



Helping people to cope and recover from the aftermath and trauma caused by rape and sexual violence

THE HOPE PROGRAMME

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 MARCH 2021

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Charity Name: The Hope Programme

Status: Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Association Constitution
Registered constitution and as a charity on 2 February 2015

Charity Number: 1160274

Principal address: 27 Chartwell Drive, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU2 7JD

Trustees: Tim Pascoe, R John Barker, Linda Parsons and
Shannon Lynch (resigned 30 April 2020)

CEO: Margaret Barker

Bankers: Co-operative Business Banking, Skelmersdale, Lancashire,
WN8 6WT

Independent
Examiner: Roger A Cox FCA, Miller & Co, Chartered Accountants
5 Imperial Court, Laporte Way, Luton, Beds, LU4 8FE



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Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1160274

Treasurer's Report for the year April 2020- March 2021

Introduction

The Hope Programme had total income of £145,452 made up of £26,295 unrestricted funds and £119,157 restricted funds for the accounting year 2020/2021.

Restricted funds expenditure was £104,221 and unrestricted funds expenditure was £20,843.

The current assets at the end of the 2021/22 year were £73,342.

It is good practice for a charity to have reserves for contingencies and The Board of Trustees has examined the requirement for reserves considering the main risks to the organisation. The Charity relies on voluntary funding and grants. The main financial risk is the monthly salary commitment to the CEO and counselling team session rates. The trustees therefore consider the estimated ideal level of reserves at 31 March 2021 would be £54,000. Free reserves at the year end were £14,204. The trustees review financial policies including relating to reserves quarterly.

Hope has had a year of very successful income generation despite challenging circumstances.

Funding came from:

- NHS Talking Therapies Pilot - £18,125
- Bedfordshire PCC – Covid 19 - £9,506
- Ministry of Justice - Rape Support and Sexual Abuse Fund £85,032
- Ministry of Justice – Victims of child sexual abuse £12,000
- National Lottery – Reaching communities £6,319
- Charities Aid Foundation – Coronavirus Emergency Fund - £8,170
- Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation - £6,300

Our services are free at point of delivery but average to approximately £5,000 per victim. This includes the notional costs of administration, case management and actual costs of counselling and supervision sessional rates, travel and expenses for counsellors and the current CEO and salaries.

It should be noted we hope to attract a new CEO and potentially an Operations Manager in the near future and it is anticipated their salaries will have to rise to much nearer to the market rate for the job than our current CEO receives. That is because our current CEO effectively subsidises her role much to the benefit of the organisation and clients and we should show her appropriate appreciation.

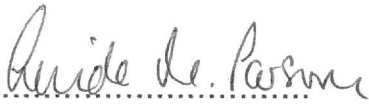
Future Plans

We currently have a bank balance of £113,572 as of 11 January 22. However, most of that money is for core costs meaning we can only spend it on what we applied for. COVID has meant we could not deliver as we originally planned but we have very successfully adapted our delivery to remote services and will offer a hybrid of services in January 2022 onwards.

Recommendations


- Trustees need to consider the future funding of HOPE as a matter of priority and work on the fundraising strategy and contingency plan, to include core costs, which becomes a standing board agenda item.
- CEO to work with the fund writer (Concise) to deliver that plan and strategy.
- Trusts and Foundations funding applications should continue, prioritising funders that are Bedfordshire based and/or support our work with victims of sexual violence.
- When commissioned the new part-time Operations Manager and a part-time CEO should have fund raising and budget management experience.
- A new Trustee with accounting and financial expertise would be very welcome.

- All trustees are familiar with key concepts of funds, reserves, statutory accounts vs management accounts, risk management and understand budget preparation, cashflow and management accounts.

Signed.....

Name Linda Parsons - Chairperson of the Trustees Board

Date 17 January 2022

Signed.....

Name Doctor Alexander (Tim) Pascoe - Treasurer and Trustee

Date 17 January 2022



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CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION NUMBER 1160274

TRUSTEES BOARD REPORT INCLUDING THE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2020-2021

The Hope Programme Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing documents, the Charity's Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

STRUCTURE

The charity is wholly UK based with the head office in Luton and counselling facilities across urban and rural Bedfordshire. The trustees meet regularly to determine policies and strategies. The management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive.

OBJECTS

The Hope Programme's objects are:

- **TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF, AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND/OR SEXUAL ABUSE WHENEVER AND WHEREVER IT HAS OCCURRED, THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS SO AS TO RELIEVE THEIR TRAUMA AND DISTRESS.**
- **TO PROMOTE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN THE SUBJECTS OF RAPE AND/OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND THE EFFECTS ON VICTIMS, SURVIVORS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY.**

ANNUAL REPORT

The following services and projects were funded by national and local grants during the reporting period and managed and delivered by The Hope Programme:

Counselling for victims referred from the Bedfordshire Sexual Assault Referral Centre and funded by NHS pilot for short term support - £18,125

Support the needs of victims and survivors, including victims of child sexual abuse of rape and sexual violence funded by the Ministry of Justice Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Fund - £97,032

Support for mental health and wellbeing of victims and survivors, funded by the Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation COVID 19 grant - £6,300

Counselling Services funded by the Charities Aid Foundation - £8,170

Counselling Services and digital support equipment funded by Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner £9,506

The Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Report, published in July 2021, states that 'research has shown that advocacy and therapeutic interventions can have positive effects on victims' and survivors' well-being. The interventions that are most effective at supporting victims are those that are personalised to individuals and where the goals of the advocacy are tailored to their needs.'

The Hope Programme remains one of the few organisations in Bedfordshire providing specialist trauma reduction and support services to victims, male and female, of rape and sexual violence. The numbers of clients referred to or self-referring to The Hope Programme indicates that we are a much-needed service. The service provided is free, open ended, and victim centred with a focus on trauma reduction and tailored to personal needs. This is exactly the type of approach that, as indicated above, can be successful.

The CEO and Trustees have referred to and had due regard for the Guidance contained in the Charity Commission's General Guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and deciding/planning what activities the charity should undertake.

Service delivery

The year to end of March 2021 has been a challenging one for all. Our challenges continue to include:

- Increased and more complex demands of victims
- Loss of short-term revenue
- Cancellation of fundraising events
- Increased need to support well-being and resilience of staff
- No access to outreach centres
- Short term funding for projects
- Longer term impact of increased in poverty and financial crises.

The pandemic has meant that we have had to make changes to how we deliver our victim centred services and help with these unprecedented challenges.

Our telephone helpline is open 5 days a week. In 2020-21 we received 433 calls an increase of 138 for the same period 2019/2020. Calls are answered by trained staff who are there to listen, offer information and emotional support.

As well as the website and helpline where clients can self-refer, we continue to receive referrals from GPs, mental health services, police, social care, domestic violence agencies and independent sexual violence advisors. We are seeing increasing numbers of referrals with complex needs such as loneliness, social isolation, financial hardship, education and sudden unemployment.

Our counsellors have continued uninterrupted throughout the pandemic to offer tailored counselling by Zoom or telephone rather than face to face to 361 people. This mode of delivering sessions has been well received and will be continued. All clients have continued their course of counselling to completion which compares well with completion rates for counselling courses within primary care of 42%.

As there can be a waiting time, currently 12-18 weeks, for counselling due to excessive demand, since March 2020 we have introduced short term emotional support to give immediate supportive help at a time of crisis. These sessions are also via Zoom or telephone. This is not counselling but offers practical information, prevention advice and a listening ear until an assessment appointment becomes available. 27 clients have been supported in this way over 260 sessions with very positive feedback. We plan to continue this part of the service.

Pre-trial therapy supports those who need coping strategies and emotional support during an investigation and potential court proceedings. In 2020-21, 26 clients were supported in this way.

Our services are very effective. As previously stated, 100% of clients have completed their course of counselling with significant reduction in trauma symptoms. Anxiety is also reduced from 100% reporting anxiety before counselling to 95% reporting no or only occasional anxiety after completion. There was an 84% reduction in depression, suicidal thoughts and self-harm and 85% reporting improved self-confidence and self-esteem. There is improved ability to function in social relationships with 68% had resumed education and/or employment.

The average number of sessions per client is 22 with a range of 14– 40 sessions for upper limits. The trustees are aware that the waiting time for counselling is 12-18 weeks. We aim to reduce this by engaging more counsellors as availability of suitably trained counsellors and funding permits and continuing to offer short term emotional support.

Funding

Over the last year we have been predominantly funded through statutory sources - the Ministry of Justice, Bedfordshire PCC. In addition, we have received funding from National Lottery, Charities Aid Foundation, Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation, NHS talking Therapies Pilot and more recently Garfield Weston Foundation.

The Treasurers Report also gives details of all the monies received.

Staffing

We have eight counsellors and three external supervisors. One counsellor left. We have recruited three additional counsellors. Two part time office staff left and were replaced with one part time post.

Future ambitions

The trustees are aware that the Board needs enlarging and should as far as possible reflect the diversity of our beneficiaries and communities. The trustees are currently engaged in an active recruiting process to attract new trustees from diverse backgrounds.

The Chief Executive has indicated that she wishes to retire from her post at the end of July 2022. As a result of her work and the services of an agency, Concise (who have been engaged to help with the recruitment of a new CEO and to assist with future fundraising), we have received £20,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation with other applications in progress.

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, association constitution document registered on 2 February 2015 with the Charity Commission under number 1160274.

Organisational Structure

The trustees who have served during 2020/21 are listed in this report. The body of trustees shall consist, when complete, of no fewer than three people.

Trustees

Doctor Linda Parsons - Chairperson

Roderick John Barker

Doctor Alexander (Tim) Pascoe - Treasurer

Shannon Lynch – resigned April 2020

Trustees are recruited according to the skills, experience and abilities required for a diverse Board in Bedfordshire. All trustees give their time voluntarily and apart from training receive no remuneration or benefits.

The trustees meet 6 times per year plus an AGM and additional ad hoc meetings to review operational services, discuss strategic, financial and operational matters and consider innovation to sustain our services longer term.

Key remuneration

Wages are based on industrial averages as far as possible and reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the key strategic, business and operational risks which the charity may face and confirm there are systems in place to lessen these risks and mitigate if necessary.

The Trustees are aware that risks may include unexpected reduction in income and withdrawal of support from key sponsors and funders.

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities for their governance and running of The Hope Programme for the benefit of the many clients who need support.

Finally

The trustees would like to thank all the staff, past and present, for their hard work and adaptability over this last year which has been so challenging due to COVID. The figures speak for themselves and evidence that we can deliver an exceptional service which is vital to this vulnerable group in the face of very difficult times.

Signed... 

Name Linda Parsons.

Position in The Hope Programme Chairperson of the Trustees Board

Date 17 January 2022

Countersigned 

Name Doctor Alexander (Tim) Pascoe

Position in The Hope Programme Treasurer and Trustee

Date 17 January 2022



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

| | | | | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total | Total |
| | Note | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | - | - | - | - |
| Charitable activities | 2 | 26,295 | 119,157 | 145,452 | 101,200 |
| Other | | - | - | - | - |
| Total income and endowments | | <u>26,295</u> | <u>119,157</u> | <u>145,452</u> | <u>101,200</u> |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 18,510 | 92,951 | 111,461 | 91,771 |
| Other | 4 | 2,333 | 11,270 | 13,603 | 16,533 |
| Total expenditure | | <u>20,843</u> | <u>104,221</u> | <u>125,064</u> | <u>108,304</u> |
| Net (deficit)/income | | <u>5,452</u> | <u>14,936</u> | <u>20,388</u> | <u>(7,104)</u> |
| Transfers between funds | | - | - | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | | <u>5,452</u> | <u>14,936</u> | <u>20,388</u> | <u>(7,104)</u> |
| Reconciliation of Funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 8,752 | 42,222 | 50,974 | 58,078 |
| Total funds carried forward | | <u>14,204</u> | <u>57,158</u> | <u>71,362</u> | <u>50,974</u> |

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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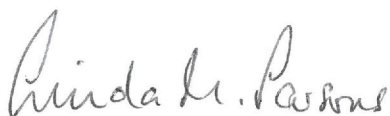
Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2021

| | Note | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---|------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Current assets</u> | | | |
| Cash at bank | | 72,061 | 47,796 |
| Cash in hand | | 963 | 963 |
| Other debtors | | 318 | 4,165 |
| | | <u>73,342</u> | <u>52,924</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | | | |
| Other creditors | | - | - |
| Accruals | | 1,980 | 1,950 |
| | | <u>1,980</u> | <u>1,950</u> |
| Net current assets | | <u>71,362</u> | <u>50,974</u> |
| Net assets | | <u>71,362</u> | <u>50,974</u> |
| <u>Capital funds</u> | | | |
| Unrestricted | 11 | 14,204 | 8,752 |
| Restricted | 11 | <u>57,158</u> | <u>42,222</u> |
| <u>Total funds</u> | | <u>71,362</u> | <u>50,974</u> |

The financial statements on pages 1 to 8 were approved by the board of trustees on 17 January 2022.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:



Chair – Linda Parsons

17 January 2022



Treasurer – Tim Pascoe

17 January 2022

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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting Policies

General information and basis of preparation

The Hope Programme is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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 issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound. The address of the principal office is given in the reference and administrative details section of the trustees' annual report.

Unrestricted and restricted funds

Unrestricted funds are grants and other income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor or the trustees. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the funds, together with a fair allocation of administration and support costs.

Income recognition

Donations and other income are recognised when received. Grants are recognised when received or when the charity has legal entitlement to them, the amount can be reliably measured and there is sufficient certainty of receipt them.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised when the amount can be reliably measured, there is a legal obligation to make it and it is probable that settlement will be required.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Grants, other debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income as incurred.

2 Charitable Activities

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Grants</u> | | | | |
| National Lottery Fund | - | 6,319 | 6,319 | 40,139 |
| Ministry of Justice | - | 97,032 | 97,032 | 42,000 |
| NHS Talking Therapies Pilot | 18,125 | - | 18,125 | 18,125 |
| Charities Aid Foundation – Coronavirus Emergency Fund | 8,170 | - | 8,170 | - |
| Bedfordshire Police PCC – Covid 19 grant | - | 9,506 | 9,506 | - |
| Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation – Covid 19 Emergency Fund | - | 6,300 | 6,300 | - |
| Other | - | - | - | 936 |
| | 26,295 | 119,157 | 145,452 | 101,200 |

Grants received in 2020 totalled £101,200 of which £19,061 was attributable to unrestricted funds and £82,139 was attributable to restricted funds.

3 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Counselling | 6,125 | 35,959 | 42,084 | 24,510 |
| Accountancy fees | 1,980 | - | 1,980 | 2,430 |
| Advertising | 570 | 3,874 | 4,444 | - |
| Consultancy fees | - | 3,500 | 3,500 | - |
| Equipment expensed | - | 3,173 | 3,173 | 3,849 |
| Insurance | - | 1,447 | 1,447 | 908 |
| Postage | - | 52 | 52 | - |
| Office rental | - | 5,118 | 5,118 | 10,617 |
| Management (see note 5) | 9,362 | 37,918 | 47,280 | 37,569 |
| Recruitment costs | - | - | - | 858 |
| Service delivery | - | 100 | 100 | 3,633 |
| Telephone | 473 | 788 | 1,261 | 3,187 |
| Travel and subsistence | - | 1,022 | 1,022 | 3,828 |
| Trustees' expenses | - | - | - | - |
| Volunteer expense | - | - | - | 382 |
| | 18,510 | 92,951 | 111,461 | 91,771 |

Expenditure on charitable activities in 2020 totalled £91,771 of which £34,075 was attributable to unrestricted funds and £57,696 was attributable to restricted funds.

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4 Analysis of other costs

| | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | <u>Total 2021</u> | <u>Total 2020</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| IT services and software | 1,688 | 2,999 | 4,687 | 4,907 |
| Staff training and welfare | - | 1,509 | 1,509 | 3,543 |
| Stationery and printing | - | 169 | 169 | 612 |
| Subscriptions | 145 | 722 | 867 | 999 |
| Office and general administration | 500 | 1,931 | 2,431 | 1,032 |
| Supervision | - | 3,940 | 3,940 | 5,440 |
| | 2,333 | 11,270 | 13,603 | 16,533 |

Expenditure on other costs in 2020 totalled £16,533 of which £4,464 was attributable to unrestricted funds and £12,069 was attributable to restricted funds.

5 Management

| | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | <u>Total 2021</u> | <u>Total 2020</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Management fees | - | 9,274 | 9,274 | 1,700 |
| Management salary | 9,362 | 16,724 | 26,086 | 21,000 |
| Volunteer co-ordinator salary and pension | - | 11,920 | 11,920 | 14,869 |
| | 9,362 | 37,918 | 47,280 | 37,569 |

Management expenditure in 2020 totalled £37,569 of which £13,620 was attributable to unrestricted funds and £23,949 was attributable to restricted funds.

6 Staff costs

No employees received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: same). The average number of staff employed during the year was 2 (2020: 3).

7 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2020: £nil).

No travel costs (2020: £nil) were reimbursed to any (2020: None) trustees.

No trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered by the charity during the year (2020: same).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £28,086 (2020: £22,700). The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the CEO.

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8 Independent examiners remuneration

The independent examiners remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £420 (2020: £410) and bookkeeping services of £1,560 (2020: £1,540).

9 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2020: same).

10 Analysis of net assets by fund

| | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Designated</u> | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | 2021 |
| | | | | £ |
| Current assets | 16,184 | - | 57,158 | 73,342 |
| Current liabilities | (1,980) | - | - | (1,980) |
| | <u>14,204</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>57,158</u> | <u>71,362</u> |
| | | | | |
| | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Designated</u> | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| | £ | £ | £ | 2020 |
| | | | | £ |
| Current assets | 10,702 | - | 42,222 | 52,924 |
| Current liabilities | (1,950) | - | - | (1,950) |
| | <u>8,752</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>42,222</u> | <u>50,974</u> |

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Notes to the accounts

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11 Fund reconciliation

| | Opening 2021 £ | Incoming £ | Outgoing £ | Transfers £ | Closing 2021 £ |
|--|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| General fund | 8,752 | - | (2,015) | - | 6,737 |
| Charities Aid Foundation – Coronavirus Emergency Fund | - | 8,170 | (8,709) | 539 | - |
| Bedfordshire PCC – Talking Therapies Pilot | - | 18,125 | (10,119) | (539) | 7,467 |
| | 8,752 | 26,295 | (20,843) | - | 14,204 |
| Restricted funds | | | | | |
| Ministry of Justice - Rape support | 7,659 | 97,032 | (65,690) | (2,756) | 36,245 |
| National Lottery – Reaching communities | 31,660 | 6,319 | (21,282) | - | 16,697 |
| National Lottery – coaching for growth | 687 | - | - | - | 687 |
| Bedfordshire Police PCC – Covid 19 grant | - | 9,506 | (8,193) | - | 1,313 |
| BLCF – Covid 19 Emergency Fund | - | 6,300 | (9,056) | 2,756 | - |
| BLCF – Mark West fund for women | 2,216 | - | - | - | 2,216 |
| | 42,222 | 119,157 | (104,221) | - | 57,158 |
| | 50,974 | 145,452 | (125,064) | - | 71,362 |
| | Opening 2020 £ | Incoming £ | Outgoing £ | Transfers £ | Closing 2020 £ |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| General fund | 28,322 | 936 | (4,053) | (16,453) | 8,752 |
| Bedfordshire PCC – Talking Therapies Pilot | - | 18,125 | (34,486) | 16,361 | - |
| | 28,322 | 19,061 | (38,539) | (92) | 8,752 |
| Restricted funds | | | | | |
| Bedfordshire Victims Partnership | - | - | (92) | 92 | - |
| Ministry of Justice - Rape support | 6,961 | 30,000 | (25,577) | (3,725) | 7,659 |
| Ministry of Justice – Victims of child sexual abuse | - | 12,000 | (15,725) | 3,725 | - |
| National Lottery – Reaching communities | 19,892 | 40,139 | (28,371) | - | 31,660 |
| National Lottery – coaching for growth | 687 | - | - | - | 687 |
| BLCF – Mark West fund for women | 2,216 | - | - | - | 2,216 |
| | 29,756 | 82,139 | (69,765) | 92 | 42,222 |
| | 58,078 | 101,200 | (108,304) | - | 50,974 |

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11 Fund reconciliation - continued

Fund descriptions

Unrestricted funds

Bedfordshire PCC Talking Therapies Pilot - to provide immediate and short-term psychological interventions to support male and female adults in the immediate aftermath of a sexual offence, whether the incident is subject to criminal justice proceedings, or not. The pilot service is for victims and survivors who have disclosed within the last 12 months.

Charities Aid Foundation Coronavirus Emergency Fund – for supporting families and victims with short term needs.

Restricted funds

Bedfordshire PCC Covid 19 Grant – to support increased requests for counselling and support.

Ministry of Justice Rape Support - providing emotional and practical support for victims to help them cope and as far as possible recover from rape and other forms of sexual abuse, whether recent or historical.

National Lottery Reaching Communities – to enable victims to have better strategies to cope with the impact of the assault(s), recovering social relationships and ability to function. Victims to have an improved emotional state, feeling less anxious, depressed and to improve knowledge of and better access to community resources.

Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation Covid 19 Emergency Fund – for short term support and practical help for victims.

12 COVID-19

During the current accounting year the world continued to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The trustees have reviewed the charity's position at the balance sheet date and up to the date of signing these accounts and have concluded that there are no material post balance sheet event adjustments required to the carrying amounts of the charity's assets and liabilities because of the pandemic. They also do not consider that there will be any material financial effect from the pandemic that will impact on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of these accounts.

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Independent Examiners' Report to the
Trustees of The Hope Programme

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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