REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
FOR
ABORTION SUPPORT NETWORK

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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 31st December 2020. 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
The objects of Abortion Support Network are to relieve the financial hardship of people facing an unwanted pregnancy who are forced to travel to access a safe, legal abortion.

We exist to help people who are forced to leave their country of residence in order to access safe, legal abortion care that they should be able to get at home. We were set up originally in 2009 to support the many people travelling to England from Ireland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man. In 2019, we expanded our reach to support people living in Malta, Gibraltar and Poland. We offer information, advice and financial assistance (where eligible and needed) to people from these six jurisdictions. We also provide information, advice and signposting to people contacting us from other places around the world. We will also provide accommodation if needed, previously with volunteer hosts or in paid accommodation but entirely in paid accommodation since March 2020 due to Coronavirus.

ASN carries out these objectives by providing:
- Confidential, non-judgmental information
- Financial assistance
- Accommodation with volunteers or in paid lodging

The trustees are pleased that the achievements and performance of the charity in relation to these activities, as set out below, demonstrate considerable progress and we are proud of all that we have achieved over the last financial year for those we support.
OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit, achievements and performance

The Trustees are required to illustrate how in practice the activities of ASN meet the public benefit requirement. In accordance with Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, we have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

Provision of confidential, non-judgmental information

Between 1 January and 31 December 2020, ASN was contacted by and gave confidential, non-judgmental information to 786 people, an increase from just over 600 in 2019. This increase is in large part due to our December 2019 expansion to Poland as part of the Abortion Without Borders initiative, as well as increased need due to the impacts (financial and otherwise) of Covid-19.

504 of those service users contacted the ASN helpline team from our stated jurisdictions: Ireland, Northern Ireland, Gibraltar, Malta, Poland, and the Isle of Man (and one from Guernsey). A further 282 contacted us from outside of these countries and were signposted to local or international organisations who could help. Of those 282, 170 came via Facebook Messenger.

ASN is contacted by phone or email by people who need abortion services, either the pregnant person or in some cases by partners, friends, family or support workers.

ASN helpline volunteers can provide information to clients over the phone, by email or text. Volunteers provide information on the least expensive methods of abortion and travel, signpost clients to relevant local services and family planning agencies, assess financial need and award grants. Most of the clients who contacted us received some combination of confidential, non-judgmental information, financial assistance, and/or accommodation.

Since 11 December 2019, we have been providing services to people in Poland via our part in the Abortion Without Borders initiative. The pathway for these service users is slightly different. First contact is with a helpline in Poland, open 8am to 8pm seven days a week and 365 days per year. Most people contacting the Abortion Without Borders Polish helpline are early enough in pregnancy to have a safe abortion at home with pills. Anyone not able to access abortion with pills, or who has tried pills and they have not worked, is then signposted to one of the outside-of-Poland Abortion Without Borders partners to access a legal abortion in a clinic or hospital abroad. In 2020, more than 5,000 people contacted the Abortion Without Borders Polish helpline.

The following is a table detailing the multiplicity of issues that many clients were dealing with when they contacted ASN in 2020. One common factor in all the clients we fund, not mentioned in the table, is financial hardship. Please note that ASN's team do not ask questions about these circumstances. Our records are based only on information that has been volunteered by clients.
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**Provision of financial assistance**

In the 12 months to 31 December 2020, ASN gave grants to support 153 people totalling £104,520, with an average grant of £722. This is much higher in comparison to 2019, where we gave 112 people grants totalling £64,752 and the average grant was £578. This increase is due to our stronger focus on helping people unable to access safe abortion with pills, which means a higher percentage of our service users are having later, and therefore more expensive, abortions. The increase is also due to increased costs resulting from Covid-19. Grants given were made to help pay for treatment costs in clinics or hospitals, travel and accommodation.
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ASN’s grant giving policy is that finances permitting, ASN will provide a grant to any person contacting us from one of our stated jurisdictions who would be unable to access an abortion without our financial assistance. Financial assistance is given to people from outside our jurisdictions on a case-by-case basis. People contacting us from any jurisdiction are provided with signposting and other information. ASN volunteers assess the situation according to the information clients provide about their financial situation and travel plans. In addition, to maximise the number of people we can help in the face of increased demand for our support, we have criteria aimed at reducing the costs of travel where possible in order to allow our limited finances to go further. These criteria are flexible, with phone volunteers implementing them according to the client’s individual circumstances. We do not have any other criteria. It is our policy that we do not prioritise one client’s need over another, and therefore if a client needs financial assistance and we have the funding available, we give them a grant.

Accommodation and hosting
Prior to mid-March 2020, service users needing to stay overnight in England, Germany or the Netherlands were generally accommodated in the homes of volunteers who provided service users with a place to sleep, meals and transportation to and from clinics and hospitals. After most of Europe imposed lockdown, we instead helped those needing overnight stays by helping to arrange paid accommodation. Given various regulations, this often required a sharp eye kept on hotel and B&B closures and regulations. While we still have volunteer hosts in West London, South London, Essex, Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham (and our partners in The Netherlands and Germany have hosts in Amsterdam and Berlin) we are waiting until the world becomes a less contagious place before providing accommodation in volunteer homes again.

In the 12 months to 31 December 2020 we provided accommodation in volunteer homes for 6 people for 10 nights, and arranged accommodation for 68 people. 58 of those wound up both travelling and needing us to fund their accommodation and we purchased paid accommodation for 58 people for 115 nights. Keeping on top of hotel and B&B closures, while juggling frequent flight, ferry, train and bus cancellations during the early days of Covid-19 and the subsequently ever-changing lockdown rules in multiple countries was difficult but ultimately manageable. In 2019 we purchased paid accommodation for 19 clients. This increase was caused by the pandemic, compounded by an increase in the number of nights that people needed to stay over for due to later term abortions, limited travel pathways and longer distances between our clients and the clinics they attended.

A note on Covid-19 and its impact on ASN
Covid-19 is something that came out of nowhere and drastically changed the world. However, in the context of abortion funding, Covid-19 simply added additional obstacles to the pile of challenges already faced by people forced to travel to achieve abortion care.

Some of the additional burdens placed on our clients were (and continue to be):

- Closure of or reduced services at clinics
- More people scared about their economic prospects, which can make an unplanned pregnancy more of a crisis
- Lockdown making it harder for people to access contraception, and risk of being “trapped” with partners who do not respect boundaries around sex and contraception
- Planes, busses, trains and ferries running on limited schedules and with limited capacity, raising costs and increasing travel time
- Longer journeys requiring additional days of childcare.
- Difficulty of obtaining childcare when people are in lockdown
- Clinics closing or operating on reduced capacity due to strain on health care systems
- Lack of ability for us to provide volunteer hosts, and closures of hotels and guesthouses
- The need for various different types of Covid tests (PCR, rapid, etc) to be taken before leaving and entering countries
- And more...

Information about what is happening is very dynamic, requiring us to write and disseminate a weekly update to client facing volunteers.

In summary, Covid-19 was very much part of our work in 2020, but while it was often challenging, we rose to the occasion.
Furthering our goals
In 2018 we developed a three-year plan for the period 2019-21, building on the success of our previous strategic plan 2016-18. We began delivering on this, with great success, in 2019. While our objects and primary activities remain the same, we updated our vision and mission and set new strategic goals for the period 2019-22. In 2020, a lot of our plans were paused or pivoted while we waited to see what impact Covid-19 would have on our service users and our organisation, as well as the impact of events in Poland (detailed further along in the report) and for how long. Our goals remain largely the same, but with a slightly adjusted timeline that takes into account the 2020 reality that was very different from the one expected.

Vision
A world where pregnant people have the information and means to access safe, legal abortions wherever they live.

Mission
To provide information, financial assistance and accommodation to those who may be forced to travel to access a safe, legal abortion and to support the growth of the abortion funds movement by sharing our knowledge and expertise.

Values
- We believe that all those who need them have the right to safe and legal abortions
- We believe in providing practical support to enable people to exercise this right
- We are compassionate and respectful of abortion-seekers and their decisions
- We believe in sharing our knowledge, expertise and experience with others to grow the abortion funds movement and increase access to safe abortion

Strategic goals 2020-22
In the next three years, Abortion Support Network will maintain and grow our services. We will continue to provide service to people in Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Malta and Gibraltar. While the legal situation and/or provision has changed in Ireland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man, we do still hear from people in these places who need assistance, particularly in the Republic of Ireland where there is extremely limited provision of abortion beyond 12 weeks gestation.

We will continue to provide services to people resident in Malta and Gibraltar, and to work with the activists there who are fighting for law change by providing examples of the human cost of the restrictive laws in those countries. And we will continue to provide services to people resident in Poland, as members of the Abortion Without Borders initiative.

In 2020 we also began scoping the possibility of offering a pan-European second trimester abortion fund, and looked into options for how we could best package and share our experience as an abortion funder and practical support network to support and foster the growth of the abortion funds movement around Europe. The pandemic and events in Poland delayed some of this work, but we will continue cautious progress in 2021. We are delighted to report that in 2020 we’ve both streamlined and improved operations, as well as exceeded our revenue predictions, despite the pandemic.

In 2021 we will continue to scope the work of expanding our services to fund second trimester abortions for people in additional jurisdictions, to seek out the pathways to this care by creating and strengthening our relationships with clinics and hospitals, and, through talking about our work, increasing awareness of the need for abortion provision in the second trimester and beyond.

Delivery to clients
We want to be able to help every person who contacts us from our stated jurisdictions, with the ultimate goal of being able to help every person who contacts us from anywhere in Europe. To this end, in 2020, we will continue to provide information and funding to abortion seekers from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Malta, Gibraltar and Poland. We will also begin services to people resident in additional jurisdictions as part of determining how best to increase our operations to cover people from additional parts of Europe towards our goal of ensuring safe, legal care for anyone in Europe who needs or wants an abortion.
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Networking and our model
We will codify and somewhat formalise our model, creating resource materials in order to encourage, foster and support the development of additional abortion funds and support networks in other parts of Europe.

People
We will ensure that our staff and volunteer structure is appropriate to meet the needs of our delivery. We will recruit and retain staff and volunteers to deliver our services, providing them with development opportunities and ensuring they are well supported.

Income and Expenditure
We will grow and diversify our income to meet the needs of people around Europe who need abortions.

Our budget will include expenditure to be allocated across each strand, according to the ambitions and goals set out within each strand, and development funds for organisational and employee growth.

We will maintain our healthy reserves to ensure the sustainability of our work and ongoing capacity to support our clients.

Governance
We will continue to strengthen our strategic board and will endeavour to ensure our board is representative of people from different backgrounds.
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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

2020 goals and achievements
Our goals for 2020 were finalised and agreed in late 2019.

Growing and sharing our model
- We undertook outreach in Malta and Poland to ensure that everyone there who needed to travel for abortion knew that help from ASN and AWB is an option for them. We had planned outreach to hard-to-reach / marginalised people in Republic of Ireland, but all our plans required people seeing each other in person, e.g. distributing leaflets via agencies in Ireland; this activity will take place once it is safe to do so.
- In 2020 we began scoping what a pan-European second trimester abortion fund could look like. Despite travel restrictions, we were able to hold a planned workshop with abortion fund activists and second trimester abortion providers to share experiences and identify the needs of people travelling for second trimester abortions.
- We had also planned to develop an expansion model - through which we would begin to fund people from new jurisdictions - to be approved by the end of 2020 to begin delivery in 2021. This has been pushed back one year.
- While we did not begin work on our “abortion fund in a box” model as planned, we did continue our work growing the abortion support network movement around Europe. Work in this area included sharing our volunteer management, training, communications, and fundraising experience with groups in Malta, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Poland and elsewhere, and providing funding for a volunteer run family planning helpline in Malta and a doula service in Northern Ireland.

Our people
- Our new Operations & New Service Coordinator joined us in January 2020, but was put on full time and then part time furlough leave as part of the UK government’s scheme from April 2020, coming back part time at the end of the summer and full time by November 2020.
- We onboarded six Polish speaking volunteers to our helpline team.
- We created an accommodation coordination team, designated volunteers who help arrange accommodation with volunteer hosts or in B&Bs/Guesthouses to reduce the level of work for our helpline team.
- We maintained our current volunteer levels and increased engagement with volunteers (“internal communications”).
- We worked with fundraising consultants and freelancers to grow our fundraising activities in line with our ambitious goals.
- At the end of 2020, our Chief Executive Ruth Taylor gave notice, which lead to our doing modelling on possible staff restructuring. The resulting changes are underway at the current time.

Funding
- Our financial goals for 2020 were a significant increase on 2019, with an aim of securing £100,000 more income in 2020, bringing in a total of £350,000.
- Despite the pandemic, we exceeded this goal.
- This was largely accomplished by increases in regular giving, one off donations, and almost £90,000 from major donors.
- Due to the pandemic, we were not able to achieve our ambitious goals for community fundraising, but this income was made up elsewhere.
- We will aim to build on our successes, as well as rebuild our community fundraising efforts to reflect the more digital world, further expand our regular giving, and work to develop a pipeline for major donors and trusts and foundations.

Governance
In 2020 we maintained the balance of our board and recruited two new Trustees with fundraising and growth experience to replace two Trustees who left due to changing circumstances. As we expand, we will continue to seek out Trustees with relevant experience to help us achieve our goals.
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Republic of Ireland
2020 was the second year of provision of legal abortion services within the Republic of Ireland. The law in theory is pretty great - free provision of abortion on request to anyone under 12 weeks pregnant, with limited provision after 12 weeks for people with pregnancies diagnosed with fatal foetal abnormalities. As in 2019, we saw a reduction in the number of people who contacted ASN for help with abortion in the first trimester. And, as in 2019, we saw that the people requiring our help needed larger amounts of funding and support than prior to provision of abortion in Ireland.

For instance, we were contacted by a large number of women and couples who had been told that the catastrophic foetal anomaly affecting their pregnancy was "not fatal enough" and that they would need to travel to England. We helped a number of clients who were from countries outside the EU and had insecure immigration status, often living in Direct Provision with very little income. These clients usually had to travel to The Netherlands as the UK has been very unwilling to issue visas to people in this position since the Brexit vote.

Stirred into this came Covid-19, with people worried about going to the GP for abortion pills, leaving Ireland to access abortions, finding childcare, and a whole lot else. To its credit, Ireland was the first country in Europe to allow abortion pills by post for people in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy. (Over 10 weeks of pregnancy, people needed to access abortion in one of ten Irish hospitals offering this service).

2020 also saw a number of groups preparing for the three year review of Ireland's abortion law. ASN is working with a number of organisations preparing submissions, including WHO (World Health Organisation), Ireland's Abortion Rights Campaign and the Health Services Executive in Ireland. Whilst not engaging in campaigning, ASN has been doing our best to use our data and unique experience to highlight the flaws in Ireland's abortion provision, including but not limited to:

- The fact that abortion pills sometimes don't work, and when this happens, if the person involved is beyond 12 weeks gestation, they have to travel abroad at their own expense to have an abortion.
- The fact that there is very limited provision of surgical abortions and women are sometimes given pills two or even three times.
- There is very little consistency in pathways or information for people who are over 12 weeks pregnant.
- The medically unnecessary three day wait period that has pushed at least 40 people that ASN knows of over the legal limit for abortion.
- International students, refugees and others told they didn't qualify for care in Ireland when they did.
- As Ireland's abortion provision is almost entirely medical abortion pills, which can cause heavy bleeding, cramping, chills, and other side effects, people without a home or a safe space where they live to spend hours having a miscarriage and exhibiting the associated symptoms.
- People delayed in accessing care by rogue crisis pregnancy centres.
- Women delayed by anti-choice GPs who lie to them and say they are not pregnant, were never pregnant, must have miscarried, but . . . they are pregnant.

During 2020 we were contacted by 158 people living in the Republic of Ireland, and provided financial support to 51 of them, to a total of £38,307.50.

Case studies of clients we heard from in the Republic of Ireland
The people who contacted us from Ireland in 2020 were largely getting in touch because they had discovered they were too far along in their pregnancy to access care in Ireland. However, during the pandemic, we heard from a number of people worried about access to care if they were to become pregnant.

"I found out I was pregnant at the end of September and decided to terminate, but then had a miscarriage. Or so I thought, until I discovered yesterday I'm 21 weeks plus 2 days, under law here I'm not entitled to an abortion and I cannot afford private abortion in the UK. I cannot have this baby. I need to terminate."

A refugee living in Ireland trying to escape an abusive situation with her children, who also needs an abortion. She found out she was pregnant just after she missed Ireland's legal cut off of 12 weeks, so we began the process of helping someone without any financial resources and the need for total secrecy about her plans. This case took weeks of time, countless phone calls, and help from multiple organisations in three countries, but eventually the client was able to have the abortion she wanted and also get back home without any danger to herself. We have signposted her to local groups that can provide support should she decide to leave her relationship and we hope she's ok.
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Two couples with pregnancies diagnosed with severe abnormalities. In both cases, these couples were told by their doctors (in two different hospitals in two different cities in Ireland) to delay travelling for abortion until they had done more tests. In both cases, the clients asked if these tests would reveal the abnormalities were serious enough to entitle them to an abortion (no) or if these tests would reveal there was no abnormality (no). Both were told, in much the same language, that "You would never forgive yourself for having an abortion without knowing the full details of what the issue is." Think about this. Both these couples have diagnosis of severe abnormalities. Both have decided to terminate their pregnancies. Both are being told - by doctors - to delay treatment until they are further into pregnancy.

A woman from Ireland who was twice given early medical abortions in Ireland, and both times it failed. Since this brought her over 12 weeks into her pregnancy, Ireland turned its back on her and told her she had to travel abroad, at her own expense, to terminate the pregnancy. We were able to book her flights and accommodation, as well as provide a grant towards the cost of the procedure.

A couple in Ireland who are non-EU nationals. Several fraught weeks later, in which the Dutch embassy in Ireland was thankfully reopened and able to issue a visa for travel, and The Netherlands reopened to travel by non UK/non EU nationals, we were able to help this couple travel to The Netherlands for their abortion care. (The UK having stopped issuing visas for non EU/UK nationals needing abortion care since the Brexit vote).

Northern Ireland
People living in Northern Ireland have been able to access free abortions in England on the NHS since 2017, with the Central Booking System in place since March 2018. In October 2020, Northern Ireland was ordered to begin providing abortions on the NHS for people from Northern Ireland, IN Northern Ireland, by no later than 1 April 2020. It’s now more than a year beyond that, and services have not yet been commissioned.

While there is some provision of early medical abortion pills in Northern Ireland, this is only in person at a GP’s office and only up to 9 weeks 6 days. Almost everyone else needs to travel abroad for care. While the cost of care, travel and accommodation is covered, navigating this during a pandemic can be quite tricky. And, of course, completely unnecessary. For many people, it was easier to order early medical abortion pills from reputable online providers.

In 2020, we only heard from three people from Northern Ireland but we did a lot of work with our friends at Alliance for Choice Northern Ireland, who set up a Doula and information service for people in Northern Ireland trying to navigate the system, as well as promote the availability of legal provision in country (something else the NI Department of Health failed to do...).

We have asked the campaigning organisations in Northern Ireland if they want us to take Northern Ireland off our list, but they’ve asked us to keep them in our materials to help illustrate that people from Northern Ireland are still travelling to access care.

Case studies of clients we heard from in Northern Ireland
In one case, we were able to provide funding for a young woman who had no way of getting to the airport for her flight to England. We were able to source and pay for a taxi for her.

Isle of Man
There is now abortion provision for the people of the Isle of Man! This provision is run by bpas in mainland UK, and callers are either sent to doctors on the Isle of Man or funded to travel to England for care there.

In 2020, we only heard from three people in the Isle of Man, and were able to signpost them to free, legal care.

As with Northern Ireland, we asked our friends on the Isle of Man if they want us to remove their country from our materials and they have asked us to keep them listed.
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Malta
Malta holds the dubious honour of having the worst abortion law in Europe - abortion is legally permitted in zero circumstances (including to save a woman's life) and there are criminal charges that could be applied to women found to have caused their own abortions. In Malta we heard from 126 people in 2020, as opposed to 76 in 2019 but funded far fewer. This is largely because Malta's airport closed in March 2020 and remained closed off and on for the rest of the year. During this time we heard from many people in Malta, and, were asked, were able to provide information about reputable online providers of safe abortion pills. This was not without its issues - the pandemic had a lot of impact on postage times and we received many phone calls from women terrified the pills would not arrive in time.

One upside of Covid (yes, an upside) is that before the pandemic, Malta's abortion law was an inconvenience for people with money, and only catastrophic for those without money, or secure immigration status, or support networks. Covid, and the resulting restrictions on travel and closure of airports, gave everyone in Malta a taste of what it is like to be a poor person in a country with a bad abortion law.

We were also pleased to see that our prochoice colleagues in Malta were able to increase the number of people in Malta who consider themselves to be prochoice - 18.1% would be in favour of legal abortion in Malta. This is a 10% increase over 2019. There were also a few news reports and "exposés" about abortion in Malta and, particularly, about Abortion Support Network. This usually involved a reporter calling our helpline and playing our voicemail (detailing our services) on Maltese television, or, in one case, a politician putting a photo of a sticker of our web address and phone number on his heavily populated Facebook wall. We also sent letters to roughly 40 organisations in Malta to tell them about ASN and our services, and provided support to FPAS Malta, Malta's first ever un-biased, pro choice family planning service.

During 2020 we were contacted by 126 people living in the Malta, and provided financial support to 1 of them, to a total of £871.51.

Case studies we heard from in Malta
A migrant living in Malta with her partner, who had financial means but had no idea how to go about arranging a termination. We were able to tell her the best clinics to travel to in the most convenient and expedient way.

"Hello I am stressed beyond words about potentially being pregnant, but before I take a test I want to make sure I know all my options, because I'm going insane at the thought. Malta closed their airport last night due to the coronavirus. What am I supposed to do if I need to travel to get a medical abortion if I need it? Please help me."

"Good morning, considering situation with Covid -19, me and my partner are both trapped in this country without the jobs we came here for. We are now stuck. I'm pregnant I'm not sure how long, maybe 9-10 weeks, but we are not able to keep the baby since we have no idea how long we will stay without job. This was a bad way to find out there is no abortion in Malta."

"I have some questions regarding ordering pills by post. I would like, if possible, to know about any repercussions I may face for having such a package delivered here to Malta. Can you advise?"

"I wonder if you could give me some advice. My daughter recently did the Harmony Test and it resulted that her much loved baby has a disability. She would like to do the amniocentesis test to find out for sure, but it isn't available in Malta. Do you have any advice on where she can get this test, as quickly as possible? Thank you so much."

Gibraltar
Gibraltar came SO CLOSE to legalising abortion in 2020. Polls taken two weeks before the scheduled 19 March 2020 referendum on abortion predicted a yes to changing the abortion law vote of more than 70%. Alas the referendum was postponed due to Covid - but has just been rescheduled for 24 June 2021.

In 2020, we heard from 10 people from Gibraltar and funded 1 of them for £238.

The following are people we heard from in Gibraltar
"I live and work in Gibraltar but have lost my job since the lockdown. I’m going to stay with my partner. I messaged Women On Web but unfortunately they said the pills wouldn't make it here. I'm basically looking for the cheapest way to get the pills as I called a couple places in Malaga and was quoted 600 euros which is just crazy."
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A young woman in Gibraltar who was afraid to order abortion pills from Women Help Women or Women on Web, but also afraid to travel to Spain to a clinic as she doesn’t speak Spanish. We were able to help her find a clinic in Spain that she could easily travel to where English language care was available.

Poland

In December 2019, we launched Abortion Without Borders, an initiative between Abortion Support Network (UK), Ciocia Basia (Germany), Abortion Network Amsterdam (The Netherlands), Abortion Dream Team (Poland), Kobiety w Siec (Poland) and Women Help Women (international but based in The Netherlands). Our idea was to provide one point of entry for Polish abortion seekers. People in Poland first contact a helpline, which is staffed 12 hours a day, seven days per week, where their situation is assessed. Based on their gestation and circumstance, they are sent to an organisation that can help them, either with having an abortion at home with pills, or with having an abortion abroad in a clinic. It is legal to provide information about abortion, and legal to have an abortion, but helping someone get an abortion (by driving them to a clinic, or buying them abortion pills, for instance) can be prosecuted.

When we launched the Abortion Without Borders initiative on 11 December 2019, none of us could have guessed that within three months most of Europe would begin a more than year-long battle against a contagious disease. While Covid made life difficult in a variety of ways for most people, Covid made things especially difficult for people travelling for abortion. Like Malta, Poland quickly closed their airports, but then went the extra distance of cancelling all external busses and trains and setting up checkpoints at the borders. One-two day trips became two-six day trips, with people taking ground transport to the German border, walking across, and taking a different bus or train. That was in the beginning. Later we had more issues - mandatory quarantines, testing requirements, and more.

As surreal and challenging as helping people travel for abortions during a pandemic was, in 2020 Poland had an additional surprise for us. On 22 October, a Constitutional Tribunal ruled that having an abortion for foetal indication was unconstitutional. Prior to this, abortion was technically allowed (although often hard to obtain) in cases of rape, incest and foetal indication. Roughly 1000-2000 legal abortions were done each year in Poland, with 98% of them done for foetal indication. With this ruling, the constitutional tribunal basically made abortion in Poland illegal. Poland exploded with protests, and here's the bit that took us by surprise. Our partners in Poland had done such a good job of promoting the Abortion Without Borders initiative that our phone number and name became part of the protest. People held up signs with our number, changed our number at protests, and painted our number on every conceivable surface. A leftist politician held up a sign with our name and number in a televised session of Parliament. A song was written with our number as the refrain. Our Polish helpline, which had previously had about 300 callers per month, had, for a time, 200 callers per day.

To put this in context, in 2020, our Abortion Without Borders helpline in Poland received more than 7,000 calls from 5,237 individuals. Roughly the same number of people contacted the helpline from 1 January 2020 until 21 October 2020 as contacted us from 22 October 2020 to 31 December 2020. This does not include the numbers of people who contact Abortion Without Borders member organisations directly.

While it has been overwhelming and busy for all of us, it heartens us to know that a side effect of this horrible ruling, which officially went into effect 27 January 2021, is that everyone in Poland now knows that they can contact Abortion Without Borders for help accessing abortion care.

In 2020 we funded 100 people from Poland, for a total of £86,258.05

Case studies of clients we supported from Poland

A woman from Poland who tried to take medical abortion pills twice without success. She had spent what little money she had on abortion pills. A single mum and full-time caretaker for an adult family member, she was not able to work and on benefits. The Abortion Without Borders team stepped in to help, with Abortion Network Amsterdam covering travel costs and Abortion Support Network paying for the procedure.
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One Polish client got a lift to the Polish/German border, walked across, went to the train station and took the train to Berlin. Her flight from Berlin to England was cancelled and rebooked three times. The arranged hotel closed so we had to scramble to find accommodation. Worried about cancellations, we had her arrive in England a day before the first part of her two-day appointment, and booked her return flights the day after the second day. Her return flight was also cancelled and needed to be rebooked. From the time she left her home to the time she reached the Polish border on the return trip took six days, and the travel and procedure cost more than £2,300.

"I recently moved back to Poland from the UK with my kids last week, I can't believe I'm pregnant in what must be the worst place in Europe to need an abortion."

A woman from Poland who lost her job due to the pandemic. She purchased early medical abortion pills that did not work, and was then scammed by a "doctor" into paying ludicrous fees to obtain the results of her ultrasound. ASN and ANA helped her travel to The Netherlands to obtain an abortion.

A woman in Poland who went to hospital after being severely beaten by her partner, only to discover she was pregnant from an earlier physical and sexual assault. She was barely able to support herself, having lost her job due to Corona, let alone pay for an abortion. She was so low on funds that she couldn't afford the bus ticket to the Netherlands, so Abortion Network Amsterdam funded her travel and food for her stay (she came to the Netherlands with 10 euros cash, literally all she had) while ASN paid for the abortion and her hotel.

We heard from a woman living in Poland who had a pregnancy with a catastrophic abnormality. She should have been able to access care in Poland but was obstructed by doctors. She was more than 24 weeks pregnant which meant her only option was care in a hospital. Fortunately ONE hospital in Europe who provides abortion to people beyond 24 weeks in cases of foetal indication has begun allowing international clients to come (all others have closed and remain closed to international clients, THANKS COVID) and we were able to get her the treatment she needed as well as advise on how she and her partner could arrange for a funeral.

A woman from Poland with a high BMI, which meant she had a 50/50 chance of being turned away from a clinic and told she needed care in a hospital (when, as above, almost not hospitals are taking international clients). We were able to work with the medical director at one of the UK clinics to ensure this client was treated. The location of the clinic required this non-English speaking client to navigate herself from London to Bournemouth - a testament to the lengths that will be taken by people who do not wish to be pregnant.

Other Countries
While we postponed any official expansion of ASN and Abortion Without Borders due to Covid and increased client contacts from Poland, we did help people from outside our jurisdictions on a case-by-case basis. Here are a few examples:

"We live in France and my 14 year old daughter is 21 weeks pregnant, and she does not want to keep it. We have already consulted in France and it is too late to do so here. My daughter scares me because she says, if she can't abort, she's gonna kill herself. Help me."

A woman from Scotland who needed to travel to England for abortion care at 16 weeks. She had been incorrectly told that she would need to fund her own travel and accommodation. We were able to signpost her to help.

In a unique situation, we were able to help a woman resident in Denmark. She was stopped at Heathrow due to a new strand of Covid transmitted by minks. To add insult to injury, this woman was told four times by doctors at home that she was not pregnant but merely old. We were able to help her access care in another country.

A migrant living in the United Kingdom, not eligible for an NHS. We were able to help her access safe care that she could afford.
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Thank yous

Just a few of the messages and emails that keep us going:

"Thank you I arrived home this morning - you are a wonderful organisation. What you do to help women, without judgement. I have never met people like you. Thank you for everything you have done for me."

"Hello, we just returned to the hotel. Everything went well. Wonderful people work in the clinic. I do not know how to thank you. Your help is invaluable to me. I would most willingly hug each of you individually. A huge stone has fallen from my heart and this is only thanks to you. For the rest of my life I will not forget what you have done for me and my family."

"I just finished my procedure and everything went smoothly. I am deeply overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation that you chose to help a total stranger like me make my regret a thing of the past. I am short for words but my heart is filled with gratitude."

"It's nice to know that there are some people in this world helping others from goodness of their hearts I've so much thank you for I wish I could give you big hug or even half my heart. I owe my life to you, I've my life today because of you and your team. I don't know how to thank you enough I really don't."

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Principal funding sources
ASN relies on a combination of grants, regular donations and single donations from our individual supporters and a small amount of funds generated at events. In 2020 we received £362,786 total income from all sources which was made up of:
- £89,699 from one-off donations
- £81,893 from major donors (individuals giving £500+)
- £116,975 from regular monthly donations. We received an average monthly income of £9,572 per month
- £25,457 in Gift Aid
- £9,000 in sponsorship from abortion care partners who are sponsoring our website. Their logos will appear on our website throughout the year
- £22,979 from charitable trusts
- £6,957 from community fundraising, challenges and events
- £13,540 from Facebook fundraising.

Reserves policy
The policy of ASN is to hold approximately three months of operational costs in reserve, including any costs that would be incurred in winding up. At the end of the 12-month financial period to 31 December 2020 that amount was calculated as £80,489. All funds that are not required for operational costs are to be spent on furthering the charity's objectives in line with ASN's grant giving policy. The Trustees, with guidance from the Treasurer, review this policy at least twice a year.
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FUTURE PLANS
Our high-level goals for 2021

Shoring up our existing services
- Following a model of "no one left behind" we will work with our partners in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Malta and Gibraltar to determine the best way to ensure that all people who need abortion care who cannot afford it know about our services and are able to contact us.
- Complete the one year review of our Abortion Without Borders initiative, including asking the hard questions about what could have been done better. Work this knowledge into future abortion fund and support network planning.

Action research
We will spend part of 2021 doing "action research" in terms of scoping out the best countries in Europe to expand second trimester funding to, and the best countries to outreach to in hopes of inspiring local activists to set up abortion funds and support networks. We will have conversations with activists on the ground in these target countries and begin to test travel pathways for people in those countries who need to travel to access second trimester abortion care.

Movement building
In 2021, we will reach out to some of the small groups that have cropped up in Europe after the ruling of the Polish constitutional tribunal and offer to share our resources and expertise. While these groups are almost entirely Polish expats seeking to help people from Poland, we believe this shows an appetite for this kind of work and we plan learn from these activists what tools would be most helpful to produce. We have set aside a small amount of 2021’s budget to provide support to these groups if needed, such as training, cost of trainers, phone lines, web hosting, etc.

Our people
- Our Chief executive gave notice in December 2020, which gave us the opportunity to make a new staffing structure for 2021.
- Our founder is going to resume her Director role, our Operations & New Service Coordinator will pivot into a Volunteer and Operations Coordinator role, and we will recruit for a part time administrator as well as a head of fundraising and communications.
- We will continue to grow our helpline to meet the needs of our service users.
- We will put more resources towards volunteer management.
- We will maintain our current volunteer levels.
- We plan to work with a fundraising consultant to help build a major donors and/or trusts and foundations pathway.

Funding
- Our financial goals for 2021 are a conservative increase on 2020
- We aim to secure roughly £40,000 more income in 2021, bringing in a total of £400,000
- While we have ambitious plans to scale up our funding of second trimester abortions from additional jurisdictions and to start building the abortion fund movement, these expansion plans are very flexible and scalable, and we will be working on funding proposals as we go, while ensuring that we are able to provide care to the people who are contacting us every day for support.

Governance
In 2021 we will maintain the balance of our board and are currently seeking to recruit new trustees to replace planned departures and are seeking to do so in such a way that will enrich the diversity of the board and renew its expertise.

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.
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure
Abortion Support Network (ASN) was established in October 2009 to provide financial assistance, accommodation and confidential, non-judgmental information and practical support to women who may be forced to travel from Ireland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man to access a safe and legal abortion. In its first two years ASN operated as a non-profit company registered with Companies House. We became a registered charity, number 1142120, in May 2011, having updated the ASN Memorandum and Articles of Association on file with Companies House with Memorandum and Articles of Association for a Charitable Company in March 2011.
ASN is a mostly volunteer-run organisation, with the equivalent of three full-time staff. In 2020 Ruth Taylor was employed as CEO and Fundraising Manager (full-time), Mara Clarke, ASN’s Founder, as Service & Volunteer Manager (full-time), and Rhianydd York Williams as Operations and New Services Coordinator (full-time); all three were employed and PAYE. During Covid-19, Rhianydd was put on furlough for several months and Ruth reduced to four days per week. A Bookkeeper, Heather Campbell (0.2 FTE) is also contracted.

At the start of 2020, our board of trustees consisted of eight active members. Aroon Dugan and Katherine Stark stepped down in July 2020, and Charlotte Fischer and Sarah Wootton were appointed.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association allow for a minimum of three trustees, one-third of which are required to retire from office at each annual general meeting although they may be re-appointed. In this period Kat Stark, Andrew Moffat and Aroon Dugan stood down at the AGM, with Andrew Moffat being re-appointed.

During 2020, the day-to-day management of the charity was delegated to the CEO and the Service & Volunteer Manager. The staff work with our team of volunteers, consisting of roughly 90 individuals who undertook various roles, including phone volunteers who respond to calls, texts and emails from people who contact us for information and financial assistance; hosts who provide women with accommodation (when we are not in a pandemic) and an accommodation team that arranges hotels when we are; and other volunteers working on fundraising, outreach, communications, social media and administration. All ASN volunteers are carefully interviewed, screened and trained.

The contracted bookkeeper undertakes the day-to-day financial management activities associated with our donations, grant making and income and expenditures, overseen by the Director and the Treasurer who sits on the Board of Trustees.

During the period, salary payments totalling £58,991.82 were made to ASN’s then chief executive Ruth Taylor.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07017607 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1142120

Registered office
Union House
111 New Union Street
Coventry
Warwickshire
CV1 2NT
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Trustees
Ms J K Davis
A Dougan-Potts (resigned 29.7.20)
A G Moffatt
Ms K Stark (resigned 29.7.20)
Ms C Kelly
Ms H M Christie
Ms P Hamilton
Professor S Sheldon
Ms C Fischer (appointed 29.7.20)
Ms S Wootton (appointed 29.7.20)

Company Secretary
Ms H M Christie

Independent Examiner
S. Cobbin & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
15a Station Road
Epping
Essex
CM16 4HG

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7th May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms J K Davis - Trustee
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ABORTION SUPPORT NETWORK

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Abortion Support Network ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2020.

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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

[Signature]
Simon Cobbin, FCA
ICAEW
S. Cobbin & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
15a Station Road
Epping
Essex
CM16 4HG

Date: 7th May 2021
## ABORTION SUPPORT NETWORK

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

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The notes form part of these financial statements

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### BALANCE SHEET
31ST DECEMBER 2020

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The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements
ABORTION SUPPORT NETWORK

BALANCE SHEET - continued

31ST DECEMBER 2020

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 7th May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

[Signature]

J K Davis - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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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.

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.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

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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**Raising donations and legacies**

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>£28,520</td>
<td>£23,710</td>
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4. **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

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<tr>
<td>Depreciation - owned assets</td>
<td>£231</td>
<td>£99</td>
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5. **TRUSTEES’ REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees’ remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

**Trustees’ expenses**

There were no trustees’ expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

6. **STAFF COSTS**

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

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<tr>
<td>Employees</td>
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<td>2</td>
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.
### 7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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<td>Computer equipment</td>
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<td><strong>COST</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>At 1st January 2020</td>
<td>298</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Additions</td>
<td>395</td>
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<td><strong>Total at 31st December 2020</strong></td>
<td>693</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>DEPRECIATION</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>At 1st January 2020</td>
<td></td>
<td>198</td>
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<tr>
<td>Charge for year</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total at 31st December 2020</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>429</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>NET BOOK VALUE</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>At 31st December 2019</td>
<td></td>
<td>264</td>
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<tr>
<td>At 31st December 2019</td>
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### 8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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<td><strong>£</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade debtors</td>
<td>8,700</td>
<td>3,600</td>
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<td>Prepayments and accrued income</td>
<td>14,156</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>8,700</td>
<td>17,756</td>
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### 9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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<td><strong>£</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade creditors</td>
<td>7,788</td>
<td>3,125</td>
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<td>Social security and other taxes</td>
<td>3,245</td>
<td>2,161</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other creditors</td>
<td>1,979</td>
<td>996</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>13,012</td>
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### 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

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<th>At 1.1.20</th>
<th>At 31.12.20</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Unrestricted funds</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>General fund</td>
<td>255,747</td>
<td>320,898</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL FUNDS</strong></td>
<td>255,747</td>
<td>320,898</td>
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

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<td>General fund</td>
<td>364,616</td>
<td>(299,465)</td>
<td>65,151</td>
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<td>364,616</td>
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Comparatives for movement in funds

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<td><strong>Unrestricted funds</strong></td>
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<td>206,800</td>
<td>48,947</td>
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<td>206,800</td>
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Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

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<td><strong>Unrestricted funds</strong></td>
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<td>General fund</td>
<td>262,576</td>
<td>(213,629)</td>
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<td>262,576</td>
<td>(213,629)</td>
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11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2020.
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<td>Donations and legacies</td>
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<td>Donations</td>
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<td>Gift aid</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td>353,600</td>
<td>251,496</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
<td>3,979</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td><strong>Bank interest received</strong></td>
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<td>Bank interest received</td>
<td>137</td>
<td>280</td>
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<td>364,616</td>
<td>262,576</td>
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<td><strong>EXPENDITURE</strong></td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Raising donations and legacies</td>
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<td>Advertising</td>
<td>1,874</td>
<td>5,056</td>
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<td>Fundraising costs</td>
<td>26,415</td>
<td>18,654</td>
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<td><strong>Total Raising costs</strong></td>
<td>28,289</td>
<td>23,710</td>
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<tr>
<td>Charitable activities</td>
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<td>Travel and subsistence</td>
<td>1,033</td>
<td>8,533</td>
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<td>Grants to support clients</td>
<td>118,569</td>
<td>70,753</td>
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<td><strong>Total Charitable activities</strong></td>
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<td>79,286</td>
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<td><strong>Support costs</strong></td>
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<td>Human resources</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wages</td>
<td>117,809</td>
<td>80,017</td>
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<td>Pensions</td>
<td>7,715</td>
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<td><strong>Total Human resources</strong></td>
<td>125,524</td>
<td>83,768</td>
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<td>Operational activities</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
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<td>Carried forward</td>
<td>4,921</td>
<td>2,383</td>
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### DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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<td>Postage and stationery</td>
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<td>1,823</td>
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<td>Sundries</td>
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<td>Subscriptions</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
<td>3,472</td>
<td>3,260</td>
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<tr>
<td>Website and computer consumables</td>
<td>548</td>
<td>2,991</td>
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<tr>
<td>Staff training</td>
<td>2,815</td>
<td>5,291</td>
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<tr>
<td>Travel and subsistence</td>
<td>388</td>
<td>2,811</td>
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<td>Recruitment</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>395</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation of tangible fixed assets</td>
<td>231</td>
<td>99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Operational Costs</strong></td>
<td>18,860</td>
<td>21,907</td>
</tr>
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| **Governance costs**          |       |       |
| Accountancy and legal fees    | 1,044 | 996   |
| Legal fees                    | 1,200 | -     |
| Bookkeeping                   | 4,156 | 3,473 |
| **Total Governance Costs**    | 6,400 | 4,469 |
| **Total resources expended**  | 299,465| 213,629|
| **Net income**                | 65,151| 48,947|

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