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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

FOR

BRIGHTON WOMEN'S CENTRE

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BRIGHTON WOMEN'S CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02601210)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. 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

a) To protect and preserve the physical and mental health of, and to promote the education of, women in the Southeast of England, in particular by the provision of advice and counselling services.

b) To relieve poverty amongst women in the area of benefit.

The charity was founded in 1974 and has been supporting women and children in Brighton & Hove ever since. In 2014 the charity expanded to supporting women across wider Sussex, and from 2021 working with women in Kent. In April 2025 BWC developed a partnership project working in Surrey.

Women are adversely affected by social and economic inequality. We work holistically with women in trauma-informed, inclusive, safe spaces to enable them to thrive. BWC's vision is of an equal and fair society where women recognise and use our individual and collective strengths so we can live full and rewarding lives.

For the period of this report, BWC delivered the following services:

1. Inspire; for women caught up in the Criminal Justice System
2. Musculoskeletal (MSK) Link Worker Project
3. Peer to Peer Support Service
4. Support Services; including women centred hubs delivering volunteer led support and a Foodbank
5. Therapeutic Services
6. ToyBox Early Years
7. Women's Accommodation Support Service
8. Women's Secure Pathway; for women in secure hospitals

We deliver our services face-to-face in our premises, through outreach work, and online. We continue to be grateful for the huge support of our local community and funders.

Public benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities.

BWC makes a positive difference to the lives of women and children. We have been supporting women and children in Brighton & Hove since 1974 and across wider Sussex since 2014 and in Kent since 2021, and in Surrey since 2025. We are run for women by women, and we are passionate in our commitment to empower women and children.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

We work with women at risk of, or who have faced abuse, loss, trauma, poverty and homelessness, and those in contact with the Criminal Justice System. Whenever we can, we address needs at an early stage to avert or mitigate further crisis. We do this by placing women at the centre of support we provide, recognising that each woman is the expert of her own experience. BWC offers a reparative experience with a flexible, asset-based, trauma-informed and women-centred approach. This enables each woman to develop strengths and seek to live life to its full potential, so that she, her family, and the wider community, all benefit. We understand the challenges women face and design services that are holistic and integrated to meet diverse needs. BWC advocates for women by working in partnership and leading on the development of women-centred policy and practice.

The main activities undertaken to carry out the charity's aims for the public benefit include the provision of a diverse range of holistic and integrated services across Sussex and into Kent and Surrey for women living with multiple disadvantages.

In this reporting year, we supported 1,037 women.

In Brighton & Hove, we provided the following services:

- Foodbank
- Inspire Service: working with women in contact with the Criminal Justice System
- Musculoskeletal Link Worker support
- The Women's Peer to Peer Support Service
- Weekly well-being Hubs for women in crisis and those in need of on-going stabilisation in the community.
- Support Services Email
- Therapy Service: psychological therapy and dance movement psychotherapy
- The Women's Accommodation Support Service

In addition, we worked across Sussex, supporting women who are rough sleeping, homeless, insecurely housed and at risk of losing their homes. Our Hubs co-locate professional women from partner agencies to provide a trauma-informed and assertive outreach support to women in need of housing support.

We worked in partnership across Sussex to deliver the Inspire project which works with women caught up in the Criminal Justice System. This year we continued our contract with the Ministry of Justice to deliver female casework support addressing the nine pathways leading to reoffending - including mental health, domestic violence, finance, debt, accommodation. We also worked in partnership across Kent to deliver this service.

Across Sussex, in Kent and in Surrey, we worked in partnership to deliver the KSS women's secure pathway project
This year, in line with our 2024 - 2027 Strategic Business Plan, BWC moved to new Head Office premises in Brighton. The site is larger and more accessible and has a greater range of facilities such as an increased number of appointment rooms and an onsite creche. More detail on this, and the other progress made against our strategic business plan, is included below.

Outcomes/ Outputs - Measuring our Impact

We collect a range of quantitative and qualitative data to monitor and evaluate our work, make improvements to our services, and influence best practice in the sector more broadly.

Quantitative data includes the number of women accessing each service, their needs, referrals, and Equalities Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) information to ensure that our services are inclusive and reaching marginalised communities across Sussex. This year's report identified that further work is needed to engage with women with non-white ethnicities, which remains at 12% of all women engaging with our services, compared with 14.6% of the population. Engagement remains strong with women in our community disclosing health conditions or disabilities: this is 43% of women we work with, compared with 16% of the Brighton and Hove population.

Each service collects extensive data around the outcomes for each woman as a result of the support they receive from BWC. We use tools including the Short Warwick Edinburgh Mental Well Being Scale (SWEMBS) and/or the ONS Wellbeing Scale; CORE forms for Counselling and Psychotherapy; as well as bespoke measures of wellbeing. We collate this data annually to evaluate the impact our services have had across the year.

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Our new Theory of Change came into effect from April 2025, and we continue to work on developing a bespoke evaluation framework which will align with our four new long-term outcomes. These are to ensure that every woman we support is:

HEARD: women feel heard, and that their journey is recognised and supported
HELD: women are more connected to supportive communities
HAPPIER: women have greater self-compassion and self-worth, and are living safer lives
HOPEFUL: women have a more positive outlook about their future, and there are increased collective and connected opportunities for systemic change

We also collect informal feedback from women who use our services via our community forum, supported by our Coproduction Coordinator, and from our staff and volunteers. The organisation has also embarked on a year-long programme with Gloriously Ordinary Coproduction to support the team to reimagine what meaningful coproduction could look like.

Achievement and Performance 2025/26

Inspire

Positive alternatives for women in the Criminal Justice System in Sussex and Kent. Inspire provides holistic, wrap-around and gender-specific support for women in the Criminal Justice System. Our Community Rehabilitation Service is funded by the Ministry of Justice and works in partnership with Kent, Surrey and Sussex Probation Service.

Overview of year:
- Inspire supported 199 women over the year.
- The Inspire team delivered quality support to women, which was highlighted by the Ministry of Justice and received consistent positive feedback from women.
- Inspire consistently exceeded the monthly KPI targets set by the Ministry of Justice and have been working as a coherent and supportive team.

Breakdown of interventions delivered over the year :
- 28% requested interventions in accommodation
- 9% requested interventions in Education, Training and Employment (ETE)
- 43% requested interventions in Emotional Wellbeing
- 11% requested interventions in Lifestyle and Associates
- 26% requested interventions in Dependency and Recovery
- 16% requested interventions in Finance, Benefit and Debt
- 21% requested interventions with Family and Significant Others
- 5% requested interventions in Social Inclusion

Outcome statistics:
- 70% reported an improvement in overall life satisfaction
- 60% reported an improvement in feelings of happiness
- 70% reported an improvement in feeling their life was worthwhile.

Care Not Custody

Our Out of Court Diversion for women involved with the Police, is funded by the Ministry of Justice and is in partnership with Sussex Police. The scheme also provides support for women in breach of, or at risk of breaching, their Probation Community Orders.

Overview of year:
- 105 women were supported by the Care not Custody team in 2025-2026.
- A total of 62 eligible referrals made from Sussex Police, with 38 Women referred for Conditional Cautions and 29 Women referred for Community Resolutions.
- A total of 43 eligible referrals from Probation, with 17 Women referred by Probation Practitioners and 33 Women referred by Court Probation Staff.

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Outcome statistics:
- 80% felt an improvement in their ability to trust others
- 60% reported an improvement in feeling their life and the things they do are worthwhile
- 60% reported improved satisfaction with their life
- 71% felt more in control of their life
- 67% felt an improvement in their ability to deal with problems well.

Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) Partnership

Connecting with women in adult secure mental health wards as part of the Women's Secure Pathway, in partnership with the Kent Surrey Sussex Mental Health Provider Collaborative.

Overview of year:
- In partnership with the KSS Mental Health Provider Collaborative of three NHS Trusts and Woking Women's Support Centre, BWC developed a model for a service which can deliver consistent trauma-informed 1-1 support and weekly group activities to women based in three forensic units within this region. In 2025-26, three Enhancement Workers have run group activities and 1-1 support in three of these wards.
- 25 group sessions have been facilitated across three wards from December 2025 to March 2026.

Outcome statistics:
- Outcome tools have been co-produced alongside NHS colleagues, with full evaluation to begin in the 2026-2027 financial year.

Muscular-Skeletal Linkwork Support (MSK)

The MSK Link-worker project is a partnership between BWC and the Sussex MSK Partnership (SMSKP), providing advice and information to women accessing the SMSKP service who need additional support.
- Due to a sudden change in funding, the service was given three months' notice to close.
- 30 service users attended a total of 59 sessions.

Outcome Statistics
Please note, reflect the outcomes for women accessing MSK who completed an ending survey in Q1 2025/26 when the service closed

- 67% felt improved satisfaction with their life today.
- 100% felt an improved ability to trust others
- 100% felt more in control of their lives
- 100% felt an improved ability to respond to their own needs
- 100% felt an improved ability to manage their finances
- 100% felt they were able to deal with problems well

Peer to Peer (P2P) Support Service

The Peer-to-Peer Service (P2P) provides supportive peer groups to enable women to build relationships with other women, and to promote a kinder relationship with themselves. The Service allows women to gain confidence and connection through peer support, whilst accessing opportunities for developing new skills and experiences through being involved in the service in a way that feels safe and comfortable.

Description of Activities:
- Total peer groups: 164, 68 SUs attended, 794 attendances
- Peer groups - In person, Weekly - 104 sessions 39 Service Users
- Peer groups - Online, Fortnightly - 48 sessions 13 Service Users
- Release & Reset - Online, Weekly - 45 sessions 21 Service Users
- Menopause peer group - Blend, Monthly - 12 sessions 25 Service Users
- Grounding Groups - In person, 3 x 4 groups p/a - 12 sessions 20 Service Users
- Workshops - In person, 6 per annum - 6 sessions, 26 Service Users

Outcome statistics:
- 100% said they felt Heard, Held, Happier and Hopeful being involved with BWC's service

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- 81% rated the service 5/5
- 75% of Forum Members felt their views and voices will have impact

Therapeutic Services

BWC's Therapeutic Services provide time-limited, trauma informed therapy with a broad range of modalities, including talking therapies and creative approaches. This service supports women who would struggle to access therapy and other services due to complex challenges relating to physical or mental health, relationships and financial circumstances.

Overview of year:
- 575 therapy sessions were delivered, along with 70 assessments.
- During the year 72 women had at least one therapy session.

Outcome statistics
- 87% felt overall improvement in wellbeing
- 70% showed overall improvement in anxiety or panic
- 63% showed overall improvement in happiness and hope
- 77% showed improvement in either ability to cope or better sleep, or both
- 96% felt satisfied with the service

Toybox Early Years

ToyBox offers inclusive, trauma-informed Early Years education and support for children 0-5yrs from low-income families facing multiple disadvantages.

Overview of the year
" ToyBox delivered 757 sessions of high-impact childcare until temporary closure in July 2025 at the end of the summer term ahead of relocation. The pause enabled a full-service consultation.
" 40 sessions of face-to-face parental support, 49 sessions of telephone support and 32 financial support and referral sessions were also held.
" The temporary closure has been invaluable in the redesign of a sustainable, trauma-informed, integrated childcare model.

Outcome statistics:
- 100% of parents reported satisfaction across all core service areas, including safety, care quality, communication, and staff support.
- 100% of parents reported their child is happy at ToyBox
- 100% feel comfortable approaching staff for support
- 100% feel their child's individual needs are met
- 100% report ToyBox is a safe space
- 82.35% of children had early help needs identified and were referred to multi-agency services such as Speech and Language, Brighton Hove Inclusion Services.
- Childcare sessions reduced by -21.4% compared to 2024 due to planned closure.

Support Services

Support Services provides emotional and practical support in safe, open-access, trauma informed spaces through our weekly Women's Hubs and Foodbank.

Overview of year:
This year, we developed our partnership with Network of International Women funded through the Thriving Communities Partnership to subcontract a Link Worker. A new role of Foodbank Facilitator was created to add capacity to this vital service, and in March, the Foodbank was closed to accommodate re-modelling of this area of the service.

Description of Activities:
Hubs:
- 3 drop-in hubs per week in 3 Brighton and Hove locations
- 118 hub sessions were held supporting a total of 149 women

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- 40 Women attended our end of year celebration and donations enabled us to give each woman a small gift bag of pampering items.

Foodbank:
- 46 sessions were held
- 110 households supported with 1680 parcels of food.
- 73 Households received £50 in Supermarket Vouchers to cover times when the foodbank was paused for four weeks for necessary remodelling discussions and consultation in April 2025

Outcome statistics:
- 94% Experienced Increased Social Contact
- 84% Felt More Connected with Others
- 81% Felt able to Connect with Support
- 81% Overall Felt More Positive
- 89% More able to Cope with Challenges

Women's Accommodation Support Service (WASS)

The Women's Accommodation Support Service (WASS) offers trauma-informed, women-centred 1-1 casework support and Women's open access Drop In Hubs across Sussex. The over-arching aim of the service is to improve women's access to safe accommodation by co-producing support to address intersecting needs holistically.

Overview of year:
- WASS supported 213 women over 2025-2026 through a combination of 1-1 casework and informal support through our Women's Drop-In Hubs.
- 132 Women's Drop-In Hub sessions took place across 3 venues - Eastbourne, St-Leonards-On-Sea and Worthing.
- We increased capacity across the team in 2025/2026 which enabled us to reach more women across Sussex.

Outcome statistics:
% of women reporting a positive change following support from BWC
- 88% of women felt they had good quality of life and were being healthy
- 93% of women felt an improved ability to cope and hope for the future
- 97% of women felt they were reducing risks and feeling safe
- 94% of women felt they had good social support and relationships
- 100% of women felt satisfied with the service
- 89% had a positive experience of CJS (if applicable)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity achieved a surplus of £68,141 on unrestricted resources during the year and this has been added to the unrestricted reserves brought forward of £489,646 to leave £557,787 to be carried forward. The aim is to increase these reserves to a level set out in the 'Reserves Policy' below.

Significant events

This year, the charity continued to deliver the second year of our 2024 - 2027 Strategic Business Plan, achieving one of the most significant objectives; moving our headquarters to a new premises in central Brighton. This was a significant undertaking and, for a period, involved moving services online where possible during the transition. The new premises is larger and provides significantly improved physical accessibility through ground-floor, step-free access. This has increased our capacity to for face-to-face appointments such as therapy, allowed us to move some hub provision on site, and supported increased partnership working with other organisations running groups from our space. ToyBox Early Years also paused service delivery from July 2025 at the end of the summer term, in order to reevaluate the model of this service. Our Fundraising Team was also restructured to increase efficiencies. In terms of financial sustainability, one of our most significant contracts is due to be re-commissioned from January 2027 and an important grant contributing to our unrestricted funds ends in December 2026. As such, we are focusing resources and capacity on horizon scanning alternative funds and scoping in preparation for the re-commissioning process.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risk for the charity continued to be the uncertainty of contract renewal and the reliance on MoJ funding. The external funding landscape is increasingly challenging and increases uncertainty for the charity. As a charity, securing unrestricted funds in order to support the infrastructure of the organisation is often a challenge. Identifying opportunities for core cost funding remains a priority for the organisation. The charity also faced increased risk following the Supreme Court Ruling of April 2026 around the legal definition of 'woman' under the 2010 Equality Act, resulting in uncertainty as the charity sector awaited guidance on the implications for our work.

Reserves policy

The level of reserves and cash position are regularly monitored by the Trustees. The Trustees would consider a level of unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months operating costs to be appropriate to be held at any one time. This refers to three months of the total organisational costs. The unrestricted reserves are currently £557,787. Total costs are £1,377,617 three months would be £344,404.

The charity has total funds at the year-end of £663,730, of which £105,943 were restricted funds and £557,787 were unrestricted. Of the £557,787 unrestricted funds, the trustees have designated £33,483 for specific purposes. This leaves free reserves of £524,304.

The charity considers it should be holding reserves to cover: the costs of dilapidations on the expiry of a lease; provisions for major repairs to a building; redundancy costs and a buffer if future funding is withdrawn, to provide the charity time to look for alternative funding.

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FUTURE PLANS

This reporting year was the second year of BWC's 2024 - 2027 Strategic Business Plan. This plan has 5 main aims:

1) building a future proofed organisation that supports growth and change
2) growing the resilience of our services, ensuring they are robust, consistent and high quality
3) amplifying, centring and honouring the voices and experiences of women so that we can influence systems change
4) meaningfully integrating Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging into everything we do
5) developing our co-production strategy so that all our work is firmly rooted in, and produced by, women who are the experts of their experience.

The Director, with support from the Strategic Management Team, has reported quarterly to the Board of Trustees on the progress of the objectives under each aim, with longer dedicated time for certain aims at Trustee Strategic Away Days.

Year 2 of the strategy has seen significant progress against our objectives, supported by a grant from the CAF Keystone Fund. This unrestricted funding has supported:
- Relocation costs to larger more suitable premises, to better house our growing team, providing space to meet with clients and deliver therapy sessions
- Diversifying our funding base through growing core funding from trusts and foundations,
- Investing in developing our organisational co-production strategy, and specific co-production frameworks, through a dedicated co-production coordinator,
- We continue to evaluate our impact with new revised frameworks that fit our Theory of Change, asking those who use our service if they feel Heard, Held, Happier and Helpful.
- Funding for posts including an HR manager and a management restructure which has created more capacity for Senior Managers to develop our services, amplify women's voices and share data in strategic places to affect systemic change, for instance through the National Women's Justice Coalition.

Looking ahead, this year's progress has laid important groundwork for the third and final year of this strategic business plan. New headquarters have created opportunities for the remodelling of key services like the Foodbank and ToyBox Early Years, for high-quality provision.

Year 3 will see reporting against objectives in line with organisational learning about co-production as well as working alongside expertise in equality, diversity and inclusion to reach more underrepresented women. The high quality of service we seek to provide will also be audited in the Silver Accreditation in Trauma Informed Working Quality Assurance which the team are poised to undertake next year. The coming year will also involve consultation, mapping and planning for a new Strategic Business Plan.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company was incorporated on 12 April 1991 under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. It received charitable status on 8 August 1991.

The trustees reviewed the Articles of Association and agreed a number of changes to bring the Articles in line with the Charity Commission Model. The new Articles were formally adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 18 November 2019. There were no changes to the charitable objects of BWC, or any other changes requiring Charity Commission consent.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Appointment and activities of the Board of Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Board of Trustees. This structure forms our Board of Trustees. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members, BWC members elect a third of the trustees at each AGM, for a three-year term up to a maximum of 3 terms of office (i.e. 9 years). Up to eight members may be elected at the Annual General Meeting and a further eight may be co-opted at any time.

This year, a small AGM was held with members at Brighton Town Hall. Our two newest Trustees, having completed their 1-year appointment, were appointed for a three-year term.

The Board of Trustees met quarterly during the year and held two strategic away days. The Board operates two sub-committees: a Finance, Resources and Risk Sub-Committee and a Development and Communications Sub-Committee to which it delegates the responsibility for detailed scrutiny and advice on matters within their terms of reference.

Organisational structure

The Director of BWC reports to the Board of Trustees, with regular monthly meetings in between with the Chair of Trustees. This year, the Director was supported by an Executive Assistant and a Strategic Management Team (SMT), which included the Head of Services and a Fundraising and Communications Officer.

The Head of Services oversees the management of our service delivery teams, ensuring that each service aligns with BWC's strategic goals and provides high-quality, trauma-informed care. Service Managers report directly to the Head of Services and are responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations, managing delivery staff, and coordinating volunteers across our various programmes.

The SMT was supported by central services staff, including an Office Manager and Administrator, Data Coordinator, and HR Manager, who ensure the smooth running of the organisation and the effective delivery of our HR, communications, fundraising, and administrative tasks.

Decision making

The Board of Trustees is responsible for all significant decisions relating to the strategy and policy, use of resources and reputation of the charity and to any other matters which align with the duties of trustees. The Board delegates the responsibility for day-to-day decision making relating to the operational management of the charity to the Director and management team

Induction and training of new trustees

The Board is committed to providing a comprehensive induction to all new trustees to ensure a full understanding of their legal duties, as well as the charity's operations, strategic priorities and key risks. The Trustees are committed to building the capacity of the Board of Trustees and Trustees undertake training on specific areas of development, including fundraising, financial responsibilities and strategic planning. Recruitment consultation and reviews have been undertaken to ensure a targeted recruitment drive for the skills and experience gaps on the board. This has begun in the latter part of the year with a view to new Trustees being onboarded in 2026.

Strategic planning and development

In addition to overseeing the running of BWC and receiving management reports from the key service areas described in this report, the Board of Trustees undertake strategic reviews of the organisation at least annually. Annual Organisational Days for trustees, staff, and volunteers serve as the review and consultation mechanism within the planning cycle that drives the updating of the Business Plan.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Engagement with employees

Quarterly Board meetings each hear reports from one Service Manager, who provides a longer report on their service over the last year, providing space for Trustees to ask questions and find out more about a particular team in the organisation.

The full BWC team participate in two Strategy Days a year, as well as more regular quarterly learning seminars for learning and development. Away Days have provided opportunity for the full team to continue to feed into the progress of the strategy, and for management to feedback on progress at senior levels. This year also saw the first Staff Champion role (this year, an Accessibility Staff Champion), whose report went to the Board for review. A subsequent action plan now sits with SMT.

Risk management

The Trustee Board takes a risk-based approach to its work, and key risks are brought to its attention at each meeting through the Director's report. The strategic risk register is kept under review by the Finance, Resources and Risk Committee and monitored by the Strategic Management Team.

The Board is committed to attracting, rewarding and retaining the best staff. All staff pay, including that of the Senior Management team, is reviewed annually by the Finance, Resources and Risk Committee and recommendations are made to the Board of Trustees for approval. The Board takes into account NJC recommendations, and national and local charity sector comparators as part of its decision-making.

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FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

The charity doesn't hold any funds on behalf of other organisations.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Brighton Women's Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The Auditors, West and Berry Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31/10/2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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Amber Woodward-Brown - Trustee

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BRIGHTON WOMEN'S CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02601210)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Brighton Women's Centre (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2026 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

The objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud or error, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error; and to respond appropriately to those risks. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charitable company, and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006, Ofsted regulation, Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and employment law.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company are complying with the legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to management.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
- Made enquiries with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of fraud or non-compliance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting policies;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations;
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BRIGHTON WOMEN'S CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02601210)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Michelle Westbury FCCA

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Date: 31/10/2026

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BRIGHTON WOMEN'S CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	351,741	6,317	358,058	389,803
Charitable activities	5				
Advice and counselling		14,348	1,102,191	1,116,539	941,008
Other trading activities	3	192	-	192	6,858
Investment income	4	11,116	-	11,116	15,981
Total		377,397	1,108,508	1,485,905	1,353,650
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	56,508	-	56,508	59,734
Charitable activities	7				
Advice and counselling		342	1,049,293	1,049,635	1,068,734
Support costs		245,706	25,768	271,474	234,377
Total		302,556	1,075,061	1,377,617	1,362,845
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		74,841	33,447	108,288	(9,195)
Transfers between funds	18	(6,700)	6,700	-	-
Net movement in funds		68,141	40,147	108,288	(9,195)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		489,646	65,796	555,442	564,637
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		557,787	105,943	663,730	555,442

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BRIGHTON WOMEN'S CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02601210)

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	7,863	-	7,863	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	63,017	-	63,017	54,450
Cash at bank and in hand		632,001	105,941	737,942	639,755
		695,018	105,941	800,959	694,205
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(145,092)	-	(145,092)	(138,763)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		549,926	105,941	655,867	555,442
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		557,789	105,941	663,730	555,442
NET ASSETS		557,789	105,941	663,730	555,442
FUNDS	18				
Unrestricted funds				557,789	489,646
Restricted funds				105,941	65,796
TOTAL FUNDS				663,730	555,442

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 ..31/10/2026..... and were signed on its behalf by:

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Amber Woodward-Brown - Trustee

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BRIGHTON WOMEN'S CENTRE

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	95,878	1,697
Net cash provided by operating activities		95,878	1,697
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(8,807)	-
Interest received		11,116	15,981
Net cash provided by investing activities		2,309	15,981
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		-	(8,650)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		-	(8,650)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		98,187	9,028
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		639,755	630,727
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		737,942	639,755

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2026 £	2025 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	108,288	(9,195)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	944	-
Interest received	(11,116)	(15,981)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(8,567)	22,829
Increase in creditors	6,329	4,044
Net cash provided by operations	95,878	1,697

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.25 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.26 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	639,755	98,187	737,942
	639,755	98,187	737,942
Total	639,755	98,187	737,942

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 FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 '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.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees/directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income
Incoming resources are accounted for as follows:

Client Fees and Contract Income
Client fees and contract income are included in the period in which the income becomes receivable, i.e. when the services are provided.

Investment Income and All Other Income
These are included when receivable by the charity.

Grants
Grants receivable are credited to income in the period to which they relate, except where the donor imposes restrictions on the timing of expenditure in which case the grant is treated as deferred. Grants relating to later periods are treated as deferred income.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Fundraising Income
The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with associated costs included within "Costs of Generating Funds".

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 including irrecoverable VAT 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.

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis:

Expenditure
a).Charitable Activities comprise all expenditure directly relating to objects of the charity.
b).Costs of generating funds comprise the costs incurred in publicity and fundraising events.
c).Support costs include general office costs and governance costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of fixed assets over their useful economic lives as follows:

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets
Fittings and Office Equipment - over 5 years straight line basis.

Short Leasehold - over term of the lease 10 years straight line basis.

The charity capitalises assets costing more than £500.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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.

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments
The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Pensions
Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in the notes. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

Leases
Hire purchase and finance lease agreements
Assets held under hire purchase agreements are capitalised and disclosed under tangible fixed assets at their fair value. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis.

Operating lease agreements
Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors

Termination payments

Termination payments are amounts payable as a result of a decision to terminate an officer's employment before normal retirement age or an officer's decision to accept voluntary redundancy. Termination payments are recognised immdeiately as an expense to the charity at the earlier of when the authority can no longer withdraw the offer or when we recognise costs of restructuring.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Donations	45,833	43,780
Grants	299,180	270,505
Subscriptions/Fee	13,045	75,518
	358,058	389,803

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Advance Charity	21,833	21,197
Brighton and Hove City Council	1,500	-
The Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	-
Fonthill Foundation	5,000	-
Garfield Weston	30,000	30,000
The Grace Trust	1,800	1,000
Henry Smith Trust	78,230	35,000
Keystone Fund	-	45,944
Ministry of Justice	137,161	135,000
Munro Charitable Trust	-	1,000
Social Investment Fund	-	1,364
UOK	6,000	-
BICS Contract	12,656	-
	299,180	270,505

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Fundraising events	192	6,858

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Deposit account interest	11,116	15,981

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2026	2025
		£	£
Other Incoming Resources	Advice and counselling	14,646	5,000
Grants	Advice and counselling	1,101,893	936,008
		1,116,539	941,008

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Adur Homes	-	32,234
Brighton and Hove City Council	47,499	31,049
Commonweal Housing	-	4,140
DWP	2,602	2,801
East Sussex County Council	13,259	20,796
Ministry of Housing	10,000	-
Ministry of Justice	606,130	511,801
Nationwide Building Society	-	25,000
NHS KSS Mental Health Provider Collaborative	100,000	-
The National Lottery Fund	-	70,052
OSPCC (Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner)	162,494	174,308
Southdown (2024 UOK)	-	56,699
Sussex Community Fund	-	5,256
Together Collective	-	1,872
UOK	25,031	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	90,015	-
Wesleyan	10,000	-
West Sussex County Council	20,000	-
Ernest Kleinwort	6,000	-
Lawson Trust	5,000	-
Hollick Family	3,863	-
	1,101,893	936,008

In addition the following amounts have been deferred as follows:

	2026	2025
SCF	5,000	-
The Lawson Trust	3,030	5,000
The National Lottery Fund	25,262	12,706
Hollick Family Foundation	14,546	7,500
The Three Oaks Trust	13,561	10,000
Fonthill Foundation	-	5,000
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	-	6,000
East Sussex County Council	-	4,420
West Sussex County Council	19,833	20,000
The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	2,000	-
	83,232	70,626

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6. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2026	2025
	£	£
Fundraising Costs	56,508	59,734

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 8)	Support costs (see note 9)	Totals
	£	£	£
Advice and counselling	1,049,635	-	1,049,635
Support costs	261,744	9,730	271,474
	1,311,379	9,730	1,321,109

8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Direct Costs	117,439	118,723
Staff Costs	1,104,778	1,098,023
Establishment	39,883	31,965
Office	48,335	41,561
Depreciation	944	-
	1,311,379	1,290,272

9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Support costs	9,730

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Governance costs

	2026 Support costs	2025 Total activities
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	6,000	6,000
AGM Costs	-	3,977
Trustees expenses	106	68
Accountancy and legal fees	3,624	2,794
	9,730	12,839

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10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2026	2025
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	6,000	6,000
Depreciation - owned assets	944	-
Operating leases - land and buildings	28,692	20,000

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2026 nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees' expenses

Two trustees received travel expenses of £106 (2025 :One Trustee was reimbursed training expenses of £68).

12. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	906,694	919,097
Social Security Costs	111,133	78,980
Pension Costs	27,076	24,831
Termination Payments	3,150	-
	No	No
Average monthly number of employees	36	39

The number of employees who received emoluments in excess of £60,000 were as follows:

	2026	2025
Between £60,000 - £70,000	1	1

After staff restructuring the charity considers its key management personnel to be the trustees along with the director, the corporate fundraising and events manager, and the chief operating officer. Total employment benefits (including employers national insurance and pension contributions) to its key management personnel was £145,169 (2025 : £199,718).

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13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	389,800	3	389,803
Charitable activities			
Advice and counselling	5,000	936,008	941,008
Other trading activities	6,858	-	6,858
Investment income	15,981	-	15,981
Total	417,639	936,011	1,353,650
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	59,734	-	59,734
Charitable activities			
Advice and counselling	47,758	1,020,976	1,068,734
Support costs	208,476	25,901	234,377
Total	315,968	1,046,877	1,362,845
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	101,671	(110,866)	(9,195)
Transfers between funds	(12,261)	12,261	-
Net movement in funds	89,410	(98,605)	(9,195)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	400,234	164,403	564,637
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	489,644	65,798	555,442

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14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2025	-	24,699	24,699
Additions	8,178	629	8,807
At 31 March 2026	8,178	25,328	33,506
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2025	-	24,699	24,699
Charge for year	818	126	944
At 31 March 2026	818	24,825	25,643
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2026	7,360	503	7,863
At 31 March 2025	-	-	-

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade debtors	47,169	42,512
Other debtors	-	544
Prepayments and accrued income	15,848	11,394
	63,017	54,450

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade creditors	25,059	18,826
Social security and other taxes	20,095	30,239
Other creditors	7,413	9,648
Accrued expenses	9,293	9,424
Deferred grants	83,232	70,626
	145,092	138,763

Deferred income is in relation to grants received in advance.

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17. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Within one year	50,000	10,000
Between one and five years	200,000	-
In more than five years	233,333	-
	483,333	10,000

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.25	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.26
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	390,359	138,947	(5,000)	524,306
Designated Fund (Lease)	39,143	(35,766)	5,000	8,377
Designated Fund (Grants to be spent on other emergency items at BWC discretion)	415	(254)	-	161
Designated Fund - Food Bank	2,353	-	(2,353)	-
Designated Fund - Staff Costs	53,029	(28,084)	-	24,945
Designated Fund (Inspire) - Inspire Salaries	4,347	-	(4,347)	-
	489,646	74,843	(6,700)	557,789
Restricted funds				
Access to Work	-	2,449	-	2,449
Accommodation Support ES	12,733	(12,733)	-	-
Client Grants	-	298	-	298
Common Ground	-	8,594	-	8,594
Foodbank	-	149	2,353	2,502
KSS Women's Secure Pathway, Sussex Partnership NHS	-	48,795	-	48,795
Minstry of Justice - Care not Custody	47,004	(10,833)	-	36,171
Ministry of Justice - Inspire Programme	-	(4,347)	4,347	-
OSPCC (Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner) - Counselling	-	(5,256)	5,256	-
The National Lottery Fund - Peer Mentoring Service	803	(803)	-	-
The National Lottery Fund	-	7,132	-	7,132
Sussex Community Foundation	5,256	-	(5,256)	-
	65,796	33,445	6,700	105,941
TOTAL FUNDS	555,442	108,288	-	663,730

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	377,397	(238,450)	138,947
Designated Fund (Lease)	-	(35,766)	(35,766)
Designated Fund (Grants to be spent on other emergency items at BWC discretion)	-	(254)	(254)
Designated Fund - Staff Costs	-	(28,084)	(28,084)
	377,397	(302,554)	74,843
Restricted funds			
Access to Work	2,602	(153)	2,449
Accommodation Support ES	175,861	(188,594)	(12,733)
Brighton and Hove City Council - Household Support Fund	6,500	(6,500)	-
Brighton and Hove City Council - Volunteer Services	41,000	(41,000)	-
Client Grants	298	-	298
Common Ground	10,000	(1,406)	8,594
Foodbank	2,761	(2,612)	149
KSS Women's Secure Pathway, Sussex Partnership NHS	100,001	(51,206)	48,795
Minstry of Justice - Care not Custody	196,099	(206,932)	(10,833)
Ministry of Justice - Inspire Programme	350,647	(354,994)	(4,347)
OSPCC (Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner) - Counselling	35,806	(41,062)	(5,256)
The National Lottery Fund - Peer Mentoring Service	113,981	(114,784)	(803)
The National Lottery Fund	11,667	(4,535)	7,132
Sussex PCC	36,254	(36,254)	-
UOK	25,031	(25,031)	-
	1,108,508	(1,075,063)	33,445
TOTAL FUNDS	1,485,905	(1,377,617)	108,288

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	400,234	101,673	(12,261)	489,646
Restricted funds				
Accommodation Support ES	-	7,537	5,196	12,733
Client Grants	545	(545)	-	-
Eastbourne Borough Council - Accommodation Support	2,532	-	(2,532)	-
Minstry of Justice - Care not Custody	144,903	(97,899)	-	47,004
NHS - Counselling	4,400	(4,400)	-	-
OSPCC (Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner) - Support Services	-	(9,597)	9,597	-
The National Lottery Fund - Peer Mentoring Service	12,023	(11,220)	-	803
Sussex Community Foundation	-	5,256	-	5,256
	164,403	(110,868)	12,261	65,796
TOTAL FUNDS	564,637	(9,195)	-	555,442

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	417,639	(315,966)	101,673
Restricted funds			
Access to Work	2,801	(2,801)	-
Accommodation Support ES	237,594	(230,057)	7,537
Brighton and Hove City Council - Household Support Fund	11,250	(11,250)	-
Client Grants	-	(545)	(545)
Commonweal Housing	4,139	(4,139)	-
Minstry of Justice - Care not Custody	119,638	(217,537)	(97,899)
Ministry of Justice - Inspire Programme	307,249	(307,249)	-
NHS - Counselling	-	(4,400)	(4,400)
OSPCC (Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner) - Counselling	40,641	(40,641)	-
OSPCC (Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner) - Support Services	102,311	(111,908)	(9,597)
The National Lottery Fund - Peer Mentoring Service	95,303	(106,523)	(11,220)
Southdown - Toybox	9,829	(9,829)	-
Sussex Community Foundation	5,256	-	5,256
	936,011	(1,046,879)	(110,868)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,353,650	(1,362,845)	(9,195)

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The purpose of each restricted fund was as follows:

1. Access to Work - Help for work towards ameliorating physical or mental health conditions or disability.

2. East Sussex County Council/Nationwide/Adur & Worthing Council Accommodation Support - Casework support for homeless and insecurely housed women across Sussex.

3. BHCC. Household Support - Payments to individuals.

4. BHCC Volunteer Service - TSIP Fund.

5. Client Grants - Personal Charitable Grants processed through BWC.

6. Common Ground - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Capital funding for equipment in new premises.

7. Foodbank - Funds raised towards foodbank expenditure.

8.KSS Women's Secure Pathway, Sussex Partnership NHS - Partnership with the KSS Mental Health Provider Collaborative. Model for a service which delivers trauma-informed 1:1 support and weekly group activities to women based in three forensic units within this region.

9. Ministry of Justice. Care not Custody - Ministry of Justice Women’s Service and Intervention Fund. Care not Custody Diversion Project.

10. Ministry of Justice Inspire Programme - Inspire CRS Programme

11. OSPCC (Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner) - Therapy Service.

12.The National Lottery - Peer to Peer Service
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13. The National Lottery - Funds towards Women's Hubs.

14. OSPCC (Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner) - Sussex Police. Support and Counselling Services.

15. Southdown (ex UOK) - BHCC Third Sector funding.

The transfer between funds relate to projects finished and amounts funded from unrestricted funds.

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2026.

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20. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Brighton Women's Centre is a charitable company, limited by guarantee having no share capital and, in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, every member is liable to contribute a sum up to a maximum of £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the company, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, the assets remaining shall not be distributed amongst the members of the company, but shall be transferred in the furtherance of its objects to some other charitable institution(s) having similar objectives.

The charity is under the control of the board of trustees/directors and is therefore controlled by them. No one person has ultimate control.

The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the 'Legal and Administrative Information' section of the accounts.

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BRIGHTON WOMEN'S CENTRE

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	45,833	43,780
Grants	299,180	270,505
Subscriptions/Fee	13,045	75,518
	358,058	389,803
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	192	6,858
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	11,116	15,981
Charitable activities		
Other Incoming Resources	14,646	5,000
Grants	1,101,893	936,008
	1,116,539	941,008
Total incoming resources	1,485,905	1,353,650
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising Costs	56,508	59,734
Charitable activities		
Direct Costs	117,439	118,723
Staff Costs	1,104,778	1,098,023
Establishment	39,883	31,965
Office	48,335	41,561
Short leasehold	818	-
Fixtures and fittings	126	-
	1,311,379	1,290,272
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	6,000	6,000
AGM Costs	-	3,977
Trustees expenses	106	68
Accountancy and legal fees	3,624	2,794
	9,730	12,839
Total resources expended	1,377,617	1,362,845
Net income/(expenditure)	108,288	(9,195)

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