

Independent Choices Greater Manchester
Special Resolution
Company number - 08911475

The Board of Directors proposes a change to the objects of the charity. Permission was sought from the Charity Commission to make this change, as legally required, and permission was granted on 8th October 2020. A copy of this formal consent has been filed and is available on request.

The Board is required to put this Special Resolution to members at an Annual or Special General Meeting, and it must receive 75% of the vote to pass.

Current objects are found at Section 4 of the Articles of Association of Independent Choices Greater Manchester and state:

"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".

Proposed change to objects:

"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".

Rationale:

1. There has been demand for the charity to widen its services to provide advice and support for all victims of domestic abuse. Although we continue to recognise the gendered nature of abuse and that women are more adversely affected, we also recognise that domestic abuse can happen to anyone and wish therefore to be able to provide services to all victims and/or survivors.

2. The Domestic Abuse Bill, when passed, will widen the legal definition of domestic violence and abuse and we therefore wish to reflect that change in our objects. By using the general term of 'domestic violence and abuse' we will not be confined to restricting our activities to the narrow areas of domestic abuse currently set out in the objects.

This Special Resolution will be put to members and voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18th November 2020.

Passed/~~Not Passed~~

Signed:

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Sarah Bevan

Role: Chair of Board of Trustees and Director of Independent Choices Greater Manchester

Date:

11/11/2020