

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1049826**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024  
for  
Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre  
(Cheshire and Merseyside)**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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**

**Services**

RASASC offers a range of services to adults and children who have been affected by sexual violence including:

- Information Line
- Independent Sexual Violence Advisors
- Children & Young People's Independent Sexual Violence Advisors
- Specialist Counselling
- Specialist Children & Young People's Counselling
- Group Work
- Training to professionals and the public

**Mission Statement**

Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre aims to be a centre of excellence in the provision and delivery of services to individuals and families who have been affected by sexual violence. We believe that sexual violence is a cause and consequence of gender inequality and work to feminist principals throughout our service delivery.

**Service Aims**

- To maintain a free and confidential service, which is therapeutic and educational.
- To provide the choice of women only space in all aspects of our service delivery.
- To respect the rights of women, men and young people who access our service.
- To support clients in making decisions through counselling and information.
- To raise awareness of issues related to sexual violence.
- To maintain confidentiality, allowing service users to trust the service we offer.
- To evaluate the service on a regular basis and to develop the service in response to the demands of our clients, where possible.

**Charitable Objects**

The objects of the service are -

1. To relieve the physical, mental and emotional distress of people from Cheshire and Merseyside and surrounding area who have experienced any form of sexual violence.
2. To relieve the distress of relatives and friends of such victims through the provision of counselling and support.

**Public benefit**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, our Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit : running a charity (PB2)'

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The charity has achieved its objectives by receiving 2500 individual referrals for survivors of sexual violence. During the course of the year 3600 people have been supported by ourselves. These referrals were processed by our Pathway Navigator Team and would be offered one or more of the following services: Independent Sexual Advisor Support, Pre-trial counselling, Specialist therapy, Support Group, Drop in and or Information Line Signposting and support. The Information Line was open Monday to Friday 9.00 till 4.00 providing advice, information, and signposting. We have hosted the position of the North West Marketing and Communications Manager which evidences our approach to partnership work as this position brings together all local services and actively promotes the SARC Care Pathway.

**Our impact**

We have offered 9860 counselling sessions and 2272 initial assessments and 7000 ISVA support sessions. Our service users report that 95% feel better informed about the Criminal Justice System, 90% feel more confident, 86% felt that our service had aided their recovery from trauma and 90% felt an improved quality of life.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

The charity generated a surplus of £25,675 in the year, this surplus will be used to fund ongoing services.

**Principal funding sources**

The charity mainly relies on funding obtained from national and local government by application for specific projects and work and has secured contracts to work in partnership with local Sexual Assault Referral Centres to deliver a seamless aftercare service in Cheshire East, Cheshire West & City of Chester, Halton, Knowsley, St Helens & Warrington. The Aftercare provision is jointly funded by Local Authorities, NHS England, Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner. National government funding comes from the MOJ Rape Support Fund.

**Investment policy and objectives**

The trustees have decided that surplus funds should be deposited in an account to maximise income, flexibility and security of capital. Surplus funds are deposited in a mixture of long and short term accounts.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees have decided, because of the dependence on external donors, to set the level of required unrestricted reserves at an amount equivalent to three to six months running costs. Unrestricted and restricted reserves are £693,455. The minimum level of reserves required to meet six months running costs are £650,000. These reserves will also enable us to meet redundancy costs. The reserves will be used to continue to provide services as funding agreements come to an end.

**Going concern**

The Trustees are continually reviewing the operations of the charity and its ability to deliver its objects. We have secured 2 Aftercare Contracts, one from Cheshire PCC that is in Year Three of a 5 Year term and one in partnership with Merseyside RASA that started in April 2023 for 3 years, ending in March 2026, with an opportunity to extend for a further 2 years. We believe that this means that the charity is a going concern and there are no immediate risks.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The charity was set up on 13th October 1995 and is governed by its rules adopted on that date, as amended on 2nd August 2000, 18th September 2001, 10th May 2005 and 30th September 2013. The charity operates under the name Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (Cheshire & Merseyside), abbreviated to RASASC.

We are a registered charity that works with people affected by sexual violence.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

All committee members retire from the office at the end of the next Annual General Meeting after the date on which they came into office, but may be re-elected or re-appointed.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Organisational structure**

RASASC is a registered charity (1049826) established in 1995 to provide advice, support and counselling to men, women and young people who have been affected by any form of sexual violence. We provide services throughout Cheshire and Merseyside, with centres based in Cheshire East, Cheshire West, Halton, St Helens, Knowsley and Warrington. We aim to ensure accessibility across our commissioned footprint and as such, in addition to these centres, we also deliver services in an outreach capacity within local community settings, such as health & children's centres.

The staff team is led by the Operations Director and consist of a Therapy Services Director, ISVA Manager, Training Manager and Office Manager who oversee a diverse staff team of 37 salaried and 10 sessional counsellors who provide a wide range of interventions to individuals and their families who have been affected by sexual violence. We employ Independent Sexual Violence Advisors to provide rapid response interventions, advocacy and support with criminal justice, health and social interventions to individuals across all commissioned areas. RASASC provide an information line, regularly updated website with useful links; advocacy; support; specialist counselling; group work; and advice to over 2500 people per year.

**Pay Policy & Statement**

RASASC is committed to ensuring that our pay levels are set to support delivery of our aims and and illustrate effective use of our charitable funds. Our Board are committed to ensuring that every employee is paid a living wage as set by the Living Wage Commission.

The charity publishes the salary of the Chief Executive within its annual report. The number of staff paid over £60,000 is also published in accordance with the charity accounting SORP 2005 requirements. Currently nil.

Trustees are also committed to being transparent about salary scales both within and outside the organisation. Keeping the highest salary, no more than 3:1 ratio to the median salary.

Director Level pay is reviewed on a bi- annual basis and is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

All other staff posts are reviewed on an annual basis by the Senior Management Team.

Salaries reviews and scales will take into account the following:

How any decision might impact on the overall pay policy for all staff, especially where a 'remuneration ratio' is in place

The type of skills, experience, competences to meet the charity needs

A significant increase in responsibilities or major change in job description

The charity's current strategic plan and how this might affect future needs

The charity's ability to pay, now and in the future

An assessment of the individual's performance against expectations, where possible with clear evidence and targets

Appropriate available information on salary levels in other commercial businesses and charities relative to size, budgets, responsibilities. I.e., Benchmarking against other local charities.

The nature of the wider 'employment offer' where pay is only one part of the package (this might include additional benefits or less material factors such as work-life balance, flexibility, less pressure, etc.

The charity's track record in recruiting and retaining high-performing staff.

The likely impact of any decision on the public reputation of the charity.

**Board of Trustees**

RASASC is governed by a Board of Trustees which is responsible for governance of the organisation. Trustees bring a range of skills and represent a cross section of the community. Management Committee Meetings will be held each quarter to oversee: finance; strategy & development; human resource issues; management reports.

**Service User Consultation & Activism**

RASASC is committed to gathering and acting upon the feedback and opinions of those who use our service.

Information will be gathered in both verbal and written form, through use of individual care planning and review; evaluation forms; informal verbal feedback; service user groups and forums; and the Complaints Procedure.

Complaints will be responded to as per RASASC Complaints Policy. We hold a monthly stakeholder forum meeting that is open to current and ex- service users as well as members of the community who are interested in the subject.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Information will be collated and reviewed regularly by the Senior Management Team, who will identify trends and themes for presentation and discussion at Committee Meetings with the Board of Trustees.

Client evaluation and feedback will influence future service development and provision; RASASC will also respond to and inform service users of how their input has determined such development. This will be done in either written or verbal format as appropriate.

RASASC will actively seek client representation at committee meetings; to maintain safe and ethical practice this representative will be a former user of RASASC services.

RASASC will actively support service users, and former service users, to provide feedback and opinion to relevant stakeholders as appropriate. We will also seek to make our clients aware of local and national developments in relation to sexual violence and will support them to feel empowered and enabled to contribute to initiatives where ever possible.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

All Trustees receive an induction pack and adhere to the following code of conduct as well as taking part in our in house training course.

**Key management remuneration**

Key management remuneration is for finance officer, Rebecca Heath and Director of Operations, Julie Evans.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1049826

**Principal address**

4 Holmesfield Road  
Warrington  
Cheshire  
WA1 2DS

**Trustees**

T Renshaw (resigned 9.4.24)  
Dr L Walton Williams (resigned 9.4.24)  
E Beart (resigned 9.4.24)  
L Gardner Chairperson  
S Skelton  
L Cheetham (resigned 7.2.24)  
N B Brooks (appointed 10.4.24)  
Mrs K Joy (appointed 10.4.24)  
Mrs R Gerrard (appointed 10.4.24)

**Chief Executive**

J Evans

**Auditors**

Voisey & Co LLP  
8 Winmarleigh Street  
Warrington  
Cheshire  
WA1 1JW

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Bankers**

The Co-operative Bank  
Flagstone

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Voisey & Co LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

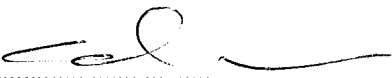
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... 11/12/2024 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
L Gardner - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (Cheshire and Merseyside) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

1 - We enquired of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation and claims in the context of the company, including review of relevant nominal ledger accounts.

2 - We obtained an understanding of laws, regulations and guidance that affect the company, focusing on those that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on their operations. Key laws, regulations and guidance that we identified included the Companies Act 2006, health and safety legislation and employment legislation.

3 - We enquired of management and those charged with governance to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We also reviewed meeting minutes where available for evidence of non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

4 - We reviewed the company's financial statement disclosures, and agreed all to supporting documentation to assess compliance with the applicable laws and regulations discussed above.

5 - We gained an understanding of the controls that management have in place to prevent and detect fraud. We enquired of management about any incidences of fraud that had taken place during the accounting period.

6 - The risk of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations was discussed within the audit team and tests were planned and performed to address these risks.

7 - In addressing the risk of fraud due to management override of controls, we performed testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

8 - We also challenge management assumptions with regard to accounting estimates.

Despite appropriate planning and performing our work in accordance with International Auditing Standards, there are always inherent limitations that non-compliance is not detected. Non-compliance with laws and regulations is often further removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements and material misstatements due to fraud can be deliberately concealed from auditors, for example through misrepresentation, forgery or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Warrington  
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WA1 1JW

Date: ..... 11/12/2024 .....

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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	2,913	653	3,566	6,298
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Advice, counselling and support	4	367,598	1,061,254	1,428,852	1,327,539
Investment income	3	1,953	-	1,953	92
<b>Total</b>		<u>372,464</u>	<u>1,061,907</u>	<u>1,434,371</u>	<u>1,333,929</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Advice, counselling and support	5	296,202	1,042,494	1,338,696	1,265,761
<b>NET INCOME</b>		76,262	19,413	95,675	68,168
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		248,899	418,881	667,780	599,612
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>325,161</u></u>	<u><u>438,294</u></u>	<u><u>763,455</u></u>	<u><u>667,780</u></u>


The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet  
31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	10,084	-	10,084	14,408
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	82,714	-	82,714	50,153
Cash at bank and in hand		232,363	470,176	702,539	695,911
		<u>315,077</u>	<u>470,176</u>	<u>785,253</u>	<u>746,064</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	-	(31,882)	(31,882)	(92,692)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>315,077</u>	<u>438,294</u>	<u>753,371</u>	<u>653,372</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>325,161</u>	<u>438,294</u>	<u>763,455</u>	<u>667,780</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>325,161</u>	<u>438,294</u>	<u>763,455</u>	<u>667,780</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	12			325,161	248,899
Restricted funds				438,294	418,881
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>763,455</u>	<u>667,780</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11/12/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
L Gardner - Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	7,222	98,317
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>7,222</u>	<u>98,317</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,547)	(3,459)
Interest received		1,953	92
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(594)</u>	<u>(3,367)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			
		6,628	94,950
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>695,911</u>	<u>600,961</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>702,539</u></u>	<u><u>695,911</u></u>

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**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	95,675	68,168
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	6,871	11,103
Interest received	(1,953)	(92)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(32,561)	14,378
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(60,810)	4,760
	<u>7,222</u>	<u>98,317</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>7,222</u>	<u>98,317</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.23	Cash flow	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	695,911	6,628	702,539
	<u>695,911</u>	<u>6,628</u>	<u>702,539</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>695,911</u>	<u>6,628</u>	<u>702,539</u>

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**Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity has sufficient resources and funding for the foreseeable future and as a result have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

These financial statements have been prepared in sterling (£) and shall be rounded to the nearest £

**Going concern**

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. In the Trustees' opinion the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and there are no material uncertainties that affect the charity's ability to operate on the going concern basis for the foreseeable future.

**Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future.

The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

In addition, FRS 102 requires an entity to assess at each reporting date whether there is any indication that assets within a class may be impaired i.e. the recoverable amount of the asset is less than the carrying amount. If any such indication exists, management are required to estimate the recoverable amount of the individual assets concerned.

Management judgement is applied to determine if revenue and costs should be recognised in the current period.

**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.

Donations, are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Income**

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**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.

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity to enable it to fulfil its core operations.

- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

**Governance costs**

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Plant and machinery	- 15% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Tangible assets are initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, or net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Individual fixed assets costing less than £500 are not capitalised.

An impairment review is carried out each year.

**Related party exemption**

The charity has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**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.

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

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

**Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's statement of financial position when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the net asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**Other financial assets**

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publically traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

**Impairment of financial assets**

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

**Derecognition of financial assets**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Financial instruments**

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

**Employee benefits**

The costs of the short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the costs of stock or fixed assets. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations	3,566	6,298
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**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,953	92
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		31.3.24	31.3.23
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Advice, counselling and support	1,428,852	1,327,539
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Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
MOJ Rape Support Fund (Merseyside)	63,000	-
Ministry of Justice Rape Support Fund	297,598	274,501
Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner	316,272	260,138
Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner	654,656	704,134
Big Lottery	24,576	87,766
Morrisons Garden Project	-	1,000
Postcode lottery	70,000	-
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	<u>1,426,102</u>	<u>1,327,539</u>

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**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Advice, counselling and support	1,316,371	22,325	1,338,696
	<u>1,316,371</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>1,338,696</u>

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Advice, counselling and support	16,775	5,550	22,325
	<u>16,775</u>	<u>5,550</u>	<u>22,325</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

Marketing and Communication expenses of £1,930 were paid to one trustee during the year.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Wages and salaries	941,854	866,693
Social security costs	76,395	74,246
Other pension costs	17,953	17,251
	<u>1,036,202</u>	<u>958,190</u>

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Administration	2	2
Advisors and counsellors	36	35
	<u>38</u>	<u>37</u>

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

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**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2023	2,466	881	78,077	81,424
Additions	698	-	1,849	2,547
	<u>3,164</u>	<u>881</u>	<u>79,926</u>	<u>83,971</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2023	2,248	881	63,887	67,016
Charge for year	160	-	6,711	6,871
	<u>2,408</u>	<u>881</u>	<u>70,598</u>	<u>73,887</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2024	<u>756</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,328</u>	<u>10,084</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,190</u>	<u>14,408</u>

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade debtors	61,046	28,999
Prepayments	21,668	21,154
	<u>82,714</u>	<u>50,153</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade creditors	3,814	10,511
Social security and other taxes	18,860	18,789
Other creditors	4,458	4,165
Accruals and deferred income	4,750	59,227
	<u>31,882</u>	<u>92,692</u>

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**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR - continued**

Deferred income comprises sales invoices raised in advance of the year to which it relates.

	31.03.24
	£
Balance as at 1st April 2023	55,227
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(55,227)
Amount deferred in year	-
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Balance as at 31st March 2024	-
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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	248,899	6,262	255,161
Stablisation with children and teenagers	-	70,000	70,000
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	248,899	76,262	325,161
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire aftercare	266,163	(114,628)	151,535
Knowsley	48,330	5,204	53,534
St Helens	12,538	103,410	115,948
Rape Crisis Federation	950	-	950
CSA Inquiry Support Fund	2,675	-	2,675
Project Winter	1,954	-	1,954
Big Lottery	39,641	(4,143)	35,498
Digital Transformation Project	20,001	-	20,001
Live Chat	1,335	-	1,335
Ministry Of Justice - Merseyside	452	-	452
Sexual Violence Communications and Engagement Project	22,360	29,572	51,932
Project Apple	2,482	-	2,482
Morrisons Garden Project	-	(310)	(310)
Merseyside Rape Support	-	308	308
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	418,881	19,413	438,294
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>667,780</u>	<u>95,675</u>	<u>763,455</u>

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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	302,464	(296,202)	6,262
Stablisation with children and teenagers	70,000	-	70,000
	<u>372,464</u>	<u>(296,202)</u>	<u>76,262</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire aftercare	588,059	(702,687)	(114,628)
Knowsley	105,000	(99,796)	5,204
St Helens	219,045	(115,635)	103,410
Big Lottery	24,576	(28,719)	(4,143)
Sexual Violence Communications and Engagement Project	55,227	(25,655)	29,572
Morrisons Garden Project	-	(310)	(310)
Merseyside Rape Support	70,000	(69,692)	308
	<u>1,061,907</u>	<u>(1,042,494)</u>	<u>19,413</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,434,371</u></u>	<u><u>(1,338,696)</u></u>	<u><u>95,675</u></u>

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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	247,984	1,001	(86)	248,899
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Cheshire aftercare	254,532	11,631	-	266,163
Knowsley	43,939	4,391	-	48,330
St Helens	1,760	10,778	-	12,538
Rape Crisis Federation	950	-	-	950
CSA Inquiry Support Fund	2,675	-	-	2,675
Project Winter	1,954	-	-	1,954
Big Lottery	21,548	18,093	-	39,641
Digital Transformation Project	20,001	-	-	20,001
Live Chat	1,335	-	-	1,335
Ministry Of Justice - Merseyside	452	-	-	452
Sexual Violence Communications and Engagement Project	-	22,360	-	22,360
Project Apple	2,482	-	-	2,482
Morrisons Garden Project	-	(86)	86	-
	<u>351,628</u>	<u>67,167</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>418,881</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>599,612</u>	<u>68,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>667,780</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	274,950	(273,949)	1,001
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cheshire aftercare	663,157	(651,526)	11,631
Knowsley	122,265	(117,874)	4,391
St Helens	137,873	(127,095)	10,778
Big Lottery	87,766	(69,673)	18,093
Sexual Violence Communications and Engagement Project	46,918	(24,558)	22,360
Morrisons Garden Project	1,000	(1,086)	(86)
	<u>1,058,979</u>	<u>(991,812)</u>	<u>67,167</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,333,929</u>	<u>(1,265,761)</u>	<u>68,168</u>

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**13. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of which are held separately from the assets of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £17,953 (2023: £17,251).

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**15. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

**Core**

General funds including the Rape Support Fund that fund the provision of advice, information and support to people affected by Sexual Violence across our core areas of Cheshire and parts of Merseyside,.

**Cheshire Aftercare Service**

A comprehensive aftercare service for all survivors of sexual violence who live in Cheshire. The service is an ageless service that provides support to adults and children whether the offence happened recently or historically. The provision includes Independent Sexual Violence Advisors, Information Line, Adult Counselling Service, Childrens Counselling Service and Survivor Groups. The service is funded by Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Cheshire East Local Authority, Cheshire West Local Authority, Warrington Local Authority, Halton Local Authority and NHS England.

**Merseyside Aftercare Service**

In partnership with Merseyside RASA this provides a comprehensive aftercare service for all survivors of sexual violence who live in Knowsley and St Helens, Merseyside. The service is an ageless service that provides support to adults and children whether the offence happened recently or historically. The provision includes Independent Sexual Violence Advisors, Information Line, Adult Counselling Service, Childrens Counselling Service and Survivor Groups. The service is funded by Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner, NHS England and Knowsley Public Health

**Big Lottery**

A project that funds drop in work, group work and volunteering opportunities across Cheshire, Knowsley and St Helens.

**Sexual Violence Communications and Engagement Project**

Hosting a 2 year post for a North West Sexual Violence Communications and Engagement Manager who works in collaboration with North West Police Crime Commissioners, NHS England, and Sexual Assault & Abuse Services to promote the sexual violence pathway across the region.

**Other Funds**

There a number of small fund balances relating to one off projects which were not fully expended initially but will be utilised going forward.

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**16. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees, Finance Officer and the Chief Executive. The total employment benefits of the key management personnel were £76,553 (2023 £71,732).

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	3,566	6,298
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	1,953	92
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	1,428,852	1,327,539
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	1,434,371	1,333,929
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	941,854	866,693
Social security	76,395	74,246
Pensions	17,953	17,251
Rent and service costs	88,045	83,934
Rates and water	1,110	1,046
Insurance	5,922	5,661
Light and heat	8,345	7,374
Telephone	15,397	13,915
Postage and stationery	3,755	3,303
Advertising	1,302	2,037
Staff expenses	7,003	8,637
Cleaning and catering	10,627	10,940
Training	12,171	17,838
Supervisors	13,380	10,655
Subscriptions	4,148	3,794
Professional fees	16,814	14,582
Counselling services	65,078	71,294
ISVA Conference	400	350
Computer support and website costs	26,071	23,677
Bank charges	601	-
	1,316,371	1,237,227
 <b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Repairs and renewals	9,904	12,911
Plant and machinery	160	90
Carried forward	10,064	13,001

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Management</b>		
Brought forward	10,064	13,001
Computer equipment	6,711	11,013
	<u>16,775</u>	<u>24,014</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	5,550	4,520
	<u>1,338,696</u>	<u>1,265,761</u>
Total resources expended		
<b>Net income</b>	<u>95,675</u>	<u>68,168</u>

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