

**ADVOCACY VSV  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**Advocacy VSV**  
**Company No. NI657899**  
**Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Aims and Objectives**

To relieve the needs of victims of sexual violence, aged 16 years or over, through the provision of information, advice, support, advocacy and in particular but not exclusively by assisting them through the criminal justice system.

The Charity has power to do anything which is calculated to further its Objects or is conducive or incidental to doing so. In particular, the Charity has power:

- (a) to provide information to the beneficiaries on the criminal justice process, health and support services and advice on victim's rights.
- (b) to provide one-to-one emotional support, professional advice and guidance and signposting where required.
- (c) to liaise with statutory criminal justice bodies and support individuals to arrange and/or attend appointments.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Main Achievements**

Advocacy VSV is based in the Newry and Mourne area and offer a support service to those living in the Southern Trust (Dungannon, Armagh, Craigavon, Banbridge and Newry & Mourne).

Provided individuals are over 16 years old and regardless of gender and demographic characteristics the Charity will offer immediate and one-to-one emotional support, professional advice and guidance and signposting where required.

In working alongside statutory criminal justice bodies and voluntary services we will provide the best information and advice on the Criminal Justice System, Health Services and on Victim's Rights. We will provide support in making appointments and will accompany individuals when and where required.

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

### **Trustees**

Mr Marcus Baird  
Mrs Bridie Cunningham  
Ms Margaret Mc Murran  
Mrs Bevin o Hare  
Mr James Strain  
Mr Peadar Mc Kenna (resigned 23/09/2024)  
Mrs Elaine Trainor (resigned 10/03/2025)

### **Company Secretary**

Ms Margaret Mc Murran

### **Charity Number**

108408

### **Company Number**

NI657899

### **Registered Office**

The Nautilus Centre The Harbour, Rooney Road  
Kilkeel  
Newry  
Down  
BT34 4AX

**Advocacy VSV  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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**Independent Examiner**

Henderson & Co Accountants  
Henderson & Co Accountants  
1A Greencastle Street  
Kilkeel  
Down  
BT34 4BH

**Bankers**

Danske Bank  
Donegall Square West  
Belfast

**Advocacy VSV  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
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**Small Company Rules**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Marcus Baird

Trustee

22/09/2025

**Advocacy VSV**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Advocacy VSV**  
**For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the charity trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Henderson & Co Accountants  
22/09/2025  
1A Greencastle Street  
Kilkeel  
Down  
BT34 4BH

**Advocacy VSV**  
**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

			2024	2023
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
Charitable activities:				
Fundraising Activities		18,043	-	18,043
Income from Charitable activities		-	57,086	57,086
Investments	3	248	-	248
		<u>18,291</u>	<u>57,085</u>	<u>75,376</u>
				<u>64,260</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Charitable activities:	5			
Resources expended		(8,543)	(51,145)	(59,688)
		<u>9,748</u>	<u>5,940</u>	<u>15,688</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>				<u>13,160</u>
		<u>9,748</u>	<u>5,940</u>	<u>15,688</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>				<u>13,160</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		24,961	14,382	39,343
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	9	<u>34,709</u>	<u>20,322</u>	<u>55,031</u>
				<u>39,343</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

**Advocacy VSV**  
**Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure**  
**Account)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

				2023
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
Charitable activities:				
Fundraising Activities		16,302	-	16,302
Income from Charitable activities		-	47,958	47,958
		<u>16,302</u>	<u>47,958</u>	<u>64,260</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Charitable activities:	5			
Resources expended		(5,478)	(45,622)	(51,100)
		<u>10,824</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>13,160</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>				
		<u>10,824</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>13,160</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>				
		<u>10,824</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>13,160</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		14,137	12,046	26,183
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>9</b>	<u>24,961</u>	<u>14,382</u>	<u>39,343</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.



**Advocacy VSV  
Balance Sheet  
As At 31 December 2024**

			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand		34,709	20,322	55,031
		34,709	20,322	55,031
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>		34,709	20,322	55,031
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		34,709	20,322	55,031
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		34,709	20,322	55,031
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>				
Restricted Funds				20,322
Unrestricted Funds				34,709
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>9</b>			55,031
				39,343

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479a of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

On behalf of the board

Mr Marcus Baird

Trustee  
22/09/2025

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

**Advocacy VSV**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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**1. General Information**

Advocacy VSV is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in Northern Ireland, registered number NI657899 and registered charity number 108408. The registered office is The Nautilus Centre The Harbour, Rooney Road, Kilkeel, Newry, Down, BT34 4AX.

**2. Accounting Policies**

**2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "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 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

**2.2. Incoming Resources**

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

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

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

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

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

Income from the charity shop is included in the year in which it is receivable.

**2.3. Resources Expended**

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

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

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

**2.4. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

**3. Investment Income**

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	248	-

**Advocacy VSV**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**4. Net Income/(Expenditure)**

The net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
-	221

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned

**5. Analysis of Expenditure**

	<b>2024</b>
<b>Activities undertaken directly</b>	<b>Support costs</b>
<b>(see note 6)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
5,418	54,270
59,688	

Resources expended

<b>2023</b>
<b>Support costs</b>
<b>(see note 6)</b>
<b>£</b>
51,100

Resources expended

**6. Support Costs**

<b>2024</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>
<b>£</b>
46,083
3,710
4,477
54,270

Employee costs

Premises expenses

General administration

<b>2023</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>
<b>£</b>
41,984
3,610
5,285
221
51,100

Employee costs

Premises expenses

General administration

Depreciation

**Advocacy VSV**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**7. Staff Costs**

Staff costs were as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	43,453	36,909

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

**8. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees during the year was: 3 (2023: 3)

**9. Movement in Funds**

	<b>As at 1 January 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	24,961	18,291	(8,543)	34,709
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
General restricted fund	14,382	57,085	(51,145)	20,322
<b>Total funds</b>	39,343	75,376	(59,688)	55,031

	<b>As at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	14,137	16,302	(5,478)	24,961
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
General restricted fund	12,046	47,958	(45,622)	14,382
<b>Total funds</b>	26,183	64,260	(51,100)	39,343

**10. Related Party Disclosures**

**11. Company limited by guarantee**

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.