Charity number: 1155092
Company number: 06597997

Muslim Women's Network UK

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the period ended 31 March 2026

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1155092
Company registration number	06597997
Business address	1192 Stratford Road Hall Green Birmingham B28 8AB
Registered office	1192 Stratford Road Hall Green Birmingham B28 8AB
Trustees	Dr Iram Sattar MBE (Co-Chair & Treasurer) Nazmin Akthar (Co-Chair) Sophie Garner (Resigned Oct 2025) Faeeza Vaid MBE Ibtisam Belola Angela Dainton (Resigned Nov 2025)
Accountants	RUS & Company (UK) Ltd 1190A-1192 Stratford Road Hall Green Birmingham B28 8AB

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report) for the period ended 31 March 2026

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2026. The trustees, who are also directors of Muslim Women's Network UK for the purposes of company law and who served during the period and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Incorporation and Status
The MWNUK was incorporated as a Community Interest Company with a Memorandum of Articles on 20th May 2008. The company registration number is 6597997. The company operates as a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of it's members in the event of a winding up is limited to £1 per member. The name of the company was changed to Muslim Women's Network UK Ltd on 27 November 2013. The company was also registered as a charity in December 2013 with the Charity No: 1155092. On the 29th of October 2018 Limited was removed from the organisational name to be known as Muslim Women's Network UK.

Organisational Structure
The overall control of MWNUK lies with the Board of Directors who have the power and legal duty to oversee and decide on all matters concerning MWNUK, subject to the Memorandum of Articles and agreed policies and procedures. The Chairpersons are responsible for the management of the Board of Directors, and the CEO is responsible for the day to day management of MWNUK. The Chairperson and the CEO report directly to the Board of Directors.

Description and Objectives

MWNUK works nationally to improve the quality of the lives of Muslim women and girls. Our mission is therefore to achieve equality and justice for Muslim Women and girls through support, education, research and advocacy. We believe these activities will lead to our vision of a society where Muslim women and girls fully utilise rights, choices and voices.

We have three strategic objectives:
1) Safety - Upholding the rights of Muslim Women and girls to be and feel safe.
2) Inclusion - Upholding the rights of Muslim Women and girls to be and feel included.
3) Solidarity - Building a solidarity movement for Muslim women and girls.

Strategic Activities (to deliver objectives)

a) Activities to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls, including but not limited to domestic abuse, honour-based abuse and violence, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, financial abuse and exploitation, economic abuse, spiritual abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour, forced marriage, female genital mutilation, other forms of abuse affecting women and girls, harmful practices and safeguarding concerns;

b) Activities to prevent and respond to anti-Muslim stereotyping, prejudice, hostility, discrimination, racism, hate crime and inequality;

c) Activities to promote mental health awareness, wellbeing, resilience, social inclusion and community cohesion, and to support individuals and communities experiencing disadvantage, exclusion, discrimination, abuse, hostility or inequality;

d) Advocacy, advice, counselling, helpline services, legal education, education, training, research, policy engagement and awareness-raising activities; and

e) Community engagement and support activities designed to advance equality, inclusion and participation in society

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Performance

In 2025, the MWN culturally sensitive multilingual helpline service received approximately 4300 contacts, supporting 1547 service users directly. An additional 1040 beneficiaries, primarily children, were indirectly supported, through the help provided to their mothers. We also provided around 500 counselling sessions to 71 service users (although number of sessions varies per person, the average is 7 sessions).

Most service users were victims of gender-based violence including domestic abuse, sexual abuse, financial /economic abuse, coercive control, psychological abuse, technology-facilitated abuse, stalking/ harassment, honour-based abuse and forced marriage. Victims were supported to rebuild their lives after abuse. Examples of support provided included:

- Providing safety advice / safety plans including finding safe accommodation
- Safeguarding, including involving police and social services
- Addressing mental health needs such as providing counselling
- Supporting with financial help e.g. access to benefits and emergency funds
- Supporting with access to training, employment, volunteering, social networks
- Providing information on support options available such as legal protections and access to legal help.

We launched an additional helpline, Muslim Safety Net to support victims of anti-Muslim abuse, hatred, hostility and discrimination. To complement both helplines, women are empowered with information about their rights via our Amal Safety mobile phone app.

During April 2025 to March 2026, our efforts to advocate for stronger policies, practices and protections for women and girls experiencing gender based violence and racial / anti-Muslim abuse included:

- Responding to 6 consultations on issues such as: funding to tackle VAWG; gendered Islamophobia; ethnicity / disability pay gap; combatting new forms of extremism; misogyny, manosphere / online content; and leave for bereavement / pregnancy loss.

- Giving oral evidence on community cohesion to the Housing, Communities Cross Party Parliamentary Committee and to the National Independent Maternity Inquiry.

- Working collaboratively with 4 organisations which included: presenting at the annual British Islamic Medical Association Conference on maternity safety; speaking at the Southall Black Sisters VAWG vigil; joint event with West Midlands Mayor on rising levels of racism / anti-Muslim hostility; and facilitating a conversation on Islamophobia at the Labour Party Fringe event organised by Runneymede and Islamic Relief UK.

- 12 letters were sent to Ministers at the MoJ, Home Office and MHCLG.

- Meetings with senior police officers at College of Policing and new EHRC Chair

- 5 Ministerial meetings / several meetings with civil servants Cabinet Office, MoJ, Home Office and MHCLG

- 22 Parliamentary oral contributions and 12 written questions (2025-2026)

To challenge public attitudes and raise awareness of VAWG/racism/anti-Muslim hostility we published 17 media statements and were quoted or interviewed 31 times in the media which included Guardian, Independent, Telegraph, BBC News, Hyphen, Good Morning ITV, LBC Radio and BBC Women's Hour.

Our digital reach grew by 18% to 443,650 downloads of our resources.

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Financial review

After deducting operational expenses of £403,022 from the total income of £390,289, The net resources amounted to (£12,731).

At the end of the financial year, the reserves were £251,711. However, after taking into account the assets of £13,937 (funds already spent), reserves available to spend is £237,774 of which £99,843 is restricted and £137,931 is unrestricted. Our reserves are being maintained in accordance with our Reserve Fund Policy and can only be spent in accordance with that policy. At present our reserves cover at least 3 months operating costs and costs to cover potential maternity pay.

The principal funding sources for the organisation were by way of grant income, donations and other activites for generating funds. These funds have been utilised in accordance with funder grant agreements.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Muslim Women's Network UK for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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 charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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On behalf of the board



Dr Iram Sattar MBE (Co-Chair & Treasurer)

31ST **October 2026**

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Muslim Women's Network UK.

I report on the accounts of Muslim Women's Network UK for the period ended 31 March 2026 set out on pages 2 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the Act, as amended; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, 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

have not been met; or

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

Independent examiner

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Statement of financial activities

For the period ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Year ended 31/03/26 Total £	Year ended 31/03/25 Total £
Incoming resources			
Voluntary income	2	389,519	403,409
Charitable Activites/Services	3	770	1,200
Total incoming resources		390,289	404,609
Cost of running charitable activities	4	403,022	373,552
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		(12,731)	31,057
Total funds brought forward		264,442	233,384
Total funds carried forward		251,711	264,442

Total reserves include £99,843 of restricted funds, £137,931 is unrrestricted funds and £13,937 assets.

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Income and expenditure account

For the period ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Year ended 31/03/26 £	Year ended 31/03/25 £
Income		390,289	404,609
Operating expenditure		(403,022)	(373,552)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		(12,731)	31,057

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2026

	Notes	£	31/03/26 £	£	31/03/25 £
Tangible assets	10		13,937		15,295
Current assets					
Debtors	11	150		86,234	
Cash at bank and in hand		488,704		319,473	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(251,080)		(156,560)	
Net assets			251,711		264,442
Funds	13				
Reserves			251,711		264,442
Total funds			251,711		264,442

Total reserves include £99,843 of restricted funds, £137,931 is unrestricted funds and £13,937 assets.

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

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Balance sheet (continued)

Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 March 2026

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the period stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ended 31 March 2026.

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the board on 18TH September 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Dr Iram Sattar MBE (Co-Chair & Treasurer)



31ST **October 2026**

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to financial statements
for the period ended 31 March 2026

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period and the preceding period.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the organisation, are recognised when the organisation becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

1.3. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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

1.4. Research and development

Research expenditure is written off to the profit and loss account in the year in which it is incurred.

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% reducing balance
Computer	-	33% reducing balance

1.6. Defined contribution pension schemes

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity during the period.

2. Voluntary income

	Year ended 31/03/26 £	Year ended 31/03/25 £
Donations	19,765	14,797
Grants - National Lottery (Helpline)	100,000	100,000
Grants - Tudor Trust (Membership)	-	64,062
Grants - Esmee Fairbairn (Advocacy)	76,856	67,199
Grants - Awards for All (Counselling)	6,080	13,620
Grants - Rosa (Capacity Building)	21,756	1,244
Grants - John Ellerman (Core costs)	31,000	35,000
Grants - Aziz Fnd (Advocacy Intern)	-	8,758
Grants - B'ham Council (Casework)	4,800	9,925
Grants - Coutts Foundation (Core Costs)	44,317	45,472
Grants - Dept. of Health (Research)	-	14,060
Grants - Pears Foundation (Core costs)	33,885	18,653
Grants - Warwick Uni (Marriage Project)	18,132	5,195
Grants - Eleanor Trust (Casework)	-	3,000
Grants - Islamic Relief (Casework)	20,128	2,424
Grants - Albert Hunt (Casework)	7,000	-
Grants - Grimmitt Trust (Counselling)	2,800	-
Grants - IMI Heart of England (Casework)	3,000	-
	389,519	403,409

3. Activities for generating funds

	Year ended 31/03/26 Total £	Year ended 31/03/25 Total £
Sponsorship income	770	1,200
	770	1,200

Notes to financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2026

4. Cost of running charitable activities

	Year ended 31/03/26 Total £	Year ended 31/03/25 Total £
	403,022	373,552

5. Governance costs

	Year ended 31/03/26 Total £	Year ended 31/03/25 Total £
Office expenses - Other	-	-
	-	-

6. Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the period

	Year ended 31/03/26 £	Year ended 31/03/25 £
Depreciation	4,711	4,983

7. Employees

	Year ended 31/03/26	Year ended 31/03/25
	£	£
Wages and salaries	246,422	236,079
Social security costs	15,072	8,818
Pension costs	4,505	3,872
Other staff costs	-	-
	265,999	248,769

Although social security costs of £15,072 are indicated, the costs actually totalled: £25,572. However, the National Insurance Contributions Employment Allowance rebate of £10,500 was owed to MWNUK.

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	Year ended 31/03/26 Number	Year ended 31/03/25 Number
	9	9

8. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and was as follows:

	Year ended 31/03/26	Year ended 31/03/25
	£	£
Pension charge	4,505	3,872

9. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

Notes to financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2026

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures fittings and equipment £	Computer £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2025	19,437	24,673	44,110
Opening balance adjustment		-	
Additions	580	2,772	3,352
At 31 March 2026	20,017	27,445	47,462
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2025	8,918	19,897	28,815
Charge for the period	2,220	2,491	4,711
At 31 March 2026	11,138	22,388	33,526
Net book values			
At 31 March 2026	8,879	5,057	13,936
At 31 March 2025	10,519	4,776	15,295

11. Debtors

	31/03/26 £	31/03/25 £
Trade debtors	150	86,234
	150	86,234

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31/03/26 £	31/03/25 £
Pension creditors	1,558	1,365
Trade creditors	3,298	3,090
Other taxes and social security	6,500	4,048
Accruals and deferred income	239,724	148,057
	251,080	156,560

* Accruals include £2,525 of accountancy fee and £117 of Payroll fee.
* Deferred income relates to grant income carried over:Awards for All (£20,000.00), Coutts Foundation (£29,104.96), Esmee Fairbairn (£64,497.63), Eveson Trust (£10,000), Forward Foundation (£12,000), Legal Education Foundation (£65,000), Lloyds Bank Foundation (£25,000), Pears Foundation (£8,006.84), Warwick University (£3,472.46).

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 March 2026 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	13,937	13,937
Current assets	488,854	488,854
Current liabilities	-251,080	-251,080
	251,711	251,711

14. Funds Analysis

	At 01 April 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2026 £
Reserves	264,442	390,289	403,022	251,711

15. Capital commitments

	31/03/26 2026 £	2025 £
Details of capital commitments at the accounting date are as follows:		
Rent payable	25,871	19,039

16. Trustee Expenses

During the year, the trustees expenses (travel / subsistence) related to their board duties were £2,064.

17. Company limited by guarantee

Muslim Women's Network UK is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the organisation in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

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Detailed statement of financial activities

For the period ended 31 March 2026

	Year ended 31/03/26 £	Year ended 31/03/25 £
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generating funds:		
Voluntary income		
Donations	19,765	14,797
Grants - National Lottery (Helpline)	100,000	100,000
Grants - Tudor Trust (Membership)	-	64,062
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	389,519	403,409
Activities for generating funds		
Sponsorship income	770	1,200
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Total incoming resources from generating funds	390,289	404,609
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		31/03/26		31/03/25
Resources expended		£		£
Costs of running charitable activites:				
Grants				
Events & workshops	3,090		410	
Advertising/Marketing	6,890		3,106	
Wages & salaries	246,422		236,079	
Employer's NIC	15,072		8,818	
Pension costs	4,505		3,872	
Victim Support	8,198		5,722	
Rent & Services	25,871		19,039	
Rates	167		167	
Insurance	2,296		2,226	
PPS/Resource Production	7,157		23,322	
Training	4,358		8,513	
Accountancy/Finance	3,921		3,603	
Research expense	100		2,600	
Subscriptions	778		717	
General Overheads	323		701	
Wellbeing	950		-	
Legal/Professional	10,570		5,671	
Telephone	6,751		6,691	
Websites, Databases & IT	22,494		12,316	
Counselling Service	18,025		17,325	
Depreciation of Computer/FFE	4,711		4,982	
Travelling and Accomodation	7,822		5,859	
Subsistence	2,550		1,810	
		403,022		373,551
		-		-
Total cost of running charitable activities		403,022		373,551

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For the period ended 31 March 2026

	Year ended 31/03/26 £	Year ended 31/03/25 £
Charitable activities		
Activities undertaken directly	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the period	(12,731)	31,057