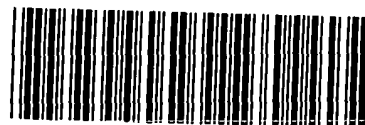


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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1158313

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019
FOR
INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER**

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INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 March 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Our aims and objectives are to provide for the relief of women and their children who have been physically, sexually and emotionally and/or mentally abused within an intimate or family relationship throughout the United Kingdom. Also, to advance public and professional education and understanding of the issues of domestic violence/abuse throughout the United Kingdom.

The Focus of our Work

In order to meet the above aims and objectives, we provide a Domestic Abuse Helpline and Community Helpline Language Service which operates on Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm excluding public holidays. We provide emotional support, advice, signposting and safety planning to women experiencing domestic abuse and referral to refuge provision across the UK. We also provide advocacy in appropriate cases.

Our Community Helpline Language Service offers a helpline service that is culturally sensitive to the needs of South Asian women and workers who speak Urdu and Punjabi. We were successful in receiving short term grant funding to deliver Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage awareness sessions and a community event. We also extended our CHLS opening hours to be in line with the general helpline.

This year we continue to deliver our LGBT Independent Domestic Abuse Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service across Greater Manchester. We received 126 referrals over 12 months with continuous awareness raising of the service offer with Greater Manchester IDVA teams and victim services. We deliver the service in partnership with the LGBT Foundation and we worked closely with Greater Manchester Police who are the main referring agency.

On the helpline we took 3778 calls and made 1246 calls. The total number of incoming and outgoing calls was 5024. We are noticing an increase in the complexity of the calls we are supporting, from clients with complex needs.

In November we celebrated Independent Choices 40th anniversary with a conference on Domestic Abuse - Why coercive control matters delivered by the keynote speaker Evan Stark. His award-winning book, Coercive Control: The Entrapment of Women in Personal Life (Oxford, 2007) revolutionised thinking about partner abuse and was a source for the new crime of "coercive and controlling behaviour" in England and Wales. The conference brought together over 100 delegates from the Domestic Abuse sector.

We offer training on all aspects of domestic abuse and awareness raising sessions to agencies and community groups across Greater Manchester.

Independent Choices is the administrator of the End the Fear website which is a Greater Manchester website that offers advice and up to date developments on all aspects of domestic abuse. The website is targeted at both victim/survivors of domestic abuse and professionals.

Reserves Policy and Funds

The Board of Trustees has a policy in place to ensure that there are sufficient funds kept in reserve to enable the charity to continue to operate for 6 months if funding was significantly reduced. Budgeted expenditure for 2018/19 was £172,371 against actual expenditure of £179,706. Funding available to the charity as at 31/03/19 was £223,691. The charity continues to work closely with funders to deliver high quality essential services.

Investment Policy

Independent Choices regularly review its investment portfolio, we carefully manage risk to get the best financial return to further the charity's aims.

INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for the charity's activities are by way of contract and grant income primarily from Manchester Local Authority, Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner and Donations. Income for the financial year 2018 -19 amounted to £ 146,625. The Board of Trustees are aware of the risks regarding future funding with on-going central and local government cuts, so the identification of potential funding sources and partners continues to be a priority to ensure the future sustainability and service delivery of the charity.

Future Plans

Our future plans include the development of partnership working with specialist providers in the domestic abuse sector. We are working towards significantly updating our information technology infrastructure for the Domestic Abuse Helpline and LGBT IDVA service.

We would like to thank everyone who has worked with us, volunteered for us and supported us this year. We look forward to continuing to work with you

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08911475 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1158313

Registered office

Windrush Millennium Centre
70 Alexandra Road
Moss Side
M16 7WD

Trustees

Ms A Sporidou	- resigned 14.11.18
Ms L Richards	
Ms S E Bevan- Chair	
L P Shentall	
Mrs E Neuman	- appointed 21.5.18
Mrs D Thackray	- appointed 24.1.19

Company Secretary

Ms D Smith

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21.11.19 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms S E Bevan- Chair - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Independent Choices Greater Manchester ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the period ended 1 March 2018 to 31 March 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and 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



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Date: 23/12/19

INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019**

				Period 1.3.18 to 31.3.19 Total funds £	Year Ended 28.2.18 Total funds £
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		152,692	-	152,692	150,237
Investment income	2	(6,067)	-	(6,067)	704
Total		146,625	-	146,625	150,941
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	3	17,006	-	17,006	25,149
Charitable activities					
Costs of Generating Funds		162,700	-	162,700	134,145
Other		-	-	-	4,244
Total		179,706	-	179,706	163,538
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(33,081)	-	(33,081)	(12,597)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		256,772	-	256,772	269,369
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>223,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,691</u>	<u>256,772</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER

**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.19 Total funds £	28.2.18 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	-	-	-	607
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	145,581	-	145,581	163,498
Cash at bank and in hand		78,110	-	78,110	108,737
		<u>223,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,691</u>	<u>272,235</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	-	-	-	(16,070)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>223,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,691</u>	<u>256,165</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>223,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,691</u>	<u>256,772</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>223,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,691</u>	<u>256,772</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				223,691	256,772
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>223,691</u>	<u>256,772</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER

**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED
AT 31 MARCH 2019**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 March 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21/11/2019 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Ms S E Bevan- Chair -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
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Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019****2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Period 1.3.18 to 31.3.19 £	Year Ended 28.2.18 £
Other participating interests	(6,067)	648
Deposit account interest	-	56
	<u>(6,067)</u>	<u>704</u>

3. RAISING FUNDS**Raising donations and legacies**

	Period 1.3.18 to 31.3.19 £	Year Ended 28.2.18 £
Partner costs	-	8,767
Support costs	17,006	16,382
	<u>17,006</u>	<u>25,149</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Period 1.3.18 to 31.3.19 £	Year Ended 28.2.18 £
Depreciation - owned assets	607	247
Hire of plant and machinery	-	2,244
Other operating leases	468	455
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5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2019 nor for the year ended 28 February 2018.

Trustees' expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2019 trustees' expenses of £143 (2018: £nil) were paid.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	Period 1.3.18 to 31.3.19	Year Ended 28.2.18
Support Workers	5	6

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

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	150,237	-	150,237
Investment income	704	-	704
Total	150,941	-	150,941
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	25,149	-	25,149
Charitable activities			
Costs of Generating Funds	134,145	-	134,145
Other	4,244	-	4,244
Total	163,538	-	163,538
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(12,597)	-	(12,597)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	269,369	-	269,369
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	256,772	-	256,772

INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 March 2018 and 31 March 2019	<u>1,246</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 March 2018	639
Charge for year	<u>607</u>
At 31 March 2019	<u>1,246</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2019	-
At 28 February 2018	<u>607</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.19 £	28.2.18 £
Trade debtors	-	8,390
Other debtors	145,581	151,648
Prepayments	-	3,460
	<u>145,581</u>	<u>163,498</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.19 £	28.2.18 £
Trade creditors	-	3,076
Social security and other taxes	-	2,842
Accruals and deferred income	-	10,152
	<u>-</u>	<u>16,070</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.3.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	256,772	(33,081)	223,691
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>256,772</u>	<u>(33,081)</u>	<u>223,691</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	146,625	(179,706)	(33,081)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>146,625</u>	<u>(179,706)</u>	<u>(33,081)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.3.17 £	Net movement in funds £	At 28.2.18 £
Unrestricted Funds			
General fund	269,369	(12,597)	256,772
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>269,369</u>	<u>(12,597)</u>	<u>256,772</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	150,941	(163,538)	(12,597)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>150,941</u>	<u>(163,538)</u>	<u>(12,597)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 March 2019.

INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019**

	Period 1.3.18 to 31.3.19 £	Year Ended 28.2.18 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	-	1,331
Grants	152,692	148,906
	<u>152,692</u>	<u>150,237</u>
Investment income		
Other participating interests	(6,067)	648
Deposit account interest	-	56
	<u>(6,067)</u>	<u>704</u>
Total incoming resources	146,625	150,941
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Partner costs	-	8,767
Charitable activities		
Wages	118,909	107,669
Social security	8,689	7,183
Pensions	9,024	6,443
General rates	468	455
Rent	16,907	11,596
Telephone	2,299	257
Post, stationery and adverting	2,076	786
Sundries	4,053	35
Trustees Expenses	143	-
Volunteer Expenses	132	10
	<u>162,700</u>	<u>134,434</u>
Other		
IT Costs	-	2,244
Consultancy Fees	-	2,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,244</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	195	142

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019**

	Period 1.3.18 to 31.3.19 £	Year Ended 28.2.18 £
Other		
Travelling	2,775	4,251
Events and meetings	4,332	60
Insurance	1,477	1,442
IT costs	2,754	4,439
Subscriptions and memberships	692	60
Repairs and renewals	70	154
Training	1,164	1,156
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	607	249
	<u>13,871</u>	<u>11,811</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,940	4,140
	<u>179,706</u>	<u>163,538</u>
Total resources expended		
Net expenditure	<u>(33,081)</u>	<u>(12,597)</u>

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