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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019
FOR
ABORTION SUPPORT NETWORK

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

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ABORTION SUPPORT NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of Abortion Support Network are to relieve the financial hardship of people facing an unwanted pregnancy who are forced to travel to access a safe, legal abortion. (However, note that ASN does not ask clients their gender, nor does gender identity influence grant eligibility).

We exist to help people who are forced to leave their country of residence in order to access safe, legal abortion care that they should be able to get at home. We were set up originally in 2009 to support the many people travelling to England from Ireland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man. During 2019, the year of this report, we expanded our reach to support people living in Malta, Gibraltar and Poland. We offer information, advice and financial assistance (where eligible and needed) to people from these six jurisdictions. We also provide information, advice and signposting to people contacting us from other places around the world. We will also provide accommodation in England to people from other countries if needed and we have a host available.

ASN carries out these objectives by providing:

- Confidential, non-judgmental information
- Financial assistance
- Accommodation and hosting

The trustees are pleased that the achievements and performance of the charity in relation to these activities, as set out below, demonstrate considerable progress and we are proud of all that we have achieved over the last financial year for our beneficiaries.

Public benefit, achievements and performance

The Trustees are required to illustrate how in practice the activities of ASN meet the public benefit requirement. In accordance with Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, we have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

Provision of confidential, non-judgmental information

Between 1 January and 31 December 2019, ASN was contacted by and gave confidential, non-judgmental information to over 600 clients, a decrease from over 800 in 2018. While the number of people contacting us was lower than in 2018 and 2017, the level of support they needed was largely greater.

This decrease is in large part due to the advent of legal abortion provision in the Republic of Ireland up to 12 weeks' gestation as of 2 January 2019, as well as the start of abortion provision for the Isle of Man from 26 May 2019. While we opened to Malta and Gibraltar in February 2019 these places have small populations, and our support for clients from Poland did not start in earnest until later in the year. All these factors contributed to our lower client numbers. However, while 415 of those who contacted us did so from one of our stated jurisdictions, an additional 186 people, i.e. one person every two days, contacted us via Facebook Messenger from somewhere else, a huge increase on previous years. We largely signpost these people to other groups that can support them.

ASN is contacted by phone or email, and in some cases by partners, friends, family or support workers. ASN helpline volunteers can provide information to clients over text or email but the bulk of our contact

with clients is on the phone. Volunteers provide information on the least expensive methods of abortion and travel, signpost clients to relevant local services and family planning agencies, assess financial need and award grants. Most of the clients who contacted us received some combination of confidential, non-judgmental information, financial assistance, and/or accommodation.

The following is a table detailing the multiplicity of issues that many clients were dealing with when they contacted ASN in 2019. One common factor in all the clients we fund, not mentioned in the table, is financial hardship.

Please note that ASN's team do not ask questions about these circumstances. Our records are based only on information that has been volunteered by clients.

Issues presented by clients as complicating factors in seeking safe, legal abortion	Number of clients 2018	Number of clients 2019
Mental health issues	49	24
Drug or alcohol abuse	5	2
Domestic violence	30	25
Medical issues (mother)	50	18
Foetal anomalies	29	32
Medical issues with previous pregnancy/ies	18	9
Pregnant by rape	15	11
Migrant	46	28
Refugee	4	10
Traveller	2	1
Needed visa to travel	18	17
Homelessness	20	4
Tried to self-abort	2	0 (that we know of)
Suicidal	14	6

Provision of financial assistance

In the 12 months to 31 December 2019, ASN gave grants to support 112 people totalling £64,752. Grants ranged from £55 to £3,261 to an average of £578. For comparison, in 2018 we gave people grants totalling £91,898 and the average grant was £375. Grants were made to help pay for treatment, travel and accommodation. The significant increase in grant size in 2019 is due to the fact that most of our clients in 2019 were beyond the first trimester of their pregnancy, meaning their procedures were more costly.

ASN's grant giving policy is that finances permitting, ASN will provide a grant to any person contacting us from one of our stated jurisdictions who would be unable to access an abortion without our financial assistance. ASN volunteers assess the situation according to the information clients provide about their financial situation and travel plans. In addition, to maximise the number of people we can help in the face of increased demand for our support, we have criteria aimed solely at reducing the costs of travel in order to allow our limited finances to go further. These criteria are flexible, with phone volunteers implementing them according to the client's individual circumstances. We do not have any other criteria. It is our policy that we do not prioritise one client's need over another, and therefore if a client needs financial assistance and we have the funding available, we give them a grant.

Accommodation and hosting

For clients who need to stay overnight in England, ASN assigns a host. Hosts accommodate clients and, occasionally, a friend, family member or partner as well as provide meals, take them to or from the clinic

and pay local transport costs while they are with them. In 2019, ASN had hosts near clinics in Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Essex, West London and South London.

In 2019 we also supported clients to travel to the Netherlands, where our partner Abortion Network Amsterdam has hosts, and Berlin, where we work with Ciocia Basia. If a host is not available or suitable, in either England, Germany or the Netherlands, we will pay for accommodation.

In the 12 months to 31 December 2019 we hosted a total of 22 clients for 32 nights, compared with 22 clients for a total of 31 nights in 2018. In 2019 we spent significantly more on client accommodation than previously, spending £3,747 on accommodation for 19 clients, compared with £1,387 spent on this in 2019.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Furthering our goals

In 2018 we developed a three-year plan for the period 2019-21, building on the success of our previous strategic plan 2016-18. We began delivering on this, with great success, in 2019. While our objects and primary activities remain the same, we updated our vision and mission and set new strategic goals for the period 2019-21.

Vision

A world where pregnant people have the information and means to access safe, legal abortions wherever they live.

Mission

To provide information, financial assistance and accommodation to those who may be forced to travel to access a safe, legal abortion and to support the growth of the abortion funds movement by sharing our knowledge and expertise.

Values

- We believe that all those who need them have the right to safe and legal abortions
- We believe in providing practical support to enable people to exercise this right
- We are compassionate and respectful of abortion-seekers and their decisions
- We believe in sharing our knowledge, expertise and experience with others to grow the abortion funds movement and increase access to safe abortion

Strategic goals 2019-21

In the next three years, Abortion Support Network will grow our service, expanding to support people from Gibraltar, Malta and Poland in addition to those from Republic of Ireland (ROI), Northern Ireland (NI) and the Isle of Man (IOM), who need to travel for an abortion. We will scope and begin operation of a pan-European second trimester fund, as well as fostering the growth of the abortion funds movement around Europe.

Delivery to clients

We want to be able to help every person who contacts us. ASN's service delivery will cover several geographic areas:

1. Continue to serve abortion-seekers from ROI, NI, IOM - including outreach to harder to reach groups
2. Gibraltar
3. Malta
4. Poland
5. Pan-European through a second trimester fund

Networking and our model

We will codify and somewhat formalise our model, sharing it with others and supporting them with training and/or funding, fostering the growth of a Europe-wide network.

People

We will ensure that our staff and volunteer structure is appropriate to meet the needs of our delivery. We will recruit and retain staff and volunteers to deliver our services, providing them with development opportunities and ensuring they are well supported

Income and Expenditure

We will grow and diversify our income to meet the needs of people around Europe who need abortions.

Our budget will include expenditure to be allocated across each strand, according to the ambitions and goals set out within each strand, and development funds for organisational and employee growth.

We will maintain our healthy reserves to ensure we never let down any clients.

Governance

We will continue to strengthen our strategic board and will ensure our board includes members representing the groups we are serving.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

2019 goals and achievements

Our goals for 2019 were finalised and agreed in late 2018.

Growing and sharing our model

- **We proposed to open our service to clients from Malta and Gibraltar** during Q1 2019: we **achieved this**, launching on February 14 2019
- **We planned to develop a service for people living in Poland** and wanting to access abortion services elsewhere, aiming to define the service by July and launch on 28 September. During 2019 we modified these goals, holding the first planning workshop at the start of Q3 and launching on December 11 in Warsaw, we still see this as a real **achievement**
- We **achieved our goal of starting to support the growth of the abortion funds movement** around Europe by convening workshops, providing training, pastoral support, knowledge and resources to activists around Europe, both practical groups like our collaborators in Poland, the Netherlands and Germany, and campaigning groups such as those in Malta and Gibraltar.

Our people

- We planned to bring a third staff member on board, to support our expansion, by the end of Q2. In the first half of 2019 we decided to delay this recruitment, as we had postponed the launch of the Polish service. However we advertised in the autumn and appointed a new staff member, our third, Operations & New Service Coordinator in December 2019 to start in January 2020.

Funding

- We aimed for a turnover in 2019 of £262,000 and we **achieved that target, with £262,576 incoming resources in 2019**
- We **achieved the goal of maintaining our healthy reserves**, which provide us with the confidence to make big decisions around our expansion and growth

We achieved a number of significant fundraising goals:

- We launched our Malta and Gibraltar service on 14 February with a fundraising **campaign aiming**

to secure £4,000, and raised over £6,000

- We participated in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, applying in July 2019 with a target of £7,500. We secured 'Champion Funds' meaning our target was doubled to **£15,000, which we achieved** during the challenge period 3-10 December 2019
- Our Community Fundraising thrived, our goal for 2019 **was £15,000 and we raised £25,157**
- We **achieved an almost 10% increase** in our regular giving income to £114,870 from £104,609 in 2018.

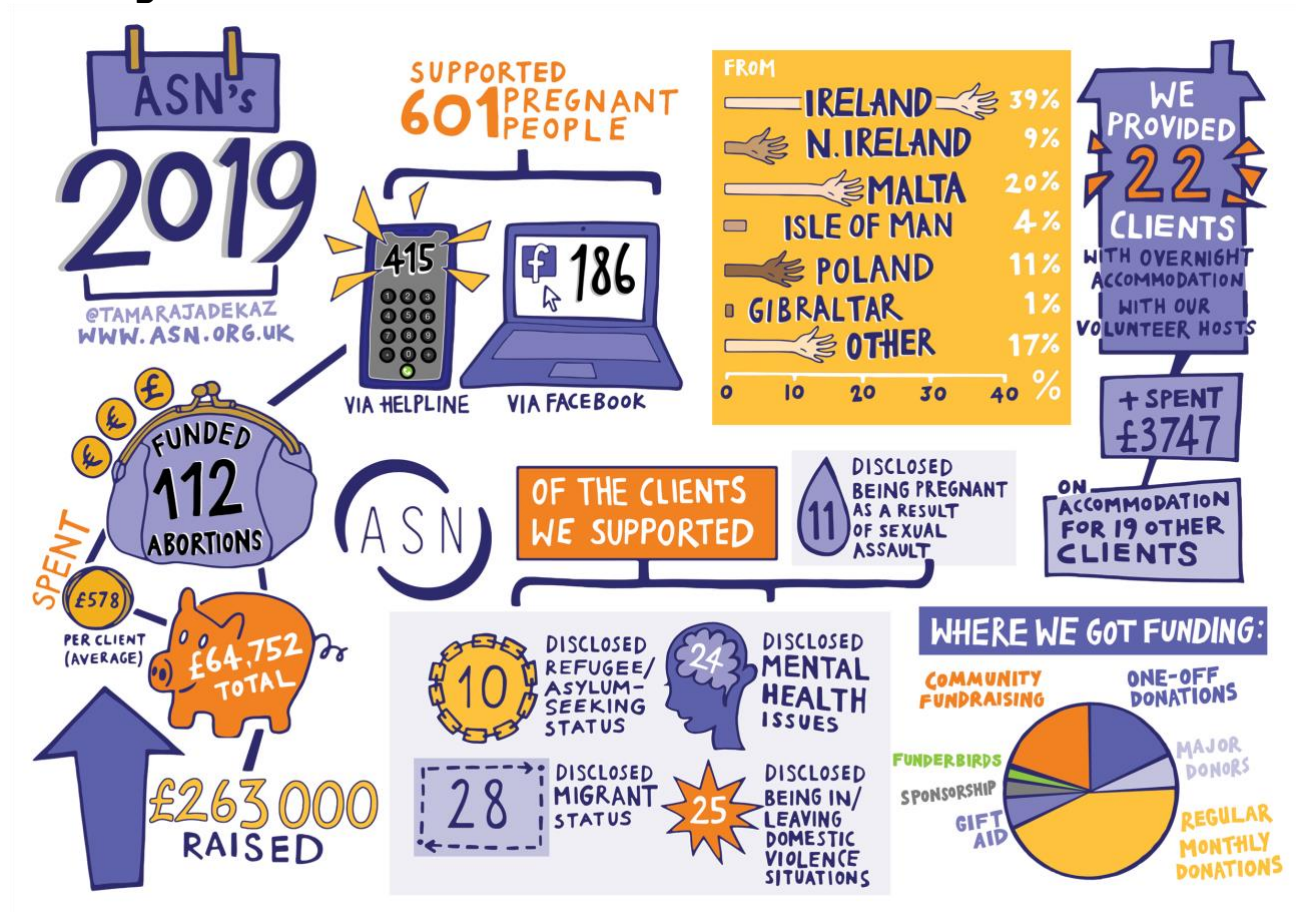
Infrastructure

- Our infrastructure goals for 2019 focused on securing and maintaining telephony, language line, and websites for ourselves and our Abortion Without Borders Polish service. **We achieved** all of these and they remain stable.

Governance

- Our goal for 2019's governance was to maintain our strategic board, and not to recruit any new Trustees. We strengthened our board and agreed on new ways of working with standing sub-committees, focused task & finish groups, and sprint goals.

Looking back at 2019



Republic of Ireland

2019 was the beginning of a new world for women and pregnant people in the Republic of Ireland, with the advent of abortion care provision for people up to 12 weeks' gestation from 2 January. This means that many, although not all, abortion-seekers in Ireland are now able to access the care they want and need at home, reducing dramatically the number of people contacting ASN seeking help. However, the clients from Ireland who did need us in 2019 were usually more vulnerable, further along in their pregnancies, and suffering as a result of Ireland's new abortion law. We were contacted by several women who had been told that the catastrophic foetal anomaly affecting their pregnancy was "not fatal

enough" and that they would need to travel to England. We helped a number of clients who were from countries outside the EU and had insecure immigration status, often living in Direct Provision with very little income.

During 2019 we were contacted by 160 people living in the Republic of Ireland, and provided financial support to 68 of them, to a total of £42,260.

Case studies of clients we heard from in the Republic of Ireland

The people who contacted us from Ireland in 2019 were largely getting in touch because they had discovered they were too far along in their pregnancy (12 weeks'+) to access abortion care in Ireland. A lot of the people who contacted us were vulnerable, or leading more chaotic lives which meant they had not found out about their pregnancies until it was too late to seek care in Ireland.

We were contacted by numerous women who had been given diagnoses of foetal abnormalities, but still were not able to access care in Ireland. Including one woman who contacted us needing support, she did not have financial need, but the logistics of arranging travel over were overwhelming for her. We were able to help her make all the necessary arrangements. Said this client, *"The people I've come across on this journey have been really amazing. I thought Ireland had sorted this issue out ourselves but we're still having to travel like criminals. We didn't look into it enough when we voted - we thought it was all going to change but we didn't look at the smallprint. Your services are invaluable."*

There were also (and continue to be) issues with scanning in Ireland, and we were contacted by several women who had found it difficult to get the scan they needed, or been misled. Including a young woman who was refused an abortion in Ireland as she was scanned at 12 weeks, 3 days. When she arrived to the clinic in England, with ASN's financial support, she scanned at . . . 9 weeks 4 days. She was able to get the abortion she needed, but shouldn't have had to travel for it.

"I am in my 19th week of pregnancy which came as a shock to me as I had on-going periods throughout this time, no symptoms and have only recently started feeling movement and showing. I was in no way prepared for this news and I am in no position to continue with this pregnancy." The client had a supportive cousin and they were able to afford flights plus £100 towards the £1350 cost of the procedure. ASN funded the rest.

"I've recently found out that I'm pregnant and will need to travel to England for an abortion. I'm a full time student doing an unpaid placement on weekdays and I'm not allowed time off. Plus I am working part time to earn enough for living expenses. I'm completely freaking out as my family has had some serious issues this year so can't even begin to think what it would be like to give them this bad news as well. Abortion is my only option."

"I had a successful operation and I had a very good recovery, I would like to thank all the support provided by ASN the clinic. I had to face the process alone and together with many bad situations that were happening in my life so psychological and monetary support was essential to move forward. This changed my life and gives a light of hope on the improvement of the other bad situations. I think I could not have found better people than those who helped through this. Thanks again for everything."

"I'm just writing to thank everyone who helped myself and my husband through our difficult journey. We are forever in your debt for the financial and emotional support that ye as an organisation provided, no questions asked. I know these are only words but it really is a fantastic organisation."

Northern Ireland

People living in Northern Ireland have been able to access free abortions in England on the NHS since 2017, with the Central Booking System in place since March 2018. We still heard from 37 people in Northern Ireland but were able to point them in the right direction to access free care. 2019 was a big year for Northern Ireland, however, as on 21 October, abortion was decriminalised at the same time as equal marriage was brought in. We made a grant to Alliance for Choice to support their work responding to the government's consultation on a new legal framework for abortion services in NI, as well as

submitting our own responses to the consultation.

Case studies of clients we heard from in Northern Ireland

"Hi, I am contacting regarding my sister who is currently in Northern Ireland and has found herself in a difficult situation and is looking to have an abortion. I don't really know where to start, she's 8 weeks and looking to come to England to have the abortion but will travel anywhere. Do you know how you go about arranging one? Thanks so much for any help you can give." ASN was able to give her information on the BPAS Central Booking System, which arranges free abortion care for those in Northern Ireland, but which the NI Department of Health has refused to promote.

A client from Northern Ireland who wanted financial assistance to travel to the Republic of Ireland until she realised that at 11 weeks she was unlikely to access care there, and also realised how much it would cost and how difficult it would be to arrange - client described it as "a total disaster." She was very pleased to learn that abortion is now free in England for N Irish residents, though still upset she had to travel to another country for care.

A client from Northern Ireland who, due to health issues, needed treatment in hospital rather than a clinic. Hospital policy required someone collect the client after her appointment or they would not treat her. The client's partner, while supportive of the termination, was at risk of losing his job due to days taken off to attend her initial appointment and was not able to travel with her a second time. ASN was able to arrange for a volunteer to collect her from the hospital so she could obtain her abortion.

Isle of Man

A vote for abortion provision in the Isle of Man's House of Keys in 2018 meant that abortion service was ushered in for the Isle of Man on 26 May 2019. We heard from just 15 people from the Isle of Man in 2019.

A client we heard from in 2019

"I'm 23 from the Isle of Man I'm currently 9weeks 2days pregnant but have been emotionally/mentally abused by my ex partner...I have two children already and have found it really hard as I have been mentally and physically been abused with my first and it was the worst experience...I've decided that a termination would be the best for me as both my children will be going to school in September and I would like to build a future as unit that we already are. I hope you can help me as I can't bare anymore emotional blackmail nor control over my life."

Malta and Gibraltar

Partly as a result of the changes in Ireland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man, on 14 February 2019 Abortion Support Network opened our service to people living in Malta and Gibraltar, achieving one of our main strategic goals for 2019 in the second month of the year.

Malta and Gibraltar had been identified as jurisdictions in Europe where it is hardest for someone who wants an abortion - Malta is the only country in Europe that outlaws abortion completely, while in Gibraltar abortion is punishable by life imprisonment. We had been contacted by activists in both places asking us to extend our support to those who might need us in Malta and Gibraltar, and we were delighted to do this. We recruited helpline volunteers with the necessary language skills and launched the new provision with a fundraising campaign that successfully raised over £6,000. We also delivered training to activist groups in Malta and attended the first ever pro-choice rally held on 28 September, the International Day for Safe Abortion.

Over the course of the year we were contacted by 82 people from Malta seeking help to access abortion care and we funded 10 of them, spending a total of £8,882.

Case studies of clients we heard from in Malta

The anti-abortion sentiment in Malta is particularly strong, and we heard from several clients in 2019

who had been targeted by anti-choice groups seeking to mislead them and provide them with inaccurate information, ultimately hoping to delay women's attempts to seek an abortion overseas. One client we supported had been targeted by this group, was a young woman living in Malta on her own, who had been taken for a scan by the anti-choice group, who then told her she needed to wait 6 weeks for a 4-D ultrasound, which was not true, but a tactic to delay her. Her personal contact details were shared with anti-choice groups in Ireland, and someone called her pretending to be from BPAS. We were able to help this young woman access the abortion she wanted, but it was made much harder by this group.

"Please I am pregnant and I need to get help in my pregnancy. It is not possible for me to keep it." This is the email that began a five week ordeal for a woman living in Malta, who travelled to England once and was turned away for having anaemia and a previous c-section. She then travelled a second time to a different UK clinic where, in the end and with a total of 5 days in England for a 10 minute procedure, she was able to receive the care she needed, with ASN's support.

Poland

Once we'd added Malta and Gibraltar to our existing jurisdictions of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man we started planning the next phase of our strategy: an abortion fund to provide support to people living in Poland, where abortion is illegal to all intents and purposes, with only a very few abortions performed in cases of fatal foetal abnormality.

Having been in close touch with Polish activist groups for some time we held a workshop in Amsterdam with practical activist groups from Poland, Germany and the Netherlands, and in July 2019 the idea of Abortion Without Borders was born, and developed further over the next several months, with another meeting in Warsaw. Abortion Without Borders is a collaborative initiative delivered in partnership with several other organisations: Kobiety w Sieci and Abortion Dream Team in Poland, Abortion Network Amsterdam in the Netherlands, Ciocia Basia in Germany and Women Help Women (global).

Abortion Without Borders operates with an entry point in Poland, managed by Kobiety w Sieci. Kobiety w Sieci has provided family planning advice and pre- and post-abortion care to people in Poland for over a decade. The Kobiety w Sieci team then supports callers to access the most appropriate support for their situation, signposting to one of the other partner groups or an alternative.

Abortion Without Borders launched on 11 December 2019 in Warsaw, with an action involving 50+ people walking with suitcases to the central train station, and a press conference. Coverage was secured including front-page of one of Poland's main newspapers. By the end of the year, the Abortion Without Borders helpline had been contacted by 300+ people seeking information, advice and support about abortion care. Less than 20% of those callers contacted one of the AWB groups outside Poland seeking advice about abortion travel, as most were able to access early medical abortion pills online.

As well as developing and delivering Abortion Without Borders, from summer 2019 we began supporting clients travelling from Poland to the Netherlands and Germany, through Abortion Network Amsterdam (ANA) and Ciocia Basia. ANA and Ciocia Basia provide logistical, hosting and practical support, as well as translation services, while we were able to begin providing financial support to those who need it. We were contacted by 46 people from Poland in 2019, and provided funding to 34 of them, spending £13,609.

ASN staff members visited Poland a number of times in 2019, delivering training, participating in conferences and workshops, and Mara spoke at the Warsaw pro-choice March on 28 September, the International Day for Safe Abortion.

Case studies of clients we supported from Poland

"Good morning, I am from Poland and contacted a clinic in England. I am asking for an urgent abortion due to the late time and my condition. I am 22 weeks pregnant with a fetal malformation. I can arrive even tomorrow, just tell me the date I can come. I am at the end of my strength, please help and urgent appointment. Please help in organizing the procedure. I have little time and therefore I urgently ask you to sign me up for surgery and contact the clinic." We were able to support this client. She should have been able to access care in Poland due to the severity of the foetal prognosis, but no doctor would perform the procedure.

A trans man from Poland who had this to say after we funded his care in Germany: *"Thank You so much for everything, you are wonderful people and I am so glad to meet you and the clinic staff, you have given me hope that there's normal places to live and I shouldn't give up on life."*

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

ASN relies on a combination of grants, regular donations and single donations from our individual supporters and a small amount of funds generated at events. In 2019 we received £262,580.65 total income from all sources which was made up of:

- £47,150 from one-off donations
- £16,000 from major donors (individuals giving £500+)
- £114,870 from regular monthly donations. We received an average monthly income of £9,572 per month
- £15,567 in Gift Aid
- £10,800 in sponsorship from abortion care partners who are sponsoring our website. Their logos will appear on our website throughout the year
- £2,000 from Funderbirds, a charitable trust
- £25,157 from community fundraising, challenges and events
- £16,000 from a crowd funder aimed at bringing a legal challenge to Northern Ireland's abortion laws, and given to us following the successful decriminalization of abortion in Northern Ireland
- £13,955 from Facebook fundraising.

Reserves policy

The policy of ASN is to hold approximately three months of operational costs in reserve, including any costs that would be incurred in winding up. At the end of the 12-month financial period to 31 December 2019 that amount was calculated as £80,489. All funds that are not required for operational costs are to be spent on furthering the charity's objectives in line with ASN's grant giving policy. The Trustees, with guidance from the Treasurer, review this policy at least twice a year.

FUTURE PLANS - Our high-level goals for 2020

Growing and sharing our model

- We will undertake outreach in our current places of operation, focusing on the Republic of Ireland, Malta and Poland, to ensure that anyone who needs to travel for an abortion knows this is an option and that we are able to help them
- We will consolidate, review and develop the Abortion Without Borders service, with our collaborators
- In 2020 we plan to begin scoping what a pan-European second trimester abortion fund could look like. We hope to develop a model to be approved by the end of 2020 to begin delivery in 2021
- We plan to continue our work growing the abortion funds movement around Europe by providing training and support, and will start work on our 'abortion fund in a box'

Our people

- Our new Operations & New Service Coordinator will join us in January 2020
- We will on-board Polish speaking volunteers to our Helpline team
- We will maintain our current volunteer levels
- We plan to work with fundraising consultants and freelancers to grow our fundraising in line with our ambitious goals

Funding

- Our financial goals for 2020 are a significant increase on 2019
- We aim to secure £100,000 more income in 2020, bringing in a total of £350,000
- Our budget is also significantly higher. We aim to spend over £300,000 in 2020 due to our increased service provision and taking on a new staff member

- We will aim to build on the success of our regular giving and community fundraising in 2019, as well as seeking to diversify our income streams

Governance

In 2020 we will maintain the balance of our board and consider recruiting Trustees to represent our recently added jurisdictions.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Organisational structure

Abortion Support Network (ASN) was established in October 2009 to provide financial assistance, accommodation and confidential, non-judgmental information and practical support to women who may be forced to travel from Ireland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man to access a safe and legal abortion. In its first two years ASN operated as a non-profit company registered with Companies House. We became a registered charity, number 1142120, in May 2011, having updated the ASN Memorandum and Articles of Association on file with Companies House with Memorandum and Articles of Association for a Charitable Company in March 2011.

ASN is a mostly volunteer-run organisation, with the equivalent of two full-time staff. Ruth Taylor is employed as CEO and Fundraising Manager (0.8FTE) and Mara Clarke, ASN's Founder, as Service & Volunteer Manager (full-time), both are employed and PAYE. A Bookkeeper, Heather Campbell (0.2 FTE) is also contracted.

At the start of 2019, our board of trustees consisted of nine active members. Rachel Allan stepped down in January 2019, and the remaining eight trustees stayed in post for the duration of the year. We did not recruit any new trustees in 2019.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association allow for a minimum of three trustees, one-third of which are required to retire from office at each annual general meeting although they may be re-appointed. In this period Rachel Allan, Caroline Kelly and Kat Stark stood down at the AGM, with Caroline and Kat being re-appointed.

The day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the CEO and the Service & Volunteer Manager. The staff work with our team of volunteers, consisting of between 70-80 individuals who undertake various roles, including phone volunteers who respond to calls, texts and emails from people who contact us for information and financial assistance; hosts who provide women with accommodation, meals and transportation to and from clinics; and other volunteers working on fundraising, outreach, communications, social media and administration. All ASN volunteers are carefully interviewed, screened and trained.

The contracted bookkeeper undertakes the day-to-day financial management activities associated with our donations, grant making and income and expenditures, overseen by the CEO and the Treasurer who sits on the Board of Trustees.

During the period, salary payments totalling £45,576 were made to ASN's chief executive Ruth Taylor.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07017607 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20th May 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms K Stark – Chair of the Board of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ABORTION SUPPORT NETWORK

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Abortion Support Network ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

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20th May 2020

ABORTION SUPPORT NETWORK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		251,496	-	251,496	216,926
Sponsorship	2	10,800	-	10,800	22,235
Bank interest received		280	-	280	84
Total		262,576	-	262,576	239,245
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		23,710	-	23,710	23,809
Charitable activities					
Grants to support clients		20,482	-	20,482	12,692
Grants to clinics		52,804	-	52,804	79,206
Partnership grants		6,000	-	6,000	-
Support costs		110,633	-	110,633	92,976
Total		213,629	-	213,629	208,683
NET INCOME		48,947	-	48,947	30,562
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		206,800	-	206,800	176,238
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		255,747	-	255,747	206,800

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BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	100	-	100	199
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	17,756	-	17,756	15
Cash at bank		<u>244,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>244,173</u>	<u>218,193</u>
		261,929	-	261,929	218,208
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(6,282)	-	(6,282)	(11,607)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>255,647</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,647</u>	<u>206,601</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>255,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,747</u>	<u>206,800</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>255,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,747</u>	<u>206,800</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				<u>255,747</u>	<u>206,800</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>255,747</u>	<u>206,800</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20th May 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

K Stark - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

2. SPONSORSHIP

	2019	2018
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	11,435
Sponsorships	<u>10,800</u>	<u>10,800</u>
	<u>10,800</u>	<u>22,235</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2019	2018
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2019 nor for the year ended 31st December 2018.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2019 nor for the year ended 31st December 2018.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
3	3

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1st January 2019 and 31st December 2019	<u>298</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st January 2019	99
Charge for year	<u>99</u>
At 31st December 2019	<u>198</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2019	<u>100</u>
At 31st December 2018	<u>199</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,600	-
Other debtors	-	15
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>14,156</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>17,756</u>	<u>15</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,125	7,418
Social security and other taxes	2,161	2,053
Other creditors	996	-
Accruals and deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>2,136</u>
	<u>6,282</u>	<u>11,607</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	206,800	48,947	255,747
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>206,800</u>	<u>48,947</u>	<u>255,747</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	262,576	(213,629)	48,947
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>262,576</u>	<u>(213,629)</u>	<u>48,947</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.18 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	176,238	30,562	206,800
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	176,238	30,562	206,800

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	239,245	(208,683)	30,562
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>239,245</u>	<u>(208,683)</u>	<u>30,562</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	176,238	79,509	255,747
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>176,238</u>	<u>79,509</u>	<u>255,747</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	501,821	(422,312)	79,509
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>501,821</u>	<u>(422,312)</u>	<u>79,509</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2019.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	235,929	194,515
Gift aid	<u>15,567</u>	<u>22,411</u>
	251,496	216,926
Sponsorship		
Fundraising events	-	11,435
Sponsorships	<u>10,800</u>	<u>10,800</u>
	10,800	22,235
Bank interest received		
Bank interest received	<u>280</u>	<u>84</u>
Total incoming resources	262,576	239,245
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Advertising	5,056	-
Fundraising costs	<u>18,654</u>	<u>23,809</u>
	23,710	23,809
Charitable activities		
Travel and subsistence	8,533	-
Grants to support clients	<u>70,753</u>	<u>91,898</u>
	79,286	91,898
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	489	22
Human resources		
Wages	80,017	66,741
Pensions	<u>3,751</u>	<u>3,153</u>
	83,768	69,894
Operational activities		
Insurance	673	681
Telephone	1,710	2,079
Carried forward	<u>2,383</u>	<u>2,760</u>

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

	2019 £	2018 £
Operational activities		
Brought forward	2,383	2,760
Postage and stationery	1,823	1,697
Sundries	2,517	719
Subscriptions	337	563
Rent	3,260	3,240
Website and computer consumables	2,991	111
Staff training	5,291	6,036
Travel and subsistence	2,811	2,021
Advertising	-	1,026
Recruitment	395	-
Depreciation of computer equipment	99	99
	21,907	18,272
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	996	948
Bookkeeping	3,473	3,840
	4,469	4,788
Total resources expended	213,629	208,683
Net income	48,947	30,562