



Sutton Women's Centre Annual Report 2017

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for the year ended 31 March 2017**

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The Women's Centre Sutton
For the year ended 31 March 2017

Reference and Administrative Information

CHARITY NUMBER: 294067

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**REGISTERED OFFICE
AND PRINCIPAL PLACE
OF BUSINESS:** 3 Palmerston Road
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DATE OF INCORPORATION: 05 March 1999

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM: L. McGarry
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Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31 March 2017

Introduction

This year has been another busy year with a continuing high demand for our unique services. With over 200 women a week accessing our services we remain an essential part of the voluntary sector within the London Borough of Sutton.

We are the only generic women's organisation that delivers services in the London Borough of Sutton. We have been established for over 30 years and have a strong reputation in both the voluntary and statutory sectors. We are an organisation that is led by local women and we have always offered services and programmes that are designed around our specialist knowledge of the needs of local women.

We have the structure and capability to deliver a range of services to local women – from building their social and employability skills to giving women the tools and resources to make good decisions for themselves and their children.

Our users are diverse and we do not struggle to shape or deliver services for “hard to reach communities”. For us, these communities are not distant but an integral part of what we do. Women from all backgrounds will refer themselves, their family or their friends to us.

Our services continue to provide local women with information; advice; support and education with much of our work focusing on supporting women who have experienced domestic violence. This priority sits within the context of the London Borough of Sutton having the 2nd highest rate in London for domestic abuse.

We have achieved a good reputation in the borough and developed good referral pathways and sound knowledge base of all local statutory and voluntary agencies dealing with domestic abuse, such as the London Borough of Sutton's MARAC, Women's Aid and social services. Consultation with the voluntary and statutory services in the borough in 2013 showed that we were the main point of call for domestic violence support. We are a member of the Sutton Domestic Violence Forum which meets on a quarterly basis and is attended by approx. 30 local voluntary and statutory agencies.

Mayor's Chosen Charity

We were over the moon to be chosen as one of the Mayor of the London Borough of Sutton's charities this year. It is a real opportunity for us to not only raise funds but to raise our profile in the local community. The Mayor, Councillor Jean Crossby, is also Sutton's DV Champion and we are really pleased that she will also continue in the role. We will report on the total amount raised next year. More information can be found here:

https://www.sutton.gov.uk/info/200644/councillors_the_mayor_mps_meps_and_committees/1177/mayor

Our work

Our Mission Statement

“Providing a safe, women only space where women can access support, advice, information and education to help them achieve their potential and develop their skills.”

Our Objectives

Sutton Women's Centre is a unique organisation within the London Borough of Sutton with the capacity, skills and knowledge to design and deliver services to meet the needs of local women. We continue to innovate and have a strong reputation for high quality service delivery. We are strong advocates for services for local women and champion these. We work in partnership with other organisations and are active members of a number of local voluntary sector fora.

Our headline objectives are -

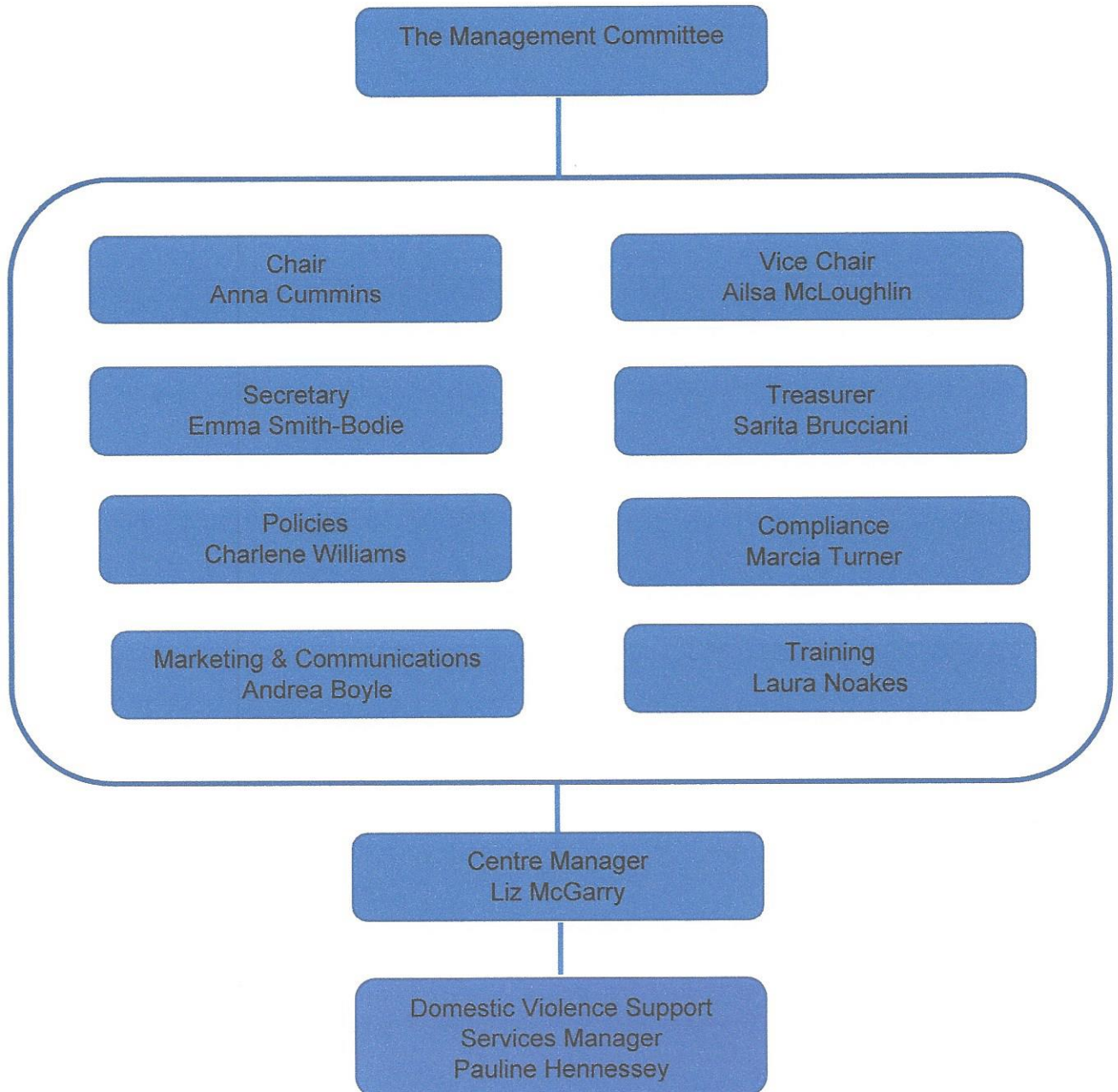
- To support and empower women to increase their confidence and self-esteem and enable them to make positive life decisions for themselves and their children.
- To provide advice to local women to ensure that they are able to access appropriate services, support and increase communication between women
- To provide inclusive educational and learning opportunities to improve the life chances of local women and their children, increase their career related skills and enable women to develop the tools they need to be active citizens.
- To provide information to women that respects their individual needs and improves their life chances, reduces isolation and increases communication between women.
- To champion the needs of local women to local partners and collaborate with them to find solutions and practical outcomes to meet these.

Our structure and governance

All our trustees have continued to put a huge amount of personal time and effort into developing and resourcing the Centre. Our trustees this year are listed below

Anna Cummins (Chair)
Ailsa McLoughlin
Sarita Brucciani
Marcia Turner
Emma Smith-Bodie
Charlene Williams
Laura Noakes
Andrea Boyle

As a charity, we take our governance seriously and have put a number of policies in place to ensure the Women's Centre is in a robust place to continue to deliver services and support to local women in the long term. We have submitted our application for the PQASSO standard and are incredibly grateful to our volunteer Liz Long who has done the majority of the work on this and the huge amount of support we have received from our mentor Razia Sattar at Sutton Centre for the Voluntary Sector. The Management Committee continues to function well and takes collective responsibility for all of its decisions. The Management Committee held a number of workshops this year which included Fundraising and Branding; Business Planning; Strategy; and training and development. Our management structure is detailed below.



Our people

In line with many charities we have limited resources to recruit permanent staff. We are particularly grateful to our Centre Manager Liz McGarry for her continuing commitment to the Centre and to the women who use our services. Pauline Hennessey manages our counselling and Freedom Programme and her expertise and knowledge is an invaluable asset to the Centre.

We currently have over 30 volunteers, in a variety of roles, all of whose contribution cannot be measured. We are very aware that without their time and commitment we would not be able to offer the range of services we have on offer to local women.

Achievements and Performance

Our main activities for year ending March 2017 were as follows:

- Freedom Programme
- Domestic Violence Counselling
- Mother and Toddler group
- English Language and I.T. Classes for Migrant Women
- Parenting classes
- Drop-In/Internet café
- Social events

Our impact

We recognise that we need to do more to assess our impact and the value of the additional support we provide – much of which is unfunded – and we plan to do some work to address this over the next year. Below is a statement from one of the women who has accessed our services which gives a real view of the impact our wrap around care and support provides. Note that the names have been changed.

Statement about support received from Sutton women's centre by Alice Jones and Amanda Smith.

I was first introduced to Pauline and Debbie at Sutton Women's centre by the Independent Domestic Advocate based at Sutton Police Station and the one stop shop in October 2015, when I began the Freedom Programme. I had experienced what I now understand to be domestic violence at home with my daughters father. Because I grew up as a child in a household that was controlled by my often angry and abusive father, this behaviour I experienced was all very familiar and I didn't realise that it was wrong. I know this sounds very naïve but I was frequently told by my then partner (Amanda's father) that his anger towards me was my fault. If I loved him better, showed him more attention and affection, was intimate with him more, questioned him less, the list goes on, he wouldn't have needed to lose his temper with me. The Freedom Program helped me enormously in understanding that the behaviour I had experienced was in no way my fault. Pauline and Debbie supported me in a way I have never experienced before- they were always there for me at the end of the phone or for a chat before or after the group. I knew that they understood what I had been through as they shared with me their experience of living with a dominator. They gave me hope that like them, I too could break free from this abusive behaviour and learn to love and respect myself as a woman- a woman who deserves to have a happy, healthy and loving relationship. Whilst I attended the Freedom Programme, my daughter who was 3 months old at the time, was looked after in the crèche by Jo and her team of nursery nurses. This was the first time I had ever been away from my daughter and the care and attention and love she received whilst in the crèche was superb. As a result Amanda was always happy to be left with Jo and the other children and workers. I completed the Freedom Programme three times because I did not find it easy to break ties with my daughters father. Despite non-molestation orders and frequent police involvement, his behaviour continued. I realise today that I loved this man as my daughters father, but I certainly did not love the person he was or the way he behaved. I clung on desperately to the hope that he might change, or that the Freedom Programme might teach me how to be a better girlfriend so that he wouldn't need to lose his temper with me. Each time I was on the Freedom Programme, Amanda came with me and had a beautiful experience each week in Jo's crèche. She took some of her first steps in the crèche, spoke her first words and discovered her love for music and singing and playing ball. I cannot articulate in words what a huge part of Amanda's life this crèche and the women's centre has been. When I finished the Freedom Programme, Jo invited us to attend her mums and toddlers group at the Women's Centre in Sutton every Friday morning, which we have attended for the past year- it has been the highlight of mine and Amanda's week. We have made some wonderful friends here and Amanda has thoroughly enjoyed coming to Jo's group to play- I don't ever need to ask her twice if she wants to go to play on a Friday morning! Amanda will be starting nursery in September 2017 so sadly we had to say goodbye to all our friends at the Friday group a couple of weeks ago. I have made friends for life here and we all keep in touch and meet up regularly outside of the Friday crèche. The love and friendship and sisterhood I have found through being a part of Sutton Women's Centre has helped me through what has been a difficult couple of years and I honestly do not know where I or Amanda would be without all the help we have received. I have also been fortunate enough to have been offered counselling through the Women's Centre. I struggle with mental health and I am also in recovery from substance misuse and having the opportunity to come to the centre once a week and have an hour counselling session has been invaluable. I have really needed every bit of support I have been given by the amazing team of ladies at Sutton Women's Centre and I will be forever grateful for how they have helped to save me

Domestic Violence Counselling

"Excellent service, some-one to talk to, kept me on the right path, suicidal when counselling began now I rarely think about death."

We are now into the final year of our five-year Big Lottery funding award to deliver our Domestic Violence Counselling Service. Counselling is provided by 2nd or third year students studying for an MSC or Diploma in counselling, or recently qualified counsellors. Referrals to this service are received from a variety of agencies including Victim Support, Sutton Carer's, Sutton Women's Aid, London Borough of Sutton Social Services, doctors, hospitals or self-referred. Over **100 women** are referred to the service per year and 70 women have received counselling this year. We currently have 23 counsellors.

Evaluation has shown that **over 90%** of the clients described the relationship with their counsellor as very good to excellent. Many reported feeling safe and able to open up about their issues. Clients also reported having had a trusting relationship with their counsellor.

Clients have reported several ways in which counselling has been helpful. Many found it beneficial in working through their confidence issues and becoming more aware of themselves. Other women gained a lot more perspective and were able to move forward through exploring their identities and on many occasions accepting it. Women reported feeling more empowered and able to recognise and stand up to abuse.

- 91% of clients saw an improvement in their ability to cope
- 84% of clients saw an improvement in their self esteem
- 91% of clients saw an improvement in their understanding of themselves
- 81% of clients saw an improvement in their ability to relate to others
- 84% of clients saw an improvement in their ability to manage their life

It was also reported that counselling has been an opportunity to explore and express emotions- even in situations when it seemed impossible to do so- as well as cope and get rid of depression. Counselling has also been described as a healing process. Several women reported becoming more open- minded, able to set appropriate boundaries and no longer feeling fearful.

We have worked in partnership with the Iranian Kurdish Women's Organisation who provided a specialist counsellor to work from our premises, who took on some of our clients.

The Freedom Programme

"I still have a long way to go but I recognise the signs of abusive behaviour. It is not easy when you don't know any different, but the course shows the path to avoid."

We are now into our fourth year of providing the Freedom Programme, currently funded by the London Borough of Sutton and we recently learned we were successful in our tender to provide six courses over the next year.

The Freedom Programme is a twelve-week domestic violence group course for women, which covers work on:

- All aspects of the dominator,
- The characteristics that he uses to gain power and control,
- The roles played by attitudes and beliefs on the actions of abusive men and the responses of victims and survivors
- The tactics that are involved in the games the dominator plays and the effects that domestic violence has on babies, toddlers, and teenagers.

Clients can self-refer or be referred to our service. The majority of our referrals are received from Children's Services, and have Child Protection Plans. Other referrals come from Women's Aid, Health Services or schools. To date **299 women** have attended the Freedom Programme. The groups took place at the Thomas Wall Children's Centre and the Amy Johnson Children's Centre.

Domestic Violence Support Groups

Support groups take place on the last Monday of the month at the Amy Johnson Children's Centre and are facilitated by a qualified counsellor. **Eight to ten women attend** each month and crèche facilities are available.

Women find this ongoing support invaluable and many still need crisis intervention which is provided by Pauline Hennessey.

Volunteers provide a court buddy system to support women who are going to court to give evidence. This is not intended to replace the Witness Service but to plug the gap when no resources are available. Women are also offered support if their children are the subject of care plans.

There is also online facilitated support via Whats App groups for each programme and a private Facebook page where women can share and receive support.

English Language & IT Classes for Migrant Women Three years funding was awarded by the City Bridge Trust and we are now into the final year. Two tutors, a volunteer tutor and two crèche workers were employed and **38 migrant women** attended Basic English and level 1 and 2 classes at the Centre every Thursday during term time.

The learning group is positive and supportive with many women making friends and socialising with each other outside the group.

Six of our learners have improved their English language skills to the extent they are now attending Sutton College and four learners have entered employment. Volunteers support low level learners in all the classes. Topics discussed in lessons this year have been wide ranging and have included Brexit, general election, education in the UK and making an appointment with a GP rather than going to A&E.

One of the side outputs from ESOL demonstrates how the classes benefit not only mothers but the wider family. Through providing a crèche we are supporting children to learn and develop in a structured crèche session. We help the children develop social and language skills so that they integrate successfully into UK society. We are also supporting the mothers of the children in the crèche by being welcoming and professional. We provide a welcoming, supportive environment, within which we used suitably graded English to discuss the aim of the crèche and the individual children's requirements. The aim is always to build trust and confidence with the parents and make sure no mother feels intimidated or anxious.

"Meet a Mum/ Playtime"

The Centre's Mother & Toddler Group offers unique and structured activities every week throughout term-time and gives a high level of attention to very young children whilst mothers can chat easily within their own inclusive group.

Funding was received from Children In Need to cover salary costs and also to provide three 6-week Parenting courses which was attended by 20 women.

Weekly Drop-In, Internet Café Help & Tuition

The Drop-In is open each Wednesday from 12 noon till 3.30 pm. The group is supported by one or two volunteers whilst Ann Crago, our Digital champion, has been available upstairs to help women on the computers in our fully equipped IT suite.

Ann has provided help for women to learn how to use Windows programmes, applications & websites. Each week normally 2 or 3 women will book to come along for approx. 1.5 hour session. Women attending the drop-in session can use the Centre's IT allowing them the resources and support to develop and use their IT skills. Sadly, Ann has had to give up her volunteer role. We are incredibly grateful for her work with us and she will be sorely missed.

Ann secured £17,63 funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund to purchase new laptops. We are incredibly grateful to the Co-op for their support.

Womens Writers Group

The Women's Writing Group meet once a month. The group is still small but growing and committed to supporting each other's creativity. The group is a safe and encouraging space where writers can share their material, receive constructive feedback and discuss ideas. We are grateful to the Arts Network Sutton for providing funding to support the running costs for this group.

Fundraising

We had a busy year fundraising raising a total of £2180. This was achieved through a variety of ways which include our attendance at local fairs, being part of the Green Token Activity at Asda and Waitrose and holding a quiz night at the local pub Shinner & Sudtone. We are particularly grateful to Jo Chard who ran the Hackney 10k and raised over £750. Jo is running her first marathon this year to raise money for us. We were delighted to have received two donations of £2,000 each from Rebecca of "Into the Light" who provides training seminars on Sexual Abuse Recovery for counsellors and from one of our counsellors.

Plans for future periods

Our current plans (subject to resource availability) include

- The domestic violence counselling service
- The Freedom Programme
- Providing ESOL classes to local women
- Participating in local events to promote the Women's Centre and raise its profile
- Continuing the provision of the mother and toddler group
- Women's Writers Group
- Telephone counselling
- Achieving the PQASSO standard

We are keen to raise the level of donations to the centre and will be actively moving ahead with our fundraising strategy.

Transactions and financial position

Financial position

The statement of financial activities shows net income/ (outgoings) for the year of £20,718 (2016-£12344) and our reserves stand at **£140,379** (2016: £119,660) in total, of which £86,379 represents Current Assets and £54,563 represents Fixed Assets.

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the charity

Details of movements in Fixed Assets are set out in Note 9 of the Accounts.

Reserves

The Trustees recognise the need to ensure adequate resources are held in reserve to account for contractual obligations to staff (i.e. maternity and redundancy pay), contingencies, risk management and any unanticipated reduction in income. The Trustees have agreed a reserves policy in recognition of the risks to our operations if we fail to secure future funding. The reserves policy aims to mitigate these risks. We have one main asset which is our premises, which is owned by Sutton Women's Centre. This puts us in a slightly different position to many charities in that we can keep the Centre open, in some form, with only basic running costs and volunteers. However this means that the major risk to our future is the building itself and as such the potential costs / liability for major work is incorporated into this reserve policy.

Sutton Women's Centre is currently dependent on a variety of funders providing restricted funding to deliver agreed services. This reserves policy does not cover the actual loss from these funding streams once the funding period has ended but rather the reserves required to keep a basic level of service available to local women and to prevent Sutton Women's Centre from closing.

Directors and Trustees

All Directors of the company are also Trustees of the charity, and there have been no other Trustees. All of the Trustees named on page 1 served as detailed. The Board has the power to appoint additional Trustees as it considers fit to do so.

Risk Management

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees are required by company law to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing those Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- (d) prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiners

A resolution proposing Sutton CVS be re-appointed as Independent Examiners of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:


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A Cummins - Chair

Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income & Expenditure Account)
Year ended 31st March 2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2016 £
Income from:	2				
Donations and Gifts		-	-	-	8,299
Fundraising		-	-	-	3,602
Charitable Activities	3	-	93,190	93,190	76,475
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Other Income		21,924	-	21,924	4,876
Total Income		<u>21,924</u>	<u>93,190</u>	<u>115,114</u>	<u>93,252</u>
Expenditure On:					
Raising Funds:		-	-	-	214
Charitable Activities	4	1,587	92,409	93,996	80,694
Governance cost	4	400	-	400	-
Total Expenditure:		<u>1,987</u>	<u>92,409</u>	<u>94,396</u>	<u>80,908</u>
Net Income / (expenditure)		<u>19,937</u>	<u>781</u>	<u>20,718</u>	<u>12,344</u>
Transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>19,937</u>	<u>781</u>	<u>20,718</u>	<u>12,344</u>
Total Funds brought forward		<u>50,172</u>	<u>69,488</u>	<u>119,660</u>	<u>107,316</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>70,109</u>	<u>70,270</u>	<u>140,379</u>	<u>119,660</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

**TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS
AND LOSSES**

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above

Balance Sheet at 31st March 2017

	Note	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible Assets	9		54,563		54,750
Debtors			-		6,629
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Cash at bank and in hand		86,427		60,748	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	611		2,467	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			85,816		58,281
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			140,379		119,660
RESERVES:	11				
Other Reserves			54,000		54,000
Restricted Funds			16,270		50,172
Unrestricted Funds			70,109		15,488
			140,379		119,660

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Director acknowledges her responsibilities for:

(i) ensuring that the charity keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006

and

(ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each year

financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 & 395 and

which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015) and with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Approved by the Board on

25th September 2017

Signed on their behalf by:

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A Cummins - Trustee

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Sarita
Brucciani -
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31st March 2017

1.1a Basis of preparation of Accounts

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Directors' and Trustees' Report and all of which are continuing.

The Accounts have been prepared in compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Charity Accounts Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Statement No 1 (revised) from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

1.1b Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of a grant

1.2 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible Fixed Assets are stated at cost less depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of Fixed Assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold Property	Not provided
Fixtures & Fittings	25% on reducing balance
Office Equipment	25% on reducing balance

1.3 Incoming Resources

Voluntary income & donations are accounted for as received by the charity. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs. No permanent endowments have been received in the period, but these are dealt with through the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these Accounts.

1.4 Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities. Investment income plus associated tax recoverable is credited to income on an accruals basis, using dividend dates and interest accrued daily.

1.5 Value Added Tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is not included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.6 Resources Expended

Administration expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the charitable activity which is based within the premises. This includes costs of running office premises, staff salaries for administrative staff and accountancy fees.

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

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31st March 2017

1.7 Fundraising Costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fundraising events

2 .INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2017	Total Funds 2016
	£	£	£	£
Donations & Gifts	13,107	-	13,107	8,299
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	2,180	-	2,180	3,602
Room Hire	3,460	-	3,460	2,996
LWD Books	927	-	927	-
Supervision	2,250	-	2,250	1,880
Grants	-	93,190	93,190	76,475
	21,924	93,190	115,114	93,252

All donations are treated as an unrestricted fund. Investment Income is derived from interest receivable on cash deposits.

3. INCOME AND RESOURCES FROM ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER THE CHARITIES OBJECTIVES

Grants were received during the year from the following sources:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2017	Total Funds 2016
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery	-	31,414	31,414	30,799
City Bridge trust	-	14,550	14,550	18,950
Art Network	-	500	500	500
Sutton Community Fund	-	4,906	4,906	4,906
Children in need	-	9,840	9,840	-
LBS MOPAC	-	31,980	31,980	21,320
	-	93,190	93,190	76,475

All grant funding has been treated as a restricted fund.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31st March 2017****4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Basis of Allocation	Direct Charitable Activities			Total	Total
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Governance	2017	2016
Costs directly related to activities						
Staff Costs	Direct	73,940	-	-	73,940	64,790
Staff Training	Direct	2,203	43	-	2,246	1,965
Supervision	Direct	4,000	95	-	4,095	3,255
Creche	Direct	-	-	-	-	10
Service delivery	Direct	5,615	-	-	5,615	2,244
Repairs & Maintenance	Direct	1,419	-	-	1,419	1,136
Garden Refurbishment	Direct	-	-	-	-	-
Accountancy & Legal Fees	Direct	-	400	-	400	400
Telephone	Direct	434	-	-	434	365
Advertising & printing	Direct	-	-	-	-	124
SUPPORT COSTS ALLOCATED TO ACTIVITIES						
Staff Costs	Direct	789	-	-	789	-
Rates	Direct	610	-	-	610	595
Insurance	Direct	1,050	-	-	1,050	1,020
Light & Heat	Direct	679	-	-	679	930
Account costs	Direct	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry	Direct	-	632	-	632	1,685
Post & Stationery	Direct	489	-	-	489	1,075
New Computers	Direct	1,181	-	-	1,181	-
Computer Costs	Direct	-	585	-	585	864
Fundraising Costs	Direct	-	-	-	-	200
Bank charges	Direct	-	45	-	45	81
Depreciation	Direct	-	187	-	187	250
		92,409	1,987	-	94,396	80,908

5. NET INCOME/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

	2017 £	2016 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned by the charity	187	250
Independent Examiners Fees	400	400
	587	650

6. STAFF COSTS

remaining staff were:

	2017 £	2016 £
Salaries & Social Security Costs	74,729	64,790

No employee received remuneration of more than £20,426.

The number of employees at the end of the year totalled **Fifteen** (2016: eleven)

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**Year ended 31st March 2017****7. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

No members of the management committee received any remuneration during the year. No travel costs were reimbursed to any Trustee during the year (2016 - nil).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year. (2016 - nil).

8. TAXATION

As a charity The Women's Centre (Sutton) is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST	FREEHOLD PROPERTY	FIXTURES & FITTINGS	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	TOTALS
As at 1 April 2016	54,000	10,218	13,495	77,713
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2017	54,000	10,218	13,495	77,713
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 April 2016	-	9,961	13,002	22,963
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for Year	-	64	123	187
At 31 March 2017	-	10,025	13,125	23,150
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 31 March 2017	54,000	193	370	54,563
As at 31 March 2016	54,000	257	493	54,750

As at 31 March 2016

Freehold Property

There is a charge registered by the London Borough of Sutton against all the charity's property.

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**Accruals**

	2017 £	2016 £
Independent Examiners Fee	400	400
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	-	1,823
Other accruals	211	244
	611	2,467

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 April 2016	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2017
Other	54,000	-	-	-	54,000
Restricted					
Big Lottery	4,529	31,414	30,075	-	5,869
ARTS Fund	500	500	-	-	1,000
Children in need	-	9,840	8,080	-	1,760
Sutton Community Fund	783	4,906	5,689	-	-
City Bridge Trust	6,661	14,550	18,864	-	2,347
LBS MOPAC	3,015	31,980	29,701	-	5,294
	69,488	93,190	92,409	-	70,270
Unrestricted	50,172	21,924	1,987	-	70,109
	119,660	115,114	94,396	-	140,379

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2017

I report on the accounts for The Women's Centre (Sutton) for the year ended 31st March 2017.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for Independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent review

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe, that in any material respect, the requirements have not been met:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities; or

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



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Date: 31st August 2017