

## **STANTON HEALTHCARE BELFAST**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees present the Annual Report including the Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Stanton Healthcare Belfast for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### ***Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity***

The charity is governed by its Constitution adopted on 26 October 2016.

#### **Recruitment and Appointment**

The Executive Committee have the right to approve applications for membership and for good and sufficient reason, to terminate the membership of any member provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee before a final decision is made.

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees who served Stanton Healthcare Belfast during the year are detailed on page 1.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the charity are:

- The advancement of education of young people, without distinction of marital status, gender, sexual orientation, disability, race, political, religious or other opinion, within Northern Ireland in:
  - i. Matters of sexual health, responsibility in regard to sexual behaviour and inter-personal relationships, and;
  - ii. The humanity and intrinsic and inalienable value and dignity of the unborn child which ground his or her right to life.
- The advancement of the health of young people and women of any age facing a 'crisis pregnancy' by providing advice, counselling, guidance and support at no cost with regard to the subject of pregnancy and the health of the unborn child, with the object of promoting their physical, emotional and mental well-being and contributing to their development as individuals and members of society.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

#### **Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit**

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the charity's objectives:-

- a) Provide or secure the provision of advice, counselling and information and refer those in need of professional advice and assistance to the relevant bodies;

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#### **Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit (Cont'd)**

- b) Co-operate to such an extent as may be necessary with voluntary and statutory agencies and the inhabitants of the area of benefit;
- c) Affiliate to other organisations with similar charitable objects;
- d) Write, print, publish and distribute pamphlets, newsletters, books, posters, sound and visual recordings, films and communications in any form, as shall further the objects of the Association;
- e) Promote or carry out, or assist in carrying out, research, surveys and investigations and publish useful results thereof;
- f) Purchase, take, lease or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and any rights and privileges necessary for the attainment of the objects of Association and construct, maintain and alter any buildings and equip premises and facilities so necessary as foresaid;
- g) Organise or assist in organising classes, workshops, training courses, meetings, exhibitions, events and activities consistent with the objects of the Association;
- h) Recruit, train and employ volunteers with relevant skills;
- i) Employ staff;
- j) Raise funds and invite or receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation or otherwise;
- k) Establish and support any charitable association or body to subscribe or guarantee money for the charitable objects of the Association; and
- l) Do all such other lawful things as may be necessary to the attainment of the above objects.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:-

This year, Stanton Healthcare continued to grow in reach, reputation, and impact, one mother, one baby, and one family at a time. Our Mammy and Baby Packs remain at the heart of our care. These packs containing everything from prams and cribs to formula and nappies, offer more than practical help; they offer hope.

With the continued generosity of our donors, our stock remains well supplied. We are also deeply touched by the ongoing support of kind-hearted individuals who send in hand-knitted blankets, hats, cardigans, and mittens, each one a message of love and solidarity for a mother in need.

This year brought exciting developments: we were approached by Social Services to explore our ability to provide Home Outreach Care Packages. Our trained volunteers are now offering weekly visits and compiling reports for Social Workers, a clear sign that Stanton's impact is being noticed and trusted in wider circles.

We remain committed to women in every stage of their journey. Through our partnerships we offer compassionate support to women navigating the emotional aftermath of abortion. As always, our services grow and adapt in response to what our clients truly need.



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#### **Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit (Cont'd)**

##### Community and charitable partnerships

None of this would be possible without the communities who continue to walk alongside us. Thanks to the ever-generous supporters, we received another amazing donation of baby essentials this year, filling our shelves with clothes, nappies, blankets, and more. And once again, the kindness of partners helped us bring Christmas joy to 13 families by providing gifts for our clients' children. In a year marked by economic pressure, this support meant the world to the families we serve. These partnerships don't just replenish supplies, they remind our clients that they are not alone.

##### Client advocacy

At Stanton, we know that care doesn't stop at the door. Throughout the year, we helped several clients take important steps toward rebuilding their lives helping them register with a GP's, to writing supporting letters for housing applications, to liaising with healthcare providers on their behalf. It's not just about advocacy, it's about empowering women to stand tall in systems that too often overlook them.

##### Team growth and development

Behind every Stanton service is a committed and growing team. This year, we welcomed a new sonographer, whose warmth and professionalism have made her an invaluable member of the team. Two more volunteers are now preparing to begin their sonography training, expanding our capacity and allowing us to offer more ultrasound scans to more women when they need them most. Our advisors continue to meet with clients, week after week, offering steady support and listening ears. Their energy and compassion are what make Stanton a safe space. We're also actively searching for new office space in Belfast, so we can meet rising demand and provide an even more welcoming environment for our clients.

##### Fundraising

Our supporters showed up in incredible ways this year. From coffee mornings in Parish Halls to church collections, we saw communities come together with purpose and passion. The response was generous, heartfelt, and essential to our continued work. A huge thank-you to our volunteers and our hardworking Finance Committee, who are already planning new ways to keep Stanton growing strong in 2025.

#### **Financial Review**

The results for the period are set out in detail on pages 8 to 10. The charity returned net receipts of £27,820 (2024 – £115,552).

At 31 March 2025, the charity had a surplus of £190,190 (2024 – £162,370) in unrestricted funds after accounting for unpaid liabilities.

The charity is not currently operating a reserves policy; monetary funds are directly applied to the objectives and activities of the Association. A reserve policy will be in place in the future. This will be reviewed bi-annually.

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**Going Concern**

The Trustees of Stanton Healthcare Belfast believe the success of the objectives of the Charity and ongoing fundraising throughout the year, grant application and with growing support from the public will add greatly to income. Stanton will present more information coffee mornings over the coming year, to spread knowledge of the work they do. The Trustees are confident in the continuation of the Charity over the next financial year.

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees**

*Martine Henderson.*

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Date: 12/01/26

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