

Scottish Alcohol Counselling Consortium

Scotland · Charity number SC044817

Details

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2014-04-23

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: The Scottish Alcohol Counselling Consortium's mission is to make a meaningful contribution to communities across Scotland by improving counselling and support for individuals and families affected by alcohol and other addictions.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: To provide support to individuals and families affected by alcohol and other addictions in Scotland To promote, encourage and co-ordinate, and where appropriate develop and deliver, training and accreditation of those charitable organisations wishing to develop knowledge and skills in a range of interventions in the alcohol and other addictions field.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Dundee City
- **Geographical spread:** Operations cover all or most of Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£36,406	£32,249	-	2
2024-03-31	£38,350	£26,833	-	2
2023-03-31	£39,650	£33,707	-	1
2022-03-31	£27,450	£23,959	-	1
2021-03-31	£12,740	£13,005	-	1

Accounts



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**SCOTTISH ALCOHOL COUNSELLING CONSORTIUM
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Scottish Charitable Incorporated
Organisation (Charity Number: SC044817)**

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Reference and administration details

Current Trustees

Chairperson

Secretary

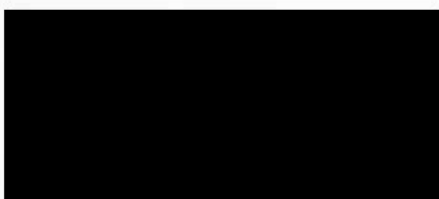
Treasurer

Trustees



Member organisations

Addictions Counselling Inverness
Alcohol and Drug Action, Aberdeen
Ayrshire Council on Alcohol
Dumbarton Area Council on Alcohol
Edinburgh and Lothian Council on Alcohol
Fife Alcohol Support Service
Glasgow Council on Alcohol
Liber8
Tayside Council on Alcohol
New Way
West Lothian Drug & Alcohol Service



Examiner

Henry Brown and Company
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26 Portland Road
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Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees of Scottish Alcohol Counselling Consortium hereby submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Scottish Alcohol Counselling Consortium is governed by its Constitution. The organisation is registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The trustees are shown on page 1.

Trustees are recruited at the General Members Meeting. The office bearers are elected at the General Members Meeting.

Objectives and activities

The Scottish Alcohol Counselling Consortium's mission is to make a meaningful contribution to communities across Scotland by improving counselling and support for individuals and families affected by alcohol and other addictions.

SACC is committed to ensuring counselling training pathways are available to individuals from local communities - enabling them to support the communities where they work and live through volunteering.

The Scottish Alcohol Counselling Consortium is a small member-led organisation of councils on alcohol and local, voluntary alcohol and addiction support agencies. SACC members provide alcohol and addictions counselling and support services across Scotland – in line with SACC's aims - using local volunteers as part of their workforce.

SACC connects with its local membership organisations to:

- increase the number of volunteers from local communities that are recruited and trained as alcohol counsellors
- ensure high standards and consistency of practice in the training, accreditation and delivery of volunteer counselling for alcohol and other addictions
- develop knowledge and skills in counselling and other alcohol interventions for volunteers, including people with lived experience
- increase partnership working between member organisations and with related agencies
- represent the experience, interests and views of our member organisations, and the people who use their services, nationally - through involvement in consultation and national forums.

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Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Achievements and Performance

SACC has continued to provide training, seminars, Board meetings and other support in a hybrid fashion in 2024-25 to ensure member organisations across Scotland have an equal chance of participation. This echoes most SACC member organisations who continue to offer face-to-face as well as remote alcohol counselling post-COVID-19.

Funding that supported SACC's work during 2024-25 included Scottish Government core funding of £31,350 for 1 year and a grant from Corra Foundation.

Achievements within the reporting year are as follows:

- 19 participants successfully completed the Counselling People Towards Behaviour Change course in 2024-25 which was run two times in a hybrid format with a mix of weekend and evening sessions. There was very positive participant feedback on content, trainer skills and participant learning.
- SACC continued to support counselling supervisors through its Supervisors Network. There are 26 counselling supervisors who are part of the Network.
- 3 volunteer counsellors submitted their portfolio towards the Certificate of Advanced Alcohol Counselling Skills in 2024-25 and all of them passed successfully and were accredited.
- SACC recruited a new course trainer in early 2025, increasing capacity to deliver training to members.
- SACC worked in partnership with NHS Education for Scotland and hosted a webinar titled 'Person-centred awareness of alcohol-related cognitive impairment in recovery services' with over 100 attendees.
- A new SACC Workplan 2024-2026 was developed and came into effect in November 2024.
- SACC's annual Report on alcohol counselling provision across SACC member organisations 2023-24 was produced in early 2025. This provided information on counselling referrals and provision across SACC member organisations. The alcohol counselling provided by SACC member organisations continues to play a key role within recovery services across Scotland, providing an important resource for individuals, families and other agencies.

Future plans

Member organisations remain committed to SACC and value its role in:

- ensuring the voice of local alcohol support agencies, and those who use their services, continue to play a part in the development of alcohol policy and treatment services across Scotland;
- ensuring the role of alcohol counselling (including the use of volunteers) within the recovery pathway is recognised and valued;
- providing high quality alcohol counselling training;
- promoting high standards for alcohol counselling accreditation across agencies.

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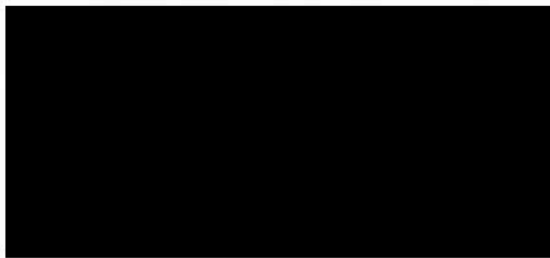
Financial review

The results for the year are set out in the attached accounts. The results show a surplus of £4,157 for the year giving cash reserves of £28,052.

The reserves policy is set to ensure that in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's activities while additional funds are raised.

The trustees manage the charity's key risks by ensuring mitigating actions are taken to limit their impact on its activities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



5/11/2025

Date

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:
SCOTTISH ALCOHOL COUNSELLING CONSORTIUM
Charity Number: SC044817**

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the Year ended 31 March 2025 as set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the Accounts as required under section 44 (1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- (b) to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Account Regulations have not been met, or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Date 5/11/25

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Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £ unrestricted	2025 £ restricted	2025 £ Totals	2024 Totals
Receipts from Charitable Activities					
Grants	4	-	36,350	38,350	38,350
Training/Other		56	-	56	-
Total Receipts	5	56	36,350	36,406	38,350
Payments from Charitable Activities					
Charitable Activities		-	32,249	32,249	26,833
Total payments	5	-	32,249	32,249	31,350
Net Receipts		56	4,101	4,157	11,517
Surplus for year		56	4,101	4,157	11,517

Statement of Balances As at 31 March 2025

		2025 £ unrestricted	2025 £ restricted	2025 £ Totals	2024 £ Totals
Opening cash balance		15,378	8,517	23,895	12,378
Surplus for year		56	4,101	4,157	11,517
Closing cash balance	5	15,434	12,618	28,052	23,895

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Notes to the Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment Scotland Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes where specified by the donor or where funds are raised for specific purposes.

3. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits or expenses during the year.

4. Grants Received

	2025 £ unrestricted	2025 £ restricted	2025 £ Totals	2024 £ Totals
Bank of Scotland				
Scottish Government	-	31,350	31,350	31,350
Hugh Fraser Foundation	-	-	-	4,000
Hope Trust	-		-	3,000
CORRA Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Total Grants	7,000	36,350	36,350	38,350

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5. Analysis of receipts and payments and breakdown of funds

	2025 £ unrestricted	2025 £ restricted	2025 £ Totals	2024 £ Totals
Receipts				
Grants	-	36,350	36,350	38,350
Training/Other	56	-	56	-
Total Receipts	-	36,350	36,406	38,350
Payments				
Salaries	-	14,037	14,037	14,879
Training	-	8,749	8,749	7,350
Membership	-	78	78	78
Travel	-	507	507	997
Printing	-	460	460	-
Recruitment	-	407	407	-
Room Hire	-	1,208	1,208	-
General Expenses	-	924	924	288
Publicity	-	-	-	88
Computer Costs	-	-	-	329
Management Fee	-	5,452	5,452	2,496
Education Materials	-	427	427	328
Total payments	-	32,249	32,249	26,833
Net Receipts	56	4,101	4,157	11,517
Surplus for year	56	4,101	4,157	11,517
Opening cash balance	15,378	8,517	23,895	12,378
Closing cash balance	15,434	12,618	28,052	23,895