



**ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**Charity Registration No 1185078**

**Company registration number 09527065**

**"YOU ARE THE VOICE OF THE DEAD PERSON, AND YOU HAVE A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEIR STORY IS RECORDED CORRECTLY. HOW CAN WE LEARN FROM THE PAST IF IT IS NOT REPRESENTED ACCURATELY?"**

**- FRANK MULLANE MBE, CEO AAFDA**

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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

Including Directors' Report

To Year Ending 31 March 2025

## Foreword from the Chief Executive

2024/25 was another very busy year for AAFDA, where we saw an unprecedented demand for our Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) training, supported many more bereaved families, further built our network and increasingly addressed the issue of domestic abuse related suicide. AAFDA has also been working consistently to provide support across the academic, voluntary and statutory sectors to develop and improve responses to fatal domestic abuse.

As CEO, I started 24/25 by speaking at the Institute for Addressing Strangulation conference in April, where I shared learning from over 1200 Domestic Homicide Reviews. In May, for Mental Health Awareness week, we highlighted our work with families who had been bereaved by domestic abuse related suicide. We continued our awareness-raising work later in the year with '16 Days of Activism' in November and December challenging damaging myths and narratives about domestic homicide.

We have also spoken this year at some impactful events including the Open University Police Education one-day conference about the understanding of domestic abuse in the criminal justice system, and the Wearside Women in Need conference, '*Domestic Homicide Reviews: Exploring the role of friends, families and communities*'.

This year we have strengthened our role within the violence against women and girls' sector (VAWG) by becoming a part of the End Violence Against Women coalition, which we joined in June 2024. June was also the month we had to open a waiting list for our DHR training for 25/26, as the application process – which opened in April – was by then oversubscribed. We added a new course to our training portfolio, '*The Child's Voice in DHRs*', to ensure that children's voices are not sidelined or forgotten in the process. And, as CEO, I joined an international collaboration to improve support for children bereaved due to family violence.

When we look back at a year where domestic homicides were in every newspaper and on every news programme following the murders of Carol, Hannah and Louise Hunt, an important public conversation has been started. We hope this will alert more people to realise they have a role to play in reducing the prevalence of domestic abuse, domestic homicide and suicide related domestic abuse, and the importance of awareness-raising, and specialist training and education.

We are proud of the positive impact our work has had this year, and while there is much more to do, we would like to take this time to thank everyone who has worked with us and supported us during 24/25. A big thank you to the incredible AAFDA team, including our paid staff, volunteers and board members, and to our funders and supporters.

Frank Mullane MBE  
Chief Executive, AAFDA



## About AAFDA

### AAFDA's Vision

A future free of domestic violence.

### AAFDA's Mission

We advocate, educate and influence to ensure victims' voices are heard, driving change.

### About AAFDA

Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA) was founded by Frank Mullane MBE in 2008, in memory of his sister and nephew, Julia and Will Pemberton, whose murders in 2003 prompted an inquiry exposing the difficulties families face in these circumstances. Known as the Pemberton Homicide Review, the inquiry was the first of its kind, exposing a deeply inadequate response to domestic abuse victims. The emotionally exhausting, arduous, and costly process gave Frank the resolve to ensure no-one else faced the same barriers to access justice. He then helped to establish Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs), which became law in 2011. Frank was awarded an MBE in 2019 for his work supporting families bereaved by domestic homicide.

AAFDA is also a Centre of Excellence for reviews into domestic homicides, suicides and unexplained deaths following domestic abuse. We are particularly skilled in DHR methodology and best practice, having been closely involved in developing the model with the Home Office since 2008, three years before they became law. Using our specialist knowledge and collective insights, we provide for the needs of families bereaved by fatal domestic abuse and help agencies to refine their services for victims suffering domestic abuse and to review domestic abuse related deaths more effectively. We provide a unique national voice for the learning that each DHR generates. While no two cases are the same, we believe that each DHR is an opportunity to end domestic abuse.



CEO Frank Mullane with the Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands, Simon Foster



**Loukia Michael, Fundraising and Business Development Manager, with Minister Jess Phillips MP**

Support families after fatal domestic abuse, listening, informing, advising, guiding, enabling and advocating.

Advance education of the public as regards domestic abuse.

### Aims of AAFDA

Improve the standards and impact of reviews into fatal domestic abuse and serious injuries.

Other charitable purposes as the Trustees determine, for example helping agencies improve prevention services.



## Our work with families impacted by fatal domestic abuse

### Advocacy

AAFDA's specialist and expert advocates are at the heart of the charity. They have lived experience and understanding of the issues faced. Our advocates provide specialist and expert advocacy and peer support, working with the family to secure their right to an adequate investigation and equal treatment within the post-fatal domestic abuse process. They challenge disadvantage, raise the status of the victim in the case narrative, and ensure that the family is integral within post-homicide reviews. AAFDA's trauma-informed service, providing long-term advocacy, goes 'above and beyond' to restore dignity and relief for families. An example from this year is when our team supporting a family convinced a coroner to go from an inquest 'in writing' to a two-day inquest, which transformed the process for the family.

### Case study – the difference that AAFDA makes

*A client of AAFDA's was being subjected to ongoing post-separation abuse. We referred the client to MARAC in May 2024 following her disclosure of abuse. However, following this we continued to have significant concerns regarding the client's risk, which we felt was not being appropriately understood or addressed by agencies. We co-ordinated an urgent professionals' meeting involving senior police officers and the local domestic abuse service, to discuss the risks, co-ordinate an effective multiagency response to mitigating these risks, and promote wrap around support for the client. The professionals' meeting resulted in agreeing actions for agencies, including the police, to follow up particular concerns.*

AAFDA continues to be the **only** national provider of specialist and expert advocacy and peer support to people bereaved by suicide and unexplained death where there was a history of domestic abuse.

In 2024/25 we received 108 new referrals, 67 of which went on to become full cases, taking the total receiving active advocacy support to 332 family members impacted by fatal domestic abuse.

### AAFDA referrals in 2024/25

Case Types	Ongoing/existing	New referrals becoming full cases*	Total
Homicide	99	25	124
Suicide	124	31	155
Unexplained death	39	10	49
Parole	3	1	4
Total	265	67	332

\*Many more required a less intense response.

## Peer support

AAFDA's drop-in peer support sessions (facilitated online by AAFDA team members) continued throughout 2024/25 to provide a safe space to enable families impacted by fatal domestic abuse to connect and share ways to cope with their loss. These sessions also enable families who wish to remain in touch with AAFDA to do so once their advocacy support ends.

In June 2024, AAFDA held a residential weekend for families bereaved by domestic abuse. The event was held in Devon and hosted 10 families. The weekend included craft sessions and a collaborative art workshop on the Saturday afternoon, and a candle lighting and safe sharing space in the evening. Creative workshops continued on the Sunday, followed by live music in the afternoon.

## Children

Throughout 2024/25 AAFDA continued to develop its specialist children's service and raised awareness of children's voices in the DHR process. In January 2025, the CEO attended an international event in France to collaborate on improving support for children bereaved due to family violence. AAFDA is an ongoing partner in this enterprise.



## **Working With Professionals**

**Alongside our direct advocacy with agencies and professionals to strengthen responses to individual cases, AAFDA delivers a wide range of training and professional development activities aimed at improving practice nationally. We also invest in continuous professional development for our own staff to ensure high-quality, trauma-informed support for families and professionals.**

**We collaborated with the research team behind "Learning Legacies: An Analysis of Domestic Homicide Reviews in Cases of Domestic Abuse Suicide". The team behind the report launched a series of practical resources to help professionals to better understand the link between domestic abuse and suicide, and to improve the response to suicide after domestic abuse.**

**With a range of partners and led by Wearside Women in Need, AAFDA continued to support the 'We Findaway' project, facilitating a reference group of family members who are experts by experience. The project has launched a critically needed support service for family and friends concerned that someone they care about may be experiencing domestic abuse.**

## The Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Network

The DHR Network continued to grow during 2024/25, reaching over **250 members** from across the professional landscape, including Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), Independent Chairs, and those involved in commissioning, managing, or contributing to Domestic Homicide Reviews.

### Aims of the DHR Network

The network is designed to:

- Promote consistently high standards across Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- Provide tools, resources, and a supportive community for key professionals.
- Offer regular opportunities for learning, collaboration, and sharing best practice.

### Member Benefits

Members were able to access:

- Regular learning and networking sessions, featuring expert speakers and specialist topics.
- An online space for peer support and access to information
- DHR alerts to connect them with Community Safety Partnerships needing to commission a Chair.

Events covered a wide range of practice-enhancing topics, including:

- Scope of a DHR Panel to make recommendations
- Supporting children and young people following fatal domestic abuse
- Review of the Network and briefing on new training
- Revised statutory guidance consultation from the Home Office
- Update on the Domestic Abuse Commissioner's Office oversight mechanism pilots
- Introduction to the Safe and Together model
- Voice of the child – insights from a Child Safeguarding Practice Review
- Beyond the Streets: understanding survival sex
- Paloma – introducing a bespoke information management database for DHRs
- Consultation on the scope and limitations of the Register of Chairs
- Abuse in the military.

## Training and Professional Development

AAFDA delivered both bespoke training and CPD-accredited national courses, including:

- Being an Effective Panel Member
- Abuse in the Military
- Managing a Domestic Homicide Review
- Voice of the Child
- Newly launched courses: Writing an Effective Management Review and SMART Action Planning

## Reach and Impact

- 282 professionals received AAFDA's national accredited or bespoke training (including the persons referred to in the Home Office–Funded Chair Training section below).
- A further 185 delegates benefited from locally commissioned training tailored to local need.

## Home Office–Funded Chair Training

AAFDA was selected as the national provider for the Home Office-funded DHR Chair training programme. This enabled us to develop and deliver a new qualification: Certificate in Chairing a Domestic Homicide Review (Level 3). During the first year, 158 new and existing Chairs completed the training.

Feedback has been consistently positive, with some areas achieving 100% satisfaction rates.

A learner gave this feedback: *“The course has significantly deepened my understanding of the Domestic Homicide Review process and the complexities involved in identifying and responding to domestic abuse. I now feel better equipped to approach cases with a more trauma-informed and child-centred lens and to contribute more confidently to multi-agency discussions.”*

## Family Speakers

The involvement of families in training continues to be one of the most powerful and valued elements of our offer. Feedback shows that hearing from family speakers strengthens professional understanding, empathy, and commitment to best practice.

## Feedback

- *“To the family speakers, I was humbled at the strength, passion, and determination you have in making a difference... Sharing your loved one with us will be central to our approach to DHRs.”*
- *“Listening to [redacted name] and [redacted name] will stay with me forever... I will keep their experiences central to my role.”*
- *“You’ve shown how pain can be transformed into power and are making the world safer for us all.”*
- *“The voices of families were a critical reminder of the importance of integrity and values in the delivery of DHRs... They inspired me to be the best Chair I can be.”*



## Our national influence

AAFDA has continued to provide strong leadership in building the knowledge base about domestic abuse and fatal domestic abuse, the needs of those impacted by it and best practice responses. Working closely with sector partners, AAFDA is a trusted expert voice and is proud to represent the voices of bereaved families at national level.

We are grateful for the unwavering support of Minister Jess Phillips MP, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls, the Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales, Dame Nicole Jacobs, and the late Baroness Helen Newlove, Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales during 24/25, who sadly passed away during the writing of this report.

AAFDA has continued to support the Institute for Addressing Strangulation and SafeLives to deliver sessions and training to professionals on the Non-Fatal Strangulation (NFS) offence which enable professionals to recognise when the offence has occurred and/or where the life or health of a victim of NFS may be at risk.

We have been in regular contact with the network of Police and Crime Commissioners and have attended conferences and events to increase the visibility of AAFDA to our key stakeholders.

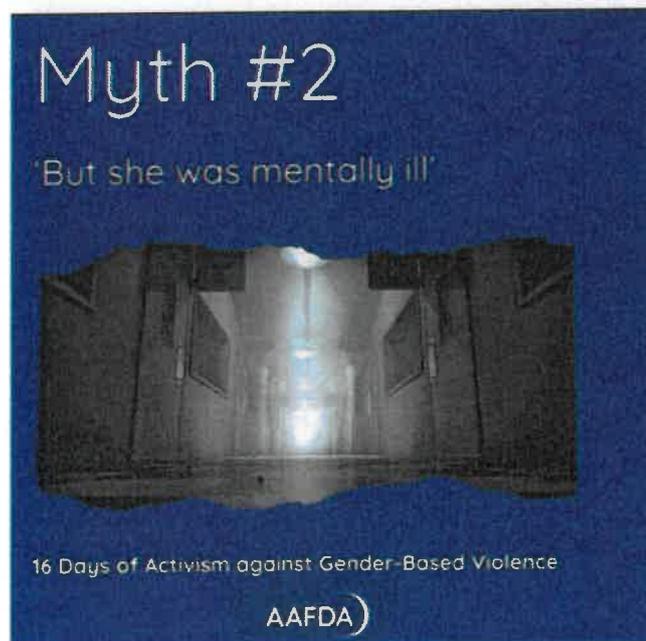
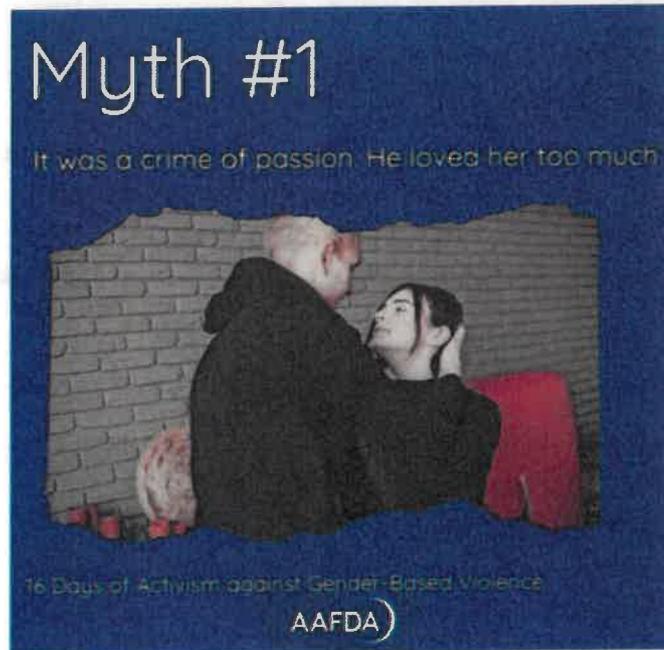


Frank Mullane and Emily Spurrell – Chair of the Association of PCCs (APCC)

We have also this year worked with the ITV programme Loose Women to raise the profile and understanding of domestic abuse and fatal domestic abuse, by supporting their awareness campaign, Facing it Together. Several of our family spokespeople went on the programme to share their experiences as part of the campaign.



We have worked to raise awareness of key issues throughout the year, running the below Myths campaign during 16 Days of Activism to dispel harmful myths about domestic homicide:





## Our funders

In 2024–2025, we continued to strengthen and diversify our income streams, ensuring the sustainability of our specialist support for families bereaved by fatal domestic abuse. Alongside continued funding from the Home Office and Police & Crime Commissioners, we were grateful to receive generous grants from a range of charitable trusts and foundations, including:

- The Henry Smith Charity
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Clifford Chance Foundation
- The Masonic Charitable Foundation
- The Worshipful Company of Security Professionals Charitable Trust
- The Lawson Trust
- The Another Way Women's Foundation
- The Sir James Reckitt Charity
- John Ellerman Foundation
- Awards for All
- Yorkshire Building Society

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all these funders for their commitment to our mission and their belief in the importance of our work.

We are also deeply grateful to the many individual donors, businesses, churches, and community groups whose generosity enables us to reach and support more families each year. Every contribution—large or small—helps us continue to provide advocacy, peer support, and hope to those affected by fatal domestic abuse.

A special thank you goes to Chiyvonne Shennan, who raised an incredible £1,435 by running the Manchester Half Marathon in support of AAFDA.

AAFDA extends its heartfelt thanks to all the trusts, foundations, and supporters who have made our work in 2024–2025 possible.



Chiyvonne Shennan, who raised £1,435 by running the Manchester Half Marathon in support of our work at AAFDA.

AAFDA is extremely grateful to the following trusts and foundations for their support of our work in 2024/25:



WILTSHIRE FREEMASONS



John Ellerman  
Foundation



The  
Henry Smith  
Charity

founded in 1628



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## Good governance and management

During 2024/2025, our Board consisted of five trustees with a range of complementary expertise and experience.

Our Board meets, at minimum, on a quarterly basis. The Chair has regular and frequent contact with the CEO. During Board meetings the CEO and Deputy CEO report on the main aspects of the charity (work with beneficiaries, impact on victims, emerging issues, finance, strategic plan, operational performance, and risk).

The Board is very aware of its responsibilities to identify and manage risk. A risk management register is reviewed regularly by the CEO who highlights to the Board any increased or new risks identified.

The Board complies with statutory obligations to submit Full Year Accounts, a Trustees' Annual Report, and an Annual Return to the Charity Commission.

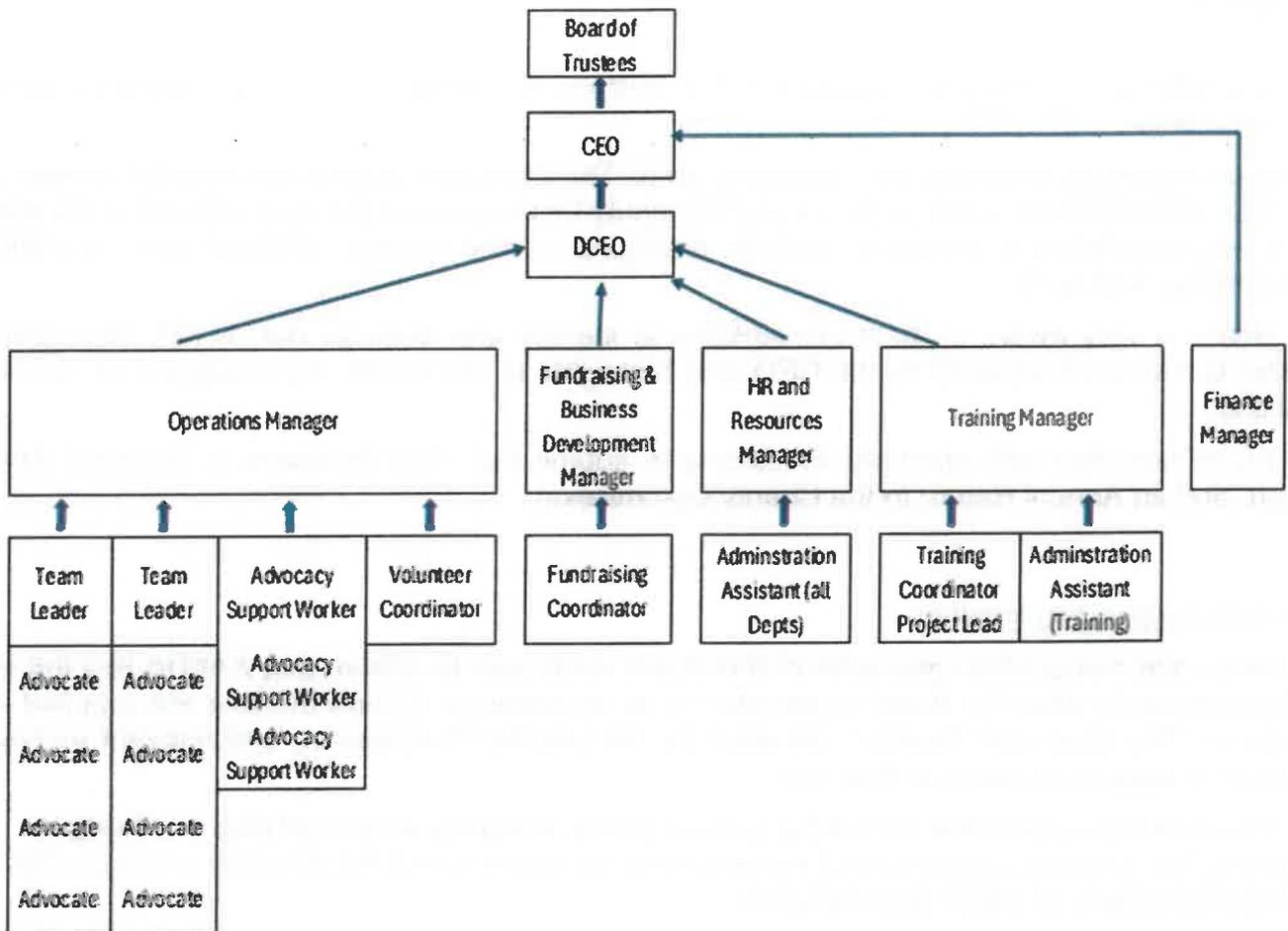
### Trustee induction and training:

We review the composition and skills of the Board each year to ensure that AAFDA has the skills and knowledge to allow the Board to provide robust governance. All new trustees are supplied with a copy of *"The Essential Trustee"*, provided by the Charity Commission, and relevant training is provided to support trustees in their role.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts and making major decisions about the direction of the charity, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for the day-to-day management to the Chief Executive, who is supported by a management team.

AAFDA's team structure:



## Charitable objects

The charity's objects (objects) are specifically restricted to the following:

4.1 To relieve the needs of persons who are suffering from bereavement, trauma or loss, whether arising from domestic abuse or otherwise, in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of information, advice, support, befriending and advocacy;

4.2 To protect and preserve life by:

4.2.1 Advancing education and raising awareness of the public in issues

relating to domestic abuse including its nature, impact, causes, remedies and prevention; and

4.2.2 Advising and assisting persons in connection with the homicide reviews

and inquiries into violent and unexpected fatalities and serious injuries and

other abuse.

4.3 To promote such other charitable purposes as the directors shall from time to time determine.

## Aims

We work to the following pillars which encompass our aims: Advocate, Educate and Influence –

**ADVOCATE** - We aim to offer specialist advocacy, practical and emotional help , and peer support for families, to help them cope and recover after fatal domestic abuse.

**EDUCATE** – We aim to train people to chair Domestic Homicide Reviews. We train professionals to review fatal domestic abuse with the objective of reducing fatal domestic abuse and domestic abuse.

**INFLUENCE** – We aim to challenge local and national policy and offer change to the law.

We measure the level of engagement we have, in terms of the number of people we educate and the numbers of bereaved families we support,

We identify areas within the law that are not working for bereaved families and offer expertise.

We develop trusted relationships with members of Parliament and commissioners so we are able to represent families when key decisions about policy and practice are made.

We risk assess our charity offer and record mitigations, which are regularly reviewed by the Board.

Our strategy is to offer support now while being an active part of building a future where fatal domestic abuse is understood and where professionals respond in an appropriate and trauma-informed way. We work to raise awareness and with domestic abuse sector partners with the ultimate long-term goal of achieving our vision, a future free of domestic violence. In summary, we do the vital direct work with families now while also investing in building a better future. We work to reach more families year-on-year.

As part of our work to reach more families, during 24/25, we identified a priority for the next financial year. This was to organise a conference focused on families bereaved by suicide following domestic abuse (or unexplained death). This was in response to our work on recognising the high levels of these deaths and providing support services for the bereaved families.

## Achievements and performance

Throughout all strands of our work, we utilise a range of performance management and monitoring tools to ensure the proper management of our work, to understand the impact we are having, and with a view to continual improvement. We collect data on referrals received, qualitative and quantitative information on work undertaken with clients, and we undertake surveys with service users and professionals we support or train.

In 2024/25:

- We strengthened and diversified our income streams. We ended the year in surplus (see attached financial information). This enables us to strengthen reserves putting them at the higher end of the range, three to six months of operating costs, as specified by the Board.
- Our cashflow is sufficient to meet forecast monthly outgoings.
- Following our direct work supporting families, we identified a need to convene a conference for families affected by suicide following domestic abuse.
- We are building our social media presence and are going to be tracking performance from 2025 onwards, so we can monitor growth and identify opportunities to grow our audience.

## Future plans

The trustees will be working with the CEO on a new strategy in 25/26, that will be focused on sustainability of current work and steadily building the charity so that more families can be reached. The trustees are aware of the challenging funding environment the charity is operating in, which is affecting many charities, and are prioritising stability for a service that is relied upon by so many bereaved families.

## Fundraising Standards and Compliance Statement

The Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring that AAFDA meets the highest standards of ethical, legal and professional fundraising practice. We are committed to raising funds in a way that reflects our values, protects the families we support, and maintains public trust in our charity.

## Ethical Fundraising Commitment

AAFDA exists to achieve its charitable purposes and to deliver our mission: providing specialist, trauma-informed advocacy and support to families bereaved through fatal domestic abuse. Fundraising is essential to sustaining this work, and we undertake it with integrity, transparency and care.

We are voluntarily registered with the **Fundraising Regulator** and fully uphold its **Fundraising Promise**, committing to fundraising that is legal, open, honest and respectful. Our internal **Fundraising Policy** sets out the ethical and professional standards expected of all staff, volunteers and Trustees, who each share responsibility for understanding and implementing these standards.

AAFDA respects the rights of all supporters. We provide clear, accurate information about our work and how donations are used, and we handle all personal data responsibly and securely. We do not engage in cold-calling by telephone or door-to-door fundraising, and we do not share personal data with third parties for marketing or fundraising purposes. We never pressurise anyone to donate and take particular care not to seek donations from people who may be vulnerable.

AAFDA will not solicit or accept financial support from individuals or organisations whose activities could undermine our mission, values or reputation, or cause detriment to our beneficiaries.

### Regulatory Compliance

AAFDA is registered with and committed to the standards set by the Fundraising Regulator. We follow the **Code of Fundraising Practice**, which outlines the legal and ethical responsibilities for all fundraising carried out in the UK.

During the financial year, the Board confirms that AAFDA:

- **Complied with the Code of Fundraising Practice**, including requirements relating to transparency, solicitation statements, data protection, and responsible fundraising methods.
- **Ensured that all fundraising communications were open, honest and respectful**, in line with the Fundraising Regulator's expectations.
- **Protected supporter privacy and personal data** in accordance with the UK GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018, and AAFDA's data-handling policies.
- **Treated vulnerable people with care, dignity and sensitivity**, in alignment with the Fundraising Regulator's guidance on supporting people in vulnerable circumstances.
- **Maintained a clear and accessible complaints process**. During the year, we received no fundraising-related complaints; any concerns raised were handled promptly and in accordance with our complaints policy.
- **Provided Trustees, staff and volunteers with relevant training**, including updates on regulation, safeguarding, ethical fundraising practice and sector guidance.

### Trustee Assurance

The Board is satisfied that AAFDA's fundraising activities are responsible, transparent and fully compliant with all relevant regulation. We remain committed to continuous improvement and will continue to review our policies, oversight mechanisms and training to ensure that our fundraising supports our mission and upholds the trust placed in us by families, partners and supporters.

### Finance:

AAFDA has seen its income for 2024/25 significantly increase to £1,137,477. The major reasons for this increase have been the result of an increased grant from the Home Office and the award of the Home Office contract for the training of Domestic Homicide Review Chairs. This revenue has enabled us to ensure a period of stability for our employees and to invest, in line with the restricted nature of the grants, in more support for families.

In addition, the Charity has seen an uplift in costs consistent with an organisation growing in size. Inbetween appointing a new Finance Manager and the previous one leaving, there was a need for short term Finance Manager help from an agency. This explains the increase in Legal and Professional costs year on year. More funds have been expended in developing the Charity's infrastructure and systems, increasing our efficiency and sustainability whilst ensuring our staff are supported to case manage in psychologically safe environments.

As AAFDA grows, the Trustees are allocating more resources to ensure good governance, improved internal controls and compliance with regulations.

### Reserves Policy:

To ensure the long-term success and sustainability of AAFDA amidst a very uncertain funding and operating environment, the Trustees aim to maintain free reserves (which exclude restricted grants) equivalent to between three to six months of budgeted operating costs. These free reserves include designated funds which are set aside for specific projects decided by the Board. Free reserves of £459,843, at the year-end were just over five months of that year's operating costs and four and a half months of forecast operating costs for 2025/26.

### Public Benefit Statement:

The Trustees understand it is their duty in exercising their powers to meet the obligations as outlined by the Charity Commission. For example, these responsibilities include being clear that the activities undertaken by AAFDA are for the public benefit and meet the objectives outlined in the Charity's Articles of Association.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 18 December 2025.



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**James O'Sullivan**  
Chair

# **ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025***

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The trustees, who are also the directors of Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse Ltd 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.

# ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including 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 2025 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

#### 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 requires 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.

# ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

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#### **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, are 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 are 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detection irregularities, including fraud**

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and addressing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

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- The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities, and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The risk of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud was discussed within the audit team and tests were planned and performed to address these risks.
- We enquired of the trustees, reviewed correspondence and reviewed trustees meeting minutes for evidence of non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations. We also reviewed controls the trustees have in place to ensure compliance.
- We gained an understanding of the controls that the trustees have in place to prevent and detect fraud. We enquired of the trustees about any incidences of fraud that had taken place during the accounting period.
- We critically reviewed judgements and provisions included within the financial statements and examined the associated cut-off issues.
- We reviewed financial statements disclosures and tested to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above.
- We enquired of the trustees about actual and potential litigation and claims.
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that might indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- In addressing the risk of fraud due to management override of internal controls we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates were indicative of a potential bias.

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and cannot be expected to detect all fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### 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 auditor's 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.



David Owen & Co, Statutory Auditor  
Chartered Accountants  
17 The Market Place  
Devizes  
Wiltshire  
SN10 1HT  
22 December 2025

David Owen & Co is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general		Unrestricted funds Designated		Restricted funds		Unrestricted funds general		Unrestricted funds Designated		Restricted funds		Total	
		2025	£	2025	£	2025	£	2025	£	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£
<b>Income from:</b>															
Donations and legacies	3	10,278		-		899,655		62,020		-		803,702		865,722	
Charitable activities	4	210,768		-		-		99,791		-		-		99,791	
Investments	5	16,776		-		-		11,250		-		-		11,250	
<b>Total income</b>		<b>237,822</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>899,655</b>		<b>173,061</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>803,702</b>		<b>976,763</b>	
<b>Expenditure on:</b>															
Raising funds	6	96,094		-		-		48,533		-		-		48,533	
Charitable activities	7	79,745		-		885,905		35,918		-		803,702		839,620	
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>175,839</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>885,905</b>		<b>84,451</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>803,702</b>		<b>888,153</b>	
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		<b>61,983</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>13,750</b>		<b>88,610</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>		<b>88,610</b>	
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>															
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		347,860		50,000		125,000		259,250		50,000		125,000		434,250	
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2025</b>		<b>409,843</b>		<b>50,000</b>		<b>138,750</b>		<b>347,860</b>		<b>50,000</b>		<b>125,000</b>		<b>522,860</b>	

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		3,033		7,912
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	247,578		124,585	
Cash at bank and in hand		486,955		449,812	
		734,533		574,397	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	(138,973)		(59,449)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			595,560		514,948
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			598,593		522,860
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	17		138,750		125,000
Unrestricted funds - general	19		409,843		347,860
Unrestricted funds - Designated	18		50,000		50,000
			598,593		522,860

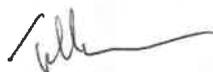
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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 18 December 2025



Mr J O'Sullivan  
Trustee

# ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	22		20,367		(9,567)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Investment income received		16,776		11,250	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			16,776		11,250
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			37,143		1,683
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			449,812		448,129
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			486,955		449,812

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# ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 30 Commercial Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 5NS.

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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. 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.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors 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.

#### 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.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 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:

Computers	3 years straight line
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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 the statement of financial activities.

#### 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.

#### **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.

# ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 1 Accounting policies

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#### **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.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	6,878	-	6,878	7,020	-	7,020
Grants receivable for core activities	3,400	899,655	903,055	55,000	803,702	858,702
	<u>10,278</u>	<u>899,655</u>	<u>909,933</u>	<u>62,020</u>	<u>803,702</u>	<u>865,722</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

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	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Grants receivable for core activities</b>						
Police and Crime Commissioners	-	223,571	223,571	-	225,882	225,882
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	170,250	170,250	-	151,417	151,417
Wearside Women in Need	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	-	-	-	55,000	-	55,000
Home Office Perpetrator	-	-	-	-	32,626	32,626
Home Office	-	350,000	350,000	-	250,000	250,000
John Ellerman Foundation	-	40,000	40,000	-	40,000	40,000
Henry Smith	-	60,000	60,000	-	60,000	60,000
Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-
Other	3,400	25,834	29,234	-	33,777	33,777
	<u>3,400</u>	<u>899,655</u>	<u>903,055</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>803,702</u>	<u>858,702</u>

### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Training and Influencing</b>		
Speaking, consultancy and training fees	210,768	99,791
	<u>210,768</u>	<u>99,791</u>

### 5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Bank Interest	16,776	11,250
	<u>16,776</u>	<u>11,250</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Fundraising and publicity</b>		
Other fundraising costs	19,422	3,825
Staff costs	76,672	44,708
	<u>96,094</u>	<u>48,533</u>

# ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Advocacy Training and and peer influencing support		Total	Advocacy Training and and peer influencing support		Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Direct costs</b>						
Staff costs	623,649	49,270	672,919	552,754	38,367	591,121
Travel expenses	25,349	994	26,343	18,718	1,146	19,864
Domestic homicide review network	-	-	-	-	15,575	15,575
Project partner costs	-	696	696	-	2,960	2,960
Support materials	-	-	-	1,096	-	1,096
Equipment renewal	17,079	-	17,079	16,167	-	16,167
Peer support workshops & events	16,590	-	16,590	-	-	-
Supervision and staff welfare	13,929	1,591	15,520	16,415	-	16,415
Training and recruitment	2,628	-	2,628	2,286	-	2,286
Monitoring and evaluation (includes staff costs of £16,793)	3,000	-	3,000	20,268	-	20,268
Strategic review and capacity development	-	5,650	5,650	-	1,022	1,022
External training and event costs	-	51,909	51,909	-	26,312	26,312
Annual conference	736	-	736	-	-	-
Other charitable expenditure	14,228	-	14,228	5,338	-	5,338
	<u>717,188</u>	<u>110,110</u>	<u>827,298</u>	<u>633,042</u>	<u>85,382</u>	<u>718,424</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)</b>						
Support	112,301	8,854	121,155	97,019	7,302	104,321
Governance	15,463	1,734	17,197	15,694	1,181	16,875
	<u>844,952</u>	<u>120,698</u>	<u>965,650</u>	<u>745,755</u>	<u>93,865</u>	<u>839,620</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds - general	-	79,745	79,745	-	35,918	35,918
Restricted funds	844,952	40,953	885,905	745,755	57,947	803,702
	<u>844,952</u>	<u>120,698</u>	<u>965,650</u>	<u>745,755</u>	<u>93,865</u>	<u>839,620</u>

# ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	47,116	53,847
Depreciation	4,879	4,879
Travel costs	1,134	1,055
IT systems and website	7,619	6,270
Telephone and postage	5,389	5,781
Security	1,698	1,871
Office supplies and utilities	4,546	2,374
Insurance	6,834	5,634
HR Services	5,959	8,347
Legal and professional	25,778	2,673
Supervision and staff welfare	2,415	870
Training and recruitment	1,165	4,108
Other costs	6,623	6,612
Governance costs	17,197	16,875
	<u>138,352</u>	<u>121,196</u>

#### Analysed between:

Advocacy and peer support	127,764	112,713
Training and influencing	10,588	8,483
	<u>138,352</u>	<u>121,196</u>

#### Governance costs comprise:

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fees	6,800	-
Accountancy	8,524	8,840
Board Governance	1,873	8,035
	<u>17,197</u>	<u>16,875</u>

### 9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	6,800	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	4,879	4,879
	<u>11,679</u>	<u>4,879</u>

# ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 10 Trustees

During the year, the charity did not reimburse any expenses incurred by the trustees (2024: one of the trustees was reimbursed £321).

During the year to 31 March 2024, the charity purchased services from one of the trustees totalling £4,800, in adherence to the rules of the Charity Commission.

#### 11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Fundraising	2	2
Charitable activities	18	19
Administration	5	1
Total	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	697,114	615,064
Social security costs	60,176	53,435
Other pension costs	21,621	18,926
	<u>778,911</u>	<u>687,425</u>

In addition termination payments totalling £17,796 (2024; £19,444 ) were made in the reporting period. The termination payments were payable when employment was terminated before the normal retirement date or end of employment contract due to re-structuring.

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
£60,001 to £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>108,444</u>	<u>123,893</u>

# ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

#### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2024	14,638
At 31 March 2025	14,638
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2024	6,726
Depreciation charged in the year	4,879
At 31 March 2025	11,605
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2025	3,033
At 31 March 2024	7,912

#### 14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	181,632	80,298
Prepayments and accrued income	65,946	44,287
	247,578	124,585

#### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security		-	12,967
Deferred income		50,033	14,878
Trade creditors		20,354	530
Other creditors		-	4,226
Accruals		68,586	26,848
		138,973	59,449

# ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 16 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	21,621	18,926

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

#### 17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Police and Crime Commissioners	-	223,571	(223,571)	-
The National Lottery	125,000	163,583	(163,583)	125,000
Home Office	-	350,000	(350,000)	-
Wearside Women in Need	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	6,667	(6,667)	-
Henry Smith	-	60,000	(60,000)	-
John Ellerman	-	40,000	(40,000)	-
Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	20,000	(20,000)	-
Clifford Chance	-	5,834	(5,834)	-
Another Way Women's Foundation	-	10,000	(5,416)	4,584
Sir J Reckitt	-	5,000	(417)	4,583
The Lawson trust	-	5,000	(417)	4,583
	<u>125,000</u>	<u>899,655</u>	<u>(885,905)</u>	<u>138,750</u>

#### Previous year:

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Police and Crime Commissioners	-	225,882	(225,882)	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	125,000	151,417	(151,417)	125,000
Wearside Women in Need	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Home Office Perpetrator	-	32,626	(32,626)	-
Home Office	-	250,000	(250,000)	-
Henry Smith	-	60,000	(60,000)	-
John Ellerman	-	40,000	(40,000)	-
Clifford Chance	-	5,387	(5,387)	-
Other grants	-	28,390	(28,390)	-
	<u>125,000</u>	<u>803,702</u>	<u>(803,702)</u>	<u>125,000</u>

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### 17 Restricted funds

(Continued)

The aims of the restricted funds were as follows:

Police and Crime Commissioners – towards the provision of specialist and expert advocacy for families bereaved by fatal domestic abuse

The National Lottery Community Fund – towards the ‘Specialist Support for Bereaved Families’ and ‘Peer Support’ programmes

Wearside Women in Need – To fund the costs of senior management time providing advice to the ‘findaway’ project helping families of those suffering domestic abuse. The grant also covers the costs of paying bereaved families to attend meetings at which they give advice.

Home Office - to deliver the grant purpose of providing specialist advocacy and support for families bereaved by fatal domestic abuse.

Henry Smith – towards practical and emotional support to families bereaved by domestic homicide across England and Wales.

John Ellerman Foundation- towards work focussing on advocating for victims of fatal domestic abuse and their families and friends.

Masonic Charitable foundation - specialist children’s support and advocacy.

Clifford Chance - give access to education to those needing support and advocacy.

Another Way Women’s Foundation - The funding is towards costs of one full time advocate who would support 25-30 clients over the course of a year.

Sir J Reckitt - provide specialist advocacy and support.

The Lawson Trust - Support for families who have been bereaved by fatal domestic abuse.

### 18 Unrestricted funds - Designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity’s activities.

	At 1 April 2024 £	At 31 March 2025 £
Designated fund	50,000	50,000
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024 £</b>
Designated fund	50,000	50,000
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>

The Charity maintains a designated fund to facilitate its capacity building projects.

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#### 19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	347,860	237,822	(175,839)	409,843
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024 £</b>
General funds	259,250	173,061	(84,451)	347,860

#### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds Designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
<b>At 31 March 2025:</b>				
Tangible assets	3,033	-	-	3,033
Current assets/(liabilities)	406,810	50,000	138,750	595,560
	409,843	50,000	138,750	598,593
	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds Designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 31 March 2024:</b>				
Tangible assets	7,912	-	-	7,912
Current assets/(liabilities)	339,948	50,000	125,000	514,948
	347,860	50,000	125,000	522,860

#### 21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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<b>22 Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Surplus for the year	75,733	88,610
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(16,776)	(11,250)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	4,879	4,879
<b>Movements in working capital:</b>		
(Increase) in debtors	(122,993)	(19,209)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	44,369	(41,175)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	35,155	(31,422)
<b>Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations</b>	<u>20,367</u>	<u>(9,567)</u>

### 23 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.