

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08911475 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1158313**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022  
FOR  
INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER**

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## **INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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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 year ended 31 March 2022. 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 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Our Aims are to:

- To provide support for victims and survivors of domestic violence and abuse for people aged 16 or over and their families, throughout the United Kingdom
- Also to advance public and professional education and understanding of the issues of domestic violence/abuse throughout the UK

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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **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 (CHLS) 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. However we took the difficult decision to cease the delivery of the LGBTQ+ Independent Domestic Abuse Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service.

On the helpline we took 3521 calls and made 516 calls. The total number of incoming and outgoing calls was 4037. We are noticing an increase in the complexity of the calls we are supporting, from clients with complex needs.

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

This year saw the launch of ICGM's brand new freephone number. Introduced to make the Helpline freely accessible to more victims of domestic abuse.

We were granted money from Manchester City Council to work with Safety 4 Sisters. The project aimed to deliver emergency support for women without children experiencing domestic abuse/ violence who are subject to immigration control in the Manchester area only. The project is to deliver: A dedicated project worker to support women and provide emergency (crisis accommodation & subsistence) support for victims who present as homeless because they are NRPF and can't access refuge space. It also works with Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit to provide immigration advice and legal aid immigration work relevant to the women's situation to regularise her status

We were granted funding by Manchester City Council to work with the BAME communities in relation to Honour Based Violence/Abuse. We decided to work with the Chinese and Irish Travelling communities to raise awareness around honour-based abuse. Discussions were held with both the Wai Yin Centre & The Irish Community Care to establish how prevalent honour-based abuse is and what were the barriers to seeking help within these communities. These discussions led to specific training for their staff around what honour-based abuse is, which included the differences between arranged and forced marriages and how to support victims in their communities. There were dialogues around how the word "honour" and how that word had been stigmatised around the South Asian communities, but the acts committed happen in all communities. ICGM had discussions with both organisations regarding publicity and suggestions were made, resulting in the design of two information posters.

Independent Choices Greater Manchester 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 professionals and victim/survivors of domestic abuse.

#### **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)

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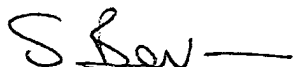
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**Trustees**  
L Richards (resigned 14.7.21)  
S E Bevan- Chair  
L P Shentall  
D Thackray  
D Smith (appointed 12.7.21)

**Company Secretary**  
H C Brewer

**Independent Examiner**  
Sedulo Accountants Limited  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14/12/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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S E Bevan- Chair - Trustee

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

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### 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 year ended 31 March 2022.

#### 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.



Daniel Wilson  
FCCA  
Sedulo Accountants Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
62-66 Deansgate  
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Date: 29/12/2022

**INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		11,030	159,163	170,193	191,339
Investment income	2	<u>348</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>11,378</u>	<u>159,163</u>	<u>170,541</u>	<u>191,339</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	3	19,800	70,615	90,415	64,769
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Costs of Generating Funds		<u>2,499</u>	<u>89,307</u>	<u>91,806</u>	<u>114,395</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>22,299</u>	<u>159,922</u>	<u>182,221</u>	<u>179,164</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(10,921)	(759)	(11,680)	12,175
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>235,214</u>	<u>20,600</u>	<u>255,814</u>	<u>243,639</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>224,293</u>	<u>19,841</u>	<u>244,134</u>	<u>255,814</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

# INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER

## BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		224,293	19,841	244,134	255,814
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>224,293</u>	<u>19,841</u>	<u>244,134</u>	<u>255,814</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>224,293</u>	<u>19,841</u>	<u>244,134</u>	<u>255,814</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>224,293</u>	<u>19,841</u>	<u>244,134</u>	<u>255,814</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7				
Unrestricted funds				224,293	235,214
Restricted funds				<u>19,841</u>	<u>20,600</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>244,134</u>	<u>255,814</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

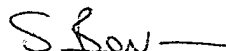
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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 and authorised for issue on 14/12/2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



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

The notes form part of these financial statements



## INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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#### 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 2019)', 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.

##### **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.

##### **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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>348</u>	<u>-</u>

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Raising donations and legacies**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Partner costs	45,875	9,600
Support costs	<u>44,540</u>	<u>45,569</u>
	<u>90,415</u>	<u>55,169</u>

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year ended 31 March 2022 trustees' expenses of £30 (2021: £nil) were paid.

**5. STAFF COSTS**

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Support Workers	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

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

**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	<u>47,439</u>	<u>143,900</u>	<u>191,339</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	25,963	38,806	64,769
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Costs of Generating Funds	<u>29,901</u>	<u>84,494</u>	<u>114,395</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>55,864</u>	<u>123,300</u>	<u>179,164</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(8,425)	20,600	12,175
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	243,639	-	243,639
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>235,214</u>	<u>20,600</u>	<u>255,814</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	235,214	(10,921)	224,293
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	20,600	(759)	19,841
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>255,814</u>	<u>(11,680)</u>	<u>244,134</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	11,378	(22,299)	(10,921)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	159,163	(159,922)	(759)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>170,541</u>	<u>(182,221)</u>	<u>(11,680)</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	243,639	(8,425)	235,214
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	-	20,600	20,600
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>243,639</u>	<u>12,175</u>	<u>255,814</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	47,439	(55,864)	(8,425)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	143,900	(123,300)	20,600
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>191,339</u>	<u>(179,164)</u>	<u>12,175</u>

**8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**INDEPENDENT CHOICES GREATER MANCHESTER**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	922	3,971
Grants	<u>169,271</u>	<u>187,368</u>
	170,193	191,339
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	<u>348</u>	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	170,541	191,339
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Partner costs	45,875	9,600
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	80,009	100,781
Social security	6,113	7,053
Pensions	<u>5,684</u>	<u>6,561</u>
	91,806	114,395
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	117	120
<b>Other</b>		
Travelling	1,987	111
Rent and rates	12,075	14,214
Telephone	4,078	3,336
Insurance	1,883	1,471
IT costs	3,994	4,008
Subscriptions and memberships	818	742
Repairs and renewals	1,995	-
Training	634	592
Consultancy fees	929	25,364
Postage, stationery and advert	3,199	670
Sundries	<u>1,354</u>	<u>651</u>
	32,946	51,159

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
<b>Other</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>11,477</u>	<u>3,890</u>
Total resources expended	<u>182,221</u>	<u>179,164</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(11,680)</u>	<u>12,175</u>

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