

# Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106888

## Details

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Status	Received
Company number	<a href="#">30137</a>
Registered	2017-12-14
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Charity's objects ("Objects") are to:- (1) 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. (2) 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. (3) Relieve those in need by the provision of information, support and advice for those affected by domestic, sexual or gender based violence or abuse and referral to relevant support agencies. (4) 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. (5) 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. (6) 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.

**What the charity does:** The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:** Accommodation/housing,Advice/advocacy/information,Counselling/support,Educational/training,Gender,Human rights/equality

**Who the charity helps:** Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse),Children (5-13 year olds),Community safety/crime prevention,Ethnic minorities,Homelessness,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Tenants,Travellers,Unemployed/low income,Victim support,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,504,773	£1,455,185	£-68,818	28

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Danielle Gallagher		
Maggie Bryson		
Miss Gillian Clifford		
Mrs Alice Quinn		
Mrs Sharon Helen Margaret Kirk		
Ms Briege Marie Martin		

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# Accounts

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**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**  
(A company limited by guarantee)  
Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Company registration number: NI030137  
Charity registration number: NIC106888

# Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

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**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid  
Reference and Administrative Details**

**Chief Executive Officer**

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LesleyAnn Marriott

Margaret Bryson

Gillian Clifford

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Marie Briège Quinn

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The charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.

**Company Registration Number**

NI030137

**Charity Registration Number**

NIC106888

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## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

### Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2025, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Financial review

#### Policy on reserves

It is the Charity's policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equal to 6 months running costs. In 2025, that value is £730,092. As at 31 March 2025 total unrestricted general reserves was £542,063, total unrestricted designated reserves was £320,286 and total restricted reserves was £509,390.

#### Principal funding sources

Our principal funding source continues to be the Supporting People Fund which ensures delivery of core services of refuge and floating support. There is no inbuilt automatic increase to this funding year on year. To manage risk we regularly review costs, identify most cost-effective means to manage running costs. To ensure that we do not have a single source of funding which will increase the risk of our ability to sustain our organisations work we seek and have secured other sources of funding to allow the introduction of necessary services and related costs. The charity recognises the increased necessity to work in partnership and collaboration with other agencies to secure future funding. All funds received are detailed within this report.

Aside from donations from private individuals and local businesses, the principle funding sources for the charity are from grant making bodies and contract income from NHSCT and NIHE Supporting People. The charity recognises the increased necessity to work in partnership and collaboration with other agencies to secure future funding. All funds received are detailed within this report.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

There is no inbuilt automatic increase to our recurring funding from NIHE & NHSCT. To manage risk we regularly review costs, identify most cost effective means to manage running costs and through our merger processes have been able to ensure organisational wide contracts which represent savings. In order to ensure that we do not have a single source of funding which will increase the risk of our ability to sustain our organisations work we seek and have secured other sources of funding to allow the introduction of necessary services and related costs.

#### Going concern

The trustees believe that the charity will continue as a going concern. Funders have shown themselves to be supportive, flexible and adaptive to the current situation which is an invaluable help to the women's aid community. The organisation continues to work in partnership with government bodies and agencies in terms of developing a longer term strategy to support victims of domestic violence.

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Trustees' Report**

**Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**Plans for future periods**

***Activities planned to achieve aims***

Options for delivery of self-contained accommodation units will continue to be pursued.

All opportunities to introduce community-based children and young person services will be sought.

The re-establishment of a full calendar of training opportunities for women and children accessing our services to ensure their needs are addressed.

Review of Recruitment, Selection and Retention processes.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Achievements and Performance

While core services continued with 674 women supported 2024-25 saw significant change within the organisation. Review of our staffing structures and assessment for current need and future development of resulted in the introduction of new roles and the streamlining of management structures for both refuge and community-based services. Identical structures were introduced to both areas of service delivery for the first time since our merger process in 2020.

Our longstanding role as Accountable body for G-Old Sure Start Partnership came to an end in year. Handover to Barnardo's of this function ensured that all staff employed by us for this work could be transferred to their employment at no detriment thereby addressing the long-term unsustainability of fulfilling the role and delivering a stronger footing for G-Old Sure Start for the future. Their ongoing success as part of the community in which we deliver services is paramount and this process has been important both for their staff and their services and we will continue to support their work now and in the future.

Following four years of support from the Big Lottery Fund for our Starfish project we applied and were successful in securing 3 years of continuation funding. This allows us to not only further develop this life-changing project but also to be able to deliver it in the Causeway area for the first time. An unexpected outcome from this project was the partnership established with Queens University Social Work Department. This resulted in service users being supported to provide first year Social Work students with an insight into their experiences of abuse and their experiences of social work responses. Our learning from the first 4 years will mean that this project should only improve in positive outcomes for the women we serve.

Unfortunately, our original plan to progress self-contained accommodation units has been curtailed by the inability to secure Northern Ireland Water Board consent. This is a Northern Ireland wide issue and not specific to this project. While disappointing we have continued to identify other options and have agreement from a Housing Association to complete a feasibility study on a smaller scheme in a different location owned by C&MWA.

The end of this year saw the introduction of Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) funding from The Executive Office which were overseen by local councils. In support of future programmes across the Causeway Coast and Glens area we were able to deliver EVAWG awareness sessions and develop a good practice resource for community groups who would be developing programmes.

Difficulties in recruiting have impacted our whole sector and we have not been immune to this. Recruitment and selection processes as well as staff retention activities are a priority for us going forward.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

#### Objectives and activities

##### *Objects and aims*

The Objects of the Charity for the benefit of the public are:

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

To relieve distress, 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.

##### *The focus of our work*

Our focus is in the provision of direct services to women and children who have experienced domestic and sexual violence through provision of accommodation and community based support to ensure all necessary crisis intervention and long term support is in place to support victims. We work in partnership with statutory and community/voluntary organisations to ensure best outcomes for service users and engage in community based awareness raising on the topic of domestic and sexual violence. Strategic engagement with relevant statutory bodies and government departments is ensured to promote our services and necessity for further development.

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### Trustees' Report

#### *Relationship with related parties*

Causeway & Mid-Ulster Women's Aid recognises the necessity for meaningful partnership working to ensure the best possible outcomes for those who need our support. To embed this within our practice Causeway & Mid-Ulster Women's Aid has been represented on the following multi-agency groups within this period:

- Northern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership and associated sub-groups
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences
- Coleraine and Gold Sure Start Partnerships
- Advice NI Management Committee
- WAFNI Forum
- Family Hub
- Northern Area Safeguarding Partnership
- Committee Representing Independent Supporting People Providers
- Local Area Housing Group - NIHE
- Central Homelessness Forum - NIHE

#### *Public benefit*

How our activities deliver public benefit:

All our charitable activities focus on the support of women and children who are or have been victims of domestic violence and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes and for public benefit.

Who used and benefited from our services?

In 2024-25 674 women were supported across our services.

Occupancy in both refuges continued to be high.

Our support addresses the safety, housing, financial, legal, health and personal development needs of women who have experienced domestic abuse in all its forms.

Our preventative education programmes reached 900 11-14-year-olds ensuring that all secondary schools in Causeway Coast and Glens can access programmes supporting students ability to identify unhealthy relationships and support options.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements the Charities Act 2008 (Northern Ireland) to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

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

##### *Nature of governing document*

Causeway & Mid Ulster Women's Aid is a Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is controlled by a voluntary Management Board who are responsible for strategic planning and decision making, financial governance and probity and have employment responsibility for all staff.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Members of Management Board are recruited through professional or personal recommendation and by advertisement. Volunteers who are to be appointed receive induction to assist them to fulfil their roles in relation to governance of the organisation. Members to the Board are proposed at the annual general meeting.

Office bearers are elected at the first Management Committee meeting following the annual general meeting. The day-to-day management and operation of the activities are carried out by a staff team, led by the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management Team who report regularly to the Committee. Operational staff and volunteers contribute to the day to day activities of the charity and their contribution is invaluable to the charity meeting its aims and objectives.

The Management Committee meets eleven times per year to receive reports (including financial) from the CEO.

#### ***Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration***

Setting pay and remuneration of the charity's key management personnel is managed through using benchmarking to set appropriate levels and through resources available to the organisation from funding sources. This is carried out by the board as and when required.

#### ***Major risks and management of those risks***

There is no inbuilt automatic increase to our recurring funding from NIHE & NHSCT. To manage risk we regularly review costs, identify most cost effective means to manage running costs and through our merger processes have been able to ensure organisational wide contracts which represent savings. In order to ensure that we do not have a single source of funding which will increase the risk of our ability to sustain our organisations work we seek and have secured other sources of funding to allow the introduction of necessary services and related costs.

#### **Financial instruments**

#### ***Objectives and policies***

The organisation has a risk management policy and operates a risk assessment framework which includes carrying out risk assessment on all activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to our premises. Supporting People Quality Management Tool (Quality Management Tool) is fully implemented and externally validated. Individual project evaluations are completed to ensure that the services we provide clearly benefit our service users. Risk management is a standing agenda item at all management committee meetings to mitigate the risks that the charity faces.

#### ***Cash flow risk***

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks in the area of income generation. The charity relies heavily on government agencies whose budgets are reduced year on year, leaving the charity increasingly reliant on other agencies and the public.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report


#### *Credit risk*

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

#### *Liquidity risk*

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity has a reserves policy of maintaining reserves at 6 months running costs and that all restricted reserves are available in the form of cash at the bank.

The trustee's report (incorporating the directors' report and the strategic report) was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Alice Quinn  
Trustee

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

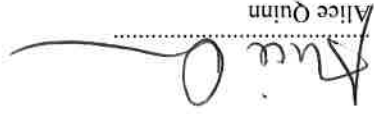
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 30 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
 Alice Quinn  
 Trustee

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023, and of its total incoming resources and expenditure of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 8], the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the entity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**The extent to which our audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**  
Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures, in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

• the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

• we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charitable sector in Northern Ireland;

• identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

• making enquires of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and

• considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

• performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;

• tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;

• assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates determined in the preparation of the financial statements were indicative of potential bias; and

• investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

• agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;

• reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;

• enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and

• reviewing correspondence with HMRC.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

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There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Conaill McGrady (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of M.B. McGrady & Co, Statutory Auditor

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**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025  
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
	2025	2024	2024
	Total	Total	Total
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
3 Donations and legacies	30,102	1,083	18,377
4 Charitable activities	68,646	1,397,167	1,606,103
5 Investment income	7,775	-	7,494
Total Income	106,523	1,398,250	1,631,974
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
6 Raising funds	(1,110)	(901)	(2,163)
7 Charitable activities	(119,383)	(1,333,791)	(1,578,650)
Total Expenditure	(120,493)	(1,334,692)	(1,580,813)
Net (expenditure)/income	(13,970)	63,558	51,161
Transfers between funds	4,982	(4,982)	-
Net movement in funds	(8,988)	58,576	49,588
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	871,336	450,814	1,322,150
Total funds carried forward	862,348	509,390	1,322,150
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
3 Donations and legacies	16,989	1,388	18,377
4 Charitable activities	87,446	1,518,657	1,606,103
5 Investment income	7,494	-	7,494
Total Income	111,929	1,520,045	1,631,974
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
6 Raising funds	(1,158)	(1,005)	(2,163)
7 Charitable activities	(99,229)	(1,479,421)	(1,578,650)
Total Expenditure	(100,387)	(1,480,426)	(1,580,813)
Net income	11,542	39,619	51,161
Transfers between funds	13,719	(13,719)	-
Net movement in funds	25,261	25,900	51,161
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	846,075	424,914	1,270,989
Total funds carried forward	871,336	450,814	1,322,150

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025  
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains  
and Losses)**

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The funds breakdown for 2025 & 2024 is shown in note 18.

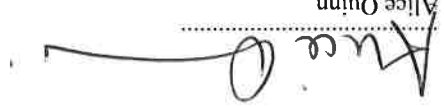
**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**(Registration number: NI030137)**

**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	144,116	162,494
14		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	55,312	74,563
15		
Cash at bank and in hand	1,241,128	1,147,525
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	(68,818)	(62,432)
16		
<b>Net current assets</b>	1,227,622	1,159,656
<b>Net assets</b>	1,371,738	1,322,150
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
<b>Restricted funds</b>	509,390	450,816
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>	862,348	871,334
Unrestricted funds	862,348	871,334
<b>Total funds</b>	1,371,738	1,322,150
18		

The financial statements on pages 15 to 32 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 30 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 Alice Quinn  
 Trustee

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net cash income	49,588	51,161
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>		
Depreciation	18,378	19,013
Investment income	(7,775)	(7,494)
	60,191	62,680
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	19,251	(25,439)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	6,386	(29,217)
Net cash flows from operating activities	85,828	8,024
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Interest receivable and similar income	7,775	7,494
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(8,185)
Net cash flows from investing activities	7,775	(691)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	93,603	7,333
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	1,147,525	1,140,192
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	1,241,128	1,147,525

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation. The Charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.

It is registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland

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#### 2 Accounting policies

##### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by 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 (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.

##### Basis of preparation

Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

##### Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Grants receivable**

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

#### **Capital Grants**

Capital grants, when received, are recognised in full in the year of receipt. These grants are then released in line with depreciation over the useful life of the asset with which they are associated.

#### **Deferred income**

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

#### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### **Raising funds**

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

#### **Charitable activities**

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**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.01 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land & Buildings	2% Straight Line
Plant & Machinery	25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33.3% Straight Line
Temporary Buildings	10% Straight Line

#### Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from funders and service users in refuge.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### Pensions and other post retirement obligations

SCHHEME: TPT Retirement Solutions – The Flexible Retirement Plan

The company participates in a defined contribution pension plan.

#### Financial instruments

##### Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

##### Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

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**7 Expenditure on charitable activities**

Unrestricted funds	Designated	General	Restricted funds	Total		Note
				2025	2024	
£	£	£	£	£	£	
Charitable Activities	-	26,548	251,020	277,568	284,832	
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	-	18,378	-	18,378	19,013	
Staff costs	27,173	(6,838)	1,026,264	1,046,599	1,194,629	
Allocated support costs	-	53,211	42,729	95,940	62,963	
Governance costs	8	-	13,778	14,689	17,213	
				1,453,174	1,578,650	
			Activity undertaken directly	£		
			support costs	£		
			Activity	£		
			Total 2025	£		
			Total 2024	£		
Wages & Salaries	1,003,550	-	-	1,003,550	1,179,378	
Staff Travel & Expenses	13,665	-	-	13,665	17,783	
Staff Recruitment & Training	2,921	-	-	2,921	1,669	
Rent	76,750	-	-	76,750	68,955	
Water Rates	3,784	-	-	3,784	3,657	
Heat & Light	41,895	-	-	41,895	46,179	
Legal & Professional Costs	3,560	54,489	-	58,049	24,670	
Repairs & Maintenance	18,842	-	-	18,842	17,880	
Telephone	11,685	-	-	11,685	13,838	
Replacement furniture & equipment	13,323	-	-	13,323	7,205	
Household, Cleaning & Hospitality	16,729	-	-	16,729	14,812	
General Support & Travel	19,880	-	-	19,880	30,069	
Volunteer Expenses	2,499	-	-	2,499	1,922	
Printing, postage & stationery	24,866	-	-	24,866	43,130	
Insurance	-	16,629	-	16,629	18,623	
Advertising	1,327	-	-	1,327	-	
Bank Charges	-	916	-	916	963	
Sundry Expenses	13,068	598	-	13,666	5,461	
C&YP Costs	2,644	-	-	2,644	10,222	
Computer Expenses	19,795	-	-	19,795	10,879	
Bad Debts	7,112	-	-	7,112	3,963	
Establishment Costs	-	41,686	-	41,686	45,057	
Redundancy Costs	27,173	-	-	27,173	-	
	1,325,068	114,318	114,318	1,439,386	1,566,315	

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

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£118,472 (2024 - £98,752) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £1,320,914 (2024 - £1,467,563) to restricted funds.

**8 Analysis of governance costs**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Audit fees	-	5,560	-	4,760
Audit of the financial statements	-	-	-	4,155
Legal fees	-	-	-	4,155
Other governance costs	840	7,590	71	7,234
Allocated support costs	911	14,689	13,778	1,064
				17,213
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General				
Restricted funds				
<b>Total</b>				

**9 Net incoming/outgoing resources**

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	18,378	19,013

**10 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.  
No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**11 Staff costs**

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	873,071	1,021,587
Social security costs	69,477	78,331
Pension costs	60,006	72,140
Other staff costs	44,045	22,571
	<u>1,046,599</u>	<u>1,194,629</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025	2024
Average No. of Employees	44	56

During the year, the charity made redundancy and/or termination payments which totalled £27,173 (2024 - £7,218).

These were paid from the designated reserves.

The total remuneration of the key management personnel of the charity were £284,769 (2024 - £304,874).

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the CEO, 1 Finance Manager, 2 Accommodation Services Managers and 2 Community Services Managers.

The chief executive officer, as the highest paid member of staff, received benefits totalling between £70k-£80k (2024 - between £70k-£80k).

**12 Auditors' remuneration**

Audit of the financial statements

	2025	2024
	£ 5,560	£ 4,760

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	£	£	£	£
	Land and buildings	Furniture and equipment	Plant and machinery	Total
At 1 April 2024	170,000	88,070	90,634	348,704
At 31 March 2025	170,000	88,070	90,634	348,704
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	61,200	79,194	45,816	186,210
Charge for the year	3,400	6,675	8,303	18,378
At 31 March 2025	64,600	85,869	54,119	204,588
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2025	105,400	2,201	36,515	144,116
At 31 March 2024	108,800	8,876	44,818	162,494

#### 15 Debtors

	£	£
	Trade debtors	Accrued income
Trade debtors	7,266	4,886
Prepayments	12,215	5,627
Accrued income	56,721	74,563
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£

#### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	£	£
	Trade creditors	Other taxation and social security
Trade creditors	38,808	11,100
Other taxation and social security	11,136	32,491
Pension scheme creditor	92	109
Accruals	18,781	18,732
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid  
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**17 Contingent liabilities**

Subsequent to the date of the Balance Sheet, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) have indicated their intention to claw back an amount of historic Supporting People funding from Causeway and Mid-Ulster Women's Aid. Any repayment would be expected to take place in 2025. The amount to be repaid to NIHE has not yet been determined.

**18 Funds**

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Funds	356,506	70,528	(78,011)	4,982	354,005
Refuge Services Residents Charges	62,250	18,820	(12,943)	-	68,127
GOLD Accountable Body	105,121	17,175	(2,366)	-	119,930
<b>Designated</b>					
Running Costs Reserves	100,742	-	-	-	100,742
Unfunded Salary Reserve	18,632	-	-	-	18,632
Redundancy Reserve	181,854	-	(27,173)	-	154,681
Project Deficit Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Internal Refurbishment Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Major Repairs Reserve	36,231	-	-	-	36,231
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<u>871,336</u>	<u>106,523</u>	<u>(120,493)</u>	<u>4,982</u>	<u>862,348</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
NIHE Supporting People	163,550	417,139	(364,037)	(3,594)	213,058
NIHE Floating Support	64,209	265,784	(238,046)	3,594	95,541
NIHE Housing Management	68,614	179,610	(176,104)	-	72,120
Comic Relief - Big Night In	11,046	-	(121)	-	10,925
Criminal Justice	629	7,619	(7,760)	-	488
Surestart	-	82,218	(82,256)	228	190
NHSCT Centre	-	14,281	(9,106)	(1,363)	3,812
CCG PCSP Covid Extension Fund	3,159	23,000	(10,858)	-	15,301
NIHE Training	220	-	-	-	220
Oak Foundation	-	9,000	(4,493)	-	4,507
NHSCT Refuge Mid Ulster	3,388	29,818	(29,453)	-	3,753

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Balance at 31 March 2025 £	Transfers £	Resources expended £	Incoming resources £	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	
Garfield Weston	8,552	-	-	-	8,552	
Surestart - GOLD Salaries	-	-	(245,813)	245,814	(1)	
Mid Ulster PCSP	-	-	(600)	-	600	
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery	-	-	-	-	-	
Completed	-	1	(85,979)	29,197	56,781	
Starfish - Lottery Project 2025	-	-	(11,876)	11,876	-	
Mid Ulster DC DV Grant	-	-	(11,027)	11,027	-	
NHSCT Refuge	-	1,363	(37,779)	36,416	-	
SHSCT Floating Support	-	(895)	-	895	-	
NHSCT Child Worker	6,375	-	(7,218)	11,867	1,726	
CCG PCSP Schools Programme	48,149	-	(8,229)	20,000	36,378	
NIHE SP Recognition Payment	825	-	-	-	825	
Foyle WA NRPFF	6,390	-	(3,103)	1,857	7,636	
Armagh Down WA	-	(250)	-	-	250	
Surestart Pilot	-	(228)	-	-	228	
Goodwill Grant	-	-	(833)	833	-	
Halfax Cap Grant	2,500	(500)	-	-	3,000	
Ulster Garden Villages Cap Grant	2,500	(500)	-	-	3,000	
Comic Relief Covid Cap Grant	14,188	(2,838)	-	-	17,026	
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>509,394</b>	<b>(4,982)</b>	<b>(1,334,691)</b>	<b>1,398,251</b>	<b>450,816</b>	
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,371,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,455,184)</b>	<b>1,504,774</b>	<b>1,322,152</b>	

Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Balance at 31 March 2024	Transfers	Resources expended	Incoming resources	Balance at 1 April 2023	
£	£	£	£	£	
					<b>Unrestricted funds</b>
					<b>General</b>
					Unrestricted Funds
356,503	13,719	(67,118)	70,159	339,743	Refuge Services Residents Charges
62,250	-	(12,321)	18,714	55,857	GOLD Accountable Body
105,121	-	(15,303)	23,056	97,368	
523,874	13,719	(94,742)	111,929	492,968	
					<b>Designated</b>
					Running Costs Reserves
100,742	-	-	-	100,742	
18,632	-	-	-	18,632	Unfunded Salary Reserve
181,855	-	(5,648)	-	187,503	Redundancy Reserve
5,000	-	-	-	5,000	Project Deficit Reserve
5,000	-	-	-	5,000	Internal Refurbishment Reserve
36,231	-	-	-	36,231	Major Repairs Reserve
353,108	-	(5,648)	-	353,108	<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>
871,334	13,719	(100,390)	111,929	846,076	
					<b>Restricted funds</b>
					NIHE Supporting People
163,550	1,329	(387,802)	402,646	147,377	
64,210	(1,329)	(233,575)	256,515	42,599	NIHE Floating Support
68,614	-	(161,576)	170,071	60,119	NIHE Housing Management
11,046	-	(651)	-	11,697	Comic Relief - Big Night In
628	-	(8,560)	7,500	1,688	Criminal Justice
-	(1,389)	(65,835)	67,224	-	Surestart
-	(267)	(13,528)	13,795	-	NHSCT Centre
-	-	-	-	-	CCG PCSP Covid Extension Fund
3,159	-	(17,404)	18,000	2,563	NIHE Training
220	-	-	-	220	NHSCT Refuge Mid Ulster
3,387	(554)	(28,292)	30,567	1,666	Garfield Weston
8,551	-	(7,204)	-	15,755	Surestart - GOLD Salaries
-	-	(343,543)	343,543	-	Mid Ulster PCSP
600	(9,136)	(1,650)	7,184	4,202	Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery Completed
56,781	-	(122,972)	117,652	62,101	NHSCT Refuge
-	823	(35,166)	34,343	-	NHSCT Floating Support
1,727	642	(1,233)	-	591	NHSCT Child Worker
-	-	(10,927)	12,605	49	CCG PCSP Schools Programme
36,377	-	(8,342)	20,000	24,719	

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Balance at 31 March 2024 £	Transfers £	Resources expended £	Incoming resources £	Balance at 1 April 2023 £
NH&S Recognition Payment	825	-	-	-	825
Foyle WA NRPF	7,636	-	(13,370)	10,548	10,458
Armagh Down WA	250	-	-	-	250
Nationwide Family Support	-	-	(10,892)	-	10,892
Surestart Pilot	228	-	(6,516)	6,465	279
Goodwill Grant	-	-	(1,388)	1,388	-
Hallifax Cap Grant	3,000	(500)	-	-	3,500
Ulster Garden Villages Cap Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Comic Relief Covid Cap Grant	3,000	(500)	-	-	3,500
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>450,814</b>	<b>(13,719)</b>	<b>(1,480,426)</b>	<b>1,520,046</b>	<b>424,913</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,322,148</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,580,816)</b>	<b>1,631,975</b>	<b>1,270,989</b>

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**19 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Tangible fixed assets	124,928	19,188	144,116
Current assets	806,239	490,201	1,296,440
Current liabilities	(68,818)	-	(68,818)
Total net assets	862,349	509,389	1,371,738

**20 Analysis of net funds**

	At 1 April 2024	Cash flow	At 31 March 2025
Cash at bank and in hand	1,147,525	93,603	1,241,128
Net debt	1,147,525	93,603	1,241,128

**21 Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year.

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106888

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# Accounts

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# Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Reference and Administrative Details

<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Sharon Burnett
<b>Trustees</b>	LesleyAnn Marriott Margaret Bryson Gillian Clifford Sharon Kirk Isobella Danielle Mallon Ursula Marshall Alice Quinn Marie Brieger Quinn
<b>Secretary</b>	LesleyAnn Marriott
<b>Principal Office</b>	Gortalowry House 94 Church Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8HX  The charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	NI030137
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	NIC106888
(registered Charity name: Mid-Ulster Women's Aid)	
<b>Solicitors</b>	Toal & Heron Solicitors 10 Loy Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8PE
<b>Bankers</b>	Ulster Bank 20 William Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8ND
<b>Auditor</b>	M.B. McGrady & Co Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor Suite 2B Cadogan House 322 Lisburn Road Belfast Co. Antrim BT9 6GH

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2024, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Financial review**

Income in the year was £1,631,974 and expenditure totalled £1,580,814 giving a surplus of £51,161. Total funds held at 31st March 2024 were £1,322,150. £450,814 of the total funds are restricted and are not available for the general purposes of the charity at the end of the reporting period. Unrestricted and designated reserves totalled £871,334 at the close of the period.

#### ***Policy on reserves***

It is the Charity's policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equal to 6 months running costs. In 2024, that value is £798,313. As at 31 March 2024 total unrestricted general reserves was £523,874, total unrestricted designated reserves was £347,460 and total restricted reserves was £450,814.

#### ***Principal funding sources***

Our principal funding source continues to be the Supporting People Fund which ensures delivery of core services of refuge and floating support. There is no inbuilt automatic increase to this funding year on year. To manage risk we regularly review costs, identify most cost-effective means to manage running costs. To ensure that we do not have a single source of funding which will increase the risk of our ability to sustain our organisations work we seek and have secured other sources of funding to allow the introduction of necessary services and related costs. The charity recognises the increased necessity to work in partnership and collaboration with other agencies to secure future funding. All funds received are detailed within this report.

Aside from donations from private individuals and local businesses, the principle funding sources for the charity are from grant making bodies and contract income from NHSCT and NIHE Supporting People. The charity recognizes the increased necessity to work in partnership and collaboration with other agencies to secure future funding. All funds received are detailed within this report.

#### ***Principal risks and uncertainties***

There is no inbuilt automatic increase to our recurring funding from NIHE & NHSCT. To manage risk we regularly review costs, identify most cost effective means to manage running costs and through our merger processes have been able to ensure organisational wide contracts which represent savings. In order to ensure that we do not have a single source of funding which will increase the risk of our ability to sustain our organisations work we seek and have secured other sources of funding to allow the introduction of necessary services and related costs. As part of our ongoing organisational change restructuring of our management functions is planned for 2024.

#### ***Going concern***

The trustees believe that the charity will continue as a going concern. Funders have shown themselves to be supportive, flexible and adaptive to the current situation which is an invaluable help to the women's aid community. The organisation continues to work in partnership with government bodies and agencies in terms of developing a longer term strategy to support victims of domestic violence.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

##### **Plans for future periods**

###### *Aims and key objectives for future periods*

Implementation of management and administration restructuring processes are planned for next reporting period thereby ensuring streamlined and coordinated management across full geographical area served.

To ensure all services are available across Causeway and Mid-Ulster areas application for extension of the Starfish Project will be completed reflecting need for inclusion of Causeway service users.

Options for delivery of self-contained accommodation units will continue to be pursued and all opportunities to introduce community-based children and young person services will be sought.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

2023 - 2024 began with our services being recognised through an invitation being extended for a representative to attend the Coronation in May. This came following a visit the previous year from the then Queen Consort to our Mid-Ulster refuge accommodation. Across this year our refuges accommodated 89 women and 53 children. This figure is broadly similar to the previous reporting period and our refuge occupancy levels remain high with 96.2% occupancy in year. The high occupancy levels reflect need for service and the change in the housing environment which has seen a significant increase in demand for emergency accommodation and the knock-on impact of increasing difficulty in obtaining long term accommodation.

Our community-based services supported 748 women with the 74.1% requiring Floating Support services. These services provide housing related support, inclusive of gaining and/or sustaining safe accommodation alongside necessary activities to address safety, income and legal issues arising from abuse. The complexity of need and the increased timescales required to meet needs because of pressures experienced by key statutory partners has meant that those we are seeing an increase in duration of support required.

Our response to children in refuge has been significantly improved in year through support from Allstate, corporate partner of Women's Aid in Northern Ireland. Play facilities in both of our refuges were improved immensely for all children and we were also able to incorporate improvements in our sensory spaces.

We were very excited this year to be able to move our Mid-Ulster community-based services to new premises. This ensured much improved space for staff to work from and access to a dedicated training room space thereby allowing further development of services to women.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### ***Objects and aims***

The Objects of the Charity for the benefit of the public are:

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

To relieve distress, 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.

##### ***The focus of our work***

Our focus is in the provision of direct services to women and children who have experienced domestic and sexual violence through provision of accommodation and community based support to ensure all necessary crisis intervention and long term support is in place to support victims. We work in partnership with statutory and community/voluntary organisations to ensure best outcomes for service users and engage in community based awareness raising on the topic of domestic and sexual violence. Strategic engagement with relevant statutory bodies and government departments is ensured to promote our services and necessity for further development.

# Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

## Trustees' Report

### *Relationship with related parties*

Causeway & Mid-Ulster Women's Aid recognises the necessity for meaningful partnership working to ensure the best possible outcomes for those who need our support. To embed this within our practice Causeway & Mid-Ulster Women's Aid has been represented on the following multi-agency groups within this period:

- Northern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership and associated sub-groups
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences
- Coleraine and Gold Sure Start Partnerships
- Advice NI Management Committee
- WAFNI Forum
- Family Hub
- Northern Area Safeguarding Partnership
- Committee Representing Independent Supporting People Providers
- Local Area Housing Group - NIHE
- Central Homelessness Forum - NIHE

### *Public benefit*

How our activities deliver public benefit:

All our charitable activities focus on the support of women and children who are or have been victims of domestic violence and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes and for public benefit.

Who used and benefitted from our services?

In 2023-24 both our refuges have seen 98% and 95% occupancy rates accommodating 89 women and 53 children.

748 women accessed our community-based services ensuring that support to address the safety, housing, financial, legal, health and personal development needs of women can be addressed. Our preventative education programmes reached over 2000 11–14-year-olds ensuring that all secondary schools in both Causeway Coast and Glens and Mid-Ulster have access to programmes supporting their ability to identify unhealthy relationships and support options.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements the Charities Act 2008 (Northern Ireland) to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

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

#### *Nature of governing document*

Causeway & Mid Ulster Women's Aid is a Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is controlled by a voluntary Management Board who are responsible for strategic planning and decision making, financial governance and probity and have employment responsibility for all staff.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Members of Management Board are recruited through professional or personal recommendation and by advertisement. Volunteers who are to be appointed receive induction to assist them to fulfil their roles in relation to governance of the organisation. Members to the Board are proposed at the annual general meeting.

Office bearers are elected at the first Management Committee meeting following the annual general meeting.

The day-to-day management and operation of the activities are carried out by a staff team, led by the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management Team who report regularly to the Committee. Operational staff and volunteers contribute to the day to day activities of the charity and their contribution is invaluable to the charity meeting its aims and objectives.

The Management Committee meets eleven times per year to receive reports (including financial) from the CEO.

#### ***Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration***

Setting pay and remuneration of the charity's key management personnel is managed through using benchmarking to set appropriate levels and through resources available to the organisation from funding sources. This is carried out by the board as and when required.

#### ***Major risks and management of those risks***

There is no inbuilt automatic increase to our recurring funding from NIHE & NHSCT. To manage risk we regularly review costs, identify most cost effective means to manage running costs and through our merger processes have been able to ensure organisational wide contracts which represent savings. In order to ensure that we do not have a single source of funding which will increase the risk of our ability to sustain our organisations work we seek and have secured other sources of funding to allow the introduction of necessary services and related costs.

#### **Financial instruments**

#### ***Objectives and policies***

The organisation has a risk management policy and operates a risk assessment framework which includes carrying out risk assessment on all activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to our premises. Supporting People QMT (Quality Management Tool) is fully implemented and externally validated. Individual project evaluations are completed to ensure that the services we provide clearly benefit our service users. Risk management is a standing agenda item at all management committee meetings to mitigate the risks that the charity faces.

#### ***Cash flow risk***

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks in the area of income generation. The charity relies heavily on government agencies whose budgets are reduced year on year, leaving the charity increasingly reliant on other agencies and the public.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

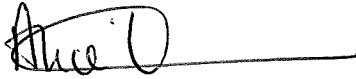
#### *Credit risk*

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

#### *Liquidity risk*

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity has a reserves policy of maintaining reserves at 6 months running costs and that all restricted reserves are available in the form of cash at the bank.

The trustee's report (incorporating the directors' report and the strategic report) was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

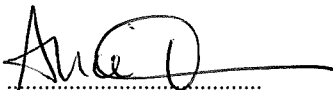
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023, and of its total incoming resources and expenditure of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 8], the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the entity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **The extent to which our audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charitable sector in Northern Ireland;
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates determined in the preparation of the financial statements were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conaill McGrady (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of M.B. McGrady & Co, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 19/12/24

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	16,989	1,388	18,377	41,717
Charitable activities	4	87,446	1,518,657	1,606,103	1,631,754
Investment income	5	7,494	-	7,494	3,146
Total Income		<u>111,929</u>	<u>1,520,045</u>	<u>1,631,974</u>	<u>1,676,617</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	(1,158)	(1,005)	(2,163)	(1,062)
Charitable activities	7	(99,229)	(1,479,421)	(1,578,650)	(1,626,346)
Total Expenditure		<u>(100,387)</u>	<u>(1,480,426)</u>	<u>(1,580,813)</u>	<u>(1,627,408)</u>
Net income		11,542	39,619	51,161	49,209
Transfers between funds		13,719	(13,719)	-	-
Net movement in funds		25,261	25,900	51,161	49,209
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>846,075</u>	<u>424,914</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>	<u>1,221,780</u>
Total funds carried forward	18	<u>871,336</u>	<u>450,814</u>	<u>1,322,150</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>
		Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies		3	41,717	-	41,717
Charitable activities		4	120,228	1,511,526	1,631,754
Investment income		5	3,146	-	3,146
Total Income			<u>165,091</u>	<u>1,511,526</u>	<u>1,676,617</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds		6	(640)	(422)	(1,062)
Charitable activities		7	(75,956)	(1,550,390)	(1,626,346)
Total Expenditure			<u>(76,596)</u>	<u>(1,550,812)</u>	<u>(1,627,408)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)			88,495	(39,286)	49,209
Transfers between funds			41,319	(41,319)	-
Net movement in funds			129,814	(80,605)	49,209
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward			<u>716,262</u>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,221,780</u>
Total funds carried forward		18	<u>846,076</u>	<u>424,913</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024  
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains  
and Losses)**

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

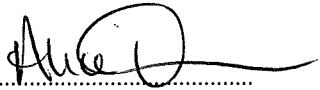
The funds breakdown for 2024 & 2023 is shown in note 18.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

(Registration number: NI030137)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	14	162,494	173,322
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	15	74,563	49,124
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,147,525</u>	<u>1,140,192</u>
		1,222,088	1,189,316
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>(62,432)</u>	<u>(91,649)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,159,656</u>	<u>1,097,667</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,322,150</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>		450,816	424,913
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>871,334</u>	<u>846,076</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	18	<u>1,322,150</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>

The financial statements on pages 15 to 32 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Alice Quinn  
Trustee

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash income		51,161	49,209
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation	9	19,013	23,712
Investment income	5	<u>(7,494)</u>	<u>(3,146)</u>
		62,680	69,775
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
Increase in debtors	15	(25,439)	(17,703)
Decrease in creditors	16	(29,217)	(20,921)
Decrease in deferred income		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,182)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>8,024</u>	<u>29,969</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	7,494	3,146
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	14	<u>(8,185)</u>	<u>(24,973)</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(691)</u>	<u>(21,827)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		7,333	8,142
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>1,140,192</u>	<u>1,132,050</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>1,147,525</u></u>	<u><u>1,140,192</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **1 Charity status**

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The Charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.

It is registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland

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#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by 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 (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.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

##### **Income and endowments**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### **Donations and legacies**

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### ***Grants receivable***

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

#### ***Capital Grants***

Capital grants, when received, are recognised in full in the year of receipt. These grants are then released in line with depreciation over the useful life of the asset with which they are associated.

#### ***Deferred income***

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

#### ***Expenditure***

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### ***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

#### ***Charitable activities***

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***

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### ***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### ***Taxation***

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.01 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land & Buildings	2% Straight Line
Plant & Machinery	25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33.3% Straight Line
Temporary Buildings	10% Straight Line

#### Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from funders and service users in refuge.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### **Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

SCHEME: TPT Retirement Solutions – The Flexible Retirement Plan

The company participates in a defined contribution pension plan.

#### **Financial instruments**

##### ***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### ***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

##### ***Fair value measurement***

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	General £	Restricted funds £		
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	16,989	1,388	18,377	41,717
	<u>16,989</u>	<u>1,388</u>	<u>18,377</u>	<u>41,717</u>

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	General £	Restricted funds £		
Charitable Activities	87,446	1,518,657	1,606,103	1,631,754
	<u>87,446</u>	<u>1,518,657</u>	<u>1,606,103</u>	<u>1,631,754</u>

#### 5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	General £	Restricted funds £		
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits		7,494	7,494	3,146
		<u>7,494</u>	<u>7,494</u>	<u>3,146</u>

#### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

##### a) Costs of trading activities

	Allocated support costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Costs of generating donations and legacies	2,163	2,163	1,062
	<u>2,163</u>	<u>2,163</u>	<u>1,062</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
		Designated £	General £			
Charitable Activities		-	31,074	253,758	284,832	307,786
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		-	19,013	-	19,013	23,712
Staff costs		5,648	22,624	1,166,357	1,194,629	1,224,032
Allocated support costs	8	-	15,515	47,448	62,963	56,941
Governance costs	8	-	5,355	11,858	17,213	13,875
		<u>5,648</u>	<u>93,581</u>	<u>1,479,421</u>	<u>1,578,650</u>	<u>1,626,346</u>
		Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £	
Wages & Salaries		1,179,378	-	1,179,378	1,205,646	
Staff Travel & Expenses		17,783	-	17,783	19,410	
Staff Recruitment & Training		1,669	-	1,669	2,664	
Rent		68,955	-	68,955	69,455	
Water Rates		3,657	-	3,657	2,740	
Heat & Light		46,179	-	46,179	50,713	
Legal & Professional Costs		24,670	-	24,670	26,848	
Repairs & Maintenance		17,880	-	17,880	11,549	
Telephone		13,838	-	13,838	11,623	
Replacement furniture & equipment		7,205	-	7,205	4,554	
Household, Cleaning & Hospitality		14,812	-	14,812	17,246	
General Support & Travel		30,069	-	30,069	30,062	
Volunteer Expenses		1,922	-	1,922	1,378	
Printing, postage & stationery		43,130	-	43,130	35,746	
Insurance		-	18,623	18,623	14,181	
Advertising		-	-	-	192	
Bank Charges		-	963	963	920	
Sundry Expenses		5,461	-	5,461	369	
C&YP Costs		10,222	-	10,222	3,085	
Computer Expenses		10,879	-	10,879	11,560	
Bad Debts		3,963	-	3,963	4,286	
Establishment Costs		-	45,057	45,057	40,118	
Repayment of Funding		-	-	-	48,126	
		<u>1,501,672</u>	<u>64,643</u>	<u>1,566,315</u>	<u>1,612,471</u>	

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

£98,752 (2023 - £62,081) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £1,467,563 (2023 - £1,550,389) to restricted funds.

#### 8 Analysis of governance and support costs

##### Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General £			
Audit fees				
Audit of the financial statements	360	4,400	4,760	4,660
Legal fees	4,155	-	4,155	-
Other governance costs	840	6,394	7,234	7,735
Allocated support costs	-	1,064	1,064	1,480
	<u>5,355</u>	<u>11,858</u>	<u>17,213</u>	<u>13,875</u>

#### 9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>19,013</u>	<u>23,712</u>

#### 10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	1,021,587	1,057,544
Social security costs	78,331	77,388
Pension costs	72,140	68,777
Other staff costs	22,571	20,323
	<u>1,194,629</u>	<u>1,224,032</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Average No. of Employees	<u>56</u>	<u>60</u>

During the year, the charity made redundancy and/or termination payments which totalled £7,218 (2023 - £Nil).

The total remuneration of the key management personnel of the charity were £304,874 (2023 - £272,440).

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the CEO, 2 Finance Managers, 2 Accommodation Services Managers and 2 Community Services Managers.

The CEO, as the highest paid member of staff, received benefits totalling between £70k-£80k (2023 - between £60k-£70k).

#### 12 Auditors' remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>4,760</u>	<u>4,660</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2023	170,000	81,467	89,052	340,519
Additions	-	6,603	1,582	8,185
At 31 March 2024	<u>170,000</u>	<u>88,070</u>	<u>90,634</u>	<u>348,704</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	57,800	72,521	36,876	167,197
Charge for the year	3,400	6,673	8,940	19,013
At 31 March 2024	<u>61,200</u>	<u>79,194</u>	<u>45,816</u>	<u>186,210</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2024	<u>108,800</u>	<u>8,876</u>	<u>44,818</u>	<u>162,494</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>112,200</u>	<u>8,946</u>	<u>52,176</u>	<u>173,322</u>

#### 15 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	12,215	9,581
Prepayments	5,627	8,202
Accrued income	56,721	31,341
	<u>74,563</u>	<u>49,124</u>

#### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	11,100	9,102
Other taxation and social security	32,491	27,201
Pension scheme creditor	109	179
Accruals	18,732	55,167
	<u>62,432</u>	<u>91,649</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 17 Contingent liabilities

Subsequent to the date of the Balance Sheet, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) have indicated their intention to claw back an amount of historic Supporting People funding from Causeway and Mid-Ulster Women's Aid. Any repayment would be expected to take place in 2024. The amount to be repaid to NIHE has not yet been determined.

#### 18 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Funds	339,743	70,159	(67,118)	13,719	356,503
Refuge Services Residents Charges	55,857	18,714	(12,321)	-	62,250
GOLD Accountable Body	97,368	23,056	(15,303)	-	105,121
	<u>492,968</u>	<u>111,929</u>	<u>(94,742)</u>	<u>13,719</u>	<u>523,874</u>
<i>Designated</i>					
Running Costs Reserves	100,742	-	-	-	100,742
Unfunded Salary Reserve	18,632	-	-	-	18,632
Redundancy Reserve	187,503	-	(5,648)	-	181,855
Project Deficit Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Internal Refurbishment Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Major Repairs Reserve	36,231	-	-	-	36,231
	<u>353,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,648)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>347,460</u>
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<u>846,076</u>	<u>111,929</u>	<u>(100,390)</u>	<u>13,719</u>	<u>871,334</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
NIHE Supporting People	147,377	402,646	(387,802)	1,329	163,550
NIHE Floating Support	42,599	256,515	(233,575)	(1,329)	64,210
NIHE Housing Management	60,119	170,071	(161,576)	-	68,614
Comic Relief - Big Night In	11,697	-	(651)	-	11,046
Criminal Justice	1,688	7,500	(8,560)	-	628
Surestart	-	67,224	(65,835)	(1,389)	-
NHSCT Centre	-	13,795	(13,528)	(267)	-
CCG PCSP Covid Extension Fund	2,563	18,000	(17,404)	-	3,159
NIHE Training	220	-	-	-	220
NHSCT Refuge Mid Ulster	1,666	30,567	(28,292)	(554)	3,387
Garfield Weston	15,755	-	(7,204)	-	8,551

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Surestart - GOLD Salaries	-	343,543	(343,543)	-	-
Mid Ulster PCSP	4,202	7,184	(1,650)	(9,136)	600
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery	62,101	117,652	(122,972)	-	56,781
NHSCT Refuge	-	34,343	(35,166)	823	-
SHSCT Floating Support	591	-	(1,233)	642	-
NHSCT Child Worker	49	12,605	(10,927)	-	1,727
CCG PCSP Schools Programme	24,719	20,000	(8,342)	-	36,377
NIHE SP Recognition Payment	825	-	-	-	825
Foyle WA NRPF	10,458	10,548	(13,370)	-	7,636
Armagh Down WA	250	-	-	-	250
Nationwide Family Support	10,892	-	(10,892)	-	-
Surestart Pilot	279	6,465	(6,516)	-	228
Goodwill Grant	-	1,388	(1,388)	-	-
Halifax Cap Grant	3,500	-	-	(500)	3,000
Ulster Garden Villages Cap Grant	3,500	-	-	(500)	3,000
Comic Relief Covid Cap Grant	19,863	-	-	(2,838)	17,025
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>424,913</u>	<u>1,520,046</u>	<u>(1,480,426)</u>	<u>(13,719)</u>	<u>450,814</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>1,270,989</u></u>	<u><u>1,631,975</u></u>	<u><u>(1,580,816)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,322,148</u></u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Funds	254,431	126,053	(54,155)	13,414	339,743
Refuge Services Residents Charges	53,658	16,139	(13,940)	-	55,857
GOLD Accountable Body	81,297	22,900	(6,832)	3	97,368
	<u>389,386</u>	<u>165,092</u>	<u>(74,927)</u>	<u>13,417</u>	<u>492,968</u>
<i>Designated</i>					
Running Costs Reserves	100,742	-	-	-	100,742
Unfunded Salary Reserve	18,632	-	-	-	18,632
Redundancy Reserve	157,503	-	-	30,000	187,503
Project Deficit Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Internal Refurbishment Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Major Repairs Reserve	40,000	-	(1,669)	(2,100)	36,231
	<u>326,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,669)</u>	<u>27,900</u>	<u>353,108</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>716,263</u>	<u>165,092</u>	<u>(76,596)</u>	<u>41,317</u>	<u>846,076</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
NIHE Supporting People	145,025	392,029	(371,075)	(18,601)	147,378
NIHE Floating Support	42,193	249,751	(246,123)	(3,223)	42,598
NIHE Housing Management	49,840	135,841	(120,400)	(5,162)	60,119
Comic Relief - Big Night In Criminal Justice	21,185	-	(7,925)	(1,563)	11,697
	4,808	7,500	(10,620)	-	1,688
Buttle UK	74	-	(73)	(1)	-
Surestart	-	62,836	(62,104)	(732)	-
Comic Relief - Sustainability Fund	3,613	-	(3,613)	-	-
Children in Need Causeway	2,525	15,372	(17,702)	(195)	-
NHSCT Centre	1,973	11,995	(13,273)	(695)	-
CCG PCSP Covid Extension Fund	3,129	21,000	(21,566)	-	2,563
NIHE Training	220	-	-	-	220
NIHE - PIF	48,052	-	(48,052)	-	-
NHSCT Refuge Mid Ulster	-	63,591	(62,583)	658	1,666
Garfield Weston	15,785	-	(30)	-	15,755
Surestart - GOLD Salaries	-	346,622	(346,619)	(3)	-
Mid Ulster PCSP	-	7,242	(3,040)	-	4,202
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery	52,438	120,127	(109,378)	(1,086)	62,101
Mid Ulster DC DV Grant	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
SHSCT Floating Support	1,652	17,490	(18,197)	(353)	592
NHSCT Child Worker	-	11,724	(11,675)	-	49
CCG PCSP Schools Programme	18,249	20,000	(13,530)	-	24,719
NIHE IT/Tel Cap Grant	2,840	-	-	(2,840)	-
NIHE SP Recognition Payment	1,764	-	(939)	-	825
Foyle WA NRPF	7,714	17,445	(14,701)	-	10,458
Armagh Down WA	-	850	(600)	-	250
Nationwide Family Support	48,406	-	(36,882)	(632)	10,892
Surestart Pilot	281	6,112	(6,114)	-	279
Halifax Cap Grant	4,000	-	-	(500)	3,500
NHSCT Furn/Equip Cap Grant	438	-	-	(438)	-
Mid Ulster DC Cap Grant	1,334	-	-	(1,334)	-
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery Cap Grant	712	-	-	(712)	-
Ulster Garden Villages Cap Grant	4,000	-	-	(500)	3,500
Children in Need Covid Booster Cap Grant	568	-	-	(568)	-
Comic Relief Covid Cap Grant	22,700	-	-	(2,837)	19,863
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,511,527</u>	<u>(1,550,814)</u>	<u>(41,317)</u>	<u>424,914</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,221,781</u>	<u>1,676,619</u>	<u>(1,627,410)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,270,990</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	General £	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	139,468	23,026	162,494
Current assets	794,300	427,788	1,222,088
Current liabilities	(62,432)	-	(62,432)
Total net assets	871,336	450,814	1,322,150

#### 20 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flow £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,140,192	7,333	1,147,525
Net debt	1,140,192	7,333	1,147,525

#### 21 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

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# Annual report

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## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2024, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Financial review**

Income in the year was £1,631,974 and expenditure totalled £1,580,814 giving a surplus of £51,161. Total funds held at 31st March 2024 were £1,322,150. £450,814 of the total funds are restricted and are not available for the general purposes of the charity at the end of the reporting period. Unrestricted and designated reserves totalled £871,334 at the close of the period.

#### **Policy on reserves**

It is the Charity's policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equal to 6 months running costs. In 2024, that value is £798,313. As at 31 March 2024 total unrestricted general reserves was £523,874, total unrestricted designated reserves was £347,460 and total restricted reserves was £450,814.

#### **Principal funding sources**

Our principal funding source continues to be the Supporting People Fund which ensures delivery of core services of refuge and floating support. There is no inbuilt automatic increase to this funding year on year. To manage risk we regularly review costs, identify most cost-effective means to manage running costs. To ensure that we do not have a single source of funding which will increase the risk of our ability to sustain our organisations work we seek and have secured other sources of funding to allow the introduction of necessary services and related costs. The charity recognises the increased necessity to work in partnership and collaboration with other agencies to secure future funding. All funds received are detailed within this report.

Aside from donations from private individuals and local businesses, the principle funding sources for the charity are from grant making bodies and contract income from NHSCT and NIHE Supporting People. The charity recognizes the increased necessity to work in partnership and collaboration with other agencies to secure future funding. All funds received are detailed within this report.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

There is no inbuilt automatic increase to our recurring funding from NIHE & NHSCT. To manage risk we regularly review costs, identify most cost effective means to manage running costs and through our merger processes have been able to ensure organisational wide contracts which represent savings. In order to ensure that we do not have a single source of funding which will increase the risk of our ability to sustain our organisations work we seek and have secured other sources of funding to allow the introduction of necessary services and related costs. As part of our ongoing organisational change restructuring of our management functions is planned for 2024.

#### **Going concern**

The trustees believe that the charity will continue as a going concern. Funders have shown themselves to be supportive, flexible and adaptive to the current situation which is an invaluable help to the women's aid community. The organisation continues to work in partnership with government bodies and agencies in terms of developing a longer term strategy to support victims of domestic violence.

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Trustees' Report**

**Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**Plans for future periods**

*Aims and key objectives for future periods*

Implementation of management and administration restructuring processes are planned for next reporting period thereby ensuring streamlined and coordinated management across full geographical area served.

To ensure all services are available across Causeway and Mid-Ulster areas application for extension of the Starfish Project will be completed reflecting need for inclusion of Causeway service users.

Options for delivery of self-contained accommodation units will continue to be pursued and all opportunities to introduce community-based children and young person services will be sought.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

2023 - 2024 began with our services being recognised through an invitation being extended for a representative to attend the Coronation in May. This came following a visit the previous year from the then Queen Consort to our Mid-Ulster refuge accommodation. Across this year our refuges accommodated 89 women and 53 children. This figure is broadly similar to the previous reporting period and our refuge occupancy levels remain high with 96.2% occupancy in year. The high occupancy levels reflect need for service and the change in the housing environment which has seen a significant increase in demand for emergency accommodation and the knock-on impact of increasing difficulty in obtaining long term accommodation.

Our community-based services supported 748 women with the 74.1% requiring Floating Support services. These services provide housing related support, inclusive of gaining and/or sustaining safe accommodation alongside necessary activities to address safety, income and legal issues arising from abuse. The complexity of need and the increased timescales required to meet needs because of pressures experienced by key statutory partners has meant that those we are seeing an increase in duration of support required.

Our response to children in refuge has been significantly improved in year through support from Allstate, corporate partner of Women's Aid in Northern Ireland. Play facilities in both of our refuges were improved immensely for all children and we were also able to incorporate improvements in our sensory spaces.

We were very excited this year to be able to move our Mid-Ulster community-based services to new premises. This ensured much improved space for staff to work from and access to a dedicated training room space thereby allowing further development of services to women.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Objectives and activities**

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In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity has a reserves policy of maintaining reserves at 6 months running costs and that all restricted reserves are available in the form of cash at the bank.

The trustee's report (incorporating the directors' report and the strategic report) was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Alice Quinn  
Trustee

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106888

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# Annual return

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## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023, and of its total incoming resources and expenditure of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 8], the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the entity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **The extent to which our audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charitable sector in Northern Ireland;
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates determined in the preparation of the financial statements were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conaill McGrady (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of M.B. McGrady & Co, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 19/12/24

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

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# Accounts

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# Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

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<b>Trustees</b>	LesleyAnn Marriott Margaret Bryson Gillian Clifford Sharon Kirk Isobella Danielle Mallon Ursula Marshall Alice Quinn Marie Brieger Quinn
<b>Secretary</b>	LesleyAnn Marriott
<b>Principal Office</b>	Gortalowry House 94 Church Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8HX  The charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	NI030137
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	NIC106888
(registered Charity name: Mid-Ulster Women's Aid)	
<b>Solicitors</b>	Toal & Heron Solicitors 10 Loy Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8PE
<b>Bankers</b>	Ulster Bank 20 William Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8ND
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# Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

## Trustees' Report

### Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2023, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Financial review**

Income in the year was £1,676,617 and expenditure totalled £1,627,408 giving a surplus of £49,209. Total funds held at 31st March 2023 were £1,270,989. £424,913 of the total funds are restricted and are not available for the general purposes of the charity at the end of the reporting period. Unrestricted and designated reserves totalled £846,076 at the close of the period.

#### ***Policy on reserves***

It is the Charity's policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equal to 6 months running costs. In 2023, that value is £813,704. The unrestricted and designated reserves total £846,076 for 2023 which is equivalent to just over 6 months running costs.

#### ***Principal funding sources***

Aside from donations from private individuals and local businesses, the principle funding sources for the charity are from grant making bodies and contract income from NHSCT and NIHE Supporting People. The charity recognizes the increased necessity to work in partnership and collaboration with other agencies to secure future funding. All funds received are detailed within this report.

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#### ***Going concern***

The trustees believe that the charity will continue as a going concern. Funders have shown themselves to be supportive, flexible and adaptive to the current situation which is an invaluable help to the women's aid community. The organisation continues to work in partnership with government bodies and agencies in terms of developing a longer term strategy to support victims of domestic violence.

#### **Plans for future periods**

##### ***Activities planned to achieve aims***

Organisational change linked to service delivery improvement are the two main areas of focus for us. Ensuring the necessary staff resources to meet current and changing demand for services will be addressed through our implementation of organisational review recommendations. With the expectation that community-based children's services may be lost within 2023-24 the need to introduce a service that can respond to the needs of children and young people is vital. The development of additional accommodation units has progressed and will be a priority going forward.

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#### **Achievements and Performance**

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Our delivery of relationship programmes for secondary school age children has been build upon in this year with uptake from both schools who have availed of the programmes before and new schools. This partnership working supported by PCSP's is a key response to our work in prevention of abuse.

Building on the personal development core of our Starfish project we entered into collaboration with Queens University Social Work Department to support women to become Citizen Educators who will be involved in the training of future social workers. This is a prime example of our services being designed by, for and with women who have lived experience of domestic abuse.

Our plans to develop additional accommodation in the Mid-Ulster area have progressed with the successful completion of our first business case. This development has become more important to us as we see increased duration of stay for women and children in our refuges due to a more difficult housing environment.

We have completed an organisational review within this year to help identify improvements to services and their ongoing sustainability. It is expected that the recommendations from this process which involved staff and service users will be implemented in the next reporting period. This will include new measures to improve service user feedback.

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- Ensure local and regional improvements to the delivery of services to women and children who experience domestic violence
- Increase understanding of the levels and impact of domestic violence
- Increase levels of partnership working to support women and children who experience domestic violence

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#### ***Credit risk***

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

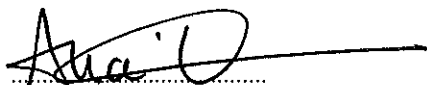
#### ***Liquidity risk***

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity has a reserves policy of maintaining reserves at 6 months running costs and that all restricted reserves are available in the form of cash at the bank.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

The trustee's report (incorporating the directors' report and the strategic report) was approved by the trustees of the charity on 11 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice Quinn', is written over a horizontal dotted line. A solid horizontal line extends to the right from the end of the signature.

Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

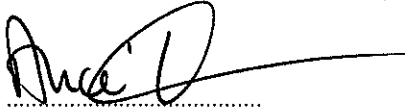
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 11 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023, and of its total incoming resources and expenditure of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 8], the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the entity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

#### **The extent to which our audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charitable sector in Northern Ireland;
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates determined in the preparation of the financial statements were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

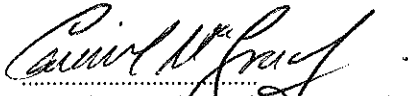
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conaill McGrady (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of M.B. McGrady & Co, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 15/1/24

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	41,717	-	41,717	15,431
Charitable activities	4	120,228	1,511,526	1,631,754	1,629,632
Investment income	5	3,146	-	3,146	1,138
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>165,091</u>	<u>1,511,526</u>	<u>1,676,617</u>	<u>1,646,201</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	(640)	(422)	(1,062)	(1,584)
Charitable activities	7	(75,956)	(1,550,390)	(1,626,346)	(1,509,632)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>(76,596)</u>	<u>(1,550,812)</u>	<u>(1,627,408)</u>	<u>(1,511,216)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		88,495	(39,286)	49,209	134,985
Transfers between funds		41,319	(41,319)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		129,814	(80,605)	49,209	134,985
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>716,262</u>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,221,780</u>	<u>1,086,797</u>
Total funds carried forward	19	<u>846,076</u>	<u>424,913</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>	<u>1,221,782</u>
			<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
	Note				
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3		15,431	-	15,431
Charitable activities	4		56,611	1,573,021	1,629,632
Investment income	5		1,138	-	1,138
<b>Total Income</b>			<u>73,180</u>	<u>1,573,021</u>	<u>1,646,201</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6		(8)	(1,576)	(1,584)
Charitable activities	7		(61,110)	(1,448,522)	(1,509,632)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<u>(61,118)</u>	<u>(1,450,098)</u>	<u>(1,511,216)</u>
Net income			12,062	122,923	134,985
Transfers between funds			36,659	(36,659)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>			48,721	86,264	134,985
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward			<u>667,543</u>	<u>419,254</u>	<u>1,086,797</u>
Total funds carried forward	19		<u>716,264</u>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,221,782</u>

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023  
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains  
and Losses)**

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 & 2022 is shown in note 19.

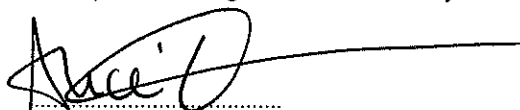
## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

(Registration number: NI030137)

**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	14	173,322	172,061
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	15	49,124	31,422
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,140,192</u>	<u>1,132,050</u>
		1,189,316	1,163,472
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>(91,649)</u>	<u>(69,035)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,097,667</u>	<u>1,094,437</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1,270,989	1,266,498
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	17	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,716)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,270,989</u>	<u>1,221,782</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>		424,913	505,518
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>846,076</u>	<u>716,263</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	19	<u>1,270,989</u>	<u>1,221,781</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 31 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 11 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Alice Quinn  
 Trustee

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash income		49,209	134,985
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation	9	23,712	16,548
Investment income	5	<u>(3,146)</u>	<u>(1,138)</u>
		69,775	150,395
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	15	(17,703)	49,094
Decrease in creditors	16	(20,921)	(18,303)
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income		<u>(1,182)</u>	<u>26</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>29,969</u>	<u>181,212</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	3,146	1,138
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	14	<u>(24,973)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(21,827)</u>	<u>1,138</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		8,142	182,350
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>1,132,050</u>	<u>949,700</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>1,140,192</u></u>	<u><u>1,132,050</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **1 Charity status**

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The Charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.

It is registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland

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#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by 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 (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.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

##### **Income and endowments**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### **Donations and legacies**

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### ***Grants receivable***

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

#### ***Capital Grants***

Capital grants, when received, are recognised in full in the year of receipt. These grants are then released in line with depreciation over the useful life of the asset with which they are associated.

#### ***Deferred income***

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

#### ***Expenditure***

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### ***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

#### ***Charitable activities***

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***

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### ***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### ***Taxation***

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.01 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land & Buildings	2% Straight Line
Plant & Machinery	25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33.3% Straight Line
Temporary Buildings	10% Straight Line

#### Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from funders and service users in refuge.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### **Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

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The company participates in a defined contribution pension plan.

#### **Financial instruments**

##### ***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### ***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

##### ***Fair value measurement***

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

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#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
	<b>General</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	41,717	41,717	15,431
	<u>41,717</u>	<u>41,717</u>	<u>15,431</u>

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Charitable Activities	120,228	1,511,526	1,631,754	1,629,632
	<u>120,228</u>	<u>1,511,526</u>	<u>1,631,754</u>	<u>1,629,632</u>

#### 5 Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
	<b>General</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	3,146	3,146	1,138
	<u>3,146</u>	<u>3,146</u>	<u>1,138</u>

#### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

##### a) Costs of trading activities

	<b>Allocated support costs</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Costs of generating donations and legacies	1,062	1,062	1,584
	<u>1,062</u>	<u>1,062</u>	<u>1,584</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
		Designated £	General £			
Charitable Activities		1,669	12,897	293,220	307,786	243,780
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		-	23,712	-	23,712	16,548
Staff costs		-	7,586	1,216,446	1,224,032	1,190,761
Allocated support costs	8	-	16,217	40,724	56,941	45,988
Governance costs	8	-	13,875	-	13,875	12,555
		<u>1,669</u>	<u>74,287</u>	<u>1,550,390</u>	<u>1,626,346</u>	<u>1,509,632</u>
		Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £	
Wages & Salaries		1,205,646	-	1,205,646	1,162,518	
Staff Travel & Expenses		19,410	-	19,410	15,047	
Staff Recruitment & Training		2,664	-	2,664	12,142	
Rent		69,455	-	69,455	75,252	
Water Rates		2,740	-	2,740	2,960	
Heat & Light		50,713	-	50,713	33,950	
Legal & Professional Costs		26,848	-	26,848	22,186	
Repairs & Maintenance		11,549	-	11,549	17,275	
Telephone		11,623	-	11,623	12,603	
Replacement furniture & equipment		4,554	-	4,554	5,006	
Household, Cleaning & Hospitality		17,246	-	17,246	15,939	
General Support & Travel		30,062	-	30,062	9,536	
Volunteer Expenses		1,378	-	1,378	352	
Printing, postage & stationery		35,746	-	35,746	23,153	
Insurance		-	14,181	14,181	15,746	
Advertising		192	-	192	203	
Bank Charges		-	920	920	754	
Sundry Expenses		369	-	369	1,315	
Computer Expenses		11,560	-	11,560	26,769	
Bad Debts		4,286	-	4,286	7,312	
Establishment Costs		-	40,118	40,118	34,139	
Repayment of Funding		48,126	-	48,126	-	
C&YP Costs		3,085	-	3,085	1,700	
		<u>1,557,252</u>	<u>55,219</u>	<u>1,612,471</u>	<u>1,495,857</u>	

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£62,081 (2022 - £57,381) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £1,550,389 (2022 - £1,438,476) to restricted funds.

#### 8 Analysis of governance and support costs

##### Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General £	£	£
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	4,660	4,660	3,504
Other governance costs	7,735	7,735	7,755
Allocated support costs	1,480	1,480	1,296
	<u>13,875</u>	<u>13,875</u>	<u>12,555</u>

#### 9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>23,712</u>	<u>16,548</u>

#### 10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

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#### 11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	1,057,544	1,025,328
Social security costs	77,388	70,102
Pension costs	68,777	65,526
Other staff costs	20,323	29,805
	<u>1,224,032</u>	<u>1,190,761</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Average No. of Employees	<u>60</u>	<u>63</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total remuneration of the key management personnel of the charity were £272,440 (2022 - £265,072).

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the CEO, 2 Finance Managers, 2 Accommodation Services Managers and 2 Community Services Managers.

#### 12 Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>4,660</u>	<u>3,504</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2022	170,000	68,048	77,498	315,546
Additions	-	13,419	11,554	24,973
At 31 March 2023	<u>170,000</u>	<u>81,467</u>	<u>89,052</u>	<u>340,519</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2022	54,400	61,600	27,485	143,485
Charge for the year	3,400	10,921	9,391	23,712
At 31 March 2023	<u>57,800</u>	<u>72,521</u>	<u>36,876</u>	<u>167,197</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2023	<u>112,200</u>	<u>8,946</u>	<u>52,176</u>	<u>173,322</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>115,600</u>	<u>6,448</u>	<u>50,013</u>	<u>172,061</u>

#### 15 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	9,581	5,839
Prepayments	8,202	4,722
Accrued income	31,341	20,861
	<u>49,124</u>	<u>31,422</u>

#### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	9,102	11,354
Other taxation and social security	27,201	16,225
Pension scheme creditor	179	195
Accruals	55,167	40,079
Deferred income	-	1,182
	<u>91,649</u>	<u>69,035</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Capital Grants Reserve	-	44,716

#### 18 Contingent liabilities

Subsequent to the date of the Balance Sheet, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) have indicated their intention to claw back an amount of historic Supporting People funding from Causeway and Mid-Ulster Women's Aid. Any repayment would be expected to take place in 2024. The amount to be repaid to NIHE has not yet been determined.

#### 19 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Funds	254,431	126,053	(54,155)	13,414	339,743
Refuge Services Residents Charges	53,658	16,139	(13,940)	-	55,857
GOLD Accountable Body	81,297	22,900	(6,832)	3	97,368
	389,386	165,092	(74,927)	13,417	492,968
<i>Designated</i>					
Running Costs Reserves	100,742	-	-	-	100,742
Unfunded Salary Reserve	18,632	-	-	-	18,632
Redundancy Reserve	157,503	-	-	30,000	187,503
Project Deficit Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Internal Refurbishment Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Major Repairs Reserve	40,000	-	(1,669)	(2,100)	36,231
	326,877	-	(1,669)	27,900	353,108
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	716,263	165,092	(76,596)	41,317	846,076
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
NIHE Supporting People	145,025	392,029	(371,075)	(18,601)	147,378
NIHE Floating Support	42,193	249,751	(246,123)	(3,223)	42,598
NIHE Housing Management	49,840	135,841	(120,400)	(5,162)	60,119
Comic Relief - Big Night In	21,185	-	(7,925)	(1,563)	11,697
Criminal Justice	4,808	7,500	(10,620)	-	1,688
Buttle UK	74	-	(73)	(1)	-
Surestart	-	62,836	(62,104)	(732)	-

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Comic Relief - Sustainability Fund	3,613	-	(3,613)	-	-
Children in Need Causeway	2,525	15,372	(17,702)	(195)	-
NHSCT Centre	1,973	11,995	(13,273)	(695)	-
CCG PCSP Covid Extension Fund	3,129	21,000	(21,566)	-	2,563
NIHE Training	220	-	-	-	220
NIHE - PIF	48,052	-	(48,052)	-	-
NHSCT Refuge	-	63,591	(62,583)	658	1,666
Garfield Weston	15,785	-	(30)	-	15,755
Surestart - GOLD Salaries	-	346,622	(346,619)	(3)	-
Mid Ulster PCSP	-	7,242	(3,040)	-	4,202
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery	52,438	120,127	(109,378)	(1,086)	62,101
Mid Ulster DC DV Grant	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
SHSCT Floating Support	1,652	17,490	(18,197)	(353)	592
CCG PCSP Schools Programme	18,249	20,000	(13,530)	-	24,719
NHSCT Child Worker	-	11,724	(11,675)	-	49
NIHE SP Recognition Payment	1,764	-	(939)	-	825
Foyle WA NRPF	7,714	17,445	(14,701)	-	10,458
Armagh Down WA	-	850	(600)	-	250
Nationwide Family Support	48,406	-	(36,882)	(632)	10,892
Surestart Pilot	281	6,112	(6,114)	-	279
NIHE IT/Tel Cap Grant	2,840	-	-	(2,840)	-
Halifax Cap Grant	4,000	-	-	(500)	3,500
NHSCT Furn/Equip Cap Grant	438	-	-	(438)	-
Mid Ulster DC Cap Grant	1,334	-	-	(1,334)	-
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery Cap Grant	712	-	-	(712)	-
Ulster Garden Villages Cap Grant	4,000	-	-	(500)	3,500
Children in Need Covid Booster Cap Grant	568	-	-	(568)	-
Comic Relief Covid Cap Grant	22,700	-	-	(2,837)	19,863
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,511,527</u>	<u>(1,550,814)</u>	<u>(41,317)</u>	<u>424,914</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,221,781</u>	<u>1,676,619</u>	<u>(1,627,410)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,270,990</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Funds	215,296	38,165	(27,390)	28,360	254,431
Refuge Services Residents Charges	42,705	12,115	(10,197)	9,035	53,658
GOLD Accountable Body	82,665	22,900	(23,531)	(737)	81,297
	<u>340,666</u>	<u>73,180</u>	<u>(61,118)</u>	<u>36,658</u>	<u>389,386</u>
<i>Designated</i>					
Running Costs Reserves	100,742	-	-	-	100,742
Unfunded Salary Reserve	18,632	-	-	-	18,632
Redundancy Reserve	157,503	-	-	-	157,503
Project Deficit Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Internal Refurbishment Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Major Repairs Reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
	<u>326,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,877</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>667,543</u>	<u>73,180</u>	<u>(61,118)</u>	<u>36,658</u>	<u>716,263</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
NIHE Supporting People	131,403	364,767	(342,802)	(8,343)	145,025
NIHE Floating Support	31,569	219,781	(209,157)	-	42,193
NIHE Housing Management	550	92,495	(109,410)	66,205	49,840
NIHE SP Emergency Covid Grant	38,403	45,886	(5,868)	(78,421)	-
Comic Relief - Big Night In	21,989	-	(804)	-	21,185
Criminal Justice	86	30,101	(25,379)	-	4,808
Buttle UK	208	-	(134)	-	74
Surestart	-	60,931	(61,184)	253	-
Comic Relief - Sustainability Fund	6,013	-	(2,400)	-	3,613
Children in Need Causeway	2,972	28,028	(28,475)	-	2,525
NHSCT Centre	4	13,756	(11,787)	-	1,973
CCG PCSP Covid Extension Fund	2,388	21,000	(20,259)	-	3,129
SP Covid 19 Staffing Costs	-	-	(9,902)	9,902	-
NIHE Training	220	-	-	-	220
NIHE - PIF	52,893	30,407	(35,248)	-	48,052
NHSCT Refuge	-	36,736	(36,736)	-	-
Children in Need Mid Ulster	-	16,569	(17,174)	605	-
Garfield Weston	30,071	-	(14,286)	-	15,785

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Surestart - GOLD Salaries	-	311,478	(311,610)	132	-
Mid Ulster PCSP	4,345	5,250	(3,264)	(6,331)	-
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery	32,464	119,086	(99,112)	-	52,438
Mid Ulster DC DV Grant	4,667	-	(4,667)	-	-
Rent (Fund 4)	11,788	-	-	(11,788)	-
NHSCT Refuge Mid Ulster	-	28,796	(29,585)	789	-
SHSCT Floating Support	897	16,935	(16,180)	-	1,652
CCG PCSP Schools Programme	-	20,000	(1,751)	-	18,249
NHSCT Child Worker	-	10,067	(10,067)	-	-
NIHE SP Recognition Payment	-	16,387	(14,623)	-	1,764
MU District Council	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Foyle WA NRPF	-	8,988	(1,274)	-	7,714
Armagh Down WA	-	850	(600)	(250)	-
Nationwide Family Support	-	48,406	-	-	48,406
MU MODV/IDAP	-	-	(319)	319	-
NIHE Homeless Prevention	-	19,000	(19,000)	-	-
Surestart Pilot	-	3,320	(3,039)	-	281
NIHE IT/Tel Cap Grant	5,680	-	-	(2,840)	2,840
Halifax Cap Grant	4,500	-	-	(500)	4,000
NHSCT Furn/Equip Cap Grant	877	-	-	(439)	438
Mid Ulster DC Cap Grant	2,667	-	-	(1,333)	1,334
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery Cap Grant	1,424	-	-	(712)	712
Ulster Garden Villages Cap Grant	4,500	-	-	(500)	4,000
Children in Need Covid Booster Cap Grant	1,136	-	-	(568)	568
Comic Relief Covid Cap Grant	25,538	-	-	(2,838)	22,700
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>419,252</u>	<u>1,573,020</u>	<u>(1,450,096)</u>	<u>(36,658)</u>	<u>505,518</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,086,795</u>	<u>1,646,200</u>	<u>(1,511,214)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,221,781</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Total funds £
	General £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	146,459	26,863	173,322
Current assets	791,266	398,050	1,189,316
Current liabilities	(91,649)	-	(91,649)
Total net assets	<u>846,076</u>	<u>424,913</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>

#### 21 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flow £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,132,050	8,142	1,140,192
Net debt	<u>1,132,050</u>	<u>8,142</u>	<u>1,140,192</u>

#### 22 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.



**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106888

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# Annual report

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Company registration number: NI030137

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# Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Sharon Burnett
<b>Trustees</b>	LesleyAnn Marriott Margaret Bryson Gillian Clifford Sharon Kirk Isobella Danielle Mallon Ursula Marshall Alice Quinn Marie Briega Quinn
<b>Secretary</b>	LesleyAnn Marriott
<b>Principal Office</b>	Gortalowry House 94 Church Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8HX  The charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	NI030137
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	NIC106888
(registered Charity name: Mid-Ulster Women's Aid)	
<b>Solicitors</b>	Toal & Heron Solicitors 10 Loy Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8PE
<b>Bankers</b>	Ulster Bank 20 William Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8ND
<b>Auditor</b>	M.B. McGrady & Co Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor Suite 2B Cadogan House 322 Lisburn Road Belfast Co. Antrim BT9 6GH

# Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

## Trustees' Report

### Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2023, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Financial review**

Income in the year was £1,676,617 and expenditure totalled £1,627,408 giving a surplus of £49,209. Total funds held at 31st March 2023 were £1,270,989. £424,913 of the total funds are restricted and are not available for the general purposes of the charity at the end of the reporting period. Unrestricted and designated reserves totalled £846,076 at the close of the period.

#### ***Policy on reserves***

It is the Charity's policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equal to 6 months running costs. In 2023, that value is £813,704. The unrestricted and designated reserves total £846,076 for 2023 which is equivalent to just over 6 months running costs.

#### ***Principal funding sources***

Aside from donations from private individuals and local businesses, the principle funding sources for the charity are from grant making bodies and contract income from NHSCT and NIHE Supporting People. The charity recognizes the increased necessity to work in partnership and collaboration with other agencies to secure future funding. All funds received are detailed within this report.

#### ***Principal risks and uncertainties***

There is no inbuilt automatic increase to our recurring funding from NIHE & NHSCT. To manage risk we regularly review costs, identify most cost effective means to manage running costs and through our merger processes have been able to ensure organisational wide contracts which represent savings. In order to ensure that we do not have a single source of funding which will increase the risk of our ability to sustain our organisations work we seek and have secured other sources of funding to allow the introduction of necessary services and related costs. As part of our ongoing organisational change restructuring of our management functions is planned for 2024.

#### ***Going concern***

The trustees believe that the charity will continue as a going concern. Funders have shown themselves to be supportive, flexible and adaptive to the current situation which is an invaluable help to the women's aid community. The organisation continues to work in partnership with government bodies and agencies in terms of developing a longer term strategy to support victims of domestic violence.

#### **Plans for future periods**

##### ***Activities planned to achieve aims***

Organisational change linked to service delivery improvement are the two main areas of focus for us. Ensuring the necessary staff resources to meet current and changing demand for services will be addressed through our implementation of organisational review recommendations. With the expectation that community-based children's services may be lost within 2023-24 the need to introduce a service that can respond to the needs of children and young people is vital. The development of additional accommodation units has progressed and will be a priority going forward.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

2022-23 saw the welcome reduction and removal of pandemic related restrictions. Within the reporting period we have ensured successful delivery of both accommodation and support services across the Causeway and Mid-Ulster area. Our community-based services continued to respond to high levels of demand and provided support to 1100 women. Our refuges accommodated 88 women and 65 children. Within this period both of our Floating Support Services completed the Quality Management Tool validation process and successfully evidenced quality service provision.

Our delivery of relationship programmes for secondary school age children has been build upon in this year with uptake from both schools who have availed of the programmes before and new schools. This partnership working supported by PCSP's is a key response to our work in prevention of abuse.

Building on the personal development core of our Starfish project we entered into collaboration with Queens University Social Work Department to support women to become Citizen Educators who will be involved in the training of future social workers. This is a prime example of our services being designed by, for and with women who have lived experience of domestic abuse.

Our plans to develop additional accommodation in the Mid-Ulster area have progressed with the successful completion of our first business case. This development has become more important to us as we see increased duration of stay for women and children in our refuges due to a more difficult housing environment.

We have completed an organisational review within this year to help identify improvements to services and their ongoing sustainability. It is expected that the recommendations from this process which involved staff and service users will be implemented in the next reporting period. This will include new measures to improve service user feedback.

During the year, the charity received a donation of £22,000 from the estate of the late Stuart Marriot. The charity is extremely grateful for this donation.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### ***Objects and aims***

The Objects of the Charity for the benefit of the public are:

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

To relieve distress, 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.

##### ***Key Strategic Themes for 2022-23***

- Ensure local and regional improvements to the delivery of services to women and children who experience domestic violence
- Increase understanding of the levels and impact of domestic violence
- Increase levels of partnership working to support women and children who experience domestic violence

##### ***The focus of our work***

Our focus is in the provision of direct services to women and children who have experienced domestic and sexual violence through provision of accommodation and community based support to ensure all necessary crisis intervention and long term support is in place to support victims. We work in partnership with statutory and community/voluntary organisations to ensure best outcomes for service users and engage in community based awareness raising on the topic of domestic and sexual violence. Strategic engagement with relevant statutory bodies and government departments is ensured to promote our services and necessity for further development.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### ***Relationship with related parties***

Causeway & Mid-Ulster Women's Aid recognises the necessity for meaningful partnership working to ensure the best possible outcomes for those who need our support. To embed this within our practice Causeway & Mid-Ulster Women's Aid has been represented on the following multi-agency groups within this period:

- Northern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership and associated sub-groups
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences
- Coleraine and Gold Sure Start Partnerships
- Advice NI Management Committee
- WAFNI Forum
- Family Hub
- Northern Area Safeguarding Partnership
- Committee Representing Independent Supporting People Providers
- Local Area Housing Group - NIHE
- Central Homelessness Forum - NIHE

#### ***Public benefit***

How our activities deliver public benefit:

All our charitable activities focus on the support of women and children who are or have been victims of domestic violence and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes and for public benefit.

Who used and benefitted from our services?

In 2022-23 both our refuges have seen 100% occupancy as standard. Following a return to pre-covid practices we accommodated 88 women and 65 children.

1100 women accessed our community-based services ensuring that support to address the safety, housing, financial, legal, health and personal development needs of women can be addressed. Our children's services delivered individual and group support to over 200 children and young people and our preventative education programmes reached over 2000 11–14-year-olds.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements the Charities Act 2008 (Northern Ireland) to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

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

##### ***Nature of governing document***

Causeway & Mid Ulster Women's Aid is a Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is controlled by a voluntary Management Board who are responsible for strategic planning and decision making, financial governance and probity and have employment responsibility for all staff.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Members of Management Board are recruited through professional or personal recommendation and by advertisement. Volunteers who are to be appointed receive induction to assist them to fulfil their roles in relation to governance of the organisation. Members to the Board are proposed at the annual general meeting.

Office bearers are elected at the first Management Committee meeting following the annual general meeting.

The day-to-day management and operation of the activities are carried out by a staff team, led by the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management Team who report regularly to the Committee. Operational staff and volunteers contribute to the day to day activities of the charity and their contribution is invaluable to the charity meeting its aims and objectives.

The Management Committee meets eleven times per year to receive reports (including financial) from the CEO.

#### ***Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration***

Setting pay and remuneration of the charity's key management personnel is managed through using benchmarking to set appropriate levels and through resources available to the organisation from funding sources. This is carried out by the board as and when required.

#### **Financial instruments**

#### ***Objectives and policies***

The organisation has a risk management policy and operates a risk assessment framework which includes carrying out risk assessment on all activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to our premises. Supporting People QMT (Quality Management Tool) is fully implemented and externally validated. Individual project evaluations are completed to ensure that the services we provide clearly benefit our service users. Risk management is a standing agenda item at all management committee meetings to mitigate the risks that the charity faces.

#### ***Cash flow risk***

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks in the area of income generation. The charity relies heavily on government agencies whose budgets are reduced year on year, leaving the charity increasingly reliant on other agencies and the public.

#### ***Credit risk***

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.


#### ***Liquidity risk***

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity has a reserves policy of maintaining reserves at 6 months running costs and that all restricted reserves are available in the form of cash at the bank.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

The trustee's report (incorporating the directors' report and the strategic report) was approved by the trustees of the charity on 11 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice Quinn', is written over a horizontal dotted line. A solid horizontal line extends to the right from the end of the signature.

Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

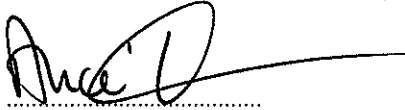
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 11 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023, and of its total incoming resources and expenditure of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 8], the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the entity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **The extent to which our audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charitable sector in Northern Ireland;
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates determined in the preparation of the financial statements were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

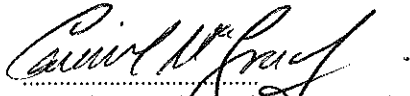
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conaill McGrady (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of M.B. McGrady & Co, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 15/1/24

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	41,717	-	41,717	15,431
Charitable activities	4	120,228	1,511,526	1,631,754	1,629,632
Investment income	5	3,146	-	3,146	1,138
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>165,091</u>	<u>1,511,526</u>	<u>1,676,617</u>	<u>1,646,201</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	(640)	(422)	(1,062)	(1,584)
Charitable activities	7	(75,956)	(1,550,390)	(1,626,346)	(1,509,632)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>(76,596)</u>	<u>(1,550,812)</u>	<u>(1,627,408)</u>	<u>(1,511,216)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		88,495	(39,286)	49,209	134,985
Transfers between funds		41,319	(41,319)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		129,814	(80,605)	49,209	134,985
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>716,262</u>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,221,780</u>	<u>1,086,797</u>
Total funds carried forward	19	<u>846,076</u>	<u>424,913</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>	<u>1,221,782</u>
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	15,431	-	15,431	
Charitable activities	4	56,611	1,573,021	1,629,632	
Investment income	5	1,138	-	1,138	
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>73,180</u>	<u>1,573,021</u>	<u>1,646,201</u>	
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	(8)	(1,576)	(1,584)	
Charitable activities	7	(61,110)	(1,448,522)	(1,509,632)	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>(61,118)</u>	<u>(1,450,098)</u>	<u>(1,511,216)</u>	
Net income		12,062	122,923	134,985	
Transfers between funds		36,659	(36,659)	-	
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		48,721	86,264	134,985	
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>667,543</u>	<u>419,254</u>	<u>1,086,797</u>	
Total funds carried forward	19	<u>716,264</u>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,221,782</u>	

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023  
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains  
and Losses)**

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 & 2022 is shown in note 19.

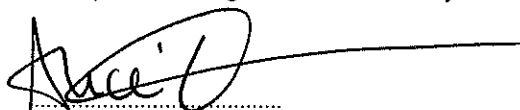
## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

(Registration number: NI030137)

### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	14	173,322	172,061
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	15	49,124	31,422
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,140,192</u>	<u>1,132,050</u>
		1,189,316	1,163,472
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>(91,649)</u>	<u>(69,035)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,097,667</u>	<u>1,094,437</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1,270,989	1,266,498
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	17	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,716)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,270,989</u>	<u>1,221,782</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>		424,913	505,518
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>846,076</u>	<u>716,263</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	19	<u>1,270,989</u>	<u>1,221,781</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 31 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 11 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash income		49,209	134,985
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation	9	23,712	16,548
Investment income	5	<u>(3,146)</u>	<u>(1,138)</u>
		69,775	150,395
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	15	(17,703)	49,094
Decrease in creditors	16	(20,921)	(18,303)
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income		<u>(1,182)</u>	<u>26</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>29,969</u>	<u>181,212</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	3,146	1,138
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	14	<u>(24,973)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(21,827)</u>	<u>1,138</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		8,142	182,350
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>1,132,050</u>	<u>949,700</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>1,140,192</u></u>	<u><u>1,132,050</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The Charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.

It is registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland

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#### 2 Accounting policies

##### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by 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 (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.

##### Basis of preparation

Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

##### Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### ***Grants receivable***

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

#### ***Capital Grants***

Capital grants, when received, are recognised in full in the year of receipt. These grants are then released in line with depreciation over the useful life of the asset with which they are associated.

#### ***Deferred income***

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

#### ***Expenditure***

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### ***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

#### ***Charitable activities***

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***

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### ***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### ***Taxation***

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.01 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land & Buildings	2% Straight Line
Plant & Machinery	25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33.3% Straight Line
Temporary Buildings	10% Straight Line

#### Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from funders and service users in refuge.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### **Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

SCHEME: TPT Retirement Solutions – The Flexible Retirement Plan

The company participates in a defined contribution pension plan.

#### **Financial instruments**

##### ***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### ***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

##### ***Fair value measurement***

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>General £</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	41,717	41,717	15,431
	41,717	41,717	15,431

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>General £</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Charitable Activities	120,228	1,511,526	1,631,754	1,629,632
	120,228	1,511,526	1,631,754	1,629,632

#### 5 Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>General £</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	3,146	3,146	1,138
	3,146	3,146	1,138

#### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

##### a) Costs of trading activities

	<b>Allocated support costs</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Costs of generating donations and legacies	1,062	1,062	1,584
	1,062	1,062	1,584

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Total	Total
		Designated £	General £	funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable Activities		1,669	12,897	293,220	307,786	243,780
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		-	23,712	-	23,712	16,548
Staff costs		-	7,586	1,216,446	1,224,032	1,190,761
Allocated support costs	8	-	16,217	40,724	56,941	45,988
Governance costs	8	-	13,875	-	13,875	12,555
		<u>1,669</u>	<u>74,287</u>	<u>1,550,390</u>	<u>1,626,346</u>	<u>1,509,632</u>
		<b>Activity undertaken directly £</b>	<b>Activity support costs £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>	
Wages & Salaries		1,205,646	-	1,205,646	1,162,518	
Staff Travel & Expenses		19,410	-	19,410	15,047	
Staff Recruitment & Training		2,664	-	2,664	12,142	
Rent		69,455	-	69,455	75,252	
Water Rates		2,740	-	2,740	2,960	
Heat & Light		50,713	-	50,713	33,950	
Legal & Professional Costs		26,848	-	26,848	22,186	
Repairs & Maintenance		11,549	-	11,549	17,275	
Telephone		11,623	-	11,623	12,603	
Replacement furniture & equipment		4,554	-	4,554	5,006	
Household, Cleaning & Hospitality		17,246	-	17,246	15,939	
General Support & Travel		30,062	-	30,062	9,536	
Volunteer Expenses		1,378	-	1,378	352	
Printing, postage & stationery		35,746	-	35,746	23,153	
Insurance		-	14,181	14,181	15,746	
Advertising		192	-	192	203	
Bank Charges		-	920	920	754	
Sundry Expenses		369	-	369	1,315	
Computer Expenses		11,560	-	11,560	26,769	
Bad Debts		4,286	-	4,286	7,312	
Establishment Costs		-	40,118	40,118	34,139	
Repayment of Funding		48,126	-	48,126	-	
C&YP Costs		3,085	-	3,085	1,700	
		<u>1,557,252</u>	<u>55,219</u>	<u>1,612,471</u>	<u>1,495,857</u>	

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

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£62,081 (2022 - £57,381) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £1,550,389 (2022 - £1,438,476) to restricted funds.

#### 8 Analysis of governance and support costs

##### Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General £	£	£
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	4,660	4,660	3,504
Other governance costs	7,735	7,735	7,755
Allocated support costs	1,480	1,480	1,296
	<u>13,875</u>	<u>13,875</u>	<u>12,555</u>

#### 9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>23,712</u>	<u>16,548</u>

#### 10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	1,057,544	1,025,328
Social security costs	77,388	70,102
Pension costs	68,777	65,526
Other staff costs	20,323	29,805
	<u>1,224,032</u>	<u>1,190,761</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Average No. of Employees	<u>60</u>	<u>63</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total remuneration of the key management personnel of the charity were £272,440 (2022 - £265,072).

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the CEO, 2 Finance Managers, 2 Accommodation Services Managers and 2 Community Services Managers.

#### 12 Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>4,660</u>	<u>3,504</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2022	170,000	68,048	77,498	315,546
Additions	-	13,419	11,554	24,973
At 31 March 2023	<u>170,000</u>	<u>81,467</u>	<u>89,052</u>	<u>340,519</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2022	54,400	61,600	27,485	143,485
Charge for the year	3,400	10,921	9,391	23,712
At 31 March 2023	<u>57,800</u>	<u>72,521</u>	<u>36,876</u>	<u>167,197</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2023	<u>112,200</u>	<u>8,946</u>	<u>52,176</u>	<u>173,322</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>115,600</u>	<u>6,448</u>	<u>50,013</u>	<u>172,061</u>

#### 15 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	9,581	5,839
Prepayments	8,202	4,722
Accrued income	31,341	20,861
	<u>49,124</u>	<u>31,422</u>

#### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	9,102	11,354
Other taxation and social security	27,201	16,225
Pension scheme creditor	179	195
Accruals	55,167	40,079
Deferred income	-	1,182
	<u>91,649</u>	<u>69,035</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Capital Grants Reserve	-	44,716

#### 18 Contingent liabilities

Subsequent to the date of the Balance Sheet, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) have indicated their intention to claw back an amount of historic Supporting People funding from Causeway and Mid-Ulster Women's Aid. Any repayment would be expected to take place in 2024. The amount to be repaid to NIHE has not yet been determined.

#### 19 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Funds	254,431	126,053	(54,155)	13,414	339,743
Refuge Services Residents Charges	53,658	16,139	(13,940)	-	55,857
GOLD Accountable Body	81,297	22,900	(6,832)	3	97,368
	389,386	165,092	(74,927)	13,417	492,968
<i>Designated</i>					
Running Costs Reserves	100,742	-	-	-	100,742
Unfunded Salary Reserve	18,632	-	-	-	18,632
Redundancy Reserve	157,503	-	-	30,000	187,503
Project Deficit Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Internal Refurbishment Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Major Repairs Reserve	40,000	-	(1,669)	(2,100)	36,231
	326,877	-	(1,669)	27,900	353,108
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	716,263	165,092	(76,596)	41,317	846,076
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
NIHE Supporting People	145,025	392,029	(371,075)	(18,601)	147,378
NIHE Floating Support	42,193	249,751	(246,123)	(3,223)	42,598
NIHE Housing Management	49,840	135,841	(120,400)	(5,162)	60,119
Comic Relief - Big Night In	21,185	-	(7,925)	(1,563)	11,697
Criminal Justice	4,808	7,500	(10,620)	-	1,688
Buttle UK	74	-	(73)	(1)	-
Surestart	-	62,836	(62,104)	(732)	-

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Comic Relief - Sustainability Fund	3,613	-	(3,613)	-	-
Children in Need Causeway	2,525	15,372	(17,702)	(195)	-
NHSCT Centre	1,973	11,995	(13,273)	(695)	-
CCG PCSP Covid Extension Fund	3,129	21,000	(21,566)	-	2,563
NIHE Training	220	-	-	-	220
NIHE - PIF	48,052	-	(48,052)	-	-
NHSCT Refuge	-	63,591	(62,583)	658	1,666
Garfield Weston	15,785	-	(30)	-	15,755
Surestart - GOLD Salaries	-	346,622	(346,619)	(3)	-
Mid Ulster PCSP	-	7,242	(3,040)	-	4,202
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery	52,438	120,127	(109,378)	(1,086)	62,101
Mid Ulster DC DV Grant	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
SHSCT Floating Support	1,652	17,490	(18,197)	(353)	592
CCG PCSP Schools Programme	18,249	20,000	(13,530)	-	24,719
NHSCT Child Worker	-	11,724	(11,675)	-	49
NIHE SP Recognition Payment	1,764	-	(939)	-	825
Foyle WA NRPF	7,714	17,445	(14,701)	-	10,458
Armagh Down WA	-	850	(600)	-	250
Nationwide Family Support	48,406	-	(36,882)	(632)	10,892
Surestart Pilot	281	6,112	(6,114)	-	279
NIHE IT/Tel Cap Grant	2,840	-	-	(2,840)	-
Halifax Cap Grant	4,000	-	-	(500)	3,500
NHSCT Furn/Equip Cap Grant	438	-	-	(438)	-
Mid Ulster DC Cap Grant	1,334	-	-	(1,334)	-
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery Cap Grant	712	-	-	(712)	-
Ulster Garden Villages Cap Grant	4,000	-	-	(500)	3,500
Children in Need Covid Booster Cap Grant	568	-	-	(568)	-
Comic Relief Covid Cap Grant	22,700	-	-	(2,837)	19,863
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,511,527</u>	<u>(1,550,814)</u>	<u>(41,317)</u>	<u>424,914</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,221,781</u>	<u>1,676,619</u>	<u>(1,627,410)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,270,990</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Funds	215,296	38,165	(27,390)	28,360	254,431
Refuge Services Residents Charges	42,705	12,115	(10,197)	9,035	53,658
GOLD Accountable Body	82,665	22,900	(23,531)	(737)	81,297
	<u>340,666</u>	<u>73,180</u>	<u>(61,118)</u>	<u>36,658</u>	<u>389,386</u>
<i>Designated</i>					
Running Costs Reserves	100,742	-	-	-	100,742
Unfunded Salary Reserve	18,632	-	-	-	18,632
Redundancy Reserve	157,503	-	-	-	157,503
Project Deficit Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Internal Refurbishment Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Major Repairs Reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
	<u>326,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,877</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>667,543</u>	<u>73,180</u>	<u>(61,118)</u>	<u>36,658</u>	<u>716,263</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
NIHE Supporting People	131,403	364,767	(342,802)	(8,343)	145,025
NIHE Floating Support	31,569	219,781	(209,157)	-	42,193
NIHE Housing Management	550	92,495	(109,410)	66,205	49,840
NIHE SP Emergency Covid Grant	38,403	45,886	(5,868)	(78,421)	-
Comic Relief - Big Night In	21,989	-	(804)	-	21,185
Criminal Justice	86	30,101	(25,379)	-	4,808
Buttle UK	208	-	(134)	-	74
Surestart	-	60,931	(61,184)	253	-
Comic Relief - Sustainability Fund	6,013	-	(2,400)	-	3,613
Children in Need Causeway	2,972	28,028	(28,475)	-	2,525
NHSCT Centre	4	13,756	(11,787)	-	1,973
CCG PCSP Covid Extension Fund	2,388	21,000	(20,259)	-	3,129
SP Covid 19 Staffing Costs	-	-	(9,902)	9,902	-
NIHE Training	220	-	-	-	220
NIHE - PIF	52,893	30,407	(35,248)	-	48,052
NHSCT Refuge	-	36,736	(36,736)	-	-
Children in Need Mid Ulster	-	16,569	(17,174)	605	-
Garfield Weston	30,071	-	(14,286)	-	15,785

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Surestart - GOLD Salaries	-	311,478	(311,610)	132	-
Mid Ulster PCSP	4,345	5,250	(3,264)	(6,331)	-
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery	32,464	119,086	(99,112)	-	52,438
Mid Ulster DC DV Grant	4,667	-	(4,667)	-	-
Rent (Fund 4)	11,788	-	-	(11,788)	-
NHSCT Refuge Mid Ulster	-	28,796	(29,585)	789	-
SHSCT Floating Support	897	16,935	(16,180)	-	1,652
CCG PCSP Schools Programme	-	20,000	(1,751)	-	18,249
NHSCT Child Worker	-	10,067	(10,067)	-	-
NIHE SP Recognition Payment	-	16,387	(14,623)	-	1,764
MU District Council	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Foyle WA NRPF	-	8,988	(1,274)	-	7,714
Armagh Down WA	-	850	(600)	(250)	-
Nationwide Family Support	-	48,406	-	-	48,406
MU MODV/IDAP	-	-	(319)	319	-
NIHE Homeless Prevention	-	19,000	(19,000)	-	-
Surestart Pilot	-	3,320	(3,039)	-	281
NIHE IT/Tel Cap Grant	5,680	-	-	(2,840)	2,840
Halifax Cap Grant	4,500	-	-	(500)	4,000
NHSCT Furn/Equip Cap Grant	877	-	-	(439)	438
Mid Ulster DC Cap Grant	2,667	-	-	(1,333)	1,334
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery Cap Grant	1,424	-	-	(712)	712
Ulster Garden Villages Cap Grant	4,500	-	-	(500)	4,000
Children in Need Covid Booster Cap Grant	1,136	-	-	(568)	568
Comic Relief Covid Cap Grant	25,538	-	-	(2,838)	22,700
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>419,252</u>	<u>1,573,020</u>	<u>(1,450,096)</u>	<u>(36,658)</u>	<u>505,518</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,086,795</u>	<u>1,646,200</u>	<u>(1,511,214)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,221,781</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Total funds £
	General £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	146,459	26,863	173,322
Current assets	791,266	398,050	1,189,316
Current liabilities	(91,649)	-	(91,649)
Total net assets	<u>846,076</u>	<u>424,913</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>

#### 21 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flow £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,132,050	8,142	1,140,192
Net debt	<u>1,132,050</u>	<u>8,142</u>	<u>1,140,192</u>

#### 22 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.



**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

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# Annual return

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

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## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Sharon Burnett
<b>Trustees</b>	LesleyAnn Marriott Margaret Bryson Gillian Clifford Sharon Kirk Isobella Danielle Mallon Ursula Marshall Alice Quinn Marie Brieger Quinn
<b>Secretary</b>	LesleyAnn Marriott
<b>Principal Office</b>	Gortalowry House 94 Church Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone BT80 8HX  The charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	NI030137
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	NIC106888
(registered Charity name: Mid-Ulster Women's Aid)	
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# Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

## Trustees' Report

### Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2023, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Financial review**

Income in the year was £1,676,617 and expenditure totalled £1,627,408 giving a surplus of £49,209. Total funds held at 31st March 2023 were £1,270,989. £424,913 of the total funds are restricted and are not available for the general purposes of the charity at the end of the reporting period. Unrestricted and designated reserves totalled £846,076 at the close of the period.

#### ***Policy on reserves***

It is the Charity's policy to maintain unrestricted reserves equal to 6 months running costs. In 2023, that value is £813,704. The unrestricted and designated reserves total £846,076 for 2023 which is equivalent to just over 6 months running costs.

#### ***Principal funding sources***

Aside from donations from private individuals and local businesses, the principle funding sources for the charity are from grant making bodies and contract income from NHSCT and NIHE Supporting People. The charity recognizes the increased necessity to work in partnership and collaboration with other agencies to secure future funding. All funds received are detailed within this report.

#### ***Principal risks and uncertainties***

There is no inbuilt automatic increase to our recurring funding from NIHE & NHSCT. To manage risk we regularly review costs, identify most cost effective means to manage running costs and through our merger processes have been able to ensure organisational wide contracts which represent savings. In order to ensure that we do not have a single source of funding which will increase the risk of our ability to sustain our organisations work we seek and have secured other sources of funding to allow the introduction of necessary services and related costs. As part of our ongoing organisational change restructuring of our management functions is planned for 2024.

#### ***Going concern***

The trustees believe that the charity will continue as a going concern. Funders have shown themselves to be supportive, flexible and adaptive to the current situation which is an invaluable help to the women's aid community. The organisation continues to work in partnership with government bodies and agencies in terms of developing a longer term strategy to support victims of domestic violence.

#### **Plans for future periods**

##### ***Activities planned to achieve aims***

Organisational change linked to service delivery improvement are the two main areas of focus for us. Ensuring the necessary staff resources to meet current and changing demand for services will be addressed through our implementation of organisational review recommendations. With the expectation that community-based children's services may be lost within 2023-24 the need to introduce a service that can respond to the needs of children and young people is vital. The development of additional accommodation units has progressed and will be a priority going forward.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

2022-23 saw the welcome reduction and removal of pandemic related restrictions. Within the reporting period we have ensured successful delivery of both accommodation and support services across the Causeway and Mid-Ulster area. Our community-based services continued to respond to high levels of demand and provided support to 1100 women. Our refuges accommodated 88 women and 65 children. Within this period both of our Floating Support Services completed the Quality Management Tool validation process and successfully evidenced quality service provision.

Our delivery of relationship programmes for secondary school age children has been build upon in this year with uptake from both schools who have availed of the programmes before and new schools. This partnership working supported by PCSP's is a key response to our work in prevention of abuse.

Building on the personal development core of our Starfish project we entered into collaboration with Queens University Social Work Department to support women to become Citizen Educators who will be involved in the training of future social workers. This is a prime example of our services being designed by, for and with women who have lived experience of domestic abuse.

Our plans to develop additional accommodation in the Mid-Ulster area have progressed with the successful completion of our first business case. This development has become more important to us as we see increased duration of stay for women and children in our refuges due to a more difficult housing environment.

We have completed an organisational review within this year to help identify improvements to services and their ongoing sustainability. It is expected that the recommendations from this process which involved staff and service users will be implemented in the next reporting period. This will include new measures to improve service user feedback.

During the year, the charity received a donation of £22,000 from the estate of the late Stuart Marriot. The charity is extremely grateful for this donation.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### ***Objects and aims***

The Objects of the Charity for the benefit of the public are:

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

To relieve distress, 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.

##### ***Key Strategic Themes for 2022-23***

- Ensure local and regional improvements to the delivery of services to women and children who experience domestic violence
- Increase understanding of the levels and impact of domestic violence
- Increase levels of partnership working to support women and children who experience domestic violence

##### ***The focus of our work***

Our focus is in the provision of direct services to women and children who have experienced domestic and sexual violence through provision of accommodation and community based support to ensure all necessary crisis intervention and long term support is in place to support victims. We work in partnership with statutory and community/voluntary organisations to ensure best outcomes for service users and engage in community based awareness raising on the topic of domestic and sexual violence. Strategic engagement with relevant statutory bodies and government departments is ensured to promote our services and necessity for further development.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### ***Relationship with related parties***

Causeway & Mid-Ulster Women's Aid recognises the necessity for meaningful partnership working to ensure the best possible outcomes for those who need our support. To embed this within our practice Causeway & Mid-Ulster Women's Aid has been represented on the following multi-agency groups within this period:

- Northern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership and associated sub-groups
- Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences
- Coleraine and Gold Sure Start Partnerships
- Advice NI Management Committee
- WAFNI Forum
- Family Hub
- Northern Area Safeguarding Partnership
- Committee Representing Independent Supporting People Providers
- Local Area Housing Group - NIHE
- Central Homelessness Forum - NIHE

#### ***Public benefit***

How our activities deliver public benefit:

All our charitable activities focus on the support of women and children who are or have been victims of domestic violence and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes and for public benefit.

Who used and benefitted from our services?

In 2022-23 both our refuges have seen 100% occupancy as standard. Following a return to pre-covid practices we accommodated 88 women and 65 children.

1100 women accessed our community-based services ensuring that support to address the safety, housing, financial, legal, health and personal development needs of women can be addressed. Our children's services delivered individual and group support to over 200 children and young people and our preventative education programmes reached over 2000 11–14-year-olds.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements the Charities Act 2008 (Northern Ireland) to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

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

##### ***Nature of governing document***

Causeway & Mid Ulster Women's Aid is a Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is controlled by a voluntary Management Board who are responsible for strategic planning and decision making, financial governance and probity and have employment responsibility for all staff.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Members of Management Board are recruited through professional or personal recommendation and by advertisement. Volunteers who are to be appointed receive induction to assist them to fulfil their roles in relation to governance of the organisation. Members to the Board are proposed at the annual general meeting.

Office bearers are elected at the first Management Committee meeting following the annual general meeting.

The day-to-day management and operation of the activities are carried out by a staff team, led by the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management Team who report regularly to the Committee. Operational staff and volunteers contribute to the day to day activities of the charity and their contribution is invaluable to the charity meeting its aims and objectives.

The Management Committee meets eleven times per year to receive reports (including financial) from the CEO.

#### ***Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration***

Setting pay and remuneration of the charity's key management personnel is managed through using benchmarking to set appropriate levels and through resources available to the organisation from funding sources. This is carried out by the board as and when required.

#### **Financial instruments**

#### ***Objectives and policies***

The organisation has a risk management policy and operates a risk assessment framework which includes carrying out risk assessment on all activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to our premises. Supporting People QMT (Quality Management Tool) is fully implemented and externally validated. Individual project evaluations are completed to ensure that the services we provide clearly benefit our service users. Risk management is a standing agenda item at all management committee meetings to mitigate the risks that the charity faces.

#### ***Cash flow risk***

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks in the area of income generation. The charity relies heavily on government agencies whose budgets are reduced year on year, leaving the charity increasingly reliant on other agencies and the public.

#### ***Credit risk***

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

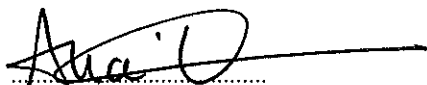
#### ***Liquidity risk***

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity has a reserves policy of maintaining reserves at 6 months running costs and that all restricted reserves are available in the form of cash at the bank.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Trustees' Report

The trustee's report (incorporating the directors' report and the strategic report) was approved by the trustees of the charity on 11 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice Quinn', is written over a horizontal dotted line. A solid horizontal line extends to the right from the end of the signature.

Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

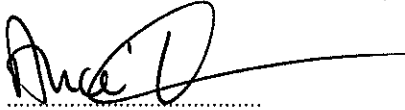
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 11 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Alice Quinn  
Trustee

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023, and of its total incoming resources and expenditure of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 8], the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the entity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

#### **The extent to which our audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charitable sector in Northern Ireland;
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates determined in the preparation of the financial statements were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

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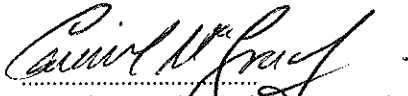
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conaill McGrady (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of M.B. McGrady & Co, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 15/1/24

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	41,717	-	41,717
Charitable activities	4	120,228	1,511,526	1,631,754
Investment income	5	3,146	-	3,146
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>165,091</u>	<u>1,511,526</u>	<u>1,676,617</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	6	(640)	(422)	(1,062)
Charitable activities	7	(75,956)	(1,550,390)	(1,626,346)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>(76,596)</u>	<u>(1,550,812)</u>	<u>(1,627,408)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		88,495	(39,286)	49,209
Transfers between funds		41,319	(41,319)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		129,814	(80,605)	49,209
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>716,262</u>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,221,780</u>
Total funds carried forward	19	<u>846,076</u>	<u>424,913</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	15,431	-	15,431
Charitable activities	4	56,611	1,573,021	1,629,632
Investment income	5	1,138	-	1,138
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>73,180</u>	<u>1,573,021</u>	<u>1,646,201</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	6	(8)	(1,576)	(1,584)
Charitable activities	7	(61,110)	(1,448,522)	(1,509,632)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>(61,118)</u>	<u>(1,450,098)</u>	<u>(1,511,216)</u>
Net income		12,062	122,923	134,985
Transfers between funds		36,659	(36,659)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		48,721	86,264	134,985
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>667,543</u>	<u>419,254</u>	<u>1,086,797</u>
Total funds carried forward	19	<u>716,264</u>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,221,782</u>

**Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023  
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains  
and Losses)**

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 & 2022 is shown in note 19.

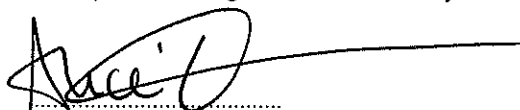
## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

(Registration number: NI030137)

### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	14	173,322	172,061
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	15	49,124	31,422
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,140,192</u>	<u>1,132,050</u>
		1,189,316	1,163,472
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>(91,649)</u>	<u>(69,035)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,097,667</u>	<u>1,094,437</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1,270,989	1,266,498
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	17	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,716)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,270,989</u>	<u>1,221,782</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>		424,913	505,518
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>846,076</u>	<u>716,263</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	19	<u>1,270,989</u>	<u>1,221,781</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 31 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 11 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Alice Quinn  
 Trustee

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash income		49,209	134,985
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation	9	23,712	16,548
Investment income	5	<u>(3,146)</u>	<u>(1,138)</u>
		69,775	150,395
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	15	(17,703)	49,094
Decrease in creditors	16	(20,921)	(18,303)
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income		<u>(1,182)</u>	<u>26</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>29,969</u>	<u>181,212</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	3,146	1,138
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	14	<u>(24,973)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(21,827)</u>	<u>1,138</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		8,142	182,350
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>1,132,050</u>	<u>949,700</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>1,140,192</u></u>	<u><u>1,132,050</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **1 Charity status**

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The Charity is incorporated in Northern Ireland.

It is registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland

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#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by 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 (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.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

##### **Income and endowments**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### **Donations and legacies**

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

## **Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### ***Grants receivable***

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

#### ***Capital Grants***

Capital grants, when received, are recognised in full in the year of receipt. These grants are then released in line with depreciation over the useful life of the asset with which they are associated.

#### ***Deferred income***

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

#### ***Expenditure***

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### ***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

#### ***Charitable activities***

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***

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### ***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### ***Taxation***

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.01 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land & Buildings	2% Straight Line
Plant & Machinery	25% Reducing Balance
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33.3% Straight Line
Temporary Buildings	10% Straight Line

#### Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from funders and service users in refuge.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### **Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

SCHEME: TPT Retirement Solutions – The Flexible Retirement Plan

The company participates in a defined contribution pension plan.

#### **Financial instruments**

##### *Classification*

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### *Recognition and measurement*

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

##### *Fair value measurement*

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>General</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	41,717	41,717	15,431
	41,717	41,717	15,431

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>			
Charitable Activities	120,228	1,511,526	1,631,754	1,629,632
	120,228	1,511,526	1,631,754	1,629,632

#### 5 Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>General</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	3,146	3,146	1,138
	3,146	3,146	1,138

#### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

##### a) Costs of trading activities

	<b>Allocated support costs</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Costs of generating donations and legacies	1,062	1,062	1,584
	1,062	1,062	1,584

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Total	Total
		Designated £	General £	funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable Activities		1,669	12,897	293,220	307,786	243,780
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		-	23,712	-	23,712	16,548
Staff costs		-	7,586	1,216,446	1,224,032	1,190,761
Allocated support costs	8	-	16,217	40,724	56,941	45,988
Governance costs	8	-	13,875	-	13,875	12,555
		<u>1,669</u>	<u>74,287</u>	<u>1,550,390</u>	<u>1,626,346</u>	<u>1,509,632</u>
		<b>Activity undertaken directly £</b>	<b>Activity support costs £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>	
Wages & Salaries		1,205,646	-	1,205,646	1,162,518	
Staff Travel & Expenses		19,410	-	19,410	15,047	
Staff Recruitment & Training		2,664	-	2,664	12,142	
Rent		69,455	-	69,455	75,252	
Water Rates		2,740	-	2,740	2,960	
Heat & Light		50,713	-	50,713	33,950	
Legal & Professional Costs		26,848	-	26,848	22,186	
Repairs & Maintenance		11,549	-	11,549	17,275	
Telephone		11,623	-	11,623	12,603	
Replacement furniture & equipment		4,554	-	4,554	5,006	
Household, Cleaning & Hospitality		17,246	-	17,246	15,939	
General Support & Travel		30,062	-	30,062	9,536	
Volunteer Expenses		1,378	-	1,378	352	
Printing, postage & stationery		35,746	-	35,746	23,153	
Insurance		-	14,181	14,181	15,746	
Advertising		192	-	192	203	
Bank Charges		-	920	920	754	
Sundry Expenses		369	-	369	1,315	
Computer Expenses		11,560	-	11,560	26,769	
Bad Debts		4,286	-	4,286	7,312	
Establishment Costs		-	40,118	40,118	34,139	
Repayment of Funding		48,126	-	48,126	-	
C&YP Costs		3,085	-	3,085	1,700	
		<u>1,557,252</u>	<u>55,219</u>	<u>1,612,471</u>	<u>1,495,857</u>	

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

£62,081 (2022 - £57,381) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £1,550,389 (2022 - £1,438,476) to restricted funds.

#### 8 Analysis of governance and support costs

##### Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General £	£	£
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	4,660	4,660	3,504
Other governance costs	7,735	7,735	7,755
Allocated support costs	1,480	1,480	1,296
	<u>13,875</u>	<u>13,875</u>	<u>12,555</u>

#### 9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>23,712</u>	<u>16,548</u>

#### 10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	1,057,544	1,025,328
Social security costs	77,388	70,102
Pension costs	68,777	65,526
Other staff costs	<u>20,323</u>	<u>29,805</u>
	<u>1,224,032</u>	<u>1,190,761</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Average No. of Employees	<u>60</u>	<u>63</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total remuneration of the key management personnel of the charity were £272,440 (2022 - £265,072).

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the CEO, 2 Finance Managers, 2 Accommodation Services Managers and 2 Community Services Managers.

#### 12 Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>4,660</u>	<u>3,504</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2022	170,000	68,048	77,498	315,546
Additions	-	13,419	11,554	24,973
At 31 March 2023	<u>170,000</u>	<u>81,467</u>	<u>89,052</u>	<u>340,519</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2022	54,400	61,600	27,485	143,485
Charge for the year	3,400	10,921	9,391	23,712
At 31 March 2023	<u>57,800</u>	<u>72,521</u>	<u>36,876</u>	<u>167,197</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2023	<u>112,200</u>	<u>8,946</u>	<u>52,176</u>	<u>173,322</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>115,600</u>	<u>6,448</u>	<u>50,013</u>	<u>172,061</u>

#### 15 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	9,581	5,839
Prepayments	8,202	4,722
Accrued income	31,341	20,861
	<u>49,124</u>	<u>31,422</u>

#### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	9,102	11,354
Other taxation and social security	27,201	16,225
Pension scheme creditor	179	195
Accruals	55,167	40,079
Deferred income	-	1,182
	<u>91,649</u>	<u>69,035</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Capital Grants Reserve	-	44,716

#### 18 Contingent liabilities

Subsequent to the date of the Balance Sheet, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) have indicated their intention to claw back an amount of historic Supporting People funding from Causeway and Mid-Ulster Women's Aid. Any repayment would be expected to take place in 2024. The amount to be repaid to NIHE has not yet been determined.

#### 19 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Funds	254,431	126,053	(54,155)	13,414	339,743
Refuge Services Residents Charges	53,658	16,139	(13,940)	-	55,857
GOLD Accountable Body	81,297	22,900	(6,832)	3	97,368
	389,386	165,092	(74,927)	13,417	492,968
<i>Designated</i>					
Running Costs Reserves	100,742	-	-	-	100,742
Unfunded Salary Reserve	18,632	-	-	-	18,632
Redundancy Reserve	157,503	-	-	30,000	187,503
Project Deficit Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Internal Refurbishment Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Major Repairs Reserve	40,000	-	(1,669)	(2,100)	36,231
	326,877	-	(1,669)	27,900	353,108
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	716,263	165,092	(76,596)	41,317	846,076
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
NIHE Supporting People	145,025	392,029	(371,075)	(18,601)	147,378
NIHE Floating Support	42,193	249,751	(246,123)	(3,223)	42,598
NIHE Housing Management	49,840	135,841	(120,400)	(5,162)	60,119
Comic Relief - Big Night In	21,185	-	(7,925)	(1,563)	11,697
Criminal Justice	4,808	7,500	(10,620)	-	1,688
Buttle UK	74	-	(73)	(1)	-
Surestart	-	62,836	(62,104)	(732)	-

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Comic Relief - Sustainability Fund	3,613	-	(3,613)	-	-
Children in Need Causeway	2,525	15,372	(17,702)	(195)	-
NHSCT Centre	1,973	11,995	(13,273)	(695)	-
CCG PCSP Covid Extension Fund	3,129	21,000	(21,566)	-	2,563
NIHE Training	220	-	-	-	220
NIHE - PIF	48,052	-	(48,052)	-	-
NHSCT Refuge	-	63,591	(62,583)	658	1,666
Garfield Weston	15,785	-	(30)	-	15,755
Surestart - GOLD Salaries	-	346,622	(346,619)	(3)	-
Mid Ulster PCSP	-	7,242	(3,040)	-	4,202
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery	52,438	120,127	(109,378)	(1,086)	62,101
Mid Ulster DC DV Grant	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
SHSCT Floating Support	1,652	17,490	(18,197)	(353)	592
CCG PCSP Schools Programme	18,249	20,000	(13,530)	-	24,719
NHSCT Child Worker	-	11,724	(11,675)	-	49
NIHE SP Recognition Payment	1,764	-	(939)	-	825
Foyle WA NRPF	7,714	17,445	(14,701)	-	10,458
Armagh Down WA	-	850	(600)	-	250
Nationwide Family Support	48,406	-	(36,882)	(632)	10,892
Surestart Pilot	281	6,112	(6,114)	-	279
NIHE IT/Tel Cap Grant	2,840	-	-	(2,840)	-
Halifax Cap Grant	4,000	-	-	(500)	3,500
NHSCT Furn/Equip Cap Grant	438	-	-	(438)	-
Mid Ulster DC Cap Grant	1,334	-	-	(1,334)	-
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery Cap Grant	712	-	-	(712)	-
Ulster Garden Villages Cap Grant	4,000	-	-	(500)	3,500
Children in Need Covid Booster Cap Grant	568	-	-	(568)	-
Comic Relief Covid Cap Grant	22,700	-	-	(2,837)	19,863
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>505,518</u>	<u>1,511,527</u>	<u>(1,550,814)</u>	<u>(41,317)</u>	<u>424,914</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,221,781</u>	<u>1,676,619</u>	<u>(1,627,410)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,270,990</u>

## Causeway and Mid Ulster Women's Aid

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Funds	215,296	38,165	(27,390)	28,360	254,431
Refuge Services Residents Charges	42,705	12,115	(10,197)	9,035	53,658
GOLD Accountable Body	82,665	22,900	(23,531)	(737)	81,297
	<u>340,666</u>	<u>73,180</u>	<u>(61,118)</u>	<u>36,658</u>	<u>389,386</u>
<i>Designated</i>					
Running Costs Reserves	100,742	-	-	-	100,742
Unfunded Salary Reserve	18,632	-	-	-	18,632
Redundancy Reserve	157,503	-	-	-	157,503
Project Deficit Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Internal Refurbishment Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Major Repairs Reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
	<u>326,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,877</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>667,543</u>	<u>73,180</u>	<u>(61,118)</u>	<u>36,658</u>	<u>716,263</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
NIHE Supporting People	131,403	364,767	(342,802)	(8,343)	145,025
NIHE Floating Support	31,569	219,781	(209,157)	-	42,193
NIHE Housing Management	550	92,495	(109,410)	66,205	49,840
NIHE SP Emergency Covid Grant	38,403	45,886	(5,868)	(78,421)	-
Comic Relief - Big Night In	21,989	-	(804)	-	21,185
Criminal Justice	86	30,101	(25,379)	-	4,808
Buttle UK	208	-	(134)	-	74
Surestart	-	60,931	(61,184)	253	-
Comic Relief - Sustainability Fund	6,013	-	(2,400)	-	3,613
Children in Need Causeway	2,972	28,028	(28,475)	-	2,525
NHSCT Centre	4	13,756	(11,787)	-	1,973
CCG PCSP Covid Extension Fund	2,388	21,000	(20,259)	-	3,129
SP Covid 19 Staffing Costs	-	-	(9,902)	9,902	-
NIHE Training	220	-	-	-	220
NIHE - PIF	52,893	30,407	(35,248)	-	48,052
NHSCT Refuge	-	36,736	(36,736)	-	-
Children in Need Mid Ulster	-	16,569	(17,174)	605	-
Garfield Weston	30,071	-	(14,286)	-	15,785

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	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Surestart - GOLD Salaries	-	311,478	(311,610)	132	-
Mid Ulster PCSP	4,345	5,250	(3,264)	(6,331)	-
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery	32,464	119,086	(99,112)	-	52,438
Mid Ulster DC DV Grant	4,667	-	(4,667)	-	-
Rent (Fund 4)	11,788	-	-	(11,788)	-
NHSCT Refuge Mid Ulster	-	28,796	(29,585)	789	-
SHSCT Floating Support	897	16,935	(16,180)	-	1,652
CCG PCSP Schools Programme	-	20,000	(1,751)	-	18,249
NHSCT Child Worker	-	10,067	(10,067)	-	-
NIHE SP Recognition Payment	-	16,387	(14,623)	-	1,764
MU District Council	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Foyle WA NRPF	-	8,988	(1,274)	-	7,714
Armagh Down WA	-	850	(600)	(250)	-
Nationwide Family Support	-	48,406	-	-	48,406
MU MODV/IDAP	-	-	(319)	319	-
NIHE Homeless Prevention	-	19,000	(19,000)	-	-
Surestart Pilot	-	3,320	(3,039)	-	281
NIHE IT/Tel Cap Grant	5,680	-	-	(2,840)	2,840
Halifax Cap Grant	4,500	-	-	(500)	4,000
NHSCT Furn/Equip Cap Grant	877	-	-	(439)	438
Mid Ulster DC Cap Grant	2,667	-	-	(1,333)	1,334
Mid Ulster Starfish - Lottery Cap Grant	1,424	-	-	(712)	712
Ulster Garden Villages Cap Grant	4,500	-	-	(500)	4,000
Children in Need Covid Booster Cap Grant	1,136	-	-	(568)	568
Comic Relief Covid Cap Grant	25,538	-	-	(2,838)	22,700
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>419,252</u>	<u>1,573,020</u>	<u>(1,450,096)</u>	<u>(36,658)</u>	<u>505,518</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,086,795</u>	<u>1,646,200</u>	<u>(1,511,214)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,221,781</u>

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#### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Total funds £
	General £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	146,459	26,863	173,322
Current assets	791,266	398,050	1,189,316
Current liabilities	(91,649)	-	(91,649)
Total net assets	<u>846,076</u>	<u>424,913</u>	<u>1,270,989</u>

#### 21 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flow £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,132,050	8,142	1,140,192
Net debt	<u>1,132,050</u>	<u>8,142</u>	<u>1,140,192</u>

#### 22 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

