

Abortion Talk

England & Wales · Charity number 297667

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1987-09-21

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

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Activities

Objects: To support individuals who have experienced abortion stigma, through activities including a confidential listening service, information, and support. To advance education on abortion stigma, by providing training, resources, public engagement and through other activities. To promote equality and the human rights of women and pregnant people, by advocating for compassionate care, accurate public representations of abortion and other initiatives that alleviate abortion stigma. To promote and support research on abortion stigma, in order to better understand and reduce its negative impact on individuals and society.

Activities: Provide tailored support for people affected by abortion stigma via a free helpline. Provide and signpost online resources which challenge abortion stigma in society and offer information and support. Deliver provider support workshops for professionals involved in abortion care. Deliver values clarification training to healthcare professionals and others to explore values around abortion

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£56,585	£72,967	-	-
2024-09-30	£70,686	£45,455	-	-
2023-09-30	£40,286	£32,331	-	-
2022-09-30	£25,435	£14,474	-	-
2021-09-30	£27,742	£25,491	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Laura Jane Russell	Chair	2023-03-13
Charlotte Chung		2024-10-28
Dr Hayley Webb		2019-08-14
Dr Helen Timbrell		2024-10-28
Jane Fisher		2021-03-11
Lauren Elizabeth Dumper		2026-01-26
Mara Clarke		2024-10-28
Professor Lesley Sharon Hoggart		2026-01-26
Samuel Yosef		2023-09-04
Zoe Georgina Macalpine		2021-06-29

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Accounts

**Destigmatising
abortion,
one conversation
at a time**

**abortion
talk**

Our impact 2025

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As Chair of Abortion Talk, I am always deeply aware of the trust people place in us when they reach out. Behind every call or webchat is a person trying to make sense of something that can feel complicated, emotional or isolating. Being able to offer a calm, non-judgemental space at those moments is at the heart of why Abortion Talk exists.

This year has been one of learning and growth. We have reached more people, developed new ways to offer support, and continued to work with healthcare professionals and students to promote compassionate, respectful abortion care. None of this happens without the commitment, skill and generosity of our volunteers, staff and trustees, whose care for this work is evident in everything they do.

I am proud of what Abortion Talk has achieved this year, and grateful to our funders, partners and supporters who make this work possible. Most of all, I want to thank the people who contact us and trust us with their stories. Their experiences continue to guide and motivate our work.

Laura Russell
Chair, Abortion Talk



Our impact at a glance

We are really proud of what we have achieved this year at Abortion Talk.

900 Talkline hours, now offered **4** days a week



18 workshops across **all 4** UK nations with more than **350** total attendees



433 Talkline conversations, **3 times** as many as last year

Introduced our Talkline **webchat**, which now facilitates **43% conversations**



Developed **Abortion Care Fundamentals** course, piloting **10 workshops** with more than **150 students**



12 new volunteers grew the Talkline team to **32**



Partnered with **all** independent UK abortion providers

Our milestones this year

Here are some of our highlights from the last year...

An essential new training offer for nurse and midwifery students

Abortion care fundamentals workshop piloted

Independent evaluation started

We sought outside expertise to help us understand what we are doing well and what can be improved.

Growing the range of skills on our board and strengthening our governance.

Recruited three new trustees

Third volunteer cohort trained

12 new volunteers completed their training and brought our total number of Talkline volunteers to 32.

Webchat introduced

Helped us double the number of conversations we have about abortion.

We brought together 100 attendees to learn and share in our joint mission to destigmatise abortion.

Annual Abortion Talk & Doctors for Choice UK conference

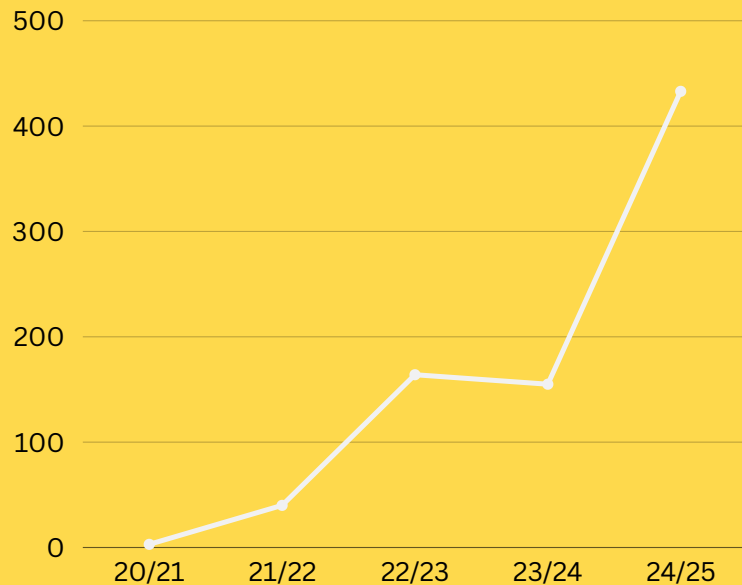
Evaluation completed

We can't wait to share the findings soon.

Our Talkline

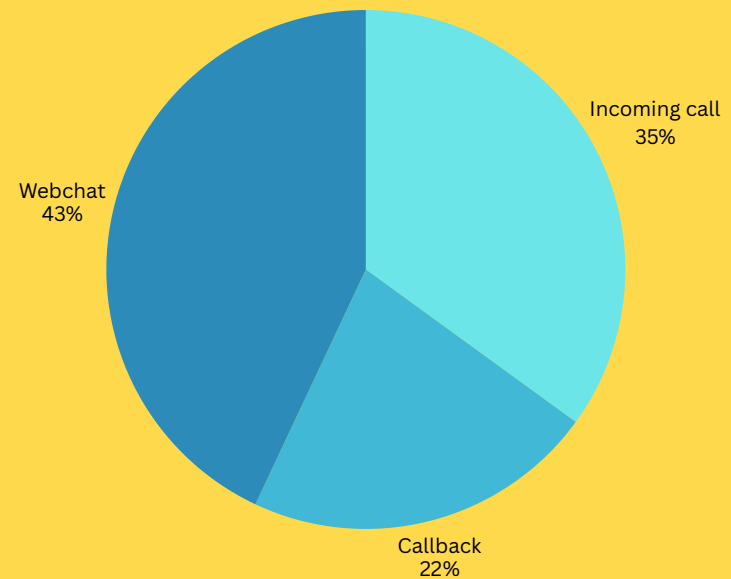
Let's take a closer look at our Talkline impact...

We answered calls and chats from 433 people in 2024/25. This represents nearly **three times the number of contacts** compared to the previous year.



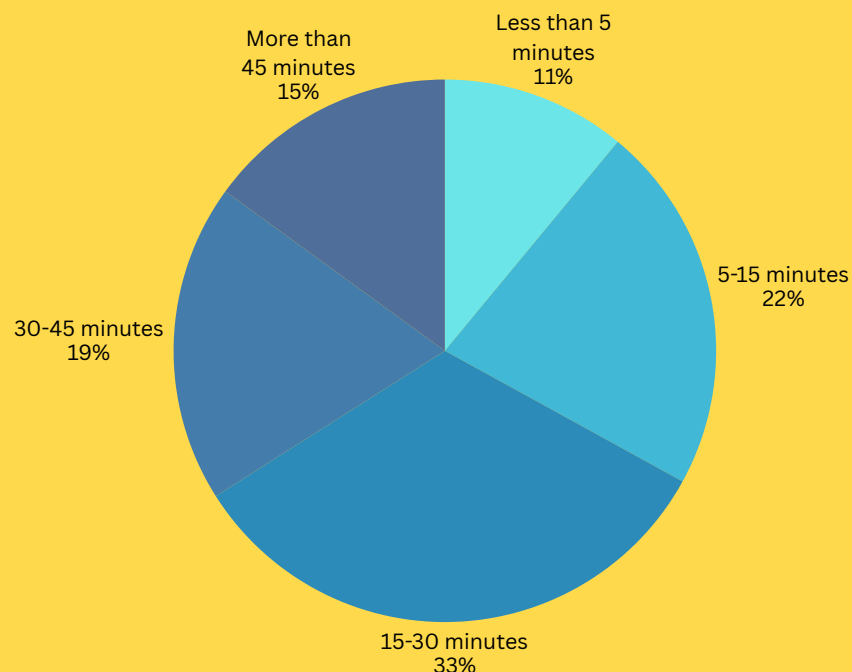
Since introducing webchat in April 2025, almost half of everyone who reaches out now chooses this route.

Webchat accounts for 43% of contacts, compared with 35% via phone calls and 22% via requested call-backs.

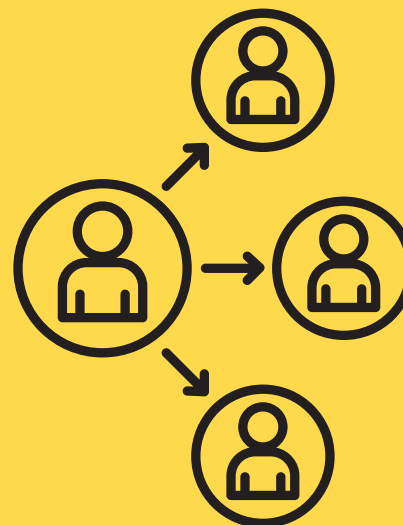


Our Talkline

We are available for whatever length of conversation people need, from quick questions to longer, in-depth support. While some contacts last under 15 minutes, over two-thirds go beyond this, reflecting the time and space many people need to talk.



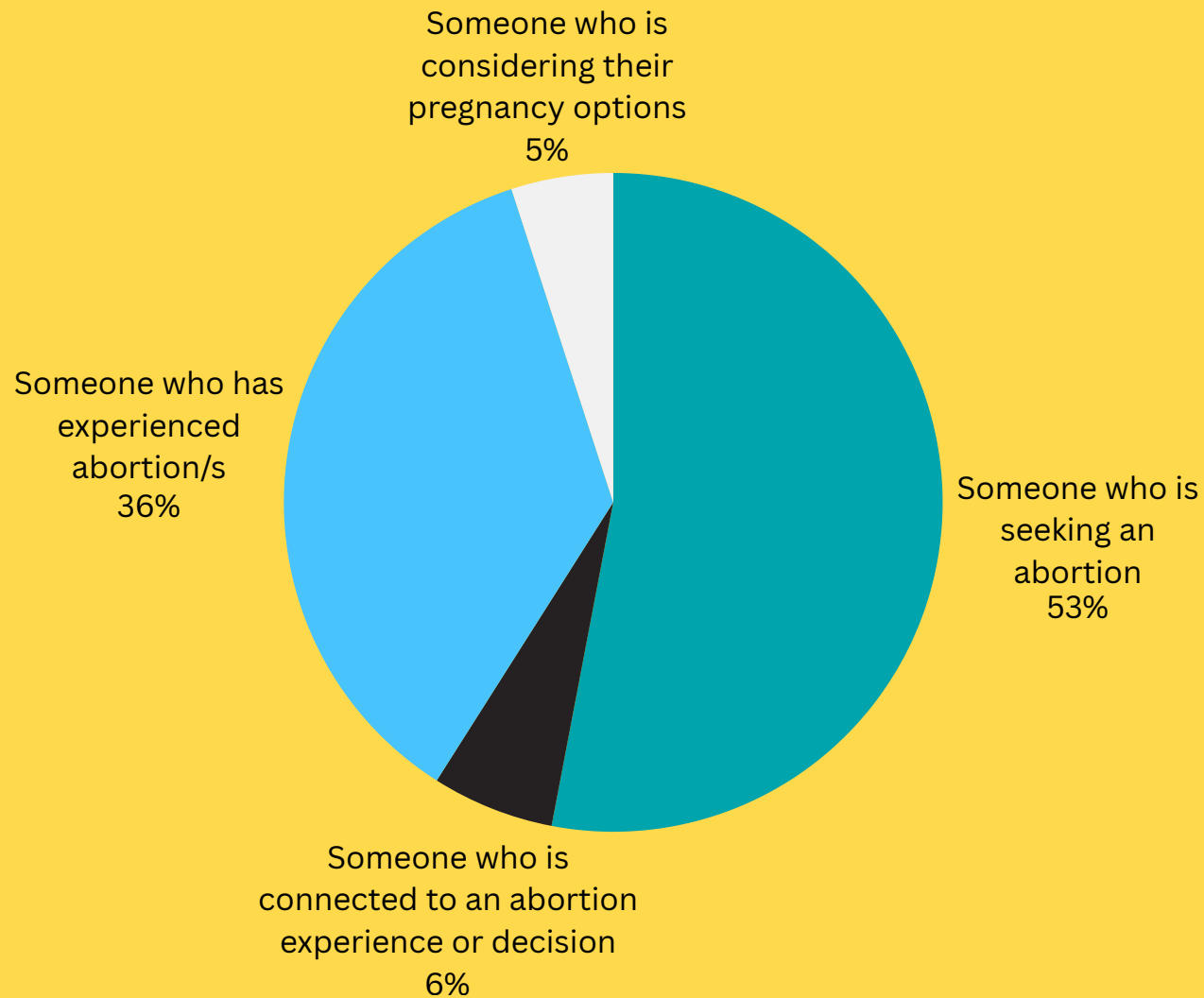
We don't always know how people find Abortion Talk, but almost **one in four** of our callers **reach us through conversations with an abortion provider** or information on a provider's website. We are also listed on other healthcare provider websites, such as Brook, NHS Grampian and Sexual Health Wales.



Around one in five of the people who contact us find us via searching on **Google**, through our **social media**, or **our website**.

Our Talkline

Most of our callers are considering their pregnancy options, seeking an abortion or have already had an abortion themselves. But we also speak to partners, family members and friends, as well as couples together.



Our Talkline

The people who have contacted us at Abortion Talk this year are not one kind of person. Like all people who have abortions, they are individuals living full, varied lives. And like any of us, their lives can be complicated.

Here is a snap shot of some parts of their identities or current situations, when they contacted us.



living with parents
navigating big changes

thirty
pre-menopausal

living with housemates

high school students

about to start new jobs

grieving loss

full-time carers to children with complex

struggling financially

recently single
newly married

practicing Christian

new mums

going through a breakup

juggling full-time work and stu

living with health condition

in unhealthy relation



bisexual

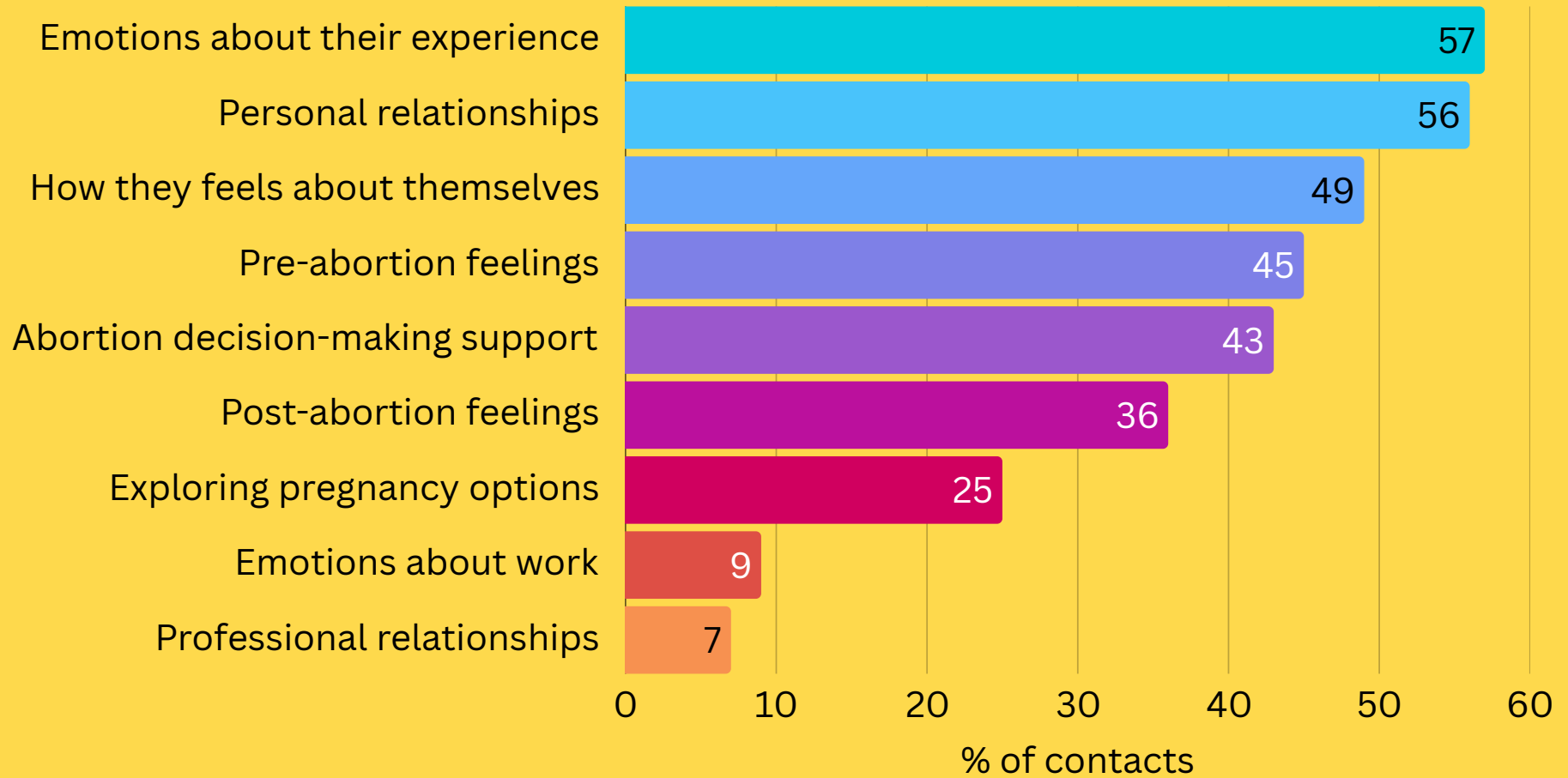
in healthy, long-term

relationships

university students

Our Talkline

The most common thing people want to discuss in their conversations with us is:



Our Talkline

These are some of the feelings and questions our callers have shared with us.

I feel grief and sadness about the abortion I had last month - is this normal? It was right for me, but how do I process these feelings?

I just found out I'm pregnant. I can't tell anyone. I don't know what to do.

What's the difference between a medical and a surgical abortion?

How do I best support my daughter, who is thinking about having an abortion?

I've booked an abortion appointment, but now I'm not sure I want one, can I change my mind?

How do I get an abortion?

I want to have an abortion, but my boyfriend doesn't support me.

I'm worried about what other people will think, if I tell them I've had an abortion.

We just need someone to talk to about this - we aren't ready to tell our family.

Is it normal to feel sad about an abortion I had a year ago? My friend is having a baby and it's really triggered me.

It means a lot that our conversations have made a difference to those who contact us. Here's some of the feedback we have received from Talkline users.

"I would have been lost with no options if it wasn't for you - thank you 😊"

"It was nice to get things off my chest with someone anonymous who wasn't judgemental about me or my experience."

"It really does help to say some of this stuff out loud."

"[After my conversation with Abortion Talk] I feel more confident in making a decision and I don't feel as scared."

Our Talkline volunteers

Abortion Talk is powered by volunteers. **A team of 32** operate our Talkline four evenings a week all through the year (with the exception of the period between Christmas and New Year). This year our Talkline volunteers provided **900 hours of support** by telephone and webchat.

To join the talkline team, volunteers go through a robust selection and training process involving interviews, 15 hours of workshops and practice calls before taking their first live call. Training covers information about abortion methods and availability, the law in the UK, feelings around stigma, active listening, empathy, confidentiality and safeguarding.

“The training is thorough and a high level of support is provided to volunteers.”

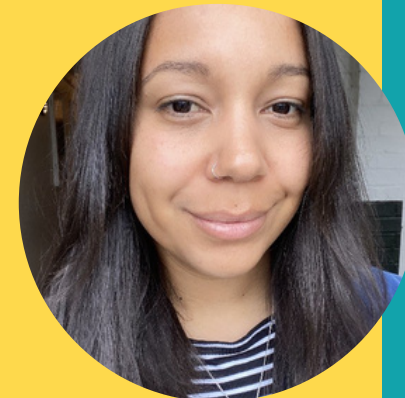
“It was such a supportive environment with the training, and everything was done so compassionately and carefully, and [with] the correct information.”

Our Talkline volunteers

Our Talkline volunteers come from range of backgrounds including healthcare, advocacy, education, research, project management, design, youth work and more. They are united by their passion for creating safe, non-judgemental spaces for people to talk about their abortion experiences.

“At the end of a shift you realise how much of a difference you make - even if it's just to be a listening ear to someone who had no-one else to talk to”

Amy Ridler, Volunteer



“This work to destigmatise abortion as a vital and essential form of reproductive healthcare is more important now than ever”

Aideen O'Shaughnessy, Volunteer



Our workshops have had a huge impact this year too....



As well as the Talkline, **Abortion Talk delivers specialist workshops** for students, healthcare professionals and abortion advocates. These workshops cover abortion law, clinical practice, values clarification, emotional support, and non-stigmatising, respectful care. Building on a strong track record of delivering programmes in healthcare settings since 2021, this year we consolidated and expanded this work by continuing to deliver bespoke workshops while also developing and piloting new training programmes.

This year we delivered **18 workshops** reaching over **350 individuals** across all four nations of the UK. This has doubled since last year, when we delivered 8 workshops.

Our workshops

This year, we designed **Abortion Care Fundamentals** in partnership with the Open University. This new training was delivered in partnership with City University, the University of Northampton, and the Open University in Wales. Specifically for student nurses and midwives, these workshops provide participants with the knowledge, skills and values-based framework required to deliver non-judgemental abortion care.

This year, we delivered **10 pilot workshops** reaching **156 nursing and midwifery students**.

As part of the pilot, we worked with the Open University to evaluate these workshops. After the training:

- **97%** of participants reported **feeling confident talking to patients about abortion** (up from 32%, before the workshop)
- **92%** felt **prepared to answer patients' questions** (up from 21%,
- **97%** reported **understanding UK abortion law** (up from 45%).

These results demonstrate the Fundamentals workshop's effectiveness in preparing a workforce to provide accurate, compassionate, and non-stigmatising abortion care.

Our workshops

We have had some great feedback from our workshop attendees...

“The workshops provided to my unit were invaluable. Staff still talk about them and felt really empowered after them.”

“Many many thanks for such a truly fantastic workshop. I left on a total high, it was brilliant.”

“I have learnt so much and feel a lot more confident with abortion care.”

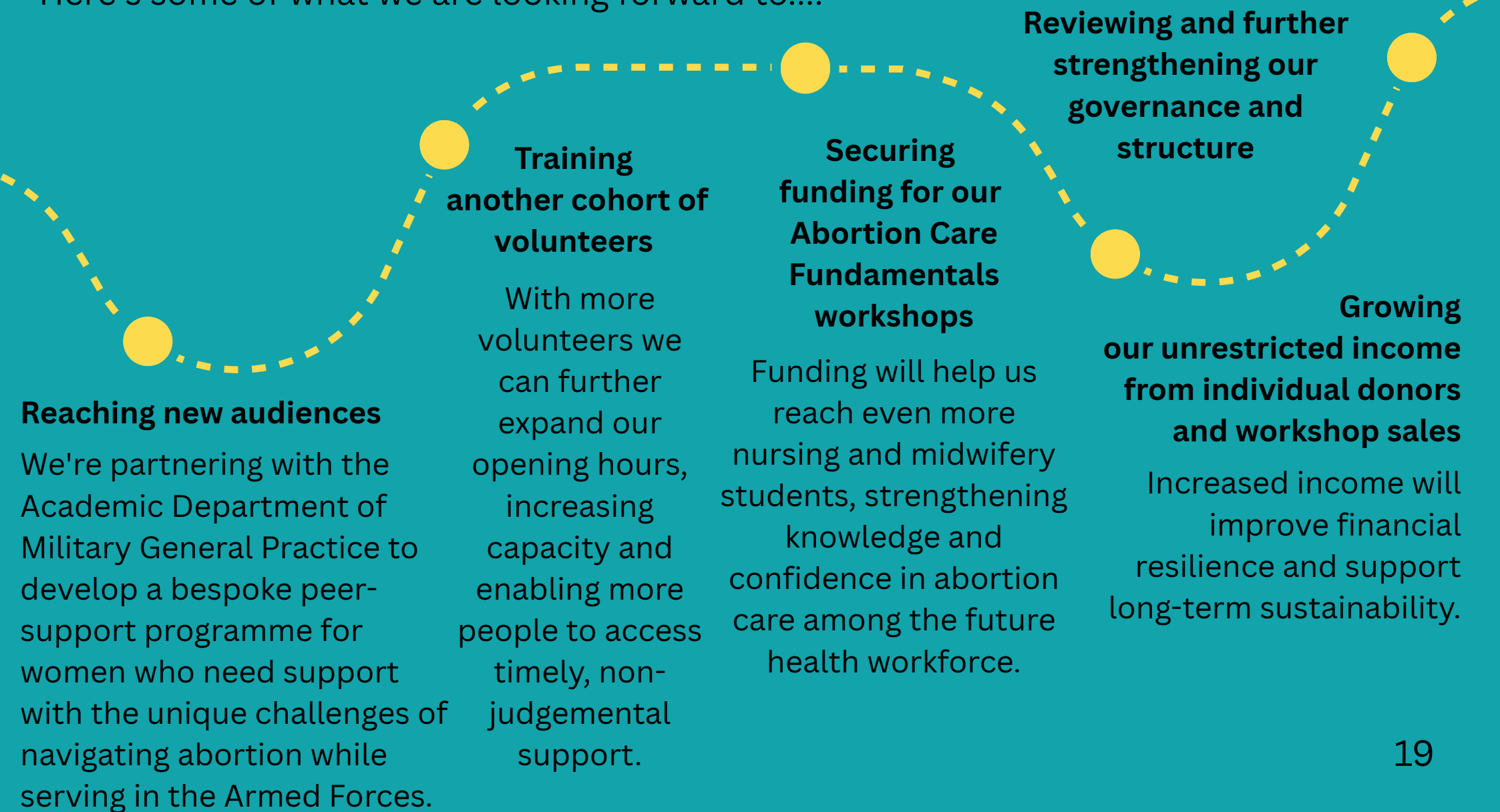
“Staff have a better understanding of abortion, their thoughts and feelings on abortion and why people seek an abortion.”

This year we received **£21,200** from the Open University to carry out an independent evaluation of our services as well as further develop our workshop resources. We received **£16,200** from sponsors including the three main independent abortion providers in the UK. The Fore supported us with a further **£10,000** following on from their grant of £20,000 last year. Sales from workshops totalled **£6,090**. The rest of our income came from individual donations, sales of merchandise, and Gift Aid.

Our plans for the year ahead

We have big plans for the year ahead. Here's some of what we are looking forward to....

This is important to ensure we remain effective, accountable, and well-placed to deliver our mission.



Thank you to our partners, funders and donors without whose support we could not have had this impact.



Thank you for your support!

Any questions about this report or how you can support our work destigmatising abortion?
Contact us at **info@abortiontalk.com**.

Visit our website to learn more about Abortion Talk and make a donation, or follow our us on social media.



Charity commission information (1)

Abortion Talk is a charitable trust (charity commission registration number 297667) whose registered address is Crown House, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AX. We are governed by a Trust Deed which was last amended on 4 September 2023.

Abortion Talk's only voting members are its charity trustees. The trustees all have an equal vote on all matters and manage the affairs of the trust. None have received benefits or claimed personal expenses from the trust. In appointing new trustees, regard is given to the knowledge, skills and experience needed for the effective administration of the trust. Operationally the trustees are supported by a small team of freelance contractors.

Established in 1987 and revitalised in 2021 after a period of dormancy, we have four strategic objectives:

1. Develop and grow our Talkline, so that people who want to talk about their abortion experiences get the chance to be heard.
2. Expand our workshops for healthcare providers, community groups and students, to address abortion stigma while promoting competent and compassionate care.
3. Develop Abortion Talk's infrastructure, so that we're ready to grow.
4. Support our partners in their campaigns to challenge abortion stigma more widely.

Our trustees during the annual report period (1 October 2024 - 30 September 2025) were:

Hannah Brearley (appointed 28 October 2024, resigned 10 June 2025)

Charlotte Chung (appointed 28 October 2024)

Mara Clarke (appointed 28 October 2024)

Jane Fisher

Sally Gimson (resigned 28 October 2024)

Zoe Macalpine

Chowa Nkonde (resigned 28 October 2024)

Laura Russell (Chair)

Wendy Savage (resigned 28 October 2024)

Helen Timbrell (appointed 28 October 2024)

Hayley Webb

Samuel Yosef

Charity commission information (3)

The 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 the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. 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 judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed,
- subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2015 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safekeeping the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



Laura Russell, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Statement of independent examiner (1)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Abortion Talk, Year Ended 30 September 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 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.

Statement of independent examiner (2)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Charities 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.

Jane Ascroft

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Chartered Accountant (ICAEW) and Independent examiner

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DL12 8XP
10th December 2025

Income and expenditure (1)

Abortion Talk - charity registration number 297667.

Receipts and payment accounts (For the year ended 30 September 2025)

Receipts	Unrestricted funds (to nearest £)	Restricted funds (to nearest £)	Endowment funds (to the nearest £)	Total funds (to the nearest £)	Last year (to the nearest £)
Donations - Individual giving	£2,879	£0	£0	£2,879	£4,675
Donations - Gift Aid	£58	£0	£0	£58	£0
Donation - corporate	£16,200	£0	£0	£16,200	£15,100
Grants	£10,142	£0	£0	£10,142	£20,613
Sales - partnerships	£21,200	£0	£0	£21,200	£19,600
Sales - royalties	£16	£0	£0	£16	£76
Sales - workshops	£6,090	£0	£0	£6,090	£10,532
Other	£0	£0	£0	£0	£90
Subtotal	£56,585	£0	£0	£56,585	£70,686
Assets and investment sales					
	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total receipts	£56,585	£0	£0	£56,585	£70,686
Payments					
Talkline operations	£8,680	£0	£0	£8,680	£6,787
Workshop operations	£16,178	£0	£0	£16,178	£24,034
People	£22,945	£0	£0	£22,945	£10,997
Fundraising and evaluation	£16,627	£0	£0	£16,627	£73
Marketing and Comms	£7,218	£0	£0	£7,218	£2,569
Office costs	£207	£0	£0	£207	£168
Software	£380	£0	£0	£380	£188
Legal and professional	£732	£0	£0	£732	£639
Subtotal	£72,967	£0	£0	£72,967	£45,455
Asset and investment purchases					
	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total payments	£72,967	£0	£0	£72,967	£45,455
Net of receipts/(payments)	-£16,383	£0	£0	-£16,383	£25,231
Transfer between funds	£0	£0	£0	£0	0
Cash funds last year end	£45,479	£0	£0	£45,479	20248
Cash funds this year end	£29,096	£0	£0	£29,096	£45,479

Income and expenditure (2)

Abortion Talk - charity registration number 297667.

Statement of assets and liabilities (For the year ended 30 September 2025)

Cash funds	Details	Unrestricted funds (to nearest £)	Restricted funds (to nearest £)	Endowment funds (to nearest £)
	Coop bank account	£28,934	£0	£0
	Wise bank account	£0	£0	£0
	Paypal account	£161	£0	£0
	Total cash funds	£29,095	£0	£0
Signed on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print name	Date of approval	



Laura Russell 26 January 2026

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Annual Report

Charity registration number: 297667

Charity name: Abortion Talk

Period ending 30/09/2024

Our activities in 2023-24

Running the Talkline

This year, we continued to operate our confidential Talkline. Following a successful grant application made to the Fore (for £30,000 across two years), we were able to extend our opening hours from two days per week to four days. From 7pm - 10pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, we provided support for anyone who needs to talk about abortion. This could be because they've had an abortion, are thinking about having an abortion, know someone who has had an abortion or work in abortion care.

In August 2024, we also launched a callback service by updating the Talkline's voicemail settings. This means that, if people call when the line is closed or busy, they can leave a message to request a call back during our opening hours. In September we introduced an option to request a call back via a webform.

This year, we were able to answer 127 calls (a slight decrease from the 164 calls we answered in 2022-23), providing a confidential space for callers to talk through their thoughts and feelings and reflect on their experiences. Of our callers:

- 71 were seeking an abortion
- 34 had experienced abortion
- 3 had supported someone else through an abortion
- 1 was a healthcare worker
- 18 had other experiences.

We also started monitoring some demographic information about our callers. We now know that:

- 11 of our callers were under 24 years old, 19 were 25 - 35, 38 were 35 - 50 and 2 were over 50 (with the rest of our callers choosing not to disclose)
- The majority of our callers were women and girls.

We also had hundreds of missed calls during this period. In the next year, we're developing a web chat service, to make sure that we reach even more of the people who need us.



Developing workshops and connecting with providers

Our workshops are safe spaces for abortion and other healthcare providers, researchers and community activists and organisers to explore the rewards and challenges of their role. This includes the emotional aspects of their work and the possible impact of abortion-related stigma on their well-being.

In 2024, we developed a new, one-day Abortion Fundamentals course. This training session is designed to give healthcare providers the knowledge and skills they will need to respond appropriately when they see a patient who wants or is considering an abortion. The session is designed for all healthcare providers, especially those who are not involved directly in abortion care. The content and methodology are designed to be delivered without judgement of individuals' positions on abortion, including those who have a conscientious objection. The session aims to give healthcare providers confidence to know they can practise in a clinically, legally, professionally and ethically robust way when they see a patient who wants or is considering an abortion, or who is unsure how they feel about their pregnancy.

In 2023-24, we delivered 8 workshops (compared to 9 in 2022-23, 2 in 2021-22 and 3 in 2020-21). This included:

- Supporting patients in a non stigmatising way
- Talking about abortion: theatre staff
- Talking about abortion in further education
- Abortion care fundamentals for nurse and midwifery students

In collaboration with Doctors for Choice UK, we also delivered our first annual conference on the theme *Abortion: decriminalise, destigmatise, demedicalise*, with the aim of bringing together healthcare workers and community organisations to discuss topics related to abortion stigma.

The event included speakers from activist organisations and charities: the Reproductive Justice Initiative, Ad'iyah Reproductive Justice Collective, Sisters Uncut, Alliance for Choice, Safe Abortions for Everyone and Antenatal Results and Choices. Academics from University College London, the London School of Economics, the University of Bristol, the Open University, King's College London and Ulster University also presented.

Improving our processes, governance and support for volunteers through an expanded network of contractors and new trustees

We recruited our first (contractor) Operations Manager, Susie Corfield. With a background in charity leadership, Susie has supported us to improve our processes, strengthen our governance and supported the development of our services. We also worked with other contractors, Jane Calvert (volunteer support), Kim Newman (talkline coordination) and Kate Austen (workshop development).



In addition, several of our trustees indicated they would be stepping down at the end of their term. This led us to conduct an audit of trustees' skills and experience, ahead of recruitment in 2024-25. This will ensure that we have the financial, volunteer management and business development skills in order to expand our services in the future.

Fundraising

This year we received £20513 from the Open University to further develop our workshops, building on the £19800 we received in 2022-23.

We received a £20000 unrestricted grant from The Fore (with a further £10000 pledged for next year) to develop our infrastructure and Talkline services.

Independent Abortion Providers supported us with sponsorship worth £15100.

The rest of our income was made up of workshop sales (£12600) and individual donations/merchandise purchases (£4800).

This represents a greater spread of income types which we will further diversify in 2024-2025.



	Abortion Talk			297667	
	Receipts and payments accounts				CC16a
	For the period from	01 October 2023	To	30 September 2024	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations - Individual giving	4,675	-	-	4,675	4,617
Grants	20,613	19,600	-	40,213	19,800
Sponsorship and partnerships	15,100	-	-	15,100	5,650
Merchandise sales	76	-	-	76	732
Workshop sales	10,532	-	-	10,532	3,985
Other	90	-	-	90	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	51,086	19,600	-	70,686	34,784



A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	51,086	19,600	-	70,686	34,784
A3 Payments					
Wages	23,257	11,524	-	34,781	14,320
Advertising and marketing	469	-	-	469	389
Accommodation	-	830	-	830	3,738
Audit and accountancy	300	-	-	300	504
Direct costs of fundraising	74	-	-	74	58
Office accommodation	168	-	-	168	-
Insurance	339	-	-	339	-
IT software and consumables	187	-	-	187	180
Merchandise for re-sale	360	-	-	360	467
Training and development	494	-	-	494	-
Telephone and internet	207	-	-	207	174
Travel costs	-	2,908	-	2,908	3,737
Venue hire	-	4,338	-	4,338	3,244
Sub total	25,855	19,600	-	45,455	26,811
A4 Asset and investment					



purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	25,855	19,600	-	45,455	26,811
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	25,231	-	-	25,231	7,973
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,248	-	-	20,248	12,273
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	45,479	-	-	45,479	20,248
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment



		funds to nearest £	funds to nearest £	funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash - Coop Bank account	30,116	-	-
	Cash - Wise Bank Account	15,263	-	-
	Cash - Paypal account	100	-	-
	Total cash funds	45,479	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-



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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)



B5 Liabilities				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
	<i>Laura Russell</i>		Laura Russell		6 May 2025



Abortion Talk

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Abortion Talk

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Abortion Talk

England & Wales - Charity number 297667

Accounts



Annual Report

Charity registration number: 297667

Charity name: Abortion Talk

Period ending 30/09/2023

Our activities in 2022-23

Running the Talkline

This year, we continued to operate our confidential Talkline. From 7pm - 10pm on two evenings a week, we provided support for anyone who needs to talk about abortion. This could be because they've had an abortion, are thinking about having an abortion, know someone who has had an abortion or work in abortion care.

We trained an additional 9 Talkline volunteers (bringing our total number of active volunteers to 30), which meant we were able to answer 164 calls (an increase of 315% compared to 2021-22), providing a confidential space for callers to talk through their thoughts and feelings and reflect on their experiences. Of our callers:

- 89 were seeking an abortion
- 31 had experienced abortion
- 3 had supported someone else through an abortion
- 41 had other experiences.

We also had hundreds of missed calls during this period. In the next year, we're expanding our opening hours and developing a call back service, to make sure that we reach even more of the people who need us.

Developing workshops

Our provider support workshops are safe spaces for abortion providers, clinicians, researchers and community activists and organisers to explore the rewards and challenges of their role. This includes the emotional aspects of their work and the possible impact of abortion-related stigma on their well-being.

Over 2022-23, we delivered 9 workshops (compared to 2 in 2021-22 and 3 in 2020-21). This included:

- A one hour online *Provider support* workshop for NUPAS staff.



- A half day *Abortion conversations* workshop for Queen's University Belfast Student Union officers.
- A one-day *Provider support* workshop for staff working at Cornwall's abortion care service.
- Four *Talking about abortion* workshops with staff and officers at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.
- Three days of VCAT (values clarification and attitude transformation) training for abortion care providers in Northern Ireland.
- A half day *Talking about abortion* workshop with Homerton theatre staff in East London.

Improving our processes, governance and support for volunteers through an expanded network of contractors

We began the process to recruit our first (contractor) Operations Manager, to be appointed in 2023-24. The new postholder will support us to improve our processes, strengthen our governance and support the development of our services.

Fundraising

This year, we received £19,800 from the Open University to develop our workshops, building on the £16,000 grant we received in 2021-22.

While the majority of our income continues to come from academic partnerships and grants from abortion care providers, we have continued to expand our individual giving (with donations totaling £2,833.59 in this period).

ABORTION TALK ANNUAL REPORT 01.10.2022-30.09.2023

WISE Account			
OUTGOING			INCOMING
<i>Category</i>	<i>Amount</i>		<i>Category</i>
Staff Wages	£14,319.98		Individual Giving
Office/ Admin Expenses	£685.50		Grants
Volunteer Expenses			Partnership/ Sponsorship
Talkline Expenses	£172.80		Events
Comms and Marketing	£388.98		Workshops
Event/ Workshop Expenses	£10,719.00		Bank acc rewards
Training and Development Expenses			Transfer from Paypal
Expenditure on Raising Funds	£14.71		
Research expenses			
TOTAL	£26,300.97		TOTAL NET

SUMMARY			
	<u>Wise</u>	<u>Paypal</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Balance b/fwd	£9,415.39	£2,858.51	£12,273.90
Income	£36,719.59	£3,566.12	£40,285.71
Expenses	-£26,300.97	-£6,010.21	-£32,311.18
Balance c/fwd	£19,834.01	£414.42	£20,248.43

Amount

£19,800
£5,650
£1,784
£3,984
£2.06
£5,500

£36,720.00
£10,419.03

PayPal Account

Incoming

Category	Amount
Individual Giving	£ 2,833.59
Merchandise sales	£ 697.73
merchandise purchase refu	£ 34.80
TOTAL	£3,566.12

Ongoing

Category	Amount
Transfer into Wise Acc	£5,500
Merchandise purchase	£467.66
Fees	£42.55
TOTAL	£6,010.21
NET	-£2,444.09

FINAL ACCOUNTS

TOTAL OUTGOINGS	£32,311.18	TOTAL INCOME	£40,285.71
		NET	£7,974.53

INCOMINGS

Date	Amount	Description	Category
14.10.2022	£544.57	QUB General	Workshops
18.10.2022	£500	RCOG	
30.10.2022	£50	DfC	Partnership/sponsorship
30.11.2022	£50	DfC	Partnership/sponsorship
05.12.2022	£5,000	NUPAS	Partnership/sponsorship
08.12.2022	£1,384.96	Royal Cornwall Hospital	Workshops
30.12.2022	£50	DfC	Partnership/sponsorship
06.04.2023	£75	Imperial College Union	Donation
17.05.2023	£2,000	Paypal	Transfer from paypal
19.05.2023	£709	SU CSC	Fundraising events
04.06.2023	£2,000	Paypal	Transfer from paypal
24.06.2023	£500	Paypal	Transfer from paypal
04.07.2023	£500	Paypal	Transfer from paypal
08.07.2023	£1,000	DfC	Fundraising events
01.08.2023	£500	Paypal	Transfer from paypal
07.08.2023	£19,800	OU	OU funds
25.08.2023	£2,054	RCOG	Workshops

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Individual Giving	Grants
	07.08.2023

Total

Events		Workshops
06.04.2023	£75 Imperial College Union	14.10.2022
19.05.2023	£709 SU CSC	08.12.2022
08.07.2023	£1,000 DfC	25.08.2023
Total	£1,784	Total

Transfer from paypal

17.05.2023	£2,000 Paypal	Transfer from paypal
04.06.2023	£2,000 Paypal	Transfer from paypal
24.06.2023	£500 Paypal	Transfer from paypal
04.07.2023	£500 Paypal	Transfer from paypal
01.08.2023	£500 Paypal	Transfer from paypal
Total	£5,500	

Merch sales - (events)	293.46	
Merch purchase		467.66
(Teemill)	36.27	
giving fund (donations)	1532.31	
(Lesley)	368	
Fees		42.55
subscriptions	1301.28	
Transfers		5500
refund (card machine)	34.8	
	3566.12	6010.21

Notes

(Wise bank acc rewards)

Abortion disclosure work	01.12.2022	£0.28	Card cashback
	01.01.2023	£0.38	Card cashback
Recurring payment	02.02.2023	£0.28	Card cashback
Recurring payment	01.03.2023	£0.28	Card cashback
	01.03.2023	0.02USD	Card cashback
Provider support worksh	01.04.2023	£0.14	Card cashback
Recurring payment	01.05.2023	0.01	USD Card cashback
Imperial College London	01.05.2023	£0.14	Card cashback
	01.06.2023	£0.14	Card cashback
RUMS Netball Society fu	03.07.2023	£0.14	Card cashback
	03.07.2023	0.01USD	Card cashback
	01.08.2023	£0.14	Card cashback
	15.09.2023	£0.14	Card cashback
DfC ceilidh fundraiser			

50% total cost planning & delivery workshops 11,14,25,28th July **

	Partnership/ Sponsorship	
£19,800 OU	18.10.202	£500 RCOG
	30.10.202	£50 DfC
	30.11.202	£50 DfC
£19,800	05.12.202	£5,000 NUPAS
	30.12.202	£50 DfC
	Total	£5,650
	Bank acc rewards	
	Total	£2.06
£544.57 QUB General		
£1,384.96 Royal Cornwall Hospital		
£2,054 RCOG		
£3,984		

OUTGOINGS

Date	Amount	Description	
05.10.2022	£1,200	Franki	AT Coordinator September 19.10.2022
05.10.2022	£87.19	Jane C	Workshop - travel to Cornwall 23.10.2022
05.10.2022	£131.19	Jayne K	Workshop - travel to Cornwall 23.10.2022
20.10.2022	£2,862.37	DfC transfer	19.11.2022
29.10.2022	£250	Jane C	DAY Abortion Talk Workshop @ £250'23.11.2022
01.11.2022	£1,200	Franki	AT Coordinator October 26.11.2022
04.11.2022	£503.87	Lisa H	Cornwall workshop £250+ train £131.1'23.12.2022
05.12.2022	£1,000	Franki	AT Coordinator November 19.01.2023
06.01.2023	£700	Franki	AT Coordinator December 24.01.2023
31.01.2023	£1,000	Franki	AT Coordinator January 19.12.2022
27.02.2023	£900	Franki	AT Coordinator February 23.12.2022
01.03.2023	£600	Jane C	January 7-28 Online training for volun19.02.2023
29.03.2023	£1,000	Franki	AT Coordinator March 23.02.2023
11.04.2023	£1,507.50	GFTU-ET	1st payment venue AT weekend 24.02.2023
02.05.2023	£1,000	Franki	AT Coordinator April 24.02.2023
11.05.2023	£1,736.20	GFTU-ET	2nd payment venue AT weekend 03.03.2023
15.05.2023	£103.38	Ayomide Oluseye	Reimbursement AT weekend 19.03.2023
15.05.2023	£341.01	Jayne K	Reimbursement AT weekend 23.03.2023
15.05.2023	£72.95	Cath Sutton	Reimbursement AT weekend 03.04.2023
15.05.2023	£72.48	Franki A	Reimbursement AT weekend 19.04.2023
15.05.2023	£92.64	Kate Austen	Reimbursement AT weekend 21.04.2023
15.05.2023	£41.93	Edem Ntummy	Reimbursement AT weekend 23.04.2023
17.05.2023	£51.14	Jane C	Reimbursement AT weekend 03.05.2023
17.05.2023	£54.60	Jane Fisher	Reimbursement AT weekend 19.05.2023
17.05.2023	£399.30	Maria Lapavitsas	Reimbursement AT weekend 23.05.2023
17.05.2023	£103.98	Lesley H	Reimbursement AT weekend 03.06.2023
17.05.2023	£625.94	Sinead Cook	Reimbursement AT weekend 19.06.2023
25.05.2023	£206.55	Laura McLaughlin	Reimbursement AT weekend 23.06.2023
25.05.2023	£49.95	Pollyanna Cohen	Reimbursement AT weekend 24.06.2023
02.06.2023	£800	Franki	AT Coordinator May £200+ website re03.07.2023
04.06.2023	£537.03	Jayne K	Belfast Air bnb £439.69+ BA flight £9719.07.2023
19.06.2023	£191.34	Kate Austen	Belfast flights 23.07.2023
20.06.2023	£58.65	Christina Boateng	Reimbursement AT weekend 03.08.2023
24.06.2023	£239.02	Jayne K	Belfast travel 19.08.2023
24.06.2023	£432.47	Kate Austen	Belfast travel £341.66 +other expense23.08.2023
24.06.2023	£120.41	Jane C	Belfast travel 03.09.2023
24.06.2023	£400	Jane C	Belfast VCAT 16-17/6/23 £200x2 19.09.2023
24.06.2023	£88.50	Jane C	Belfast other expenses (meals) 23.09.2023
27.06.2023	£119.91	Cath Sutton	Belfast travel 24.09.2023
04.07.2023	£800	Franki	AT Coordinator June £200 + website development £600
10.07.2023	£43.54	Jayne K	Belfast other expenses
19.07.2023	£30.80	Kate Austen	Belfast other travel (2nd weekend)
19.07.2023	£513.19	Jane C	Belfast VCAT £200 + Air bnb £94.30 + travel £218.89
19.07.2023	£227.68	Jayne K	Belfast flight + other expenses
01.08.2023	£800	Franki	AT Coordinator July £200 + website development £600
05.09.2023	£685	Jayne K	33% of amount paid to AT for 2x RCOG workshops 11+14
05.09.2023	£900	Franki	AT Coordinator Aug £300 + website redevelopment £600

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£14.40 Circleloop
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es	Talkline Expenses	Comms and Marketing
19.10.2022	£14.40 Circleloop	23.10.2022 £10.99 Canva
19.11.2022	£14.40 Circleloop	26.11.2022 £10.99 Canva
19.09.2023	£14.40 Circleloop	23.12.2022 £73.11 Big Ears music&design
19.12.2022	£14.40 Circleloop	24.09.2023 £131.52 Istock photos
19.02.2023	£14.40 Circleloop	20.10.2022* £162.37 T-shirt expenses
19.03.2023	£14.40 Circleloop	Total £388.98
19.04.2023	£14.40 Circleloop	
19.04.2023	£14.40 Circleloop	
19.05.2023	£14.40 Circleloop	
19.06.2023	£14.40 Circleloop	
19.07.2023	£14.40 Circleloop	
19.08.2023	£14.40 Circleloop	
	Circleloop	
Total	£172.80	

Event/ Workshop Expenses	T & Development	Expenditure on
05.10.2022	£87.19 Jane C	24.02.2023
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24.06.2023	£239.02 Jayne K	
24.06.2023	£432.47 Kate Austen	
24.06.2023	£120.41 Jane C	
24.06.2023	£400 Jane C	
24.06.2023	£88.50 Jane C	
27.06.2023	£119.91 Cath Sutton	
10.07.2023	£43.54 Jayne K	
19.07.2023	£30.80 Kate Austen	
19.07.2023	£513.19 Jane C	
19.07.2023	£227.68 Jayne K	
05.09.2023	£685 Jayne K	
Total	10,719.34	

Raising Funds	Research expenses
£1.56 donorbox donation	
£1.49 donorbox donation	
£1.47 donorbox donation	
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£2.59 donorbox donation	
£1.48 donorbox donation	
£1.64 donorbox donation	
£1.48 donorbox donation	
£1.51 donorbox donation	
£1.49 donorbox donation	
£14.71	

Abortion Talk

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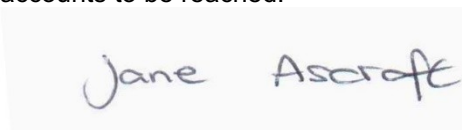
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25th June 2024

Abortion Talk

England & Wales - Charity number 297667

Accounts



Annual Report

Charity registration number: 297667

Charity name: Abortion Talk

Period ending 30/09/2022

Our activities in 2021-22

Running the Talkline

Our confidential Talkline is open two times a week for anyone who needs to talk about abortion, whether they've had an abortion, are thinking about having an abortion, know someone who has had an abortion or work in abortion care.

In 2021-22, our trained team of 15 volunteers answered 54 calls across 18 hours and 11 minutes, providing a confidential space for callers to talk through their thoughts and feelings and reflect on their experiences. Of our callers,

- 21 were seeking an abortion
- 14 had experienced abortion
- 1 was a provider of abortion care
- and 3 callers had another experience.

We also had 209 missed calls over this period. In the next year, we're developing a call back service, to make sure that we reach even more of the people who need us.

Developing workshops

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Over 2021-22, we delivered three workshops:

- to abortion care providers working at the Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in London.



- to the Northern Ireland Abortion and Contraception Taskgroup (NIACT), group of multidisciplinary professionals formed in response to the Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020.
- to pro-choice activists at Queen's University Belfast Students' Union.
- to independent abortion provider NUPAS' clinical and non-clinical team members.

Engaging with professionals internationally

We ran a stall at the annual International Federation of Abortion and Contraception Professionals (FIAPAC) conference from 7- 9 September in Riga, Latvia. This has inspired the development of a Spanish Talkline service.

Improving our governance and support for volunteers

We appointed a contractor, Franki Appleton, to support our Talkline volunteers, improve our processes, maintain our communications and support the development of our website.

Fundraising

While the majority of our income continues to come from partnerships and grants, we have expanded on our individual giving (with donations totalling £960 in this period). Over the next year, we hope to encourage more community fundraising through student feminist and pro-choice societies, as well as challenge events.

ABORTION TALK ANNUAL REPORT 01.10.2021 - 30.09.2022 Last Updated 12/05/2023

WISE Account				
OUTGOING			INCOMING	
<i>Category</i>	<i>Amount</i>		<i>Category</i>	
Staff Wages	£	11,805.00	Individual Giving	
Office/ Admin Expenses	£	311.90	Grants	
Volunteer Expenses	£	24.00	Partnership/ Sponsorship	
Talkline Expenses	£	140.92	Fundraising Events	
Comms and Marketing	£	934.88	Workshops	
Event/ Workshop Expenses	£	700.77	Merch Sales	
Training and Development Expenses	£	-		
Expenditure on Raising Funds	£	335.50		
Bank Charges	£	7.32		
Research expenses	£	-		
Refunds	£	-		
TOTAL		£14,260.29	TOTAL NET	

PayPal Account				
Outgoings			Income	
<i>Category</i>	<i>Amount</i>		<i>Category</i>	
Staff Wages	£	-	Individual Giving	
Office/ Admin Expenses	£	168.00	Grants	
Volunteer Expenses	£	-	Partnership/ Sponsorship	
Talkline Expenses	£	-	Fundraising Events	
Comms and Marketing	£	-	Workshops	

Event/ Workshop Expenses	£	-	Merch Sales
Training and Development Expenses	£	-	
Expenditure on Raising Funds	£	-	
Bank Charges	£	45.57	
Research expenses	£	-	
Refunds	£	-	
Transfer to WISE Account	£	-	
TOTAL		£213.57	TOTAL NET

FINAL ACCOUNTS			
TOTAL OUTGOINGS		£14,473.86	TOTAL INCOME NET

Amount

£960.00

£7,300.00

£ 14,050.00

£ 200.00

£ -

£ -

£22,510.00

£8,249.71

Amount

£ 2,657.96

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ 267.50

£2,925.46
£2,711.89

£25,435.46
£10,961.60

Abortion Talk

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Abortion Talk

Year Ended 30 September 2022

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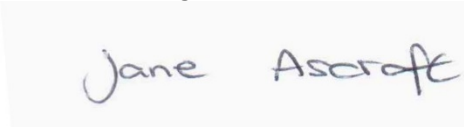
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14th June 2023

Abortion Talk

England & Wales - Charity number 297667

Accounts

Annual Report

Charity registration number: 297667

Charity name: Abortion Talk

Period ending 30/09/2021

Summary of activities

1. Repurpose existing charity with new name and new objectives:

to advance education, particularly for public benefit, for all those affected by pregnancy decision-making and its consequences, including abortion-related stigma, by the provision of advice, support and services and by the promotion of research related to pregnancy decision-making and its consequences

A new governing document has been drafted, approved by the Trustees and submitted to the Charity Commission.

2. Appoint Trustees and Establish Advisory Group.

Trustees: Jane Fisher (chair); Hayley Webb (treasurer); Chowa Mwenya Nkonde (secretary); Wendy Savage; Sally Gimson; Zoe Macalpine

Advisory Group: Carrie Purcell; Fiona Bloomer; Christina Boateng; Isadora Sinha; Joe Strong; Lisa Hallgarten; Mara Clarke; Patricia Lohr; Pollyanna Cohen; Isadora Sinha; Sam Rowlands; Upeka De Silva; Yvonne Neubauer

3. Develop website and launch Abortion Talk.

This involved recruiting, through a competitive process, a general manager (Kellie O'Dowd) and communications officer (Zachi Brewster). Both were recruited for 6 months to help with repurposing the existing charity, building the website (along with Deb Googe), organising the launch event. They joined Jane Calvert (Talkline developer and manager) who had been involved with Lesley Hoggart, Jayne Kavanagh, Jane Fisher, Lisa Hallgarten and Patricia Lohr in a series of meetings discussing whether and how to repurpose the charity. The charity was then run by the three employees (as consultants) with the support of Lesley Hoggart and Jayne Kavanagh as volunteers.

The repurposed charity was launched with an on-line event on 28 June 2021. The launch event had over 100 attendees.

4. Set up 'Talkline' for anyone who wants to talk about abortion experiences.

Involved:

- Scoping work commissioned (on existing helplines and also from Decolonising Contraception on abortion and equality, diversity and inclusion issues). Two reports were produced and considered by the charity's three employees.
- Recruiting volunteers. We advertised for volunteers through social media and received over 20 applications. These were all considered. Those who were already known to the volunteer manager and could be vouched for were accepted for training. The remaining volunteers were all interviewed. In total 15 were selected for training. Remaining volunteers are involved in other supporting activities.
- Training volunteers. Training by Jane Calvert for 15 volunteers took place over 4 weekends 14 hours in total, including a dedicated safeguarding session. Topics covered listening skills with opportunity for practice, empathy, maintaining confidentiality and boundaries, pregnancy options with information on pathways for each. Information on treatments involved for abortion care for supporting providers.
- A manual to support the training is available detailing helpful information and up to date pathways for access to pregnancy information including abortion pathways.
- An ever-changing list of useful organisations supports the manual and volunteers.
- One to one support is available to all volunteers on demand and opportunities to share good practice via bi-annual supervision.
- Developing volunteer agreement.

The talkline is open Monday, Wednesday + Thursday from 7pm - 10pm (UK time).

5. Develop and pilot workshops.

Involved:

- Pump-priming from Open University to pilot and evaluate workshops. This was in order to support the research impact activity of Lesley Hoggart and Victoria Newton and also to provide an evaluation to draw upon in a large grant application led by the Open University. This is currently being prepared and will be submitted during the 2022/3 academic year.
- Attending provider share workshop training. The charity paid for three supporters (including Jane Calvert, Lesley Hoggart, Kellie O'Dowd) to attend a series of training workshops arranged by RCOG and facilitated by Provider Share trainers (Kate Austen of MSI and Jane Hassinger co-founder of the Providers Share Program and the Director of Training and Education for the Providers Share Global Workgroup at the University of Michigan). Several of our volunteers also attended funded by RCOG.
- Three pilot workshops with providers (one with a hospital in London, and two in Northern Ireland)

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- o pilot workshops with students (Queens University Belfast)

ABORTION TALK ANNUAL REPORT

WISE Account

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TOTAL

FINAL ACCOUNTS

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<i>Amount</i>		INCOMING
		<i>Category</i>
£	21,067.98	Individual Giving
£	295.05	Grants
£	42.35	Partnership/ Sponsorship
£	337.24	Events
£	1,383.60	Workshops
£	-	
£	444.99	Transfer from PayPal
£	-	
£	5.14	
£	3,000.00	
	£26,576.35	TOTAL NET

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		<i>Category</i>
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£	-	Grants
£	-	Partnership/ Sponsorship
£	-	Events
£	-	Workshops
£	-	
£	-	
£	-	
£	-	
£	-	
£	167.14	
	£167.14	TOTAL NET

£26,743.49 **TOTAL INCOME NET**

tails 04/04/2023

Amount

	£100.01
	£27,065.00
£	-
£	409.92
£	-
	£167.14
	£27,742.07
	£1,165.72

Amount

£	313.76
£	-
£	-
£	-
£	-
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£28,055.83
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Abortion Talk

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