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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Full Name: THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

Registered Charity Number: 1173283

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Ms J Foers
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Chair: Miss K Howells

Treasurer: Ms R Kennedy

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Structure, governance and management

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (SYSVP) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution (CIO Foundation), registered 05 June 2017.

The members of the CIO are the charity trustees. Membership of the CIO cannot be transferred to anyone else. If the CIO is wound up, the liability of each member to contribute to the assets of the company is limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

The affairs of the charity are managed by the trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the CIO.

The trustees who served during the year, to the date of signing this report, are shown on page 3.

Appointment of Trustees

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be a minimum of three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustees can act only to call a meeting of the trustees or appoint a new trustee. Every trustee is appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest trustee's annual report and accounts, on or before appointment.

Risk Management

The trustees are responsible for identifying and managing risk. The trustees examine the major risks that the charity faces and put into operation systems so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. A risk management policy is currently being developed which will be regularly reviewed by the trustees.

Charitable aims and objectives

The objects of the charity are:

The promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and the promotion of the effective use of charitable resources for the public benefit, by providing support to charities and not for profit organisations operating in South Yorkshire and beyond which are established to relieve the mental and physical distress of people who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives.

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Activities undertaken for the public benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership (SYSVP) was established on the 5th June 2017, initially to deliver the contract from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner to provide a unified Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) Service across the whole of South Yorkshire. This service is provided by four independent and separate existing organisations:

- Barnsley Sexual Abuse Rape Crisis Services (BSARCS)
- Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)
- Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (RothACS)
- Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (SRASAC)

The SYSVP Board of Trustees consists of two trustee members from each organisation. The following trustees hold formal roles on the Board:

Chair: Kirsten Howells (DRASACS), elected in December 2018 following the resignation of Hannah Lucas

Secretary: Chris Scarlett (SRASAC)

Treasurer: Ruth Kennedy (SRASAC)

The ISVAs and Children's ISVAs (CHISVAs) based in the four organisations provide practical and emotional support for adults and children who report current or historical sexual offences. The support offered includes:

- Listening
- Undertaking risk and needs assessments
- Liaison with a range of statutory and non-statutory agencies
- Family support
- Signposting
- Accompanying clients
- Navigation through the judicial process

The support offered to clients is underpinned by a range of well-established services provided within each of the four organisations.

Achievements during the period

The project has continued to deliver a quality service for people who choose to access support. The outcome data reported by clients has maintained in year 3 with over 80% of clients agreeing that ISVA support helped them to remain within the criminal justice system, helped manage their mental health, and access other forms of support.

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To align with central government reporting to the Ministry of Justice, there has been a shift in reporting format from quarter 3, being most evident in the separation of demographic data based on gender. Although there is a smaller sample size of males (13% of clients) potential differences in offences that are reported have been highlighted, examples being the timeline between incident and the relationship to the perpetrator. Reports of offences committed by partners (or ex partners) to females are around 25% of total offences, this is in contrast to 5% for males. The age at which offences are reported also varies, with half of reports made by females aged between 13 and 25, with half of male reports being made between the ages 25 to 50. Note this does not reflect the age the offence took place, but the age at which someone chose to report.

The 'average' ISVA client is female aged between 13 and 24, has been abused by someone who is known to them (approximately half of offences committed by partner, ex-partner or close relative) and is 'acute' as opposed to 'historical'. The recent data, indicates that 20% of reports are made when a female is aged between 13 and 15.

The contract with the OPCC was extended to the full five-year period permissible under the original contract specification; this has added security to the partnership and is a reflection of the continued passion and quality of service delivery by the partnership.

Future Plans

There is a growing recognition and appreciation of the importance of providing essential independent support for women, men and children who have experienced sexual violence and the SYSVP is committed to continuing and enhancing this support and working with the police and other agencies to deliver improvements.

Events after the end of the reporting period: Covid-19

The majority of the response to the pandemic took place in the financial year 2020-21, the service model was set up to work remotely and as such the work of the Central Hub transitioned using the existing contingency plans and the model of service delivery for CH/ISVA workers was risk assessed and adjusted in line with social distancing and guidelines. The CH/ISVA service worked for the most part on an outreach model, as such each worker had a mobile phone and IT equipment to work at home. The service continued to operate fully during each stage of the lockdown and clients responded positively to the support offerings we could put in place.

Contract income has continued throughout the pandemic and there has been no impact on the financial position of the charity

The Charity's policy on reserves

At the financial year end the charity did not hold any reserves. The trustees view this to be acceptable as liabilities and financial risk are considered to be minimal.

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Related parties

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is made up of members from each of the following organisations:

- Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (SRASAC)
- Barnsley Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Services (BSARCS)
- Doncaster Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service (DRASACS)
- Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (RothACS)

The partner organisations each have members on the Board of Trustees of SYSVP.

The trustees consider that there are no other related parties to the charity.

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- 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 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable accounting standards. 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.

Financial Position

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 12. The Statement of Financial Activities shows income for the year of £415,472 (2019: £367,239). Total funds at the year end were £nil, with all contract income to be transferred to the partner organisations.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: Kirsten Howells

Date: 27 January 2021

K Howells, Chair of the Trustees

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 in this financial year. I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a qualified member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

Basis of independent examiner's report

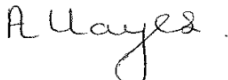
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 27 January 2021

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
BCVS Services Limited
Priory Campus, Pontefract Road, Lundwood, Barnsley, S71 5PN

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019/20 Total Funds £	2018/19 Total Funds £
Income					
Contract income	2	415,260	-	415,260	367,239
Other income		212	-	212	-
Total Income		<u>415,472</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>415,472</u>	<u>367,239</u>
Expenditure					
ISVA Service - Barnsley		76,290	-	76,290	64,275
ISVA Service - Doncaster		106,071	-	106,071	94,070
ISVA Service - Rotherham		85,075	-	85,075	73,072
ISVA Service - Sheffield		147,824	-	147,824	135,822
Other expenditure		212	-	212	-
Total resources expended		<u>415,472</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>415,472</u>	<u>367,239</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All prior year income and expenditure was classified as unrestricted.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>34,605</u>		<u>34,686</u>	
Total current assets			34,605		34,686
Current liabilities					
Creditors	3				
amounts falling due within one year			(34,605)		(34,686)
Net current assets			-		-
Net assets			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			-		-
Restricted funds			-		-
Total funds			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: Kirsten Howells

Date: 27 January 2021

K Howells, Chair of the Trustees

THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

1. Accounting policiesBasis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Classification of income & expenditure

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.6, SORP 2015 (smaller charities). The charity also meets the requirements for exemption from preparing a statement of cash flows.

Going Concern note

The charity has secured a contract from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner which will sustain the organisation until 31 March 2022. This government funding has continued during the Covid-19 pandemic. The trustees therefore have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

Taxation

The South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership is a registered charity and is exempt from UK corporation tax on income from its charitable activities.

Funds Structure

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

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A contract between The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for South Yorkshire and the South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership for the provision of a South Yorkshire Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) and a Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (CHISVA) service.

3. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accounts payable	34,605	34,605
Other creditors	-	81
	<u>34,605</u>	<u>34,686</u>

4. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses

There were no payments, remuneration or benefits made to trustees during this or the previous financial period.

5. Related party transactions

Payments to the individual partner organisation are detailed within the Statement of Financial Activities, on page 9 of this report.

There were no other related party transactions during this or the previous financial period.

6. Independent Examination of accounts

The cost of the independent examination and accountancy services for the year was £425 (2019: £425).