

Charity number: NIC106650
Company number: NI639619

Omagh Women's Aid
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number NIC106650

Company registration number NI639619

Registered office 9 Holmview Terrace
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Trustees Allison Forbes
Cathy O'Neill
Susan Glass
Deborah Cunningham
Michelle McRory
Meabh Donnelly
Megan Glennie
Catherine McCaul
Josephine Treanor
Bridget Collins

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees, who are also directors of Omagh Women's Aid for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below.

Structure, governance and management

Trustees

Allison Forbes	Co - Chairperson	
Susan Glass	Co - Chairperson	appointed 18th April 2024
Bridget Collins	Treasurer	appointed 26th February 2025 resigned 22nd August 2025
Deborah Cunningham		appointed 18th April 2024
Michelle McRory		appointed 18th April 2024
Megan Glennie		appointed 18th April 2024
Catherine McCaul		appointed 13th June 2024
Meabh Donnelly		appointed 13th June 2024
Josephine Treanor		appointed 3 December 2024
Cathy O'Neill	Treasurer	resigned 3 December 2024

Objectives and activities

To relieve distress and suffering by the provision of safe temporary accommodation for women and their children, young people and vulnerable adult dependents who are, or have been, experiencing domestic, sexual or gender based violence or abuse.

To relieve distress and suffering experienced by women and their children, young people and vulnerable adult dependents by providing and/or promoting a range of support services such as information, advice centres, confidential services, counselling, outreach, court support, training and advocacy.

To relieve those in need by the provision of information and advice for those affected by domestic, sexual or gender based violence or abuse and referral to relevant support agencies.

To advance education on violence against women and girls, including trafficking and exploitation, and its effects, and to relieve those in need by promoting its prevention and the protection of those affected.

To advance education on domestic, sexual and gender based violence and abuse and their effects, and to advocate for and to relieve those in need by promoting their prevention and the protection of those affected.

To advance women's and children's human rights and gender equality to relieve the suffering and distress caused by violence emanating from the violation, impairment or nullification of enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The promotion of such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined in accordance with Northern Ireland charity law.

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Achievements and performance

For year 2024/2025 Omagh Women's Aid continue to provide crisis and essential support services to women and children who experienced domestic violence.

The year has seen 42 women and 26 children accommodated at our refuge and 30 children supported through services provided to mothers. Additionally, 77 women availed of support from our community-based support projects and 8 women took part in personal development programmes facilitated by OWA.

Our triage project continued to process more women than ever, identifying high risk cases and this project continues to enable OWA to provide a comprehensive range of services for clients.

The many courses facilitated through the empowerment project continue to be enjoyed by many women and we continue to lead in the provision of domestic abuse services to women children and young people across Omagh and surrounding district.

Local community groups, churches, schools and charities continued to support us in our work and helped clients in many ways e.g. with donations, equipment and food boxes/parcels. All this local support is invaluable and we thank them all for their contribution.

Finally, all the work is not possible without our team of dedicated staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly for the clients and continue to achieve better lives and futures for victims.

Plans for future periods

Over the past year, OWA has forged a stronger working relationship with Fermanagh Women's Aid ["FWA"], securing joint funding from both the National Lottery (Lighthouse project) & FODC (Peace Plus & To Be The Change projects). FWA have also provided invaluable operational support to OWA and both organisations commenced a process with a view to merging the two charities. The potential merger will build on the strengths of each organisation and will deliver even greater support to women and children across all of Fermanagh & Omagh.

Reserves Statement

The OWA Reserves as at 31st March 2025 are as follows:

Restricted Reserves

Restricted income funds	£49,500
Supporting People	<u>£56,438</u>
	£105,938

Unrestricted Reserves

Designated Reserves	£155,991
Unrestricted & Undesignated Reserves	<u>£224,910</u>
	£380,991

The reserves are aligned with OWA's strategic plans in accordance with OWA's Reserves policy.

Designated reserves to be ringfenced, from the existing unrestricted reserves, totals £155,991 and incorporates the cost of delivering the merger (including professional fees), which could potentially reach £100k with all costs expected to be incurred by the end of 2025. It also includes any one-off employment related costs, associated professional fees, and salary increases for all staff for 2025/26.

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Omagh Women's Aid for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under section 4(b) 'of the Charities Act (the public benefit requirement statutory guidance)

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

On behalf of the board



Susan Glass

9th September 2025

Charity number : NIC 106650

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Omagh Women's Aid.

I report on the accounts of Omagh Women's Aid for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is no further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Independent examiner

Mr. Brian Mellon
F.C.C.A.
O'Donnell & Mellon
19/21 Castle Street
OMAGH
Co. Tyrone

9th September 2025

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 2025 £	Year ended 2024 £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies		3,680		3,680	3,391
Charitable activities	2	60,985	355,015	416,000	347,345
Other	3	37,894	-	37,894	21,408
Total		<u>102,559</u>	<u>355,015</u>	<u>457,574</u>	<u>372,144</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	55,529	305,515	361,044	318,933
Other	5	97	-	97	92
Total		<u>55,626</u>	<u>305,515</u>	<u>361,141</u>	<u>319,025</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		46,933	49,500	96,433	53,119
Net incoming resources for the year /					
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		258,854	187,991	446,845	450,165
		75,114	(131,553)	(56,439)	(56,439)
Total funds carried forward		<u>380,901</u>	<u>105,938</u>	<u>486,839</u>	<u>446,845</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		5,793		5,793
Current assets					
Debtors	9	2,179		33,688	
Cash at bank and in hand		480,431		477,185	
		482,610		510,873	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,564)		(69,821)	
Net current assets			481,046		441,052
Net assets			486,839		446,845
Funds					
Restricted income funds:			49,500		75,114
Restricted income funds S.P.			56,438		112,877
Total restricted income funds	11		105,938		187,991
Unrestricted income funds	12		380,901		258,854
Total funds			486,839		446,845

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

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Balance sheet (continued)

Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies;
- (b) no members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 9 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Allison Forbes
Director



Susan Glass
Director

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below.

1.1. Basis of accounting and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Cashflow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

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1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 25% straight line

1.6. Defined benefit pension schemes

The charity operates a defined benefit pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

Current service costs, past service costs and gains and losses on settlements and curtailments are charged to appropriate resources expended categories in the statement of financial activities. Past service costs are recognised over the vesting period or immediately if the benefits have vested. When a settlement (eliminating all obligations for benefits already accrued) or a curtailment (reducing future obligations as a result of a material reduction in the scheme membership or a reduction in future entitlement) occurs, the obligation and related plan assets are remeasured using current actuarial assumptions and the resultant gain or loss is recognised in the statement of financial activities during the period in which the settlement or curtailment occurs.

The interest cost and the expected return on assets are shown as a net amount as other finance costs or income. Net pension finance costs are allocated to appropriate resources expended categories in the statement of financial activities. Net pension finance income is recognised as an incoming resource in the statement of financial activities. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately as other recognised gains and losses in the statement of financial activities.

Pension scheme assets are valued at fair value at the balance sheet date. Fair value is based on market price information and in the case of quoted securities is the published bid price. Pension scheme liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and are discounted to their present value using a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent currency and term to the scheme liabilities. The pension scheme [Either: "surplus (to the extent that it can be recovered) OR "deficit"] is recognised in full on the balance sheet, net of related deferred tax.

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2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Children in Need Children & Young Persons		10,201	10,201	15,670
Floating support (NIHE)		36,138	36,138	35,251
WAFNI Comic Relief		26,000	26,000	-
WAFNI All State foundation		23,500	23,500	-
WHSCT		44,477	44,477	40,563
WHSCT Hope in Common		-	-	2,156
Supporting People (NIHE)		168,561	168,561	164,315
Sustaining Healthy Homes (NIHE)		-	-	917
Halifax		17,863	17,863	10,000
Nationwide Community grant		4,460	4,460	21,619
Big Lottery Community Fund		19,812	19,812	-
Fermanagh Womens Aid Lighthouse Project		126	126	-
The Community Foundation		3,877	3,877	-
CLEAR		-	-	475
FWA EmpowHer project		-	-	8,690
Housing Management	34,648		34,648	35,229
Fermanagh Women's Aid	17,553		17,553	-
Omagh Women's Aid	8,784		8,784	12,460
	<u>60,985</u>	<u>355,015</u>	<u>416,000</u>	<u>347,345</u>

3. Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Xmas appeal	11,666	11,666	10,860
Fundraising	4,329	4,329	2,125
Bank interest receivable	21,899	21,899	8,423
	<u>37,894</u>	<u>37,894</u>	<u>21,408</u>

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4. Costs of charitable activities

	Charitable Activities £	Support costs £	Governance £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Children & Young Person's	10,020	-	181	10,201	15,670
Big Lottery Steps to Safety project	19,812			19,812	-
Floating Support (NIHE)	35,108	614	416	36,138	54,758
Housing Management	43,191	475	127	43,793	31,566
Supporting People (NIHE)	164,164	3,673	724	168,561	143,994
WHSCCT Advice, accommodation & support	42,777	1,700		44,477	26,830
Community Foundation Steps to Safety		3,877		3,877	-
Halifax EmpowerHer project	17,865			17,865	16,614
Nationwide Community project	4,460			4,460	21,619
FWA Lighthouse project		126		126	
Central costs		11,528	208	11,736	7,882
	<u>337,397</u>	<u>21,993</u>	<u>1,656</u>	<u>361,046</u>	<u>318,933</u>

5. Other resources expended

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Bank fees	97	97	92
	<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>92</u>

6. Employees

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries and pensions	<u>240,592</u>	<u>215,094</u>

No salaries or wages have been paid to the trustees during the year.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024 : None).

7. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

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8. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	43,508	43,508
At 31 March 2025	43,508	43,508
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	37,715	37,715
At 31 March 2025	37,715	37,715
Net book values		
At 31 March 2025	5,793	5,793
At 31 March 2024	5,793	5,793
9. Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
NIHE Rents ledger	-	19,688
Fermanagh Women's Aid	179	
WAFNI	2,000	
Other debtors	-	14,000
	2,179	33,688
10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Corporate credit card	322	1,815
Creditors	205	11,703
Nationwide Community Fund	-	4,460
Halifax Foundation	-	12,714
Children in Need	-	10,201
The Community Foundation	-	3,877
Comic relief	-	13,000
All state foundation	-	13,500
Other taxes and social security	(299)	(1,449)
Accruals and deferred income	1,336	-
	1,564	69,821

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11. Restricted funds	At 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfer recovery £	Transfer funds £	At 2025 £
S.P.	112,877	204,699	(204,699)	(56,439)	-	56,438
Others	75,114	150,316	(100,818)		(75,114)	49,500
	<u>187,991</u>	<u>355,015</u>	<u>(305,517)</u>	<u>(56,439)</u>	<u>75,114</u>	<u>105,938</u>

12. Unrestricted funds	At 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Provision costs £	Transfer funds £	At 2025 £
General funds	258,854	102,559	(55,626)	(155,991)	75,114	224,910
Designated funds	-	-	-	155,991	-	155,991
	<u>258,854</u>	<u>102,559</u>	<u>(55,626)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(75,114)</u>	<u>380,901</u>

Purposes of designated funds

Charity trustees have taken the decision to designate a portion of charity's reserves to meet the liability of any employment related costs and potential future costs of a merger. Trustees have designated £155,991 of the charity's Unrestricted Reserves.

13. Company limited by guarantee

Omagh Women's Aid is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.