REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 FOR DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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 31 March 2022. 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**

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are to;

Promote for the public benefit, the provision of services directed towards the prevention of domestic violence and the relief and support of persons who are in danger of suffering such violence, to advance the education of the voluntary and statutory agencies and the public in all aspects of domestic violence, it's causes and prevention.

#### Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of our activities and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

#### Significant activities - The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be to seek to alleviate the suffering experienced by anyone affected by domestic abuse and violence and to raise awareness within the community to promote early intervention, prevention and resilience building. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- Providing a range of services which are responsive to client needs and address the potential problems related to domestic abuse.
- Focussing upon limiting the harm which comes with domestic abuse, not only for the individual but also their family and friends and the wider community of the Wigan Borough.
- Working in partnership with other agencies to provide an holistic network of support that reduces the risk of harm and addresses client needs.

#### How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on providing advice and support to anyone affected by domestic abuse to reduce the risk of harm and promote recovery from their experiences and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

## **STRATEGIC REPORT Achievement and performance Charitable activities - Local context** In the 12 months ending March 2022:

- There were 7596 reports of Domestic Abuse reported to the police in Wigan & Leigh. This is broadly in line with previous years.
- The most prevalent areas for Domestic Abuse crime and victim's residence were Ince, Hindley, Abram and Platt Bridge.
- Domestic Abuse was most significant in victims aged 30 39.
- The majority of victims reporting Domestic Abuse to the police were female.
- The most common age for offenders was consistent with the victims, being 30-39.
- The most prevalent areas for Domestic Abuse are in the some of the more deprived areas in the Borough, however it is acknowledged that the rate may be higher in the more deprived areas due to underreporting.

Our monitoring suggests those that we provided support to broadly reflect these statistics.

#### Who used and benefited from our services?

During the financial year we assisted over 750 clients who were directly impacted by domestic abuse, which again, increased on the previous year. In line with our objectives and funding all service users resided within the Wigan and Leigh Borough.

Our helpline received over 5700 calls during the reporting period, which is a significant increase on the previous year when we received just over 3000 calls. Callers ranged from direct victims of abuse, concerned family and friends and professionals.

The usual main areas of charitable activity are the provision of drop in's, community outreach, helpline, counselling, group support programmes, healthy relationship sessions for children and young people and training and awareness sessions.

## **Financial review**

#### **Principal funding sources**

We continue to deliver community Domestic Abuse services on behalf of Wigan Council, the contract is delivered in partnership with another local charity and includes drop in's, community outreach, helpline, healthy relationship sessions in schools, group recovery programmes, adult counselling and training and awareness programmes. The contract began on 1st October 2020 and can be renewed annually for up to 3 years. We also received some uplift funding to support the increased demand for medium risk cases and to provide support for anyone affected by sexual abuse and/or assault.

The Screwfix Foundation awarded us a grant to improve our support and counselling areas and update our office areas to become more environmentally friendly via the use of low energy lighting and suspended ceilings.

Ministry of Justice funding administered via GMCA supported us to develop cultural champions and a programme of community engagement, training and awareness raising for marginalised groups who have experienced or at risk of domestic abuse. This project allowed us to consult with communities to evidence future needs.

We also continued to deliver children's counselling and therapy sessions as a subcontractor of Child Action North West, who deliver the Lancashire County Council early help and wellbeing contract.

Thank you to Wigan Soroptimists for their generous donations to support our work.

#### **Reserves policy**

Our reserves policy is reviewed annually in line with Charity Commission Guidance. Our target is with the intention of covering the necessary costs of dissolution and to provide the necessary funds to continue to offer our support and counselling services should some funding sources not be retained, whilst new sources are secured.

The increase in our Reserves is deemed prudent and necessary as we move into a period of national financial uncertainty.

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

# STRATEGIC REPORT Financial review

# Note from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees would like to thank staff, funders, stakeholders and donors for their support during the financial year.

## 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.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number** 03548114 (England and Wales)

# **Registered Charity number**

1073769

## **Registered office**

Suite 38 2nd Floor Rodney House King St Wigan Lancashire WN1 1BT

#### Trustees

T J Smith Company Director M J Preston Charity Worker Mrs E Smethurst Councillor Ms S Gambles Elected Member Mrs E Tyrrell Deputy Registrar P A Reece Charity Volunteer (resigned 16/12/2021)

## **Independent Examiner**

Fairhurst Chartered Accountants Douglas Bank House Wigan Lane Wigan Lancashire WN1 2TB

Adviser to the Board of Trustees Andrew Taylor

**Chief Officer** Gemma Braithwaite

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on <u>15 December 2022</u> <u>17:42</u> Migned on the board's behalf by:

T J Smith - Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DIAS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRE

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dias - Domestic Violence Centre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

#### 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  $\pounds 250,000$  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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Louise Webster BSc BFP ACA ICAEW Fairhurst Chartered Accountants Douglas Bank House Wigan Lane Wigan Lancashire WN1 2TB

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	2	35,971	214,037
<b>Charitable activities</b> Mainstream activities Other		485,182 120	221,758 7,046
Investment income	3	29	125
Total		521,302	442,966
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b> Raising funds	5	-	47,386
Charitable activities Mainstream activities	6	454,753	274,879
Total		454,753	322,265
NET INCOME		66,549	120,701
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		217,746	97,045
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		284,295	217,746

## BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2022

CURRENT ASSETS	Notes	2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
Debtors	10	45,390	66,667
Cash at bank and in hand		259,644	183,449
		305,034	250,116
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(20,739)	(32,370)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		284,295	217,746
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			
LIABILITIES		284,295	217,746
NET ASSETS		284,295	217,746
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted funds		284,295	217,746
TOTAL FUNDS		284,295	217,746

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 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.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 December 2022 | 17:42 GMT were signed on its behalf by:

T J Smith - Trustee

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b> Cash generated from operations	1	76,166	85,068
Net cash provided by operating activities		76,166	85,068
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b> Interest received Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>29</u> <u>29</u>	125
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		76,195 183,449	85,193 98,256
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		259,644	183,449

## NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

## 1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial		
Activities)	66,549	120,701
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(29)	(125)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	21,277	(47,878)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(11,631)	12,370
Net cash provided by operations	76,166	85,068

# 2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/21 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	183,449	76,195	259,644
	183,449	76,195	259,644
Total	183,449	76,195	259,644

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 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.

#### 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.

## 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	1,640	22,777
Grants	15,000	191,260
Donated services and facilities	19,331	
	35,971	214,037

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

## 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

			2022	2021
			£	£
	Wigan Council		-	20,000
	National Lottery - Covid-19 er		-	9,961
		red by PCC for Covid Response	-	96,282
		Authority - Extraordinary Funding for	10,000	44,000
		ViolenceSupport Services - Ref 31085543		21.017
	Forever Manchester - increase Screwfix Foundation - Accom		- 5 000	21,017
	Screwitz Foundation - Accom	modation returbishment costs	5,000	-
			15,000	191,260
3.	INVESTMENT INCOME		2022	2021
			2022 £	2021 £
	Deposit account interest		~ 29	ء 125
4.	<b>INCOME FROM CHARIT</b>	ABLE ACTIVITIES		
			2022	2021
		Activity	£	£
	WC - Medium Risk Funding CANW - Children's	Mainstream activities	29,166	-
	Counselling	Mainstream activities	31,016	21,758
	WC - Domestic Violence		100.000	
	Support	Mainstream activities	400,000	200,000
	WC - Sexual Violence	Mainstroom activities	25 000	
	Project Other	Mainstream activities Other	25,000 120	- 7,046
	Other	Other	120	7,040
			485,302	228,804
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5.	RAISING FUNDS			
	Raising donations and legaci	es	2022	2021

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	-	13,910
Sundries	-	4,029
	-	17,939

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 5. RAISING FUNDS - continued

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Other trading activities		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	-	25,376
Sundries	-	4,071
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	-	29,447
Aggregate amounts	-	47,386

## 6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct	Support costs (see	
	Costs	note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Mainstream activities	439,056	15,697	454,753

## 7. SUPPORT COSTS

			Governance	
	Management	Administration	costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Mainstream activities	11,622	2,875	1,200	15,697

## 8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

## 9. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	210,421	154,760
Social security costs	13,056	7,965
Other pension costs	4,628	3,428
	228,105	166,153

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

Fundraising Charitable Activities Governance	2022 1 8 1	2021 1 4 1
	10	6

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

# 10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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	Trade debtors Prepayments	2022 £ 40,546 4,844	2021 £ 66,667
		45,390	66,667
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Trade creditors	14,562	28,337
	Social security and other taxes	4,357	4,033
	Other creditors	620	-
	Accrued expenses	1,200	-
		20,739	32,370

## 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

<b>Unrestricted funds</b> General fund	At 1/4/21 £ 217,746	Net movement in funds £ 66,549	At 31/3/22 £ 284,295
TOTAL FUNDS	217,746	66,549	284,295

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	521,302	(454,753)	66,549
TOTAL FUNDS	521,302	(454,753)	66,549

## Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement At		
	At 1/4/20 £	in funds £	31/3/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b> General fund	97,045	120,701	217,746
TOTAL FUNDS	97,045	120,701	217,746

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### 12. 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	442,966	(322,265)	120,701
TOTAL FUNDS	442,966	(322,265)	120,701

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

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b> General fund	97,045	187,250	284,295
TOTAL FUNDS	97,045	187,250	284,295

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	964,268	(777,018)	187,250
TOTAL FUNDS	964,268	(777,018)	187,250

## 13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Mr Tim Smith a trustee of DIAS - Domestic Violence Centre since 2013 is a related party.

The office premises are rented from ALG Investments (Wigan) Ltd (since 1985) of which Mr Tim Smith is a director (since 1995).

An annual rent of £8,987 was paid during the year to 31 March 2022 (£8,987 - 2021), the rent is subject to annual review and is currently approximately £4,051 below market rental value. The market value rent has been recorded as a cost with the discounted amount of £4,051 reported in the Statement of Financial Activities as Donated services and facilities.

ALG Investments (Wigan) Ltd invoiced £8,416 for the discounted costs relating to the refurbishment and upgrade works to all of the demised/rented premises (offices, counselling rooms, meeting rooms, etc.).The full cost of these works amounted to £23,697 and this has been recorded as a cost with the discount of £15,280 reported in the Statement of Financial Activities as Donated services and facilities.

During the year ALG Investments (Wigan) Ltd recharged  $\pounds 122$  to the company for water rates and sewerage charges.