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Organisation)

Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Contact Details, Trustees and Professional Advisers

Trustees

Louise Stewart, Chair
Danny McGill, Treasurer
Richard Watson
Natalie Manly
Debbie Gavan
Joanna Watson
Allan Houston
Kay Henry

Advisors

Brian McCarthy, North West Recovery Communities, Project Manager
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Legal Structure

North West Recovery Communities was registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 14 February 2022 as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity registration number is SC051587.

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the year and to the date of signing this report are as follows:

Louise Stewart, Chair

Richard Watson

Joanna Watson

Allan Houston

Natalie Manly

Kay Henry

Debbie Gavan, Vice Chair

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed as and when required by the charity's needs. Appointment is through a process of strict criteria that has been agreed upon by the current Trustees. No set time limit is agreed for Trustees though the Trustees review their involvement annually.

Charitable Objectives

The charity was established to complete the following objectives: To change the culture, perceptions, prejudices and general attitudes concerning alcohol and drug misuse, to break down the stigma of alcohol and drug misuse, to promote peer-led initiatives at a community level and beyond, to integrate people in recovery into their community and society, to encourage services to adopt a more recovery focused approach, with the explicit outcome being the promotion of recovery at all levels, to promote partnership working throughout communities i.e services, activists, community members, heads of services and organisations, to develop structured educational programmes for families and supporters, to deliver peer support model programmes utilised by persons in recovery and community members, building on and nurturing community assets and increasing community capacity, changing attitude in the promotion of well-being and recovery, to create opportunities for employability i.e training programmes, education and working in partnership with outside city-wide organisations, to educate staff members, families and community around the dangers of stigma, to promote equality within the community and to be inclusive of all.

Principal Purpose & Activities

North West Recovery Communities are a peer-led organisation focused on lived experience, supporting people in the recovery from problematic substance use who live in the North West of Glasgow. We provide a range of recovery activities, emotional support, and a range of opportunities for people to progress into volunteering with training and personal development with options to engage in education and looking at building capacity to become employable. We provide support through mutual aid and different models of recovery, promote a number of recovery pathways and promote a person centred approach working within the recovery orientated system of care model, offering opportunities to people affected by alcohol and drug use in partnership with statutory and third sector organisations.

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Principal Purpose & Activities (cont'd)

Our groups are open to anyone who wants to experience the topics we cover. We consult with the community to see what they would like to see at the drop ins and try to deliver on the feedback and currently have MAP groups, shares, topic groups relevant to personal recovery, mindfulness, bereavement, gender specific, music and creative groups all delivered by NWRC volunteers and partner orgs. We work with people to maintain their recovery, inclusive of the family and the wider community.

The aim and purpose of the recovery community is to promote recovery in all its forms and the core message is recovery is possible. We believe anyone can find supports that suit them best and will help them in their personal recovery. Our community drop ins do not require a referral, further reducing any barriers people may feel when trying to access recovery support. These drop ins are developed and delivered by each steering group made up of volunteers and supported by staff from North West Recovery Communities and the key partners who provide staff to attend the drop ins and help with the safeguarding of them. The drop ins offer a safe place where vulnerable adults and their families can be linked in with the appropriate pathways best suited to their current situations as well as a free hot meal. Whilst at the drop ins they are also able to access other important supports for their overall wellbeing, this could be Energy Support, Blood Borne Virus Blood spot testing and other health checks.

Achievements and Performance

The achievements and performance of the North West Recovery Communities during the 2024/2025 year including the partnerships can be viewed in our Annual Report Document. Available to view at [Our Board - North West Recovery Communities](#) (Physical copies are also available)

Secondary Purpose and Activities

Family Learning Hub

Funded by the Glasgow Alcohol & Drugs Recovery Service, North West Recovery Communities holds the funds to allow staff members from the North West Alcohol & Drugs Recovery Service to run the North West Homework Club. The homework club is supported by North West Recovery Communities, With You, North West Recovery Communities Volunteers and Children 1st. The purpose of this group is to reduce barriers for parents who do not have childcare to allow them to attend recovery meetings. This allows a whole family approach to recovery. The children who attend the homework club have access to Tutors to complete homework tasks or other relevant educational activities whilst the parent receives recovery support. Parents throughout this year have also been able to take part in other holistic activities to aid their recovery such as Mindfulness. This was delivered by a North West Recovery Communities Volunteer.

Outreach

Funded by The Corra Foundation, the charity employs two full-time recovery outreach workers who both have lived experience of drugs and alcohol addiction. The outreach workers support people struggling with their own drug and alcohol use. Using local intelligence, staff connect with people on a level which drug and alcohol users understand. Evidence has shown people open up more and are more honest with staff who have experienced the same struggles. They don't feel stigmatised and are more open to receive support to become drug and alcohol free and move forward with their lives in a positive way.

Through the process of supporting people the staff have helped them achieve necessary harm reduction methods as well as short and long terms goals such as referring people into or back treatment and care, detox from illicit drugs, alcohol or from medication-assisted treatment (MAT), budgeting support and finding meaningful activity. They have supported people who are homeless, helping to secure suitable

Achievements and Performance (cont'd)

accommodation to keep them off the streets and away from harmful drug and alcohol use or using training the have completed, been able to educate and empower people on their rights within the housing system. Most people referred to the service are isolated and have poor physical and mental health issues. The outreach team will work with people where they are at and will be led by what support they would like, this could include meeting a supported person for a coffee at the same time each week, if this person had anxiety to enter a busy recovery cafe or accompanying them along to an important appointment. During the 24/25 year (Of which the Outreach funding runs from October 24 to September 25) the outreach team received 114 new referrals and worked with 153 people overall throughout the year. These supports had a number of positive outcomes including, linking into the Alcohol & Drug Recovery Service, attending recovery communities, 12 step fellowships, accessing detoxes, gender specific groups, volunteering with various organisations, education and employment. The outreach team support people at every stage of the journey. Outreach staff have access to ongoing training and regular supervision sessions.

Outreach were not able to complete as many presentation to other services in the 24/25 year but this is something they will pick back up in 25/26 and in line with an agreement with the other Glasgow Recovery Communities. As in previously years, the service continues to show real positive outcomes, improving people's lives and their families' lives and helping to reduce the number of drug and alcohol related deaths in the North West of Glasgow and we thank The Corra Foundation for continuing to fund a worthwhile & important service.

Financial Review

The Trustees are pleased to record that income for the year amounted to £171,466. The charity's principal funding source is NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. There is a net excess of payments over receipts in the year of £47,039.

Statement on Risk

The Trustees have considered the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems to mitigate them.

The charity has in place a range of policies and processes that promote corporate responsibility and ethical behaviour All the charity's policies are reviewed periodically.

We are focused on ensuring we respond to the changing demands of our work and continue to fulfil the stringent requirements of our commissioners and regulatory bodies, against ongoing concerns regarding funding as would be the case in any charity. Delivering our services requires us to review our systems and processes against the highest standards to ensure they are safe and effective.

We also ensure that safeguarding is at the core of our work to protect those with whom we are funded to support.

We record, review and mitigate risks across operational, contractual, financial, information governance, health & safety, and reputational areas. The board retains overall responsibility for risk management. The board regularly reviews the charity's specific significant risks and the cumulative effects of these risks. It makes plans to mitigate and manage these risks appropriately.

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Reserves Policy

The level of reserves held is shown in the Statement of Balances on page 8. The Trustees are satisfied with the level of reserves held, particularly taking into account the need to ensure sufficient funds are available to allow flexibility in responding to needs.

On behalf of the Trustees


Trustee Louise Stewart
Dated: 24/12/25

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Date:

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Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Year ended <u>Mar-25</u>	Year ended <u>Mar-25</u>	Year ended <u>Mar-25</u>	Year ended <u>Mar-24</u>	Year ended <u>Mar-24</u>	Year ended <u>Mar-24</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
NHS funding	80,000	6,000	86,000	80,000	-	80,000
Corra Foundation	-	68,250	68,250	-	63,500	63,500
Glasgow City Council	3,000	-	3,000	9,000	-	9,000
Glasgow Council on Alcohol	-	-	-	2,419	-	2,419
Hope Connections	-	-	-	220	-	220
ADP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donation Reo Stakis to Blether Media Ltd	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-
WINGS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	150	-	150	-	-	-
Bank interest	87	-	87	53	-	53
Donations	3,978	-	3,978	660	-	660
Total receipts	97,216	74,250	171,466	92,352	63,500	155,852
Payments						
Materials	(5,958)	-	(5,958)	(5,144)	-	(5,144)
Salaries	-	(64,750)	(64,750)	-	(30,238)	(30,238)
Training and development	(5,521)	-	(5,521)	(3,458)	(3,720)	(7,178)
Insurance	(624)	-	(624)	(565)	-	(565)
IT costs	(9,972)	-	(9,972)	(9,226)	-	(9,226)
Telecommunications	(1,233)	-	(1,233)	(530)	-	(530)
Room hire	(21,666)	-	(21,666)	(21,386)	(408)	(21,794)
Food	(20,460)	(718)	(21,179)	(19,045)	(3,284)	(22,329)
City Writes	(1,809)	-	(1,809)	(1,060)	-	(1,060)
Membership fees	(487)	-	(487)	(342)	-	(342)
Entertaining	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consumables	(2,554)	-	(2,554)	(2,890)	-	(2,890)
Services	(1,737)	-	(1,737)	(3,008)	-	(3,008)
Sundry	(1,052)	-	(1,052)	(207)	-	(207)
Cleaning	(4,742)	-	(4,742)	(2,988)	-	(2,988)
Utilities	(10,534)	-	(10,534)	(536)	-	(536)
Team Building	(15,394)	-	(15,394)	(10,279)	-	(10,279)
Accountancy	(1,320)	-	(1,320)	(960)	-	(960)
Equipment	-	-	-	(193)	-	(193)
Outreach Expenses	-	(4,322)	(4,322)	-	(8,527)	(8,527)
Volunteer Expenses	(946)	-	(946)	(619)	-	(619)
Office Supplies	(1,590)	-	(1,590)	(883)	-	(883)
Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Event costs	(13,166)	(4,475)	(17,641)	(9,027)	(519)	(9,546)
Donation to Blether Media	(10,000)	-	(10,000)	-	-	-
Bank charges	(221)	-	(221)	(173)	-	(173)
Office refurb	(13,253)	-	(13,253)	-	-	(173)
Total payments	(144,239)	(74,266)	(218,505)	(92,521)	(46,696)	(139,390)
Excess of receipts over payments/(payments over receipts)	(47,023)	(16)	(47,039)	(169)	16,804	16,462

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Statement of Balances
As at 31 March 2025

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u>
	£	£	£	£
Cash and Bank Balances				
At 1 April 2024	37,838	56,823	94,661	-
Excess of receipts over payments/ (payments over receipts) for the year	(47,023)	(16)	(47,039)	94,661
Balance at 31 March 2025	(9,185)	56,807	47,622	94,661

Liabilities

Accountants' fee 2025: £1,080 (2024: £1,080).

Approved by the Trustees on 24/02/25 and signed on their behalf by:


Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1 Nature and purpose of funds

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Closing Balance £
<u>Restricted Funds</u>				
Corra Foundation	52,088	68,250	(69,072)	51,266
NHS - Homework Club	4,735	6,000	(5,194)	5,541
WINGS	-	-	-	-
	56,823	74,250	(74,266)	56,807

The purpose of each restricted fund is as follows:

Corra Foundation - income in respect of salary and IT/communications/training costs.

NHS - Homework Club - income to run sessions that support children with their learning.

All other funds are unrestricted subject to their application in achieving the objects of the charity.

2 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Trustees received no remuneration or expenses from the charity during either period.