core running costs and educational materials for the Lotus.
- The Wharfedale Foundation – Grant funding towards peer support workshops and staff salaries.

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- Webmart Ltd – Grant funding received at the end of 2025 to fund the setting up and running of Trauma Recovery Retreats.
- Gripple Foundation – Grant funding towards the refurbishment of the Lotus Therapy room including flooring and lighting.

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### 2. Charitable Activities and Achievements

Throughout this period, Resolute Women's Support has continued to deliver a range of vital services to survivors of domestic abuse in Barnsley and the surrounding areas. Our activities included:

- **Peer Support and One-to-One Support:** We provided direct support to over 500 women and children, helping them to access crucial services and navigate complex issues related to domestic abuse.
- **The Lotus Charity Shop:** Launched as a safe space for women to access holistic services, The Lotus continues to act as a community hub for disclosure and support. This initiative also helped reduce the stigma around domestic abuse, while providing an additional revenue stream for the charity. We are grateful for a grant from Awards for All to support this resource.
- **Campaigning and Advocacy:** We continued to amplify the voices of survivors, engaging in local campaigns to raise awareness and influence policy on issues relating to domestic violence. We worked closely with local authorities to ensure our voices were heard on the topic of domestic abuse.
- **Training and Education:** We ran several educational sessions for professionals, volunteers, and members of the public to enhance their understanding of domestic abuse and improve community response. We also secured funding from Brelms Trust to support development of an online learning community for which we are most grateful.

Our services continue to be delivered on a volunteer-led basis, and we aim to expand our reach and increase the impact of our services in the future.

### 3. Trustees' Responsibilities and Governance

As Trustees, we are committed to ensuring that Resolute Women's Support is run efficiently and responsibly. The charity is governed by a group of trustees who meet regularly to review our activities and strategic direction. We ensure that the charity adheres to its core mission, complies with legal requirements, and upholds the highest standards of transparency and accountability.

During this period, we have implemented the following:

- **Strategic Planning:** We have worked on developing a longer-term strategy for the charity, with the aim of scaling up services and ensuring sustainability.
- **Risk Management:** We have continued to monitor risks associated with the charity's operations, including financial risks, safeguarding risks, and reputational risks. Appropriate measures have been put in place to mitigate these risks.
- **Volunteer and Staff Development:** We have invested in training and developing our volunteers and staff, ensuring that they have the skills and knowledge required to provide high-quality services.

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#### 4. Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, Resolute Women's Support plans to:

- Expand our reach and support more women and children affected by domestic abuse.
- Continue to enhance The Lotus Charity Shop's impact as a community hub and additional source of income for the charity.
- Increase our fundraising efforts and apply for new grants to ensure the financial sustainability of our operations.
- Develop and launch new educational and outreach programmes to increase public awareness of domestic abuse and its effects on individuals and families.

We will also continue to monitor and evaluate our services to ensure we are providing the best possible support to survivors of domestic abuse.

Resolute Women's Support remains committed to supporting women and children affected by domestic abuse in Barnsley. We are grateful to all of our volunteers, staff, donors, and partners who help us continue our work. We look forward to another year of growth, impact, and positive change as we work to empower survivors of domestic abuse and make a lasting difference in our community.

#### The Charity's policy on reserves

The trustees recognise the need to keep reserves at a level which will give the charity stability to enable it to continue to operate in the future. For these purposes, the charity will aim to maintain a general reserve in the region of £5,000 at any one time, with a view to increasing this as necessary once the activities of the charity become more established. The actual level of reserves held by the charity on 31.12.24, represented by unrestricted funds, was £980. As this is only the first period of the charity the trustees consider the level of reserves at the year end to be appropriate.

#### Related parties

The trustees consider that there are no related parties to the charity.

#### Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

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**Financial Position**

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 12. The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus for the period of £8,843. The total funds of the charity at the period-end stand at £16,329. The reserves of the charity, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £980 at the period-end.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 26 March 2025

**Lucy Powell, Chair**

**RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period, under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts, under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records, in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met;

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date: 26 March 2025

Stephanie Tolson  
Community Accountant  
BCVS Services  
23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN

**RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023-24 Total Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants Received	3	-	27,600	27,600
Fundraising & Donations		14,546	-	14,546
Other Income		50	-	50
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b><u>14,596</u></b>	<b><u>27,600</u></b>	<b><u>42,196</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Rent & Room Hire		-	12,038	12,038
Events & Activities		1,811	445	2,256
Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings		1,208	2,587	3,795
Repairs & Maintenance		75	-	75
Admin & Office costs		5,782	1,375	7,157
Insurance		226	339	565
Marketing & Publicity		162	246	408
Volunteer Expenses		2,776	260	3,036
Training		-	1,927	1,927
Bookkeeping & Accountancy		761	468	1,229
Misuse of funds		572	-	572
Sundry & Miscellaneous Expenses		243	52	295
<b>Total payments</b>		<b><u>13,616</u></b>	<b><u>19,737</u></b>	<b><u>33,353</u></b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>980</b>	<b>7,863</b>	<b>8,843</b>
Transfers In	2	-	7,486	7,486
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b><u>980</u></b>	<b><u>15,349</u></b>	<b><u>16,329</u></b>

**RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**2024**

**Monetary Assets:**

Virgin Bank Current Account	£16,141
Petty Cash	£188
<b>Total monetary assets</b>	<b><u>£16,329</u></b>

**2024**

**Assets:**

Debtors	<u>£37</u>
	<b><u>£37</u></b>

**Other Assets:**

Laptops, printers & computer equipment  
Security Cameras  
Shelving & Clothes rails  
Office Furniture  
Mobile phones

**2024**

**Liabilities:**

Accountancy Fee	<u>£650</u>
	<b><u>£650</u></b>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Date: 26 March 2025

**Lucy Powell, Chair**

# RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis which summarises the movement of cash in and out of the organisation. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, such as bank accounts where cash can be readily available to pay debts as they fall due. This format of accounts is available to non-company charities with gross annual income of £250,000 or less.

#### Classification of income & expenditure

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification.

#### Prior Year Comparatives

Prior year comparatives are not included as this is the first accounting period of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

#### Funds structure

The charity maintains an unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from grants and donations of a general nature, member subscriptions & fees, charges for goods and service provided and payment for service contracts delivered.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes.

### 2. Transfers-in

The following funds were transferred to the CIO from Resolute Women's Support Services (Unincorporated Association) on 7th July 2023:

General unrestricted funds - £0

Restricted grants - £7,486 (see note 6)

### 3. Grants Received

	2023-24		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Brelms Trust	-	6,000	6,000
National Lottery Awards for All	-	20,000	20,000
Asda	-	1,600	1,600
	-	<b>27,600</b>	<b>27,600</b>

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#### 4. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses

Other than reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the Charity, there were no payments, remuneration or expenses made to trustees during this accounting period.

#### 5. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in this accounting period.

#### 6. Independent Examination of accounts

The cost of the independent examination and accountancy services for the year was £650.

#### 7. Restricted Funds

	Transfers In £	Receipts £	Payments £	Closing Balance £
National Lottery Awards for All	2,772	20,000	(11,914)	10,858
Sarah Chorlton Fund	4,714	-	(4,714)	-
Brelms Trust	-	6,000	(2,187)	3,813
Asda	-	1,600	(922)	678
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,486</b>	<b>27,600</b>	<b>(19,737)</b>	<b>15,349</b>

- National Lottery Awards for All – grant funding received in 2023 and 2024 towards rent, office costs, equipment and developing a new website. The balance of the 2024 grant is carried forward to the 2025 financial year.
- Sarah Chorlton Fund – grant funding received by the unincorporated charity in 2023 towards rent and DBS checks at the start up of the organisation. This grant was fully spent.
- Brelms Trust – grant funding received in 2024 for core costs. The charity used the funds to develop training courses, design course manuals and cover trainer and accreditation costs. The remaining balance of £3,813 is carried forward to 2025 to be spent in the next financial year.
- Asda – grant funding for therapy and art events and office supplies. The remaining balance of £678 is carried forward to 2025 to be spent in the next financial year.