

THE HOPE PROGRAMME
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended
31 MARCH 2019

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

Introduction

The Trustees of the Hope Programme (registered charity number 1160274) submit the annual accounts and their report for the year 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019.

The Trustees state that the Hope Programme has had a satisfactory year.

Legal and administrative details

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 and Linda Parsons
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



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Hope Programme: Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 APRIL 2018

To 31 MARCH 2019

Charity name: The Hope Programme

Charity registration number: 1160274

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The charity's objects as set out in its governing document are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To relieve the trauma and distress of victims, their non-offending family members, carers and significant others who have suffered the harm caused by rape and/or sexual violence, whenever and wherever the crimes occurred.• To promote education and research in the subjects of rape and sexual violence and the effects on victims, survivors and the wider community. <p>The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Our longer-term aim continues for victims of rape and sexual abuse to have improved access to safe and effective multi-sectional services to help them to cope and recover from the aftermath and trauma of the crimes.</p> <p>The Hope Programme works across Bedfordshire, providing services for female and male victims of recent and non-recent rape and sexual violence to enable them to cope and recover from the impact and trauma of the abuse. We have established outreach centres in Bedford, Luton, Dunstable and Central Bedfordshire. We aim to ensure equality of choice and access to justice for victims, their families and significant others through additional</p>

		<p>community settings.</p> <p>We have an small core team and 10 experienced and qualified counsellors for counselling and therapy. We offer an wide range of therapy interventions including short term, creative, person centred and medium-longer term counselling.</p> <p>We have an helpline. An recently re-designed website and access to group work.</p> <p>We aim to influence improved policies, local and national action plans including for better and appropriate local services for those who continue to fall through the statutory and community gaps with lifelong impacts such as mental health, drugs and alcohol misuse, homelessness and loneliness. We will continue to offer safeguarding and prevention advice. We actively support the wider cross government aim of reducing victimisation.</p> <p>In 2018/2019 our Chief Executive and team of counsellors provided counselling, coaching, pre-trial therapy, emotional support, information, signposting to 490 victims of rape and sexual violence and 15 family members or significant others in their lives. 307 people including front line workers called our help line for advice, first point of contact support and third-party referrals.</p> <p>Hope is the only specialist service for female and male victims of sexual abuse in Bedfordshire, filling a critical gap in services. Increasingly referrals are made by generic commissioned well-being services.</p> <p>The Hope Programme is available Monday to Saturday inclusive, through a team of qualified and especially trained counsellors, life coaches and help line operators. We aim to enable and empower victims to reduce trauma, improve their lives, remove themselves from harm and address the impacts of the crimes they have faced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A telephone help line • Clinical assessment of needs
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free, 1-1 face to face in person counselling • Counselling options to fit with clients choices and needs • Protective behaviours advice to reduce repeat victimisation • Pre-trial therapy compliant with CPS guidance • Signposting to other services • Supervision • Coaching • Training for professionals and communities • Awareness raising <p>The Hope Programme has achieved much during 2018/2019 through best use of our resources. We evidence good outcomes for clients; we have strong networks that extend our reach and impact to diverse communities and we have secured statutory and charitable funding.</p> <p>The Board and Chief Executive know the creation of a more sustainable service as its top priority. The National Lottery Community Fund and the Ministry of Justice has enabled us to continue to employ office support with an community-based facility in Luton.</p> <p>National Lottery Community Fund Award granted in February 2017 for three years continues to help and motivate us to building capabilities.</p> <p>NHS Pilot</p> <p>We are the provider for services to adult victims of sexual violence through a regional NHS pilot aimed at supporting victims direct from the Bedfordshire Sexual Referral Centre with short term solution focused counselling. The funding covers service and management costs.</p> <p>Helpline Service</p> <p>Our helpline is a telephone service dedicated to representing, supporting and improving services.</p>
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		In 2018/2019 we joined the Helplines Partnership and trained 6 people in helpline and management of calls. We surpassed the Helplines Standard, ensuring we are effectively meeting the choices and needs of service users, workers, funders and partners.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>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.</p> <p>Due regard has also been given to relevant guidance in planning future activities. In particular the CEO and Trustees consider carefully how planned activities will positively contribute to the aims and objectives they have.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Hope has had another successful year with our small core team managing increasing referrals, complex historic and recent victims of sexual violence, forming innovative partnerships such as with Embrace CVOC, researching and developing new services for those who require broader skills than mainstream agencies are not able to support.</p> <p>We are the only Bedfordshire based charity focussed on supporting victims of sexual crimes.</p> <p>We are a trauma informed service, focussed on the relief of trauma, avoid triggers for additional trauma, all staff and volunteers are trauma trained including for pre-trial therapy, work to safety, choice and collaboration with service users.</p> <p>We believe that partnerships are key to our sustainability and will support our aim to reach more victims particularly from diverse groups and rural areas.</p> <p>We include young men, older people, those with disabilities and underserved groups such as LGBTQ people, ex-offenders and those caught in the cycle of offending/victimisation as those who may need specialist support that is not easily within their grasp.</p> <p>We received over 1200 requests and referrals for advice, personal support, access to counselling.</p> <p>We supported over 250 people through our counselling and therapy services.</p> <p>The benefits to victims are robustly managed through CORE and other metrics. Victims and family members received clinical assessments and counselling.</p> <p>Referrals from the NHS have enabled 70 additional recent or non-recent victims to benefit from short term solution focussed therapy aimed at helping them to go forward and make informed decisions.</p> <p>We have re-launched our website to include self-referral for victims and we are looking for additional counselling to better reach</p>

		victims in semi-rural areas.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have exceeded our service objectives and outcomes.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>At the balance sheet date, the charity had total funds of £58,078</p> <p>This consisted of £28,322 unrestricted funds and £29,756 of restricted funds.</p> <p>The unrestricted funds enable Hope to cover management and administration support costs and respond to emergency requests that may arise.</p> <p>Restricted funds are used in accordance with grant conditions imposed by funders or which have been raised by Hope for specific purposes.</p> <p>We work to the Charity Commission advice to retain sufficient free reserves for future sustainability. We rely on voluntary funding and grants and ensure we have sufficient reserves are held for short term continuance of services.</p> <p>Our trustees review our financial policies including relating to reserves quarterly.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Board of Trustees has examined the requirement for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. The Charity has no fixed assets and limited financial commitments. The main financial risk is the monthly salary commitment to the CEO and the counselling team session rates. The estimate is that six months reserves would be a minimum requirement amounting to £22,000 in general funds.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.220	£28,322
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	This is covered in risks

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Rape Support Fund - April 2019 – March 2022</p> <p>National Lottery Community Fund – April 2017 – March 2020</p> <p>NHS pilot – August 2018 – August 2020</p>
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Financial sustainability</p> <p>Competition with larger charities/organisations for contracts</p> <p>Management of longer term impact</p> <p>Compliance – e.g. data protection</p> <p>Retention of skills and expertise in our specialist area</p> <p>These risks are managed through the trustees and CEO by reference to funding, forward planning, succession planning, partner opportunities. We have a strategy in place designed to achieve the long-term aims of their charity. Trustees regularly consider whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity is focused on the right activities • the funding in place supports the strategic plans • the current economic/political climate is affecting funding and delivery • there are immediate challenges, opportunities and risks and • continued operation is the best use of scarce funding and resources.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	We have a constitution through a deed of trust
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is an CIO – reg no 1160274
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The trustees who have served during the year are set out in the report. The body of trustees shall consist of no fewer than 3 people. Existing trustees shall appoint nominated trustees with each appointment made for a term of three years up to a maximum of six years. Trustees meet on a regular basis, at least four times a year. Recruitment is constant with the aim of recruiting diversity and skills for the Board. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration nor benefits.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Newly appointed trustees receive external training including financial and legal and guidance from existing trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We work to the ethical guidance of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy, the service standards of the Survivors Trust, the Helplines Partnership.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Hope Programme
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1160274 – CIO
Charity's principal address	27 Chartwell Drive Luton Bedfordshire LU2 7JD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tim Pascoe	treasurer		Hope Management Board
2	Linda Parsons	chairperson		
3	Roderick Barker			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Margaret Barker CEO

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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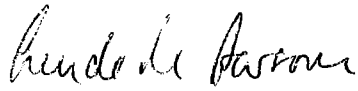
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alexander Tim Pascoe	Linda M. Parsons
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee/treasurer	Chair.
Date	20 January 2020	

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 March 2019

			2019	2018
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		-	-	-
Charitable activities	2	38,200	98,859	137,059
Other		-	-	-
Total income and endowments		38,200	98,859	137,059
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	3	6,712	87,603	94,315
Other	4	1,213	8,070	9,283
Total expenditure		7,925	95,673	103,598
Net income		30,275	3,186	33,461
Transfers between funds		(7,643)	7,643	-
Net movement in funds		22,632	10,829	33,461
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total funds brought forward		5,690	18,927	24,617
Total funds carried forward		28,322	29,756	58,078

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

At 31 March 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
<u>Current assets</u>			
Cash at bank		57,253	28,074
Cash in hand		963	963
Other debtors		2,031	-
		<u>60,247</u>	<u>29,037</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other creditors		29	2,500
Accruals		2,140	1,920
		<u>2,169</u>	<u>4,420</u>
Net current assets		<u>58,078</u>	<u>24,617</u>
Net assets		<u>58,078</u>	<u>24,617</u>
<u>Capital funds</u>			
Unrestricted	7	28,322	5,690
Restricted	7	29,756	18,927
<u>Total funds</u>		<u>58,078</u>	<u>24,617</u>

The financial statements on pages 1 to 8 were approved by the board of trustees on 20 January 2020.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:



Chair – Linda Parsons

20 January 2020



Treasurer – Tim Pascoe

20 January 2020

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At 31 March 2019

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 - the 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) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), 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 as it applies from 1 January 2015.

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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 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.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

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

Leasing commitments

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

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2 Charitable Activities

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Grants</u>				
National Lottery Fund	-	38,715	38,715	58,949
Ministry of Justice	-	45,553	45,553	43,812
Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation	-	-	-	4,984
VOCypf	-	-	-	200
NHS Talking Therapies Pilot	36,250	-	36,250	-
Bedfordshire Victims Partnership	-	4,290	4,290	-
Bedfordshire Police PCC/Families First	-	9,751	9,751	-
Other	1,950	550	2,500	-
	<u>38,200</u>	<u>98,859</u>	<u>137,059</u>	<u>107,945</u>

Grants received in 2018 totalled £107,945 of which £13,812 was attributable to unrestricted funds and £94,133 was attributable to restricted funds.

3 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total 2019</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Counselling	520	15,939	16,459	13,515
Accountancy fees	360	2,515	2,875	4,086
Advertising	3,858	390	4,248	75
Bank charges	-	-	-	8
Coaching	-	(176)	(176)	5,068
Consultancy fees	-	715	715	2,761
Equipment expensed	350	1,354	1,704	1,202
Insurance	-	867	867	877
Legal and professional	-	-	-	4,928
Postage	-	177	177	13
Office rental	159	9,435	9,594	7,151
Management (see note 5)	-	41,824	41,824	27,438
Recruitment costs	-	869	869	626
Service delivery	985	8,220	9,205	10,327
Telephone	255	1,687	1,942	1,088
Travel and subsistence	219	3,498	3,717	3,921
Trustees expenses	6	38	44	44
Volunteer expense	-	251	251	12
	<u>6,712</u>	<u>87,603</u>	<u>94,315</u>	<u>83,140</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities in 2018 totalled £83,140 of which £9,529 was attributable to unrestricted funds and £73,611 was attributable to restricted funds.

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4 Analysis of other costs

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2018</u>
	£	£	£	£
IT services and software	436	2,471	2,907	1,347
Staff training and welfare	634	894	1,528	2,440
Stationery and printing	14	79	93	116
Subscriptions	25	743	768	320
Office and general administration	104	883	987	1,267
Supervision	-	3,000	3,000	1,250
	1,213	8,070	9,283	6,740

Expenditure on other costs in 2018 totalled £6,740 of which £1,643 was attributable to unrestricted funds and £5,097 was attributable to restricted funds.

5 Management

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2018</u>
	£	£	£	£
Management fees	-	-	-	2,400
Management salary	-	27,620	27,620	18,600
Volunteer co-ordinator salary and pension	-	14,204	14,204	6,438
	-	41,824	41,824	27,438

Management expenditure in 2018 totalled £27,438 of which £3,420 was attributable to unrestricted funds and £24,018 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 (2018: same). The average number of staff employed during the year was 3 (2018: 3).

7 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2018: £nil).

Travel costs amounting to £16 (2018: £43) were reimbursed to one (2018: two) trustees.

No trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered by the charity during the year (2018: same).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £27,620 (2018: £18,600). 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 £400 (2018: £nil) and bookkeeping services of £1,500 (2018: £1,920).

9 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2018: same).

10 Analysis of net assets by fund

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	2019
				£
Current assets	30,462	-	29,785	60,247
Current liabilities	(2,140)	-	(29)	(2,169)
	<u>28,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,756</u>	<u>58,078</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	2018
				£
Current assets	10,110	-	18,927	29,037
Current liabilities	(4,420)	-	-	(4,420)
	<u>5,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,927</u>	<u>24,617</u>

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11 Fund reconciliation

	Opening 2019 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Closing 2019 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	(1,238)	38,200	(7,925)	(715)	28,322
Ministry of Justice - Victims of child sexual abuse	6,928	-	-	(6,928)	-
	5,690	38,200	(7,925)	(7,643)	28,322
Restricted funds					
Bedfordshire PCC - New dawn project	2,014	-	(2,014)	-	-
Bedfordshire PCC/Families First	-	9,751	(9,751)	-	-
Bedfordshire Victims Partnership	-	4,290	(4,290)	-	-
Ministry of Justice - Rape support	686	45,553	(46,206)	6,928	6,921
National Lottery – Reaching communities	13,874	38,715	(32,697)	-	19,892
National Lottery – coaching for growth	137	550	-	-	687
Big Lottery – capabilities review	-	-	(715)	715	-
BLCF – Mark West fund for women	2,216	-	-	-	2,216
	18,927	98,859	(95,673)	7,643	29,756
	24,617	137,059	(103,598)	-	58,078
	Opening 2018 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Closing 2018 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	4,522	1,812	(7,051)	(521)	(1,238)
Ministry of Justice – Victims of child sexual abuse	-	12,000	(4,121)	(951)	6,928
Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
	4,522	13,812	(11,172)	(1,472)	5,690
Restricted funds					
Awards for All	(24)	-	-	24	-
Bedfordshire PCC New Dawn Project	2,014	-	-	-	2,014
Bedfordshire PCC - ISVA	(150)	-	-	150	-
Home office – Rape support fund	190	30,000	(29,504)	-	686
Big Lottery – Reaching communities	-	37,341	(23,467)	-	13,874
Big Lottery – coaching for growth	-	9,989	(9,852)	-	137
Big Lottery – capabilities review	-	11,819	(12,166)	347	-
BLCF – Mark West fund for women	-	4,984	(2,768)	-	2,216
Bedfordshire Victims Partnership	-	-	(951)	951	-
	2,030	94,133	(78,708)	1,472	18,927
	6,552	107,945	(89,880)	-	24,617

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11 Fund reconciliation - continued

The trustees have reassessed the Ministry of Justice victims of Child Sexual Abuse fund and classified it as a restricted fund hence the £6,928 transfer from unrestricted to restricted funds.

Fund descriptions

Unrestricted funds

NHS 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.

Restricted funds

Bedfordshire PCC Families First - a partnership project with Families First Bedfordshire to provide support including 1-1 counselling and group support to male victims of rape and sexual abuse.

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 Victims Partnership - to enable better services for victims of crime in Bedfordshire through better and more available communications, information sharing, diversity and co-ordinated access to services.

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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 2019 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: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 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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