

Registered Charity No: 1203892

**RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
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<b>Full Name:</b>	<b>RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES</b>
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	1203892
<b>Correspondence Address:</b>	Resolute Women's Support Services 11a Regent Street Barnsley South Yorkshire S70 2HT
<b>Trustees:</b>	Jo Stanley-Cook Mandy Steele Lucy Powell Dr Elizabeth Dalgarno (Appointed February 2025) Manveet Chhina (Appointed January 2025)
<b>Chair:</b>	Lucy Powell
<b>Bankers:</b>	Virgin Money 1A Peel Square Barnsley South Yorkshire S70 2PL
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Stephanie Tolson Community Accountant Bcvs Services 23 Queens Road Barnsley S71 1AN

# **RESOLUTE WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the period 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### **Structure, governance and management**

Resolute Women's Support Services is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution, dated 7 July 2023. Prior to the incorporation of the CIO, Resolute Women's Support Services was an unincorporated association. The CIO acquired the charitable funds and activities of the unincorporated charity on 07 July 2023.

The members of the CIO are the charity trustees. Membership of the CIO cannot be transferred to anyone else. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to a sum not exceeding £1, but apart from that the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to assets and no personal responsibility for settling debts and liabilities in the event of winding up.

The affairs of the charity are managed by the trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the charity.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustees can act only to call a meeting of the trustees or appoint a new trustee. There is no maximum number of trustees.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest trustee's annual report and accounts, on or before appointment.

The trustees who served during the year are shown on page 3 of this report.

### **Charitable aims and objectives**

The objectives of the charity are:

- To relieve the distress and suffering of victims of domestic abuse, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of advice and practical support.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. This report illustrates the activities undertaken to support the public benefit requirement.

## Annual report of activities, achievements and performance during the period

### 1. Introduction and Overview

This report covers the activities and financial position of Resolute Women's Support for the period from July 2023 to December 2024. The charity has continued to provide critical services and support for women and children affected by domestic abuse, operating with a focus on survivor-centred approaches. During this period, the charity has made significant progress in our core mission to empower, advocate for, and support women impacted by domestic abuse.

### 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.

#### **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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**TRUSTEES' REPORT continued**

**PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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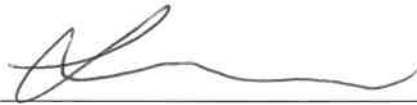
**Financial Position**

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>14,596</b>	<b>27,600</b>	<b>42,196</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>13,616</b>	<b>19,737</b>	<b>33,353</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>980</b>	<b>15,349</b>	<b>16,329</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.