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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS**  
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| <b>Trustees</b>                  | Cathy McCann, Chair<br>Marianne Moutray, Vice Chair<br>Mark Jackson, Secretary<br>Rev Dr David Clements<br>Dennis Godfrey<br>Martin McAnallen<br>Mark Kelly<br>Peter Heathwood<br>Prof Tony Gallagher<br>Dr Mary Hannon-Fletcher, Treasurer<br>Jill Caskey<br>Lynne Stevenson<br>Aoife Gormally |
| <b>Company registered number</b> | NI039420  |
| <b>Charity registered number</b> | NIC100204   |
| <b>Registered office</b>         | 5 Chichester Park South<br>Belfast<br>BT15 5DW  |
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015).

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

**Objectives and activities**

**a. Policies and objectives**

WAVE Trauma Centre (known as WAVE) was initially established in 1991 to support those bereaved and injured as a result of the Troubles. WAVE's objectives are:

1. The relief of poverty, sickness and distress suffered by those members of the public in Northern Ireland who have experienced bereavement and/or trauma through or as a result of the civil unrest in Northern Ireland.
2. The advancement of education of the community in the area of benefit in matters relating to the nature of such bereavement and/or trauma.

From September 2022 WAVE extended its remit to support survivors of Mother & Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouse (MBMLW) as outlined below. In addition to continuing to support survivors of Historical Institutional Abuse. .

The prime objectives for WAVE for 2022-2023 were to continue to provide a range of high-quality therapeutic support interventions on an individual and group basis from dedicated outreach centres and satellite projects across Northern Ireland, Ireland, Great Britain and in other areas of the world to meet the needs of victims and survivors of Northern Ireland's 'Troubles'/Conflict, survivors of Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA) and survivors of the Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses (MBMLW). Services include: :

- The provision of Outreach casework throughout Northern Ireland, Ireland, Great Britain and elsewhere in response to need.
- The extension of counselling and psychotherapeutic services for adults, young people and children through centre delivery, and from 18 satellite projects in Northern Ireland in addition to the acquisition of therapeutic services from accredited practitioners in Ireland, Great Britain and elsewhere as required.
- The extension of a complementary therapy service for adults and young people aged from 16 years and over.
- The provision of an extensive Health and Wellbeing programme focused on resilience, trauma and the body, post traumatic growth and ending social isolation.
- The provision of a specialist case management service for survivors of HIA.
- The provision of a specialist case management service for survivors of MBMLW.
- The continued development of advice and welfare assistance on both a centre and outreach basis.

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

- The provision of a new welfare service focused on supporting applicants for the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme (TPDPS).
- The continuation and revision of peer group support initiatives.
- The continuation of specialist group support initiatives for those injured or whose loved ones disappeared during The Troubles/Conflict.
- The development of an advocacy service to assist clients' work through legacy issues or other issues.
- The delivery of seminars, conferences and publications in order to continue to meet both the individuals' and their families' needs.

These objectives were fully met.

In respect of Trauma Education, the objectives were fully met with the delivery of:

- Accredited Trauma Education programmes at community, voluntary and statutory level from introductory level to post graduate level.
- The further development of continued Professional Development of front-line health and social care staff, allied health professional groups and key statutory and community agencies.
- The development of an innovative online post graduate trauma pathway.
- The further extension of WAVE's Citizenship Education Programme focused on promoting the need for trauma focused care for those bereaved, injured and traumatised as a result of The Troubles/Conflict.
- The provision of bespoke trauma education programmes to meet organizational needs.

Throughout 2022-2023 there was significant development and enhancement of accredited Trauma Education programmes delivered through a blended learning process. The post graduate pathway progressed to a Masters in Trauma Studies Programme with University College Cork. A number of bespoke trauma programmes were also developed and fully delivered to meet organizational needs, locally and internationally. Further details regarding the enhancement of trauma education are provided overleaf.

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

**b. Activities for achieving objectives**

During this period of reporting there were many challenges that were presented in meeting the demand for services. The longer-term ramifications of Covid on individuals' health and wellbeing, the ongoing progression of the British Government's Legacy Bill and the rising demand from those injured emerging out of the conflict placed pressure on the availability of staff and on resources. Despite these challenges a greater number of clients were reached not only in Northern Ireland but worldwide, a diverse range of online services were developed, and successfully delivered, and new initiatives were shaped and honed following review and evaluation regionally.

A central thrust of the team's work has been to ensure that all support and therapeutic services delivered by WAVE's staff and contractual team are consistent across the organisation's centres through a clear set of procedures and protocols with cases taken on a referral basis. The rising demand for services has resulted in the continued use of a triage system to ensure that services were responsive to those most in need. All services are underpinned by clear protocols, professional standards, and ethical frameworks. All front-line service providers at WAVE are accredited with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC) or with a respective professional body. This has many benefits. In particular it ensures that staff are committed to ongoing professional development and work within clear standards and an accountability framework.

**c. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit**

The rising patterns of increased referrals for victims and survivors of the Troubles continued through 2022-2023. There were three central reasons for the sustained increase in referrals-

- the progression of the British Government's legacy proposals despite such widespread opposition.
- the availability of the Troubles Permanent Disabled Payment Scheme (TPDPS) for those injured.
- and the impact of Covid which has resulted in a deterioration of individuals physical and mental health.

This placed significant considerable pressure on associated services given WAVE's internal referral processes. The work of the organisation is set out in the 2022-2023 Operational Plan. A list of achievements for 2022-2023 will be published in:

- WAVE's annual reporting structures.
- An organisational newsletter.
- Funding reports.
- Media briefings and,
- On online based resources such as WAVE's new website and social media platforms.

WAVE has continued to provide opportunities for student interns and volunteers during the period of reporting. The organisation has a dedicated volunteer group who deliver over 6,000 voluntary hours in WAVE across a diverse range of areas. The Eirene Student Intern Project, which has been in place for 11 years continued with a new intern. The contribution of all interns and volunteers both local and international have made a positive contribution to WAVE's work over 2022-2023.

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**Achievements and performance**

**a. Key Financial Performance Indicators**

The Victims and Survivors Service (VSS) - through the Victim Support Programme (VSP) and PEACE IV Health & Wellbeing and Advocacy Project have provided significant funding for groups working with Victims and Survivors of The Troubles. They have administered the programmes on behalf of The Executive Office. The PEACE IV projects have been supported by the European Union and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). WAVE was a named partner in an EU PEACE IV Workforce Training project lead by the Victims and Survivors Service. All EU PEACE IV funding ended in November 2022. An interim arrangement until the new EU Peace Plus Programme starts is now in place funded by The Executive Office.

From January 2021 WAVE received funding from VSS (who were administering funding for the NI Executive Office) to provide a range of therapeutic and support services for survivors of Historical Institutional Abuse from two dedicated bases in WAVE Belfast and WAVE Derry Londonderry for a five-year period.

In September 2022 WAVE was appointed to provide services for survivors of the Mother & Baby Institutions, Magdelene Laundries and Workhouses (MBMLW). This is an interim project funded for 18 months.

WAVE also receives funding and donations from Local Authorities, private individuals and commercial organizations and continues to meet the objectives set by funders and reports on the progress of its works in tailored reports.

WAVE has a reserves policy which was reviewed in 2022-2023 and is in line with both WAVE's and the Charity Commission's guidelines. The reserves are part of prudent management and take into account Charity Commission guidance. The movement in reserves and transfers between reserves for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 19. The balance of unrestricted reserves was £488,775 and the balance of restricted reserves was £874,367 on the 31st of March 2023.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

**b. Review of Activities**

For over 30 years WAVE has been at the forefront of delivering therapeutic and support services across the community to victims and survivors of The Troubles. It remains the only regional cross community group serving individuals regardless of their religious, political or cultural beliefs, or the circumstances of the incident. Despite the ongoing challenges which have been presented during this period such as the ongoing economic uncertainty; the legacy of Covid on mental health; the turmoil created by the British Government's proposed direction of travel on dealing with the Legacy of the Past; and the increased pressure regarding the TPDPs scheme for those injured, WAVE has continued to deliver a high standard of care, support and advocacy services to meet individuals' needs. The most pressing issue however, as evident in 2021- 2022 and continued throughout this financial year has been rising referrals in which demand outstrips resources, in addition to the complexity of cases presented. In addition, during the period of reporting the referral base for WAVE has continued to evolve with greater referrals from across Ireland, GB and from other areas across the world such as Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the United States. This reflects the movement of people out of northern and southern Ireland who were bereaved or injured as a result of the Troubles.

WAVE has a proven track record of delivering a psychosocial model of care. In 2021 these services were extended to survivors of Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA) through a new dedicated service which has grown and developed throughout 2022-2023. In September 2022 a small team were recruited to assist survivors of the Mother & Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses (MBMLW). During 2022-2023, WAVE consolidated service provision from its outreach centres and satellite projects throughout Northern Ireland, while the organization increased therapeutic networks in Ireland, GB and elsewhere and extended the range of services available to those without provision. The economic environment remained challenging, particularly in relation to raising unrestricted money that enabled diverse and complex needs to be met in full. However, the organisation delivered services in response to need by:

- Returning to greater face to face engagement supplemented with online services post the Covid restrictions.
- Offered an extended range of creative and group-based health and wellbeing services.
- Tailored a series of online resources focused on health and wellbeing, trauma education and personal development aimed at improving social connection.
- Continually refined the monitoring and evaluation frameworks to enable the organisation to work more effectively by utilizing the online casework management system.
- Developed innovative trauma education resources through face to face and increased online delivery.

There were a number of key areas of achievements in 2022-2023, beyond the areas highlighted above:

Covid brought many new ways of working as online programmes were developed and initiatives were shaped to meet needs. Over the year greater face-to-face work has taken place, with new and creative programmes on offer across all of the centres. Embracing the outdoors has been a key feature of work such as walking therapy, or group activities such as outdoor Tai Chi, walking groups or a whole new horticultural programme.

While internal issues could be managed through planning, monitoring and continual review, the external environment was more difficult to predict and had a direct impact on service delivery. The issue of addressing the legacy of the past has proved to be very challenging during this period of reporting. The devastating impact has been evident in new referrals to WAVE with an increased number of families bereaved who have been bereaved reengaging in service provision. In May 2022 the British Government published a Legacy Bill. There

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

has been opposed by political parties in Northern Ireland, the main churches and by all victims' groups. Despite this opposition the British Government have proceeded in taking the bill through the Committee stages ultimately leading to Royal Assent (Sept 2023) post year end. The bill has brought immense hurt, compounding the injustice and bringing trauma to the fore as reflected in the rising number of referrals of those bereaved to WAVE.

The raw nature of bereavement continues to be reflected in Silent Testimony which opened in the Long Gallery in Stormont on the 31st of March 2023. It was wonderful to see the paintings back on display. Family members travelled as far away as Chicago to see the portraits of their loved ones once again. For one of the families who's loved one, a sister died before the exhibition was unveiled, she described the exhibition being remounted as feeling that her mother was coming home. A truly poignant exhibition.

The creation of the TPDPs scheme, known as the Injured pension, has also led to increased work across the team throughout 2022-2023. While there have been many frustrations it has been positive to see awards being made to clients. At the close of business on 31st March 2023, 603 TPDPs applications have been submitted by the Welfare team with a further 540 on a waiting list. Whilst applications have increased, awards have still to be realized at the level anticipated. In all 35 successful awards were made following applications from the WAVE team during the reporting period. While progress on pension delivery has been very slow, the WAVE team are satisfied that the process is working and the outcomings are positive for those with permanent and life limiting injuries.

WAVE's strategy of engaging with mainstream and social media on core issues when there was something substantive to say and to be able to respond quickly and authoritatively to issues as they arose continues to work effectively throughout 2022-2023. We continued to engage with mainstream media on issues such as legacy, the needs of the bereaved, the injured, the impact of trauma or disappearance. Throughout the year we worked with Keo Productions and Walk on Air for a major series for BBC NI and BBC national called Once Upon a Time in Northern Ireland. Throughout the year the team at WAVE responded to many press requests both local and national, with a wide variety of contributions throughout 2022/2023. This was important given the diversity of the client base in WAVE and the need to represent issues affecting victims and survivors. There were many challenging interviews such as articulating the difficulties associated with the British Governments legacy proposals while being mindful of the intense upset being caused to victims and survivors by the proposals. We responded proactively regarding the British Governments lack of engagement throughout 2022-2023. Extensive press releases and briefings were issued during 2022-2023 by Dennis Godfrey a Board Member, who was immensely supportive to all those being interviewed. We are indebted to Dennis for his continued guidance and help.

WAVE continued to have a presence on social media. On X (previously Twitter) there were approximately 1.2 million impressions, a significant decrease on the preceding year. Facebook engagement also decreased (-6.3%) with an average of 107,000 people reached through posts, with 17,922 new individuals reached. In all 457 posts were undertaken. Instagram reach increased by 3% to 730 reaches. The website has also generated greater following with further work and enhancement needed over the forthcoming financial year. 31,000 individuals have visited the website during 2022 to 2023.

During 2022-2023 a search was commenced for the body of Columba McVeigh who was 19 years of age and was abducted on Halloween night in 1975. The search commenced at Bragan bog County Monaghan in October 2022 but ended as winter approached. It restarted at the start of April 2023. We continued through the year to hold the annual events of the Disappeared Mass, International Disappeared Day on the 30th of August 2022, and All Souls Day on the 2nd of November 2022. All of these events were well supported. During this period WAVE has continued to engage with the Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains (ICLVR). There was sadness when Geoff Knupfer announced his retirement at the end of March 2023. Geoff had been the lead investigator since 2005. An amazing man who contributed so much to locating the bodies of the Disappeared.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

WAVE have also continued to engage with senior politicians from the local Assembly, Westminster and the Dail. The Secretary of State visited WAVE in November 2022. We also welcomed delegations from the Parliamentary Parties of Fianna Fail and Fianna Gael. Influencing also continued in written form. WAVE's team responded to relevant consultations and garnered the views of individuals affected by the focus of the area under review in each of our responses.

WAVE's centres provide an oasis of tranquility and space conducive to therapeutic delivery. There was significant development in three centres: Belfast, Omagh and WAVE's new respite centre, 'WAVE By the Sea' in Killough. The latter had significant work undertaken to the upper floor of the main house, the cottage and a new external disabled lift was installed. The feedback from clients is extremely positive. Work has been ongoing on transfer which should be complete within 2023.

Trauma Education has also experienced growth. One of the benefits of WAVE is that the themes and issues presented in services feed the development of trauma education programmes, while trauma education programmes help shape services. A major area of achievement in 2022-2023 was the further enhancement of the Post Graduate programme to a Masters in Trauma Studies. Further courses were developed, and work shaped through our engagement with the School of Medicine, Nursing and Midwifery and Social Work. Client focused trauma training programmes have also been developed in areas such chronic pain, trauma and addiction, developmental trauma, trauma and historical institutional abuse and promoting resilience.

In May 2022 the Citizen Education team in partnership with the School of Nursing and Midwifery in Queen's University Belfast were awarded the most innovative educators award in the Student Nursing Times award in London. This was an amazing accolade for all of the educators who work so hard to ensure those on the frontline are trauma informed. The work of this team, in addition to all those who contribute to trauma education programmes, is impressive. The feedback across trauma education is extremely positive with increased demand for health-related practice and creative methods to be adopted into this area of work.

In 2021 a new team was established to work with survivors of Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA). This work has continued throughout 2022-2023 with the team growing to meet the needs of the client group. A mailout to every home in Northern Ireland highlighting the processes available for survivors of HIA has brought many new individuals to the programme. The HIA service has become very well established over the year and is greatly appreciated by survivors.

In tandem a small team was seconded to work with the survivors of the Mother & Baby Institutions, Magdelene Laundries and Workhouses (MBMLW). This group has grown as individuals are referred for services. Like HIA, services are much needed and are tied to recognition of the trauma of these institutions.

The extensive work undertaken across WAVE, some of which is detailed above, is only possible because of such a dedicated management board, staff, contractual and volunteer team. We are indebted to everyone who engages with us and supports us in our work. Despite all of the challenges presented during 2022-2023 and the ramifications and out workings of Covid, the achievements above demonstrate that it has been a very positive year. We received immense support from our Patrons in relation to Legacy and in specific projects. While applications for the injured pension are now underway, we need the continued assistance of our Patrons now more than ever as we face the challenges associated with the outworking's of the British Governments Legacy Bill and the need for a special bereavement support payment that recognizes the bereaved. This presents a significant challenge for 2023-2024.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

c.

**Client Support**

During 2022-2023 client support was extensive with 1,119 (2021-2022 1,174) new referrals received. This represented a slight decrease of 4.68% against 2021-2022 levels. That said the complexity of referrals remained high, leading the organisation to reassess the process for case management and the necessary prioritization of services.

There were three core reasons for a sustained increase in referrals:

- The British Government's Legacy legislation which signaled a move towards an amnesty, brought an increased number of bereaved individuals to the organisation.
- The outworking's of the TPDPs scheme resulted in an increase in referrals from those injured. Initially individuals wanted to be referred for assistance with an application for the pension only, however this had led to greater services being required.
- Finally, the deterioration in mental health has been a central presenting factor, as individuals have been rendered socially isolated through COVID and as a result many of their coping strategies have been removed.

Self-referrals substantially increased while referrals from statutory providers were reduced given the outworking's of restrictions to key statutory services such as GP's. The largest concentration of new referrals continues to be presented in the Belfast, Armagh and the Ballymoney centres.

An analysis of referrals has shown that there have been increased patterns of self-referral across the board. However, in addition WAVE has received increased referrals from individuals living in the south of Ireland, across Great Britain and elsewhere in the world. Services are tailored to provide assistance wherever individuals are living. Referrals have also increased due to the outworking's of Operation Kenova into the activities of an alleged agent called 'Stakeknife', and Operation Denton which has focused on the Glenanne gang. This work has led to an innovative service delivery model being created to meet client need.

WAVE's frontline service regardless of where individuals reside is Outreach casework. This service remains central to WAVE's model of psychosocial care. In excess of 6,766 case work visits were undertaken to 2,241 individuals during 2022-2023. While there was a marginal decrease in the overall case work visits, client numbers accessing this service remained consistent with 2021-2022. A significant change which has affected these numbers has been a move back to greater face-to-face contact, with telephone and online contact continuing however at a reduced level. This blended approach has continued to offer greater accessibility, reducing feelings of isolation and loneliness and providing ongoing trauma support to individuals wherever they are based.

While one-to-one work decreased slightly 542 (increase of 32.5% on 2022-2023) individuals engaged in group work support regionally with 123 peer group and personal development workshops undertaken (an increase of 41.3% on 2021-2022). There has been widespread support for greater group programmes. The programmes on

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offer have been multi focused, offering creativity, trauma education and personal development opportunities. The move to return to face-to-face delivery was universally welcomed given the barriers to IT engagement such as limited access, wi-fi availability, or having access to suitable equipment. The team recognized that for many older people this was particularly challenging.

Since inception the team at WAVE have continually monitored service uptake and the demographic profile of new referrals. In 2022-2023 WAVE received referrals from across Northern Ireland, covering each county, with fairly equal representation across community and religious backgrounds. New referrals were also received from Ireland, Great Britain, Europe and elsewhere as outlined above. Of the 1,119 new referrals received, the age range of referrals was from 9 to 90 years of age, with 60.7% male and 39.3% female noted. These demographics chime with the patterns for the preceding six years in which referrals from males has outnumbered female with the first increase noted in the analysis for the 2016-2017 financial period. An increase in men coming forward for support and therapeutic services is a really positive development and goes against the perceived norm of men being harder to access. In order to meet the needs of all groups WAVE has increased opportunities for a range of group support programmes. It is of note that no young children were referred during this period of time, with the youngest referral starting at 9 years of age. The need for a return to specialist youth work continues to be an area under review. During the year we engaged with family therapists who developed a new service. This was a welcome addition given the resulting impact of trauma on family life and the complexities on family dynamics of an individual's own unique response to trauma.

In relation to VSS therapeutic services, 8,067 sessions of counselling were delivered to 807 individuals which is a small decrease of 4.79% on counselling sessions delivered in 2021-2022. However, the level of 8,000 sessions was in excess of our annual target by approximately 2,000 sessions. The additional counselling sessions are specifically related to the victim's pension, the impact of legacy and increased demand for services following lockdown. We have continued to increase our team of sessional counsellors during the year and expanded the sites from which we run counselling, in order to meet increasing demand. Despite this continued expansion waiting lists remain high, particularly in Belfast. A mixture of telephone, face-to-face and online counselling is still being delivered. We also successfully renewed our annual rolling BACP accreditation for our counselling service. According to our CORE evaluation system of our counselling service for victims of the troubles clients 35% of clients achieved clinical change and 57% achieved reliable change. Satisfaction remained high across the centres. This is reflected in a quote from a client "Before counselling I hid away, I didn't smile, didn't do anything, with your help I realised I could have a different mindset, have a different life, smile again. If I hadn't have come, I would be sitting in the same situation I was in for years/ in fact my whole life."

As discussed above Family Therapy was a new pilot project funded by VSS and delivered during 2022/23 in total 95 sessions were delivered to 14 families. This project was extremely valuable to families experiencing particular difficulties and had a huge impact on relationships and family functioning. It is hoped this work can continue into the future, as it is a vital additional element to our holistic package of services.

During the period of reporting the Regional Trauma Network began taking and making referrals between statutory and community partners in the winter of 2022. It took some time to get protocols and referral mechanisms established and WAVE clients had 18 assessment sessions carried out with 9 clients with a view to referring them on to Statutory Mental Health services in all five trust areas in NI. This service is a vital partnership to provide seamless pathways of referral between statutory and community services for survivors of the NI conflict.

In complementary therapy 4,317 sessions of complementary therapy were provided to 831 individuals which is

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an increase of 54.01% on complementary therapy delivered in 2021-2022, with significant health improvements noted (MYMOP Evaluation). This increase was mainly due to fewer lockdowns and restrictions as well as appointing an additional team of complementary therapists. Clients have reported improvements in physical activity, wellbeing, sleep, and a reduction in symptoms which was noted as significant. Client satisfaction has been extremely positive with significant health improvements noted.

Dedicated Health and Well-Being Caseworkers have been in place regionally over the past six years. In this reporting period, caseworkers from all of WAVE's Centres have completed 4,678 (which is an increase of 3.4%) case visits to 970 individual clients across Northern Ireland and cross-border completing individual needs consultations and obtaining financial support for materials, equipment or resources that enhance individuals' health and wellbeing. Often these are life changing such as specially adapted wheelchairs; prosthetics; or tailored therapeutic and wellbeing services delivered on a home basis such as physiotherapy. There are many examples across casework each month.

A further outcome arising from the health and wellbeing of clients has been the delivery of trauma and the body courses across the centres. These have been evaluated and based on the feedback a new Trauma and the Body Two course has been developed. In addition, other health and wellbeing group programmes have supplemented these courses such as yoga, armchair aerobics, and mindfulness. Improvements in physical activity, wellbeing, sleep, and a reduction in symptoms were noted as significant. Client satisfaction has been extremely positive, rated in excess of 95%.

To meet the needs of the client groups across WAVE, WAVE's welfare service has also developed during 2022 to 2023, with a further seven workers bringing the team to sixteen. Despite the increased staff team, WAVE's Advice and Welfare services have experienced an unprecedented demand regionally for specialist services. They had 2,138 contacts with 824 clients and undertook 105 appeals. The impact of the welfare team's work can be graphically reflected in relation to the income maximization they achieved for clients in 2022-2023 of £2,279,802.38. This figure is based on income maximization; lump sum payments, backdated benefits, and appeals calculated over a 52-week period only, although the maximized client income will often exceed this period.

A new addition to the Welfare team as reported above was the four new Welfare workers focused on the TPDPs programme. 8,020 (1,204 in 2021-2022) contacts with 1,685 (646 in 2021-2022) individuals were undertaken during this period of reporting. The team recouped £1,989,625.64 in pension awards within this financial year. This is a significant increase on 2021-2022 even with the additional staff joining the team. However, this team is insufficient to meet the demand for assistance as there are currently 540 individuals on our waiting list on the 31st of March 2023. Further recruitment is ongoing. Bolstering the welfare team remains a key priority for WAVE in 2023-2024.

In summary the targets for support services for outreach case work, health and wellbeing, counselling, peer group support and welfare services for victims and survivors of the Troubles were fully met and in the main exceeded the targets set for 2022-2023.

The WAVE team, through a dedicated staff team allocated to these projects delivered the HIA Contract and the MBMLW Contract as outlined below.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

**Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA)**

Despite this being a new area of work for WAVE the HIA team have shaped a new Casework model of service delivery to meet the needs of the client group. During 2022-2023 the team provided 1,238 sessions of counselling to 104 individuals and 249 sessions of complementary therapy to 51 individuals.

Outreach casework, which is the cornerstone of WAVE's work was delivered to 316 individuals who received 1,836 sessions. 147 new referrals were received into the service during the year with a rapid increase noted at the year-end as there was a Northern Ireland wide information campaign which brought new individuals forward for support. Health and wellbeing sessions were delivered to 216 individuals with 1,580 interventions. Welfare continued to grow abate at a slower rate with 83 individuals accessing the service.

In addition to this our staff have provided support to a number of individuals in preparing their Lived Experience Statement (114 sessions delivered to 37 clients) for the Historical Abuse Inquiry - Redress Board as well as organising group residentials and group work for a number of groups who support survivors of HIA. (121 clients benefited from these programmes).

According to our CORE evaluation system of our counselling service for HIA clients, 19% of clients achieved clinical change and 43% achieved reliable change. Feedback has been excellent, and satisfaction noted as high as reflected in a quote from Client Y, "Therapy has highlighted to me that I was living in my past. I have been able to deal with this and am now living in the present. I also have techniques to take into the future. WAVE is the first therapy that has worked for me."

**Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses (MBMLW)**

In September 2022, WAVE appointed a new team of staff to deliver the MBMLW service dedicated to support the health and wellbeing of survivors of Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses. This contract is in its infancy however 86 individuals accessed the services during 2022- 2023 with 17 counselling sessions were delivered to five individuals, 16 complementary therapy sessions to eight individuals, and 28 welfare contacts to nine individuals was undertaken. Given the client group and the nuances associated with how they have been poorly treated in the past, the workload is significant and growing exponentially. Building strong relationships with individual clients, developing a strong project, and providing services to clients is sensitive and intense work. Clients have suffered high levels of trauma and require significant support; therefore, we have significantly added to our staff team to adequately meet the needs of our clients.

Clients feel that their trauma is being acknowledged in a tangible way through services and support that they received and very much welcome.

**Trauma Education Pathway**

In 2022- 2023 Trauma Education has continued to grow and develop across all strands of WAVE's work programme as detailed below. The targets set for the year were exceeded and programme delivery remained strong throughout the period of reporting.

**A. Open Learning, School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work and Trauma Workshop**

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**delivery**

A key feature of trauma education during 2022-2023 was short courses and workshops. 153 students successfully completed 13 short courses during the year. These are accredited through Open Learning, within the School of Education, Queen's University. Workshops with the necessary Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours continue to be a popular choice for students. A key area of growth was increased trauma education within WAVE's client groups. Courses / workshops delivered in all 5 centers which included new workshops, "Living with Chronic Pain", "Why We Sleep "and Misuse of Over-the-Counter Drugs. The success and feedback of the Trauma & Body course for clients has led the team to deliver a follow-on Trauma & Body Two programme.

The team delivered short courses and workshops to 344 students with excellent feedback. The variety of courses was extensive, and the flexibility offered through online delivery enabled those who often cannot engage in training due to access, childcare, caring or other responsibilities to engage in full.

**a. BSc Hons Psychological Trauma Studies**

The BSc Hons in Psychological Trauma programme recommenced in September 2022 with nine students entering year four of the Programme and 13 entering their second year of study at Queen's University. For the fourth year their journey was nearly complete as the focus was on the dissertation. In relation to the second year their focus was on trauma and addiction and international responses to global conflict. Evaluations have demonstrated the tremendous benefit of the face-to-face nature of the programme in facilitating learning, promoting dialogue and understanding across communities. This is invaluable.

**C. Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma in Trauma Studies**

The Postgraduate programme with University College Cork (UCC) has continued to develop going from strength to strength. A major achievement in 2022- 2023 was moving the post graduate Diploma to a Masters in Trauma Studies pathway. A new cohort of Post Graduate students commenced with UCC in September 2022. Given the legacy of Covid as the programme was already online and well established, UCC and WAVE were in a good place to recruit a high number of applicants. Thirty-eight students registered on the programme, while 21 students returned for year two to complete the Postgraduate Diploma. In addition, approximately 250 students participated in the Trauma Studies Masterclasses during the academic year.

The new Trauma and Frontline Worker module developed in 2021 became operational in January 2023. It was transformed into a standalone module at Postgraduate Continuing Professional Development level and ran alongside teaching with the main postgraduate course on an alternative evening. This was delivered to eight students, all working in frontline services, including policing, nursing, and mental health services worldwide. From January 2022 over a twelve-week period the course was delivered each week with excellent reviews. It is expected that this standalone module will be offered again in January 2024.

The proposal to transform this Postgraduate Certificate (Year 1) and Diploma (Year 2) in Trauma Studies to Masters has already garnered significant interest and will launch in September 2024 for past students who have already completed the diploma. Feedback on the Post Grad has been extremely positive which is extremely heartening for the WAVE and UCC team.

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**b. Professional Development- Citizenship Education**

Citizenship Education continues to experience exponential growth throughout 2022-2023. 32 Citizen Education sessions were undertaken to 1,518 students utilising 26 different Citizen Educators. This was an immense achievement as a number of educators were unhappy engaging in face-to-face work again given the impact of Covid. Equally, they were uncomfortable utilising Zoom and therefore there was an over reliance on a number of the educators. As the year ended a new process was starting to identify new Citizen Educators who would join the team following a period of training and induction.

Citizenship Education offers amazing opportunities for the educators to contribute to a trauma informed society. They have allocated training slots now within medicine, social work and nursing programmes. They have engaged with a wide variety of organisations. They have spoken at local and international conferences. They have grown in confidence and have reported increased self-esteem, improved motivation and enhanced health and wellbeing. The citizen education project was one of the flag ship projects that formed the closure of the Peace IV project earlier this year. The impact of the programme was summed up by one of the Citizenship Educators who stated that 'trauma education has replaced medication'. The value of the Citizenship Education is reflected time and time again by the educators. This is an area of growth for WAVE.

**c. Bespoke Workshops**

Bespoke one and two-day trauma workshops remain a frequent request from the community, voluntary and statutory organisations. We continue to deliver to CAPITA, Justice NI, HIA, the Legacy Team in PSNI, Creeslough, NEXUS, Decorum NI, and various schools including Dulwich College, China, among others undertook trauma awareness training. 502 staff and volunteers accessed trauma education through these bespoke trauma education programmes.

**d. International Visits**

International visits have started to recommence. The team have hosted students from Universities across Ireland and the United States. WAVE has developed a trauma education engagement process with Long Beach California. Student engagements were reduced through Covid. However, it is evident that visits are resuming, and further work of this nature will be a feature of the financial year ahead.

**Advocacy and Campaigning:**

One of the greatest challenges for victims and survivors has been the British Government's proposed Legacy Bill. The need for advocacy has been all the greater during this period of reporting. Supporting victims and survivors to have a voice either through direct engagement in advocacy services, oral history or in written publications remains an important aspect of WAVE's work in 2022-2023.

From April 2022 to March 2023, 200 clients received support from the Advocacy Support Workers, with a total of

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102 face to face visits and 1,441 contacts made. Advocacy support is essential and whilst the focus has been on one-to-one work, group advocacy processes have also worked well with the injured support group and families of the disappeared. Given the presenting issues, the advocacy team and others have produced policy papers, have engaged in presentations at a series of conferences or in articles and podcasts such as for the New Statesman or Politico regarding the impact of the legacy legislation. Whilst the legacy legislation was the most pressing issue, the outworking's of the TPDPS scheme have also brought challenges for bereaved. The development of the Bereavement Support Award paper is currently being used as a lobbying tool in fighting for greater resources to support those bereaved. The issue of fairness for the bereaved has emerged from the outworking's of the TPDPS scheme given the legislative conditions which limit applications from the bereaved as they need to be present at the scene. The team at WAVE have argued that degrees of disablement is not appropriate for the bereaved. Any support package therefore should focus solely on recognition and acknowledgement of the loss of a loved one. It is on this basis that the team will lobby on.

During 2022-2023 advocacy support with families engaging with the Police Ombudsman, PSNI Legacy Investigation Branch, Court Service or with specialised family advisory processes such as Operation Kenova or Operation Denton have continued. We remain firmly of the view that Operation Kenova offers the best opportunity to investigate to criminal justice standards Troubles related deaths. In relation to Operation Kenova, WAVE has continued to provide trauma awareness workshops to the family liaison and investigative teams and have assisted in client processes regarding support and practical assistance. The number of families engaging with WAVE linked to Operation Kenova or Operation Denton has increased. We have contributed to evaluations into the families experience of Article 2 compliant investigations led by Ms Alyson Kirkpatrick. We have also contributed to a review of the protocols for information release proposed by the Operation Kenova team. Given the need for sensitivity and the traumatic nature of recounting the death and being faced with new information regarding the circumstances leading up to the loss, these protocols offer an important timeline for families. For WAVE it facilitates greater support processes to be introduced in a timely manner. As Operation Kenova comes to its final conclusion, the advocacy team will complete the evaluation framework established at the start of the process to gauge the impact of the work.

There are always challenges that can emerge for families or for the organisation as a whole. WAVE relies on support across the community to enable these challenges to be met. It is important to acknowledge those who put themselves through the pain of running marathons or fundraising to help us in other ways. WAVE relies each year on the marathon to raise much needed finance. In 2022 a substantial team contributed to the Belfast Marathon covering the 26.2 miles raising just over £8,500 which was utilized to assist with service provision. Alex Attwood ran the North Coast Marathon in September raising over £2,000. The Omagh and Belfast Centre raised substantial monies through hosting Christmas events and many others contributed through donations of £10,500.

We are also indebted to those who donated money in memory of their loved ones. Over the year the families of Roberta Boyd and Mark Robinson asked for money to be donated in their memory. We hope to remember these individuals and others who died in a special way within the grounds of WAVE.

Delivering services and training through the pandemic proved to be one of the most challenging periods in WAVE's history. However, the impact of the poisonous British Government Legacy Bill has had a very detrimental impact on the emotional and physical wellbeing of many of those bereaved. Our staff and contractual team are to be commended for adapting and working to ensure much needed services continue at this time. They have also adapted services to meet the needs of those who are living across the world with therapeutic delivery offered outside normal working hours to meet clients' needs. Equally, the team working with survivors of Institutional Abuse or with Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses have created

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survivor centred services to meet the diverse needs of these client groups. Given all these contracts there is increased pressure on waiting lists, which have had to be carefully managed. We remain committed to ensuring that service provision is underpinned by strong policies and procedures which are continually under review and by the delivery of accredited Trauma Education professional development programmes to ensure the team are updated and skilled appropriately to undertake the work required.

The WAVE team have continued to strive to provide a high standard of service, ethically and professionally driven to meet client needs. Everyone associated with WAVE is to be commended for the work undertaken throughout 2022-2023 which is a tremendous achievement, the impact of which is reflected by the feedback received from clients and the reports generated through monitoring and evaluation frameworks.

We look forward to the next stage in WAVE's development in 2022-2023.

**c. Investment policy and performance**

The charity holds a portfolio of shares which are managed by Evelyn Group. During the year the shares made a loss of £7,921.

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**Financial review**

**a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

**b. Financial risk management objectives and policies**

The Management Board of WAVE are committed to establishing, maintaining and applying all necessary good practice measures to ensure that their duty of care to the management of the finances of the organisation is fulfilled.

WAVE receives funding and donations from Local Authorities, private individuals and commercial organisations and continues to meet the objectives set by funders and reports on the progress of its works in tailored reports.

WAVE has a reserves policy which is in line with both WAVE's and Charity Commission guidelines. The reserves are part of prudent management and take into account Charity Commission guidance.

**Structure, governance and management**

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**a. Constitution**

WAVE Trauma Centre, known as WAVE, is a registered charity with the Northern Ireland's Charity Commission and a Company Limited by guarantee governed by its Articles and Memorandum of Association originally agreed in 2001. Prior to this WAVE was an unincorporated body established in 1991 to support women bereaved as a result of the Troubles. The organisation which was called 'Widows against Violence Empowered' became known by the acronym WAVE and was formally constituted as such in 1995. WAVE has grown and developed, now serving the needs of individuals and families, adults, young people and children directly affected by The Troubles. The philosophy and ethos of WAVE is one of inclusiveness. The organisation works with anyone affected by The Troubles regardless of their religious, political or cultural belief.

WAVE operates from six dedicated outreach centres in Belfast, Armagh, Omagh, Ballymoney, Derry Londonderry and Killough in addition to 18 satellite projects, which provide support and therapeutic services on a regional basis across Northern Ireland, the border areas of the Republic of Ireland, Great Britain and Internationally as required. WAVE sources support for those who present for services outside Northern Ireland with local accredited service providers.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

A Board of Trustees, who act as Directors of the Company, comprising a Chair and nominated members govern WAVE. The Management Board may also co-opt other members to the Board in accordance with the Articles and Memorandum of Association. At the start of the 2022 financial year WAVE's Management Board had 13 Board members. Board members contribute to subgroups - new Management Board and staff subgroups were agreed, with terms of reference and these have been operational throughout the year.

All new Trustees received a formal induction into WAVE and the formal legal responsibilities that come with trusteeship. This is supplemented with more specialised training as outlined below. All Board members receive regular training in areas regarding employment law, grievance and disciplinary, recruitment and selection, corporate governance and relevant charity and company's legislation.

The Board of Trustees meet a minimum of seven times a year. The Chair and Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Company Secretary are elected from the existing Trustees at the Annual General Meeting. To assist the Board in its work a number of existing and new subgroups have been developed in addition to those already in place, namely, Human Resources and Finance (which includes Audit and Risk); Sustainability Development and Communication; Research Policy Development and IT; Community and Political Engagement; Trauma Education; and Contract Review (for the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS), Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA) and Mother & Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses (MBMLW) contracts). All subgroups are chaired by members of the Management Board with Board members and staff in attendance. A Chief Executive Officer manages the day-to-day management of WAVE with authority delegated by the Board of Trustees and reports back to the Board

WAVE has long and extensive experience of partnering with organisations to help improve services for victims and survivors of The Troubles or to enhance the skills and knowledge of practitioners in the field through accredited Trauma Education programmes. WAVE works with many voluntary and statutory organisations across Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain.

In education, WAVE works closely with Queen's University and Ulster University and in particular the Schools of Nursing and Midwifery at QUB; Social Work and Education at QUB and UU; Medicine at QUB delivering specialist Trauma Education programmes to student nurses, social work and medical students.

In relation to the post graduate WAVE has worked closely with University College Cork, with the School of Sociology and Criminology to develop the Post graduate pathway in Trauma Studies which became a Masters in Trauma Studies in 2022. WAVE works with a wide range of statutory and voluntary organisations regionally and internationally with organisations such as the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC), International Victim of Terrorism Networks and the German based Eirene organisation. All networks and opportunities are reviewed to ensure they are of value to the organisation and in particular the client base the organisation serves.

WAVE has a risk register and business continuity planning including a reserves policy which are updated annually.

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**d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Training for the Management Board is organised on a regular basis particularly in areas regarding employment law, including recruitment and selection, corporate governance, charity regulation and relevant company's legislation. New Trustees receive a formal induction into their role to familiarise themselves with both WAVE and the formal responsibilities that go with trusteeship. This is supplemented with more specialised training as outlined above. An annual strategic planning event which brings together Trustees and senior staff is due to be held to review the organisation's strategic goals and orientation and to agree an operational plan to meet the strategic objectives set. The Chair of the Board will commence an appraisal process of each member of the Board during the year. A register of gifts and interests is also compiled and reviewed each year.

**e. Financial risk management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

**f. Principal activities**

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WAVE continues to have a unique role in relation to promoting specialist Trauma Education. The organisation provides a comprehensive introductory to advanced suite of accredited Trauma Education programmes across the community; from introductory short courses delivered through the School of Education; and a BSc Hons in Psychological Trauma both delivered in partnership with Queen's University, Belfast and a Masters in Trauma Studies pathway accredited by University College Cork. In addition, professional development Trauma Education programmes with a variety of institutions and professional healthcare providers are extensively delivered with positive reviews.

It was wonderful to see Dr Paul Gallagher, a Trauma Education Officer at WAVE graduate from Queen's University Belfast in July 2022 with his Doctorate entitled 'New social movement theory and the reparations movement in Northern Ireland: The case of the WAVE Injured Group and its Campaign for Recognition'. In October 2022 our CEO Dr Sandra Peake graduated in University College Cork with a Doctorate entitled 'No Ordinary Death: The Disappeared of Northern Ireland's Conflict'. These have been important areas of work for WAVE. Capturing the essence of decades of work in supporting those injured and the families of the Disappeared is crucial.

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**Plans for future periods**

a. Future developments

The voluntary sector and in particular, the victims and survivors' sector are in a period of financial uncertainty in line with a suggestion of significant public expenditure savings being required from within the Northern Ireland budget. The uncertainty of Brexit has added substantially to these fears both in relation to budgetary cuts and the reduction in any EU monies allocated under the Peace and Reconciliation Programme.

WAVE intends to continue to build on its effective relationships with funding bodies and to continue to demonstrate through service delivery that it provides value for money and significant impact which is worthy of continuing funding. The organisation will continue to promote the outcomes and impact of its work alongside the outputs. We recognise the funding environment is becoming more stringent and resources are reduced. WAVE will work to ensure that services are provided at maximum level to meet the needs of those directly affected by the Troubles, survivors of HIA and survivors from the MBMLW.

**Members' liability**

The Members of the Company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Company in the event of winding up.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**Disclosure of information to auditors**

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that::

- so far as that trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the trustees, on 27 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

**Auditors**

The auditors, Miscampbell & Co., have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

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Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 30 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



**Marianne Moutray**  
(Trustee)