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Company Registration No. 06255693 (England and Wales)

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020



T H E W O M E N ' S C E N T R E
Supporting women in Stockport

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity number	1119969	
Company number	06255693	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects ("the objects") are to advance education and relieve poverty and ill health for women and their families within the Stockport area by providing a centre whereby they can access advice, training and support as well as providing an outreach training and support service in the surrounding areas of Stockport.

Aims of the charity

To improve the mental health and wellbeing of women, improving their ability to provide a better environment in which they and their families can flourish.

To specifically target Stockport priority areas addressing inequalities that exist and improve access to therapeutic services for women.

To build relationships with our service users and each other based on trust and respect.

To provide a safe, confidential, welcoming and nurturing environment for women.

To promote well-being, confidence and self-esteem amongst staff, volunteers and service users.

To offer a range of high quality, holistic, personalised services to support women.

To provide an accessible, non-judgemental and confidential service for Stockport women.

To encourage, empower and support women to make informed choices to improve their quality of life.

To maximise opportunities for women in Stockport working in partnership with other organisations who are concerned with the health and support of women.

To consult with our stakeholders to ensure continual improvement of our services.

To continually monitor and evaluate our services to ensure that they meet the needs of women.

To provide opportunities for women to help other women through volunteering, enabling them to learn and develop, and to give something back to the wider community.

To be an innovative and financially sustainable service to continue to meet all of our aims

Public benefit

The trustees confirm, in the light of the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, that these aims fully meet the public benefit test and that all the activities of the charity, described in the report of the Trustees, are undertaken in pursuit of these aims. Stockport Women's Centre relies on contracts, grants, donations and fundraising to cover its operating costs.

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Significant activities

The Centre is an effective 'one stop' shop in Stockport for women, delivering front line services to meet the needs of women with complex issues. The needs have impacted upon their lives and immediate family members. In particular, issues include living with:

- Women's mental health
- Women who are victims of abuse
- Women within the Criminal Justice System
- Socio economic factors such as poverty, social isolation and unemployment

We receive on average 600 calls a month and 700 visitors a month. At the end of March, we had 1,079 active service users.

Over the reporting period, 1,031 women have accessed the drop-ins. 415 women were new registrations and 343 women received a full needs assessment of which 254 of the women identified as having 3 needs or more. 222 of the women identified as having an issue with domestic abuse.

Access to the service

Women continue to be signposted from a number of agencies including SMBC, GP, Health Professionals, Healthy Minds, Self Help Services, Stockport Mental Health Team, this is reflected in the high number of mental health needs identified at assessment. Details of how women access SWC are as follows:

32% Mental Health
16% SMBC
17% Criminal Justice
15% Other agencies
20% Self Referral

343 women attended a full needs assessment, we assess on the following pathways of need:

Identified Need	No
Attitudes/Thinking/Behaviours	298
Mental Health/Wellbeing	283
Domestic/Sexual Abuse	222
Finance/Benefits/Debt	98
Children and Families	100
Accommodation	67
Education/Training/Volunteering/Employment	49
Physical Health	11
Drugs	10
Alcohol	6
Sex Work	1

74% of women reported 3 or more needs

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Equality monitoring

During the period, 253 out of 343 women completed the equality monitoring form.

We collect equality monitoring data on registration for us to better understand who accesses services and what needs to be considered in the future in order to make sure our services are provided fairly and easily accessible.

43.08% of women who access the service are in the 30-44 age bracket, 27.67% of women are 18-29 and 20.16% 45-59

Whilst, 30.43% of women have presented as unemployed, 68.38% are on benefits

53.36% identify as having a long term physical/mental health/health condition/disability

15.42% of the woman are from the BAME community.

Both the assessment and the equality monitoring evidence that we support and engage with some of the most vulnerable and marginalised women in the Stockport community.

Service User Evaluation

A total of 138 women completed an anonymous service user evaluation at exit of the project

- 87% of women were very satisfied with their overall experience of the project and 13.7% satisfied.
- 85% of women stated they had experienced positive changes in their life

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Main activities

The following activities have taken place to enable us to achieve the outcomes:

We continue to deliver one to one work with women who are in need of extra support including casework, counselling and/or psychotherapy, art therapy, life coaching, signposting and complementary therapies.

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353 women have accessed 1:1 support services at the Centre. 166 women are currently accessing 1:1 support.

Of the women that have completed 1:1 therapy within the period there was a 74.1% recovery rate. The recovery rate is the average percentage of women showing an improvement in their mental health.

183 women have attended one or more of a wide range of groups and courses including domestic abuse awareness raising courses, personal development, and psycho-educational groups

279 people accessed the e-therapy at home service during with a 69% recovery rate for clients that completed therapy.

98 women have accessed the Domestic Abuse Awareness Raising Programme which are delivered twice per term. We are fortunate in being able to offer a creche to women who have children under 4 to enable them to access the programme

Access to information and sign-posting - for many local women the Centre provides a trusted source of information including a legal advice surgery and the daily drop-ins.

We received over 4,500 calls from women for advice and support and 1080 women attended the drop-ins in the year.

The Centre has worked together with 7 other charities across Greater Manchester as part of the Greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance to support women who have been in contact with the criminal justice system. Details of this are provided below in the achievements section.

The women we work with can access one or more of the activities/services at any one time or over a period of time and this ensures that we can respond not only to the women in high levels of need but also to those who require information or advice and social activities.

Safeguarding

Since 1st April, 2019 there have been 73 safeguarding incidents including child protection, domestic abuse and mental health issues. Safeguarding support for children and families – escalating risk is managed by the Centre adhering to Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council's Policy to ensure a multi-agency approach if appropriate.

Volunteers

We have a part-time volunteer co-ordinator who supports the Centre in the recruitment, training, support and supervision (where appropriate) of volunteers. The volunteers are asked commit to a minimum of one session i.e. 3 hours each week which currently totals 174 hrs per week. We currently have 60 local women who volunteer at Stockport Women's Centre, volunteers are at the heart of what we do and make a huge contribution, providing a wealth of skills, knowledge and capacity including:

- 26 qualified and trainee counselling and psychotherapists, with experience of brief and long term therapy. Modalities of therapy are Person-Centred, Transactional Analysis, Cognitive Behaviour Therapy and Integrative therapy including 2 Hypnotherapists, 2 life coaches and an Art therapist and 2 supervisors
- 2 qualified complimentary therapists
- 10 administrators, who support the Administrator in the delivery of efficient administration and front of house
- 10 Drop-in and front of house volunteers
- A further 10 volunteers who play a vital role towards the success of the project these include art and craft facilitators, crèche workers, domestic abuse facilitators, a gardener, a hairdresser and peer support facilitators

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Achievements and performance

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Some of the achievements in the past year have included;

British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy

Stockport Women's Centre is 1 of only 12 organisations in Greater Manchester and Cheshire that has BACP organisational membership, which is for organisations working in the counselling field. Organisational membership demonstrates that we are committed to providing safe, ethical and professional counselling and psychotherapy services and training. During the period we renewed the organisational membership for the next 5 years.

Alliance and Partnership working

Stockport Psychological Wellbeing Service

We continue to be commissioned by Stockport Clinical Commissioning Group in partnership with Self Help Services, which is one of the Big Life Group Charities, Beacon Counselling Service and Pennine Care to deliver Stockport Psychological Therapies to the residents of Stockport. Stockport Women's Centre delivers e-therapy at home under the Improved Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) framework.

Greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance

Greater Manchester has been held up nationally for its innovative approach to working with women in contact with the criminal justice system. The work has been highlighted in national publications including the Female Offender Strategy, known as the whole system approach, it brings together police, probation, health and the voluntary sector to tackle the underlying issues of reoffending, such as mental ill health, drug and alcohol abuse and domestic violence.

Stockport Women's Centre is one of the founder members of the Greater Manchester Women Support Alliance, which has been recognised for its integrated approach to supporting women in contact with the Criminal Justice System and those at risk of offending. The Alliance consists of 7 local charities that provide support services across the Greater Manchester 10 local authorities. The Alliance core funding for 2019/20 was provided by the GM Combined Authority, Cheshire and Greater Manchester Community Rehabilitation Company and the Ministry of Justice. The fund has enabled the women's Centre to allow additionally to the core service delivery including service user involvement and a prison link work service.

With respect to the additional funding, Stockport Women's Centre is the lead organisation for the purposes of the funding allocation and overall delivery of the project.

During the financial year, on behalf of Greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance, Stockport Women's Centre has been awarded for 2019/20

- National Mind Grant to develop a women's mental health peer support programme across Greater Manchester and
- Ministry of Justice Grant Female Offender Community investment Fund for Community Support and Whole System Approach to support female offenders – one of only 12 organisations awarded the funding in UK

We were also awarded funding from the Development Fund via the National Lottery, to fund a business case to enable the GM Alliance to validate assumptions/ideas for the next 1/5 years with key decision makers and influencers across the Greater Manchester landscape.

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We have been working closely work with other members of the Greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance to establish the Alliance as a charity. This will clarify the governance of the Alliance and enable it to apply for funding as a single entity. We have successfully, set up the GMWSA as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee. The effect of this is that whilst Stockport Women's Centre has continued for this financial year to be the lead 'entity' from a governance perspective, the Alliance will be a separate entity, managing its own governance and finances during the next financial year.

Stockport without Abuse

We have a close partnership with Stockport without Abuse funded by SMBC. The partnership has been designed to support women experiencing domestic abuse domestic abuse.

Development of the Trauma Responsive Service

We have continued to build on our Trauma Informed Approach and have been moving towards becoming a Trauma Responsive Service to support our service users to feel safe and move forward with their lives. Our main aim is to continue to make vulnerable women feel safe and avoid re-traumatising them in the way that we work with them.

We have continued with our single assessment process, with the Counselling Services Manager ensuring the right support at the right time is available to the woman.

We have delivered the Becoming Trauma Informed Learning Programme to our volunteers and staff and have now made this training mandatory for all new staff and volunteers. As part of the greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance, we are also delivering this programme to partner agencies including staff at GM Cheshire Community Rehabilitation, National Probation Service, JP's, as well as other services across the country. The feedback from the delivery to external partners has continued to be overwhelmingly positive.

We have completed the self-assessment of the service, highlighting strengths and identifying areas we need to develop. The self-assessment illustrated the pro-active work we have completed to ensure that our centre is Trauma-Responsive and also highlighted some opportunities for development, which we have already started to act upon.

We continue to be a member of the GM Women's Support Alliance and a group of service users from the GM core user group "Together we will" have been trained to undertake service user consultations, this approach will help us create a fully rounded picture.

Development of the multi-tier therapy offer

In recognition of the number of women that identify as requiring support with their mental health. This year has seen a real focus on us developing our group-work offer, with us now running 2 different groups 4 times per year. We are currently offering a Well-Being Group, which focuses on self-care and how we can support women to develop their own coping mechanisms and build their resilience so they can avoid hitting crisis point. Alongside this group, we also run an 8 week therapeutic programme focusing upon Loss. Our Loss group initially focused around bereavement but following on from service user feedback, we opened this up to discuss Loss in a wider context. 19% of the women who requested counselling and psychotherapy have accessed our group therapy programme and we hope to continue to build on this.

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Both of our groups have been very well received and the outcomes are proving to be very positive, with a demonstrable recovery rate of 76%. We also feel that the added benefit of delivering therapeutic interventions in a group setting also offers our service users the opportunity to develop positive support networks to support them with their well-being moving forwards.

We have continued to develop a wider therapeutic service offer and now have 2 Solution focussed hypnotherapists and life coaches volunteering with us. Both of these options are proving popular with our service users and means we are able to offer a more broad range of approaches.

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Financial review

The results for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. The statement shows that income for the year reduced slightly from £685,680 to £680,373 with expenditure decreasing from £703,968 to £670,013. This has resulted in a net surplus for the year of £10,360 (2019 deficit £18,288) which leaves funds at 31st March 2020 totalling £117,032 of which £30,480 is restricted.

Like so many charities we face a challenging financial future as there continues to be significant reductions in funding by public bodies and increasing competition for grants and it is becoming harder to secure long term funding to cover the running costs of the Centre.

The policy of the trustees is to hold sufficient funds to cover three months typical running costs. The level of reserves is monitored throughout the year as part of the charity's budgetary process.

Funding Sources

As well as the many individual supporters we would like to say thank you to the following organisations for supporting the vital work of charity.

- The Coutts Foundation,
- The Zochonis Charitable Trust
- The Cheadle Royal Hospital Trust.
- Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- Cheshire and Greater Manchester Community and Rehabilitation Company
- Stockport Clinical Commissioning Group
- Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council and
- Ministry of Justice

We remain immensely thankful to all those supporters that have helped us to raise funds needed to meet the full costs of all of the projects and associate costs of running the project.

Investment policy

The charity does not have an investment policy. When available, funds are held in interest bearing bank accounts to maximise returns.

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The Trustees assume responsibility for ongoing review of the risks facing the organisation. In this context, we define risk as the potential to fail to achieve our objectives and for loss, whether financial or reputational, inherent in the environment in which we operate.

Stockport Women's Centre conducts an ongoing programme of, identifying risks in the following business-critical areas. The Trustees note the following specific areas that give rise to the potential major risk areas for the forthcoming financial year.

- Financial
- Human Resources
- Safeguarding
- Relationships and external partnerships

Identified risks are classified as of low, medium or high likelihood and as having small, serious or severe potential to damage the business. Those risks with medium to high chances of occurring and/or with serious to severe potential to damage are listed, monitored and steps taken to mitigate them.

The trustees will consider the potential impact and likelihood of occurrence of these and other risks across the organisation's activities and identify the key controls required. The Board will ensure that next year there is an appropriate control framework in place, recognising that the system of internal control is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve the Charity's objectives.

The Trustees consider that Stockport Women's Centre has procedures in place to maintain strong internal controls and are satisfied that the systems of financial control comply in all material aspects with the guidelines issued by the Charity Commission and are operating with sufficient effectiveness to provide reasonable assurance.

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Future plans

Stockport Women's Centre remains the largest provider of gender specific services for women in Stockport.

We will remain committed to meeting the complex and individual needs of women in Stockport.

Like so many charities we face a challenging financial future as there continues to be significant reductions in funding by public bodies and increasing competition for grants. The reduction in funding will be even greater next year due to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. It is becoming increasingly harder to secure long term funding to cover the running costs of the Centre. In order to address this we will continue to apply for funding from a variety of sources to try to ensure a sustainable future. Some of our funders have already disclosed the financial constraints they are in and are predicting that the next financial year will be worse, which is a concern for future sustainability.

SWC is currently looking at continuity of the service and service redesign, taking into account the current pandemic and the service user need.

The Centre is committed to raising its profile in order to reach women with complex needs, particularly those who are hard to reach. As part of this commitment we will actively develop partnerships with other local community agencies and explore the opportunities of having a physical presence within other community agencies

At the start of the calendar year COVID 19 started to spread across the world leading to a lockdown in the UK in March. In the context of the lockdown Stockport Women's Centre (SWC), was categorised by the government as essential under the category of key public services. SWC could therefore continue to operate but had to change the way in which services were delivered. Prior to the crisis, as a front line and face-to-face service, SWC provided a 'safe space' for women with multiple and complex needs in Stockport. It is of paramount importance that the charity continues to deliver the critical support and services to women in need. In March SWC immediately implemented the necessary changes that have enabled the charity to transition to provide some services remotely. Both the revision of existing services and the development of new services have been essential in allowing the charity to continue service delivery during this time. In particular:

Since the onset of Covid-19 in the UK, the centre has experienced a 70% increase in phone calls from service users and professionals.

As part of business continuity, SWC has been developing its online systems to provide not only the remote provision of its services, but management/supervision of its staff members. SWC were able to quickly mobilise its staff team in a working from home environment through the use of video conferencing systems and remote access software. A majority of SWC staff members are now working from home as a result of the implemented social distancing, therefore providing many of SWC's services remotely. This has enabled staff to communicate with both service users and the SWC workforce effectively, through 1:1 support calls. Where service users are not comfortable or able to communicate through the outlined methods, scheduled check-in calls are available at a suitable time for the women. Where required SWC have been delivering/providing; food parcels, toiletries and toys etc. to women and their families.

Stockport Women's Centre will need to continue to balance its successful service delivery model with the growing complexity of cases and likely increase in demand as a result of current pandemic. We believe that it is important to offer a face to face service alongside our remote services and will seek to do this when it is safe to do so.

By focusing on its unique selling points the Centre can continue to offer life changing services that enable women to reclaim their lives through increased confidence, mental well-being and improved life chances. We will continue to develop new, innovative schemes that enhance the service available to women.

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee.

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

H Hoy

H M Scott

C Lloyd

(Resigned 25 September 2019)

B Swann

(Resigned 3 April 2019)

C Milner

V M O Sim

K Butler

L Dolling

S J Nicholls

(Appointed 19 June 2019 and resigned 30 October 2019)

Ms S Harrison

(Appointed 30 October 2019)

The trustees actively seek to recruit interested women who can contribute to the skills required to manage the charity

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Supplier payment policy

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

Trade creditors of the company at the year end were £434.

Remuneration policy

Remuneration for key management is agreed by the trustees.

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Additionally in the current year no related party transactions with trustees were reported.

Fundraising

During the year there have been no significant fundraising activities.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Stockport Women's Centre for the purpose 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 year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

Auditor

The auditors, WR Partners, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

K Butler

Trustee

Dated: 28 October 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Stockport Women's Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Use of our report

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

Andrew Hague BEng BFP FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of WR Partners

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Chartered Accountants & Statutory
Auditor
Drake House
Gadbrook Park
Northwich
Cheshire
CW9 7RA

WR Partners is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds designated	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £
<u>Income from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	9,503	-	-	9,503	14,503
Charitable activities	4	509,819	-	157,376	667,195	667,272
Other trading activities	5	3,675	-	-	3,675	3,905
Total income		522,997	-	157,376	680,373	685,680
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Raising funds	6	400	-	-	400	216
Charitable activities	7	520,418	-	149,195	669,613	703,752
Total resources expended		520,818	-	149,195	670,013	703,968
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		2,179	-	8,181	10,360	(18,288)
Gross transfers between funds		15,000	(15,000)	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		17,179	(15,000)	8,181	10,360	(18,288)
Fund balances at 1 April 2019		69,373	15,000	22,299	106,672	124,960
Fund balances at 31 March 2020		86,552	-	30,480	117,032	106,672

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds designated	Restricted funds	Total
	Notes	2019 £	2019 £	2019 £	2019 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	14,503	-	-	14,503
Charitable activities	4	175,778	-	491,494	667,272
Other trading activities	5	3,905	-	-	3,905
Total income		194,186	-	491,494	685,680
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	6	216	-	-	216
Charitable activities	7	195,030	-	508,722	703,752
Total resources expended		195,246	-	508,722	703,968
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(1,060)	-	(17,228)	(18,288)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		(1,060)	-	(17,228)	(18,288)
Fund balances at 1 April 2018		70,433	15,000	39,527	124,960
Fund balances at 31 March 2019		69,373	15,000	22,299	106,672

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		1,180		4,078
Current assets					
Debtors	13	2,672		4,104	
Cash at bank and in hand		136,709		195,884	
		139,381		199,988	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(23,529)		(97,394)	
Net current assets			115,852		102,594
Total assets less current liabilities			117,032		106,672
Income funds					
Restricted funds	15		30,480		22,299
Endowment funds - designated			-		15,000
Unrestricted funds			86,552		69,373
			117,032		106,672

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2020, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees acknowledges her responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for 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 year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28 October 2020

H Hoy
Trustee

K Butler
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06255693

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	18		(59,175)		80,625
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(1,180)	
Net cash used in investing activities			-		(1,180)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(59,175)		79,445
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			195,884		116,439
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			136,709		195,884

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Stockport Women's Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 39 Greek Street, Stockport, England, SK3 8AX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold improvements	10% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	33% reducing balance
Computers	33% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations and gifts	9,503	14,503

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income Heading 3 2020 £	Charitable Income Heading 3 2019 £
Performance related grants	667,195	667,272
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	509,819	175,778
Restricted funds	157,376	491,494
	667,195	667,272

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Letting and licensing arrangements	3,675	3,905

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Fundraising and publicity		
Other fundraising costs	400	216

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

6 Raising funds

(Continued)

400 216

7 Charitable activities

Charitable Charitable
Expenditure Expenditure
2020 2019
£ £

Staff costs	343,717	310,959
Depreciation and impairment	2,899	2,474
Establishment costs	32,358	31,104
Telephone	-	6,405
Postage and stationery	-	7,102
Advertising and promotion	349	662
Other costs	3,758	5,591
Volunteer expenses	60	686
Beneficiary expenses	4,758	7,499
Training	3,020	15,339
Repairs and equipment maintenance	1,324	2,795
Cleaning and refuse	1,290	1,512
Professional fees	6,210	7,671
Evaluation fees	21,998	29,777
Staff expenses and travel	6,670	9,415
Sessional workers	48,370	43,827
Women's services	2,304	1,728

479,085 484,546

Grant funding of activities (see note 8) 175,314 211,467

Share of support costs (see note 9) 11,464 4,189

Share of governance costs (see note 9) 3,750 3,550

669,613 703,752

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds 520,418 195,030

Restricted funds 149,195 508,722

669,613 703,752

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

8 Grants payable

	Charitable Expenditure 2020 £	Charitable Expenditure 2019 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	175,314	211,467

The grants paid during the year to The Greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance (The Alliance) amounted to £172,000 (2019 £211,467).

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9 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2019 £
Telephone	5,551	-	5,551	-	-	-
Printing and stationery	2,896	-	2,896	-	-	-
Accountancy	3,017	-	3,017	4,189	-	4,189
Audit fees	-	3,750	3,750	-	3,550	3,550
	11,464	3,750	15,214	4,189	3,550	7,739
Analysed between Charitable activities	11,464	3,750	15,214	4,189	3,550	7,739

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

11 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Charity staff	15	15

Employment costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	307,533	232,502
Social security costs	21,553	61,688
Other pension costs	14,631	16,769
	343,717	310,959

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2019	6,921	25,046	19,833	51,800
At 31 March 2020	6,921	25,046	19,833	51,800
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2019	6,921	22,662	18,139	47,722
Depreciation charged in the year	-	2,384	514	2,898
At 31 March 2020	6,921	25,046	18,653	50,620
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2020	-	-	1,180	1,180
At 31 March 2019	-	2,384	1,694	4,078

13 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	2,672	4,104

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	434	4,751
Accruals and deferred income	23,095	92,643
	<u>23,529</u>	<u>97,394</u>

Deferred income

Deferred income of £92,643 was brought forward at 1 April 2019. During the year £80,611 of this income has been released to income and a further £41,508 of income has been deferred bringing the total deferred income as at 31 March 2020 to £53,540.

The main elements of deferred income at 31 March 2020 are future funding from the CRH Trust £23,095 and Ministry of Justice funding of £12,032.

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources £	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
National Lottery Fund - Development Fund	-	7,273	37,000	(40,562)	3,711
Mental Health Evaluation Project	-	15,026	15,298	(24,475)	5,849
The Alliance of Positive Relationships	-	-	54,615	(54,580)	35
CRH Charitable Trust	-	-	22,643	(22,643)	-
National Lottery - Awards for All	-	-	10,000	(6,935)	3,065
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	-	-	81,040	(63,220)	17,820
	<u>-</u>	<u>22,299</u>	<u>220,596</u>	<u>(212,415)</u>	<u>30,480</u>

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2020 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	1,180	-	-	1,180	4,078	-	-	4,078
Current assets/ (liabilities)	85,372	-	30,480	115,852	65,295	15,000	22,299	102,594
	<u>86,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,480</u>	<u>117,032</u>	<u>69,373</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>22,299</u>	<u>106,672</u>

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).

18 Cash generated from operations

	2020 £	2019 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	10,360	(18,288)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	2,899	2,474
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	1,431	(955)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(73,865)	97,394
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	<u>(59,175)</u>	<u>80,625</u>

19 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.