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**ANNUAL REPORT,**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**  
**FOR**  
**ABORTION SUPPORT NETWORK**



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## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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### **Registered Charity number**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES – YEAR IN REVIEW**  
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***OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES***

**Vision Mission Values**

**Vision**

A world where women and 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.

**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.

**Client story:**

When Anna\* wrote to us for help, it seemed like the whole world was against her. "I have found myself in a difficult, almost dramatic situation. You are my last hope," she told us. She was 17 weeks pregnant, and her community, including her doctors and the father of her child were trying to force her to continue the pregnancy. "The father of the child announced the pregnancy to everyone despite my misgivings," she said. "We also discovered there are foetal defects - the results and examinations were wilfully delayed by doctors and hospitals who wanted to force me to continue the pregnancy."

She was also struggling financially. "I was cut off from my source of income by people I trusted trying to dissuade me from MY decision and treated like a mindless thing reduced to an incubator. I did not want this pregnancy and I do not want to continue - I find myself on the verge of despair. I am asking for help and support."

With ASN's support, Anna was able to travel to England and get the abortion she wanted.

\* Not her real name



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**About ASN**

Abortion Support Network (ASN) is a charity that provides information, financial assistance, and other practical support to those forced to travel for abortions from the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Poland, Malta, Gibraltar, and the Isle of Man, and occasionally elsewhere in Europe.

ASN was founded because we believe "I can't afford an abortion" should never be the only reason someone continues a pregnancy

**How ASN works**

ASN connects people without resources to you, the people who reach out your hands or dig into your wallets to help. Your support lets us provide advice and practical assistance to hundreds of clients each year. Because of you, we are able to give them the help they need to access abortions

- A client contacts ASN by phone, email, text, or on social media
- ASN returns contact, using a translator if necessary
- We assess their need and provide practical, non-judgmental information
- The client arranges their procedure, transport, and accommodation
- If a grant is awarded, ASN pays the clinic, airline or hotel directly, reducing the amount the client pays.

*"I am terrified. I need help organising a trip abroad to terminate the pregnancy. Today I left the gynaecologist and it turned out that I was 22 weeks pregnant. Please contact me by phone, preferably in Polish. Please find a date for me as soon as possible, no matter when and what time it is, I need this. Would it be possible to help me book airline tickets? Please contact me, very urgently."*

**How Abortion Without Borders works**

Abortion Without Borders (AWB) is an initiative comprised of groups working to provide information, support and funding to people in Poland who need abortions, either in Poland with abortion pills or abroad in clinics or hospitals.

Callers in Poland contact a local organisation, Kobiety w Sieci, which has been providing people in Poland with sexual health information, including unbiased, factual information about abortion since 2006. Kobiety w Sieci staffs the AWB helpline. Currently, ASN currently funds the majority of second trimester abortions for AWB, and part-funds the costs of the Polish helpline, which is staffed and managed by Kobiety w Sieci. Any caller who wishes to obtain an abortion will be referred to ASN or another partner organisation.

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- People in Poland contact the AWB helpline. It is staffed with Polish speakers, and open 12 hours per day, 365 days a year.
- In the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, abortion at home via medical abortion pills is a safe, effective option for many people. The majority of people contacting AWB who have an abortion self-manage their abortions with pills.
- Anyone who cannot have a safe abortion using pills (for example due to the stage of pregnancy, or health issues, or in those cases where those pills do not work) is signposted to an AWB member organisation outside of Poland.
- ASN or a partner organisation helps the client arrange travel to Germany (up to 14 weeks), the Netherlands (22 weeks), Britain (24 weeks) or elsewhere in Europe, depending on their needs, current travel restrictions, language barriers and other issues.
- If needed, ASN or a partner organisation will arrange and pay for the abortion procedure, travel, accommodation, and assist with other barriers which may be standing in the way.

*"My boyfriend was going to help me with the costs but changed his mind. He says I can have the baby with him in Poland, or if I insist on having an abortion I should earn the money on the street."*

While abortion in Poland is criminalised under almost all circumstances, the activities undertaken by AWB are legal.

- Giving information about abortion is legal
- Travelling abroad for abortion is legal
- Calling the helpline or receiving funding from AWB is legal
- Ordering early medical abortion pills online is not against the law
- Taking early medical abortion pills is not against the law
- Prior to 22 weeks' gestation, self-managed abortion is not criminalised

**Covid-19 pandemic**

The Covid-19 pandemic has thrown up countless barriers for people needing a safe abortion, including in countries where abortion is legal. Many of these barriers directly increased the costs of accessing an abortion, meaning that more people have struggled to fund an abortion or been unable to access one. The ASN team became experts in navigating these barriers and have done a huge amount of creative problem solving to connect clients with the abortions they needed.

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Extra problems clients have faced due to the pandemic

- Paying for Covid testing
- Quarantine due to a positive Covid test causing delays in travel or treatment
- Increased red tape at borders resulting in people being turned away
- Borders closing, making travel harder or impossible
- Delays to visa and passport processing
- Postal delays hold up essential documentation
- Transport services reduced or shut: fewer or no planes, trains and buses running or services not connecting with each other
- Pausing our hosting service due to health concerns and closures of many types of accommodation, increasing costs
- Local or national lockdowns delaying or blocking travel or access to services
- Lack of availability of pregnancy and abortion services due to staff shortages as medical staff were ill, isolating or reallocated to front line Covid care
- Abortion services deemed 'non-essential' and shut down in some areas
- Delays in prenatal testing and diagnostic services
- Lack of childcare due to school closures
- Lack of funds due to pandemic related job losses and expenses
- Increased cost and reduced availability of hotel accommodation
- Delays to the mail service so early medical abortion pills didn't arrive in time
- Unable to leave an abusive partner or communicate without their knowledge due to lockdown

*"I am at the airport - my direct flight from Poland to England was cancelled and they rebooked me on a flight that stops in The Netherlands. Only now they say if I don't get a Covid test, I could be detained, prevented from getting on the connecting flight, or fined. Please help - what should I do?"*

***ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE***

**Our work in 2021**

***Covid-19 pandemic***

As overviewed in the previous section, we were able to continue service through the Covid-19 pandemic, despite the challenges and obstacles it presented to our services users and helpline teams.

***Poland bans most abortion***

In January 2021, a ruling made in October 2020 by Poland's constitutional tribunal was enacted, outlawing abortion under almost all circumstances and leading to a surge in calls to the AWB helpline. 2021 also saw political repression of Polish abortion

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activists, threats from the Polish government to make abortion laws even stricter, and the tragic deaths of three pregnant women who were denied an abortion in Poland.

***Abortion Without Borders has a record second year***

In its second year (December 2020 to December 2021), AWB helped more than 32,000 people in Poland (compared to 5,237 in 2020) and spent €248,440 on safe abortion pills, procedures in abortion clinics, travel, accommodation, and Covid testing (€78,453 in 2020). While the majority of people who contact AWB are able to safely self-manage their abortions with pills, AWB supported 1,186 people to travel to another country for an abortion in 2021 (compared to 262 in 2020).

***Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland***

Despite abortion now being legal, both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland still lack comprehensive, accessible abortion services and many are still forced to travel. In 2021, ASN contributed to the Abortion Rights Campaign report on provision in Ireland (Too Many Barriers: Experiences of Abortion in Ireland after Repeal) which highlighted facts like:

- More than half of respondents to the research did not know where to go to get an abortion in the Republic of Ireland
- The majority of respondents reported negative effects of the mandatory three-day waiting period
- The majority of respondents who had to travel for an abortion had received a diagnosis of foetal abnormalities that were 'not fatal enough' to qualify as eligible for an abortion in Ireland.

While people in Northern Ireland are able to access abortion care for free in Britain, Ministers are facing legal action over the lack of local provision in Northern Ireland itself.

***Gibraltar to allow abortion***

In June 2021, the people of Gibraltar voted to relax the country's strict abortion ban. One of the harshest laws in Europe, it included the threat of life in prison for anyone having an abortion or helping someone else get an abortion. The reform allows abortion in cases of fatal foetal abnormality; to prevent "grave permanent injury" or the death of the pregnant person; or (up to 12 weeks) where the risk to the pregnant person of continuing the pregnancy is greater than that of termination.

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***Malta: slow progress***

February 2021 marked the second anniversary of ASN's launch in Malta, and the legal landscape has not changed. However, there is a groundswell of pro-choice support with volunteers and organisations openly campaigning for decriminalisation as well as a group of volunteers who began providing factual pregnancy options counselling through the Family Planning Advisory Service (FPAS).

**Who we helped**

At ASN, our role is to fund abortions for people who need them, in the most cost-effective way possible, as quickly as possible, as suits the needs of each individual client. We don't ask how people got pregnant or why they want an abortion. We don't ask about gender identity, sexuality, religion, ethnicity, employment status or citizenship unless we have to, for example to help someone arrange a visa. Our only criteria are financial need and availability of funds and we keep our questions as few and non-invasive as possible. As a result, the information below is partial and limited, based on what clients chose to share.

Here's who we helped in 2021:

75% more than 12 weeks pregnant

Before the launch of AWB in Poland and the Repeal of Ireland's 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 75-80% of ASN service users were less than 12 weeks pregnant. In 2021, the reverse was true with around 75% being in the second or third trimester.

Mental health issues – 28

Suicidal – 6

Tried to self-harm/dangerously abort – 3

Drug/alcohol addiction/misuse – 53

Medical issues with pregnant person - 32

Domestic violence – 41

Foetal abnormalities – 229

Issues with previous pregnancy – 17

Pregnant as result of a crime – 13

Migrant or refugee – 56

Needed a visa to travel – 23

Over the limit for an abortion within Europe – 19

Homeless – 3



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In 2021, we heard from 852 people in total and funded 255. There are a number of reasons why we fund many fewer people than we hear from: some people needed only information, but were able to afford an abortion without our financial help. Some were able to access abortion at home with pills. Some had miscarriages. Some decided to continue their pregnancy, and some, despite all our resources and assistance, were unable to overcome the obstacles between them and the abortion they sought.

In 2021 we heard from:

4 people from Gibraltar  
6 people from the Isle of Man  
27 people from Northern Ireland  
61 people from Malta  
175 people from the Republic of Ireland  
474 people from Poland

And 105 people from other countries or who did not tell us their country of residence.

*"Missing" people*

ASN and AWB do the best we can to ensure people know about the help we can provide. In Poland, the recent restrictions on abortion have only added to public awareness of AWB and our services. The Republic of Ireland is another matter. While many people have been able to access abortions in Ireland, we have concerns about those falling between the cracks of service provision. 2,879 people gave an Irish address at a UK abortion clinic in 2018, and while we expected this number to fall once the law changed, we worked with UK abortion providers to estimate that 600-800 people would still need to travel each year. However, in 2019, just 375 people gave an Irish address at a UK clinic, and in 2020 this number fell even further to just 194. We are looking into ways to reach the people who are most likely to need abortions over 12 weeks - the limit of the Irish law.

Client story

By the time Sarah\* called us, she was feeling desperate. She was a mother of three, living with an abusive, alcoholic partner, and living in a rural part of the country with very limited funds available to her. She called us for help arranging an appointment and managed to raise some money from her mother, a friend, and some saved back wages. She took the night bus to Dublin airport, covering the costs of her transport and Covid tests, and ASN was able to help with £579 towards the rest of the cost of the abortion.

\* Not her real name

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**How we helped**

In 2021, our clients faced a whole new set of challenges as Brexit and the pandemic combined with individual and local circumstances to make accessing abortion even harder for many people. For example, Brexit has meant that visitors to the UK who could previously travel using an ID card now need a passport while Covid testing, lockdowns and travel restrictions have made journeys more complex and expensive. Many of the people who contacted us were in more vulnerable or complicated positions than previously, for example due to pandemic related job losses or lockdown life with an abusive or coercive partner.

***852 heard from***

Our helpline team responded to thousands of calls and messages, many from non-English speakers. We heard from 474 people from Poland through the ASN helpline alone.

***255 clients funded***

We gave out grants totalling £197,922 to help people travel to access abortion. This was an average of £722 per client.

***98 nights in hotels***

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have not asked our volunteer hosts to open their homes. Instead, the accommodation team booked 98 nights of accommodation for 54 clients.

***£5,582 difference between our largest and smallest grants***

The largest grant we gave was £5,599 and the smallest just £17. This shows the difference in need between individuals in different circumstances - and how much impact a small sum can have.

***Spotlight on the helpline***

Our helpline team is growing. We now have 18 volunteers on the helpline, including several Polish speakers. Our helpline team work in shifts of 3 people and take calls on our phone line, answer texts and emails, and monitor direct messages on our social media accounts. The majority of callers don't speak English, so volunteers are often communicating via online or telephone translation services.

Helpline volunteers help callers in a number of ways including:

- signposting other services, such as NHS services for Northern Ireland
- providing clear, accurate, factual and non-judgmental information
- helping arrange travel and abortion care appointments
- helping clients overcome other barriers, such as visa issues
- Signposting clients to reputable providers of medical abortion pills by post

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, our Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

***Governance and Management***

ASN is governed by our Board of Trustees who oversee our work, provide strategic leadership and ensure good governance. Our day-to-day work is led by our Director/CEO and staff who in turn support our team of volunteers. You can learn more about our staff and volunteers on our website: <https://www.asn.org.uk/team-asn/>.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Income**

ASN's fiscal year income for 2021 closed 7% above the budget. This increase was largely driven by an 11% increase in donors.

The significant achievements driving this growth were:

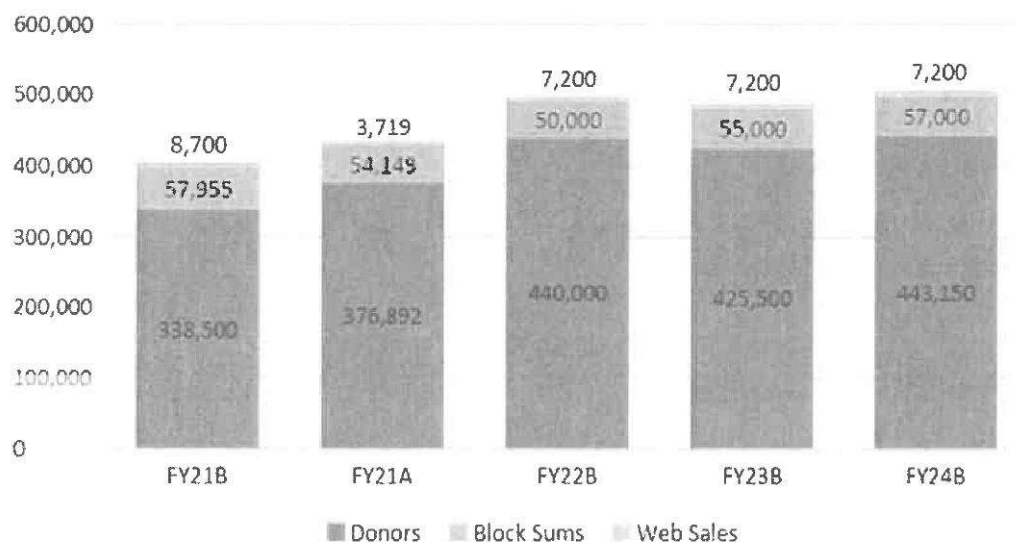
- In April the Just in Time campaign raised £16,177 in mostly one-off donations.
- In May the virtual pet show (community and challenge) raised £698.
- In July, we received £7,500 (unrestricted income) from an anonymous donor via IG advisors, which is our second grant via this brokerage.
- In September, the 'fairy godparents' campaign brought in new regular donors to the tune of £820 more a month, and has raised £3,787 to date.
- In October, the 'go the distance' community & challenge fundraiser made £13,736.
- The Big Give in December raised £45,341 (£30,050 through the big give online platform, an additional £13,000 in donations direct to our account + Gift Aid).



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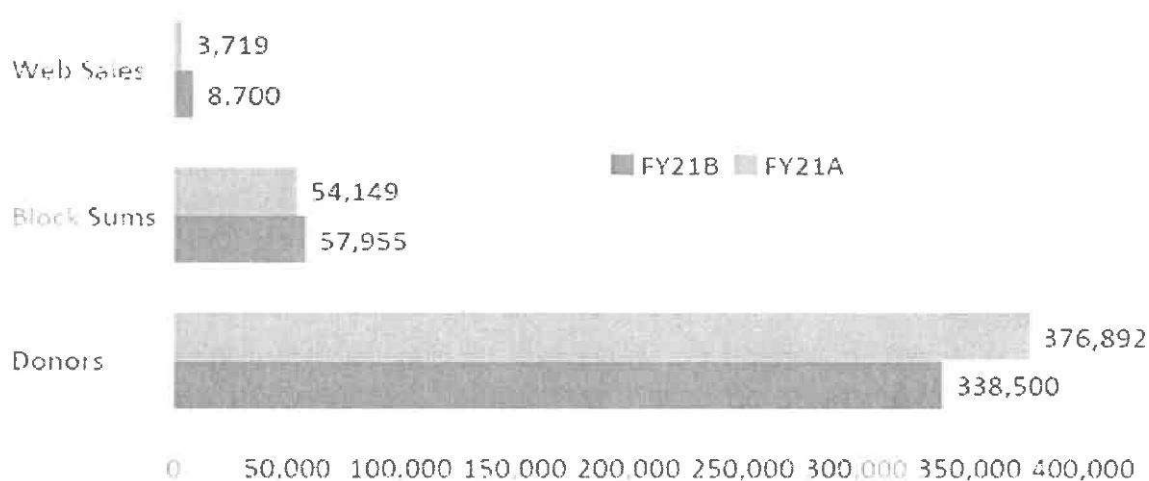
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#### **FY21 Budget, Actuals and FY22-24 Income Budget**



*Web sales refers to agreements we have with some UK clinics to provide links to their clinics on the ASN website. This funding is unrestricted.*

#### **FY21 Budget, vs Actuals**



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As evidenced by our income, ASN's supporters keep the helpline phone working, the website running, and let us be there to answer the clients when they call, give them the information they need to arrange their own abortion and fund their travel, accommodation, and procedure if they can't. Thanks to donations, there are fewer women selling their cars, their kids' toys, or skipping meals to pay for access to abortion services.

In 2021, ASN received:

- £132,671 in regular monthly donations
- £163,317 in one-off donations
- £32,952 in Gift Aid
- £16,684 from community fundraising and challenge events
- £9,993 from Facebook fundraisers

Unlike many charities, the bulk of ASN's funding comes from individual donors, either through regular giving or one-off donations. We are delighted that more than 1,000 people have set up regular monthly donations, as well as everyone who has donated to ASN in 2021.

A few of this year's fundraising highlights are below:

**Just in Time**

In April 2021, the Just in Time campaign focused on Justyna\*, one of our clients who moved home to eastern Poland from abroad after the pandemic made her and her fiancé Mariusz\* unemployed. She was sold abortion pills and told by a doctor it was "almost too late" - and then the pills didn't work. This left Justyna, 18 weeks pregnant, unemployed, depressed, trapped - and running out of time, facing all the extra complications of Covid.

Our helpline team were able to help Justyna, but calls from clients just like her keep coming - and so we needed to raise £15,000 to help them. And we were thrilled that the campaign raised a fantastic £16,177 from more than 300 donors.

**Go the distance**

In October 2021, we challenged our supporters to run, swim, walk or cycle some of the distances AWB clients are forced to travel for abortions. We were blown away by the response. 17 teams of people managed to raise a total of £13,736.

**The Big Give**

ASN was chosen to be part of the Big Give, a match funding campaign which took place in December 2021. With two gifts of £12,500 from major donors, plus 363 in matched donations from our fantastic supporters, we ended up raising £45,341 in total.

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**The Belgian Government**

In 2021, the Belgian government became the first country to fund travel for people in Poland who needed to leave the country to access abortion. Announced on International Safe Abortion Day, September 28, the grant of €10,000 (approximately £8,300) was given to AWB and will be managed by ASN.

**Sonic Youth fundraiser for ASN**

Iconic NYC band Sonic Youth launched 3 new t-shirt designs as well as releasing two vintage live sets available in full, with the proceeds from the sales split between ASN and Fund Texas Choice. Find out more about where you can get yours at: <https://www.asn.org.uk/sonic-youth-tshirts-raise-funds-for-abortion-support-network/>

**Celebrity Mastermind: Siobhán McSweeney**

Perhaps best known for her role as the straight-talking Sister Michael in Derry Girls, in 2021 Siobhán McSweeney featured on series 19 of Celebrity Mastermind, with Gene Wilder as her specialist subject and ASN as one of her chosen charities.

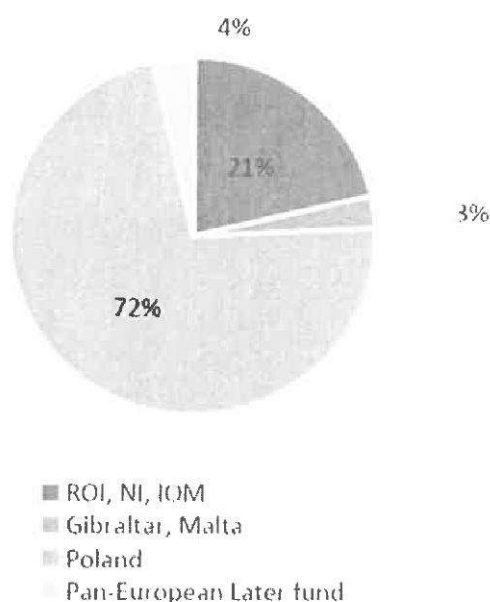
**EXPENDITURE AND RESERVES**

ASN's Cost of Sales, which reflects our operational activity, came in 12% below budget with only Poland exceeding the assumed cost for the year as expected. This has been addressed in ASN's FY22 budget.

Overall, expenditures came in 17% below budget and 23% ahead of the equivalent FY21 spend. Overall grants to clients increased by 56%, with the majority of that increase coming from increasing numbers of service users coming from Poland. Two new staff members also increased overall costs for the last six months of the year as budgeted.

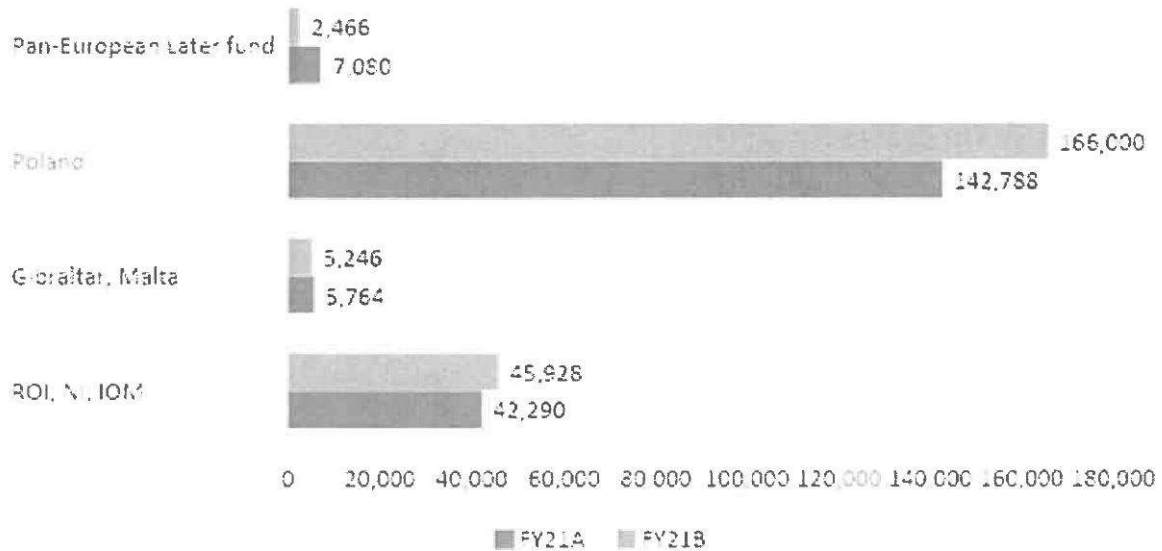
**FY21 Direct Cost Breakdown**

*(Costs per jurisdiction served by ASN.)*

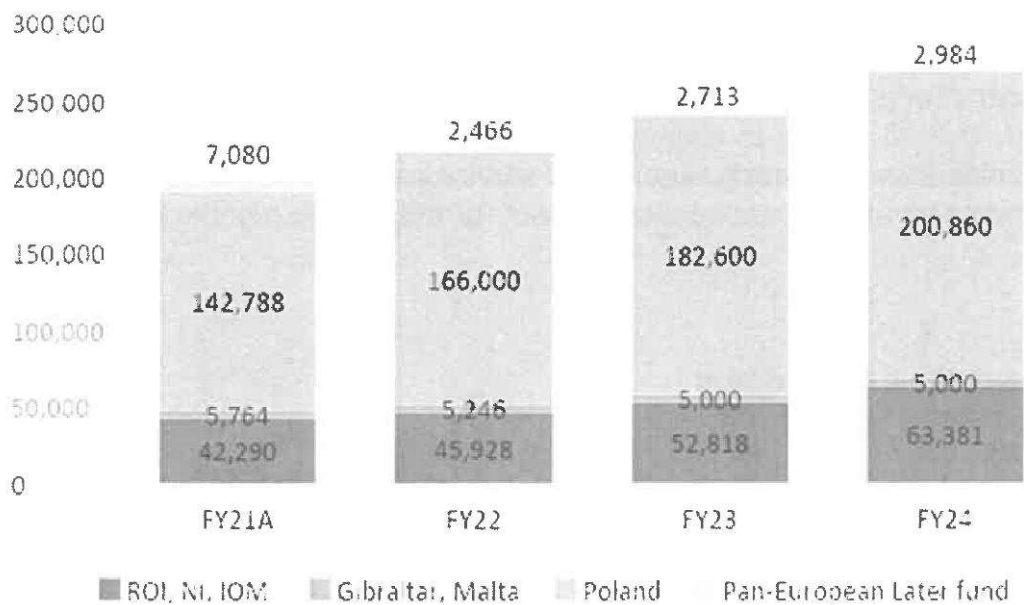


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**FY21 Direct Cost Budget, vs Actuals**



**FY21 Budget, Actuals and FY22-24 Expenditure Budget**



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**Reserves**

ASN's reserves policy was previously to hold approximately six months of operational costs in reserve, including any costs that would be incurred in winding up the charity and its activities. 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 once per year.

In 2021, a total of £88k in net income was generated during the year, largely in the 2Q and 4Q, and which is added to our reserves position to take us to £408k in total reserves at end FY21.

As previously agreed by The Board, £170k of the reserves is being held as an Operating Reserve (reflecting a conservative six months of operating and wind up costs) and £145k has been identified as an Opportunity Reserve to fund continued operations, additional staff (and their recurring costs) and a small number of discrete projects to add to the efficient operations of ASN or grow particular areas of the offering. The opportunity Reserve has been allocated within the FY22-24 budget. Given the positive year end FY21, the Board approved an increase in the Opportunity Reserve to £185k, adding the residual to the Operating Reserve.

**Client thank yous**

*"I am writing to thank you once again for your support. In my country I currently have no support whatsoever from doctors or state institutions. I am very happy that organisations like yours exist and help women in this incredibly difficult situation. The decision to terminate the pregnancy itself is very stressful (at least for me) and knowing that our hands are tied adds to the stress. Thanks to your financial support everything could really take place, in the current situation I would not have had the chance to organise such an amount... You are doing a great job, thank you."*

"I cannot express my gratitude enough. I am after the operation now, everything went without complications, the medical care was very kind and helpful. Thank you very much, because here on the spot the doctors told me that the pregnancy threatened my life. So this abortion saved my life, but without your help I wouldn't have had this chance. Thank you so much again for all your help, support and for making my life better."

*"We are unspeakably grateful for everything - your understanding, your help, your answers, your patience, your reassurance and I'm so sorry for my panic and for my tension... you helped me see the path clearly."*

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*"Thank you very much for your help. You never know what will happen to you in life. If it wasn't for your help my life would have been a great trauma. I feel incapacitated in my country and I am ashamed that I live here and that I get help from people I have never seen from a foreign country and not from my own. I have read everything carefully and I know that after the procedure a stone will fall from my heart. Carrying such a sick child is probably every mother's worst nightmare. I will be grateful to you till the end of my life and I will support you as much as I can because I know that there will be more and more women like me because of the stupid law in this country."*

### **WHAT'S NEXT FOR ASN?**

In 2009, ASN opened its services to people from the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man. While need for our services in those places diminished due to law reform, we continue to hear from people who fall through the cracks of legal provision. In 2019, we opened our service to Malta and Gibraltar and in December 2019 we worked with partner organisations in Poland, Germany and the Netherlands to launch AWB to support people needing abortions in Poland.

In 2021, we began planning to expand our services to additional jurisdictions who need help accessing second trimester abortions, with an initial focus on Romania, Hungary, Czech Republic, France, and Spain. We are very excited to expand our reach and help more people. However, we are doing this slowly so our growth can be both sustainable and scaleable, to ensure we are able to offer real help to the people who contact us from both existing and newer jurisdictions. We will also maintain our current policy of offering help people from anywhere in Europe on a case-by-case basis.

In 2022 we will also diversify our funding, seeking out additional funding from major donors, trusts and foundations, and other sources, as well as learning how to attract regular and one off individual donors from additional countries.

## **ABORTION SUPPORT NETWORK – INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

### **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 2021.

### **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.



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Date: 22nd September 2022



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

				<b>2021</b>	2021
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	<b>Total funds £</b>	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		<b>434,417</b>	-	<b>434,417</b>	353,600
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants to support clients		<b>6,947</b>	-	<b>6,947</b>	3,979
Sponsorship	2	<b>9,000</b>	-	<b>9,000</b>	6,900
Support costs	3	<b>5,554</b>	-	<b>5,554</b>	-
Bank interest received		<b>22</b>	-	<b>22</b>	137
<b>Total</b>		<b>455,940</b>	-	<b>455,940</b>	364,616
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	4	<b>17,257</b>	-	<b>17,257</b>	28,520
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants to support clients		<b>222,635</b>	-	<b>222,635</b>	142,930
Partnership grants		<b>128,015</b>	-	<b>128,015</b>	128,015
<b>Total</b>		<b>367,907</b>	-	<b>367,907</b>	299,465
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>88,033</b>	-	<b>88,033</b>	65,151
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>320,898</b>	-	<b>320,898</b>	255,747
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>408,931</b>		<b>408,931</b>	320,898

The notes form part of these financial statements



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**BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER 202**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total Funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	<b>132</b>	-	<b>132</b>	264
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	<b>9,082</b>	-	<b>9,082</b>	8,700
Prepayments and accrued income		<b>2,881</b>	-	<b>2,881</b>	-
Cash at bank		<b>425,573</b>	-	<b>425,573</b>	324,946
		<b>437,536</b>	-	<b>437,536</b>	333,646
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	<b>(28,737)</b>	-	<b>(28,737)</b>	(13,012)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>408,799</b>	-	<b>408,799</b>	320,634
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>408,931</b>	-	<b>408,931</b>	320,898
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>408,931</b>	-	<b>408,931</b>	320,898
<b>FUNDS</b>	11				
Unrestricted funds				<b>408,931</b>	320,898
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>408,931</b>	320,898

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2021. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021 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.

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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 *..28 Sept 2022...* and were signed on its behalf by:



Ms J K Davis, Co-Chair

ASN Board of Trustees



Ms Sarah Wootton, Co-Chair

ASN Board of Trustees

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

**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.

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**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 restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions when specified by the donor or when funds are realised 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.

**1. SPONSORSHIP**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	
<b>£</b>			
£Sponsorships			<b>9,000</b>
	6,900		

**2. SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Kickstart contribution	5,554	-	

**3. RAISING FUNDS**

**Raising donations and legacies**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Advertising	1,557	1,874
Fundraising costs	15,568	26,415
Support costs	132	231
	<b>17,257</b>	<b>28,520</b>

**4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation - owned assets	132	231

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**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2021 nor for the year ended 31st December 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

In the year ended 31st December 2021, a trustee was reimbursed £272.22 for travel costs related to ASN meetings. There were no trustees' expenses reimbursed for the year ended 31st December 2020.

**6. STAFF COSTS**

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

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Employees	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

**COST**

At 1st January 2021 and  
31st December 2021

Computer  
Equipment  
£

**693**

**DEPRECIATION**

At 1st January 2021  
Charge for year

**429**

**132**

At 31st December 2021

**561**

**NET BOOK VALUE**

At 31st December 2021

**132**

At 31st December 2020

264

**9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	<b>9,000</b>	8,700
Other debtors	<b>82</b>	-
	<b><u>9,082</u></b>	<b><u>8,700</u></b>

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**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	<b>20,425</b>	7,788
Social security and other taxes	<b>2,745</b>	3,245
Other creditors	<b>5,567</b>	1,979
	<b>28,737</b>	13,012

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.21	Net Movement in funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>320,898</b>	<b>88,033</b>	<b>408,931</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>320,898</b>	<b>88,033</b>	<b>408,931</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued**  
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**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>455,940</b>	<b>(367,907 )</b>	<b>88,033</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>455,940</b>	<b>(367,907 )</b>	<b>88,033</b>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	255,747	65,151	320,898
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	255,747	65,151	320,898

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	364,616	(299,465 )	65,151
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	364,616	(299,465 )	65,151

**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>	<b>401,465</b>	328,143
Donations		
Gift aid	<b>32,952</b>	25,457
	<b>434,417</b>	353,600
<b>Sponsorship</b>	<b>9,000</b>	6,900
Sponsorships		
<b>Support costs</b>	<b>5,554</b>	-
Kickstart contribution		
<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>6,947</b>	3,979
Grants		
<b>Bank interest received</b>	<b>22</b>	137
Bank interest received		
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>455,940</b>	364,616
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>	<b>1,557</b>	1,874
Advertising		
Fundraising costs	<b>15,568</b>	26,415
	<b>17,125</b>	28,289
<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>-</b>	1,033
Travel and subsistence		
Grants to support clients	<b>194,089</b>	118,569
	<b>194,089</b>	119,602
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>	<b>3,430</b>	790
Bank charges		
<b>Human resources</b>	<b>115,880</b>	117,809
Wages		
Pensions	<b>10,447</b>	7,715
	<b>126,327</b>	125,524
<b>Operational activities</b>	<b>1,688</b>	1,904
Insurance		
Carried forward	<b>1,688</b>	1,904

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Operational activities</b>		
Brought forward	<b>1,688</b>	1,904
Telephone	<b>5,274</b>	3,017
Postage and stationery	<b>1,805</b>	997
Sundries	<b>1,572</b>	4,830
Subscriptions	<b>761</b>	658
Rent	<b>48</b>	3,472
Website and computer consumables	<b>329</b>	548
Staff training	<b>3,859</b>	2,815
Travel and subsistence	<b>2,029</b>	388
Recruitment	<b>1,527</b>	-
Conferences	<b>520</b>	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<b>132</b>	231
	<b>19,544</b>	18,860
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	<b>1,098</b>	1,044
Legal fees	<b>968</b>	1,200
Bookkeeping	<b>5,326</b>	4,156
	<b>7,392</b>	6,400
Total resources expended	<b>367,907</b>	299,465
<b>Net income</b>	<b>88,033</b>	65,151

