



# AAFDA

## Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

## 2020/2021

*To Year Ending 5th April 2021*

Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA) is a national charity working across England and Wales, providing specialist and expert advocacy and practical and emotional help for families after fatal domestic abuse. AAFDA is also a centre of excellence for reviews into domestic homicides, suicides and unexplained deaths following domestic abuse. We are particularly skilled in Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) methodology and best practice having been closely involved in developing the model with the Home Office since 2008, three years before they became law. Using our specialist knowledge and collective insights we help agencies to refine their services for victims and to review domestic abuse related deaths more effectively. We provide a unique national voice for the learning that each DHR generates. While no two cases are the same, we believe that each DHR is an opportunity to end domestic abuse.

AAFDA was formed in April 2008 in memory of Julia and Will Pemberton, whose murders in 2003 prompted an inquiry exposing the difficulties families face in these circumstances. Our work raises the status of families left behind after fatal domestic abuse, helping them to cope and to be able to contribute and influence statutory reviews and inquiries.

*"AAFDA has a service offer that cannot be replicated... AAFDA has provided an excellent service and is unique in so far as its staff are specialists in domestic abuse and the reviews that follow domestic homicide, as well as experts by experience. Moreover, AAFDA is recognised internationally for its model of practice and its Centre of Excellence for reviews after domestic homicide."*

*– Letter to the Ministry of Justice from nine DHR Chairs (May 2020)*

## ACHIEVEMENTS 2020/2021

- Over 70 new referrals with support provided to over 100 individuals.
- Over 270 live cases with support provided for over 490 individuals.
- Over 60 families supported after a suicide following domestic abuse.
- 89% of families surveyed indicated they are better able to cope after homicide as a result of engaging with us.
- Over 1,000 participants on AAFDA training.
- A key partner in the creation of the standalone offence of non-fatal strangulation into the Domestic Abuse Bill.
- A key partner in securing the recognition of children as victims of domestic abuse in their own right in the Domestic Abuse Bill.

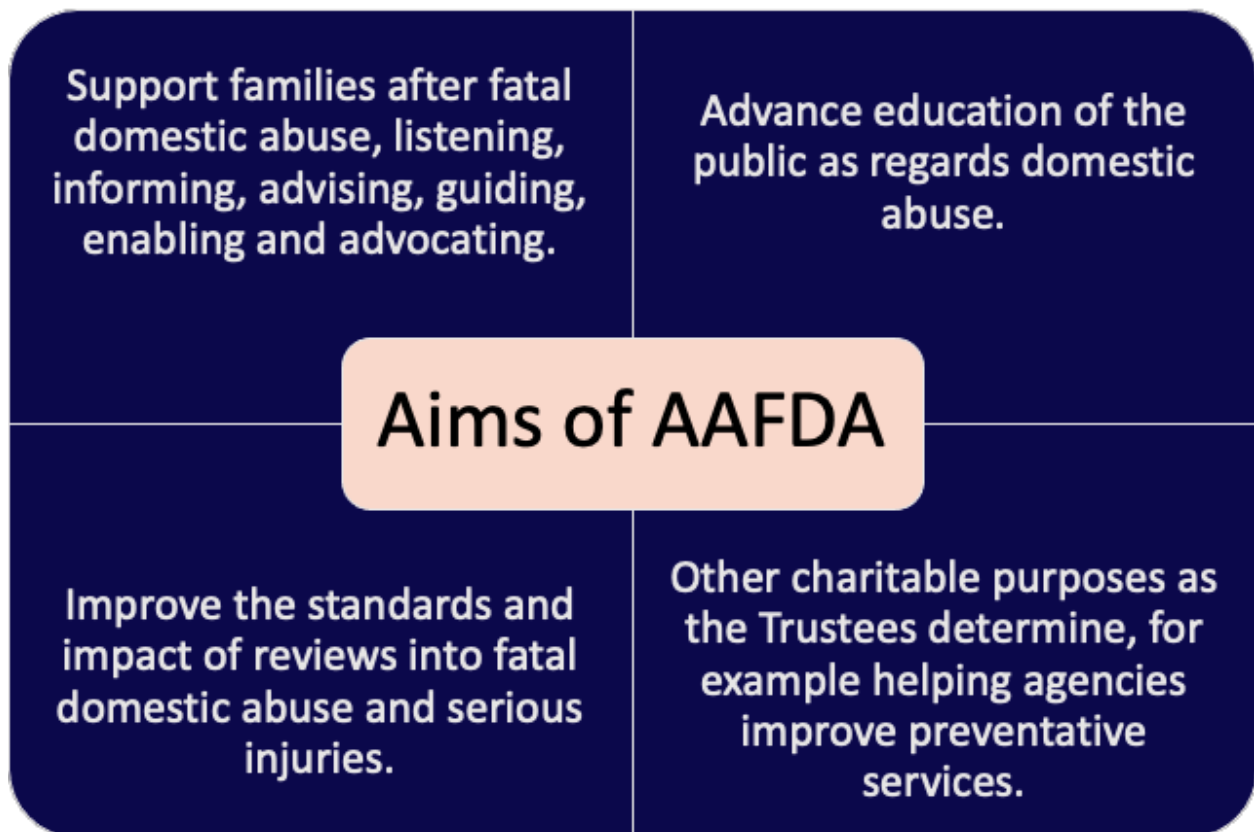


Figure 1: Aims of AAFDA.

# WORKING WITH FAMILIES

Our advocates are both specialist and highly expert due to their own personal lived experience, knowledge, and training. They work in the space where there is sometimes a lack of specialist understanding about domestic abuse and occasionally a "job done" attitude, which limits families' ability to exercise their rights and compounds their trauma. The advocates are intensively trained to ensure that their work achieves outcomes for families. This year we have successfully advocated to achieve families' full legal entitlements in DHRs, Inquests and other statutory reviews.

We use a holistic model of advocacy that goes "above and beyond" to restore dignity and relief for families. Our trauma-informed service provides long-term advocacy. We listen to families and advocate for them in a complex system that too often treats them as passive participants and overlooks the value of their insight.

Our independence and proficiency mean that we can meet the needs of those who are most marginalised and distanced from statutory services, with the majority of our support cases being self-referrals direct from families. A strategic priority remains to increase representation in DHRs and other statutory reviews from minority group families. Our specialist advocacy offers an intersectional understanding to families where circumstances are converging to limit their access to justice.

*"The grieving process never changes but during the lockdown I have more time to reflect on things that happened so feel frustrated and angry and sad."*

*– Family Member, Anonymous (February 2021)*

## Peer Support Network

Despite the difficulties presented by the COVID-19 pandemic we have adapted to continue providing our one-to-one advocacy and peer support. We developed and hosted support sessions via telephone and video conference. We also organised drop-in events over Zoom where families could chat to one another in a safe space (facilitated at least twice a week by an AAFDA team member) while other events involved the award-winning singer/songwriter/harpist Hattie Webb interviewing public figures and guest speakers including: the Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland QC MP and the Domestic Abuse Commissioner Nicole Jacobs. These guest speaker sessions included themes on the needs of siblings, families bereaved by suicide, and included a poignant candlelight remembrance session.

*“The peer support is also priceless connecting with others who truly understand and share our experiences.”*

*– Family Member, Anonymous (March 2021)*

## Domestic Abuse Related Suicide/Unexplained Deaths

In direct response to our identification of a previously unmet beneficiary need, we extended our support to families bereaved by suicide and unexplained death where there was a history of domestic abuse. These families had no-where else to turn and were being signposted by professionals or finding their own way to us.

We are the only provider of specialist and expert advocacy and peer support to people bereaved by suicide and unexplained death where there was a history of domestic abuse. We have persuaded authorities to commission DHRs for many families and provided advocacy and support for over 60 families bereaved by suicide. Our evaluation processes consistently showed that this support is as valuable to these families as it is to families bereaved by domestic homicide. Suicide and unexplained death cases uncover perhaps the most invisible victims of domestic abuse, and we want to ensure that their families receive the same level and quality of support as that provided to families bereaved by domestic homicide.

*"I tried for 23 weeks and 6 days to get someone to listen to my concerns and actually see it wasn't as straight forward as the police were saying."*

*– Family Member, Anonymous (February 2021)*

## Annual Family Survey

In April 2021, we conducted an outcome evaluation of our services with the aims of; assisting internal learning, improving services, and enhancing reporting to Trusts who support us. The evaluation involved processes and tools including; a questionnaire to approximately 140 service users, interviews with randomly selected families (from different “bands” of service intensity and length), and interviews with advocates and other team members. The survey questions and topic themes for the evaluation were based on the outcomes and targets agreed with funding bodies.

*“Until your life has been touched by this you will never fully understand the impact, AAFDA have been a bridge across this otherwise impossible to understand canyon of self-protecting agencies!”*

– Family Member, Anonymous (March 2021)

Outcome	Target/Indicator	Result
Families are better able to cope with the emotional and practical challenges after homicide, as a result of engaging with AAFDA.	<b>80% of families asked, report positive changes</b>	<b>Exceeded (89%)</b>
Families report improved wellbeing and are helped to move on positively with their lives as a result of engaging with AAFDA.	<b>75% of families asked, report positive changes</b>	<b>Room for improvement (63%)</b>
Families report feeling reduced isolation and more social interaction as a result of engagement with AAFDA	<b>70% of families asked, report positive changes</b>	<b>Exceeded (85%)</b>
Families are empowered to take part in DHRs, Inquests and other inquiries and do so meaningfully.	<b>90% of families who feel supported and engaged with DHRs etc and are satisfied that they know the facts of the case</b>	<b>Exceeded (91%)</b>

# WORKING WITH PROFESSIONALS

AAFDA has a wide-ranging training and professional development offer, for professionals across several agencies and sectors. Given the importance of DHRs in driving improvement in domestic abuse services, a primary focus for AAFDA is the professional development of DHR Chairs and processes through the DHR Network and accredited training.



Figure 2: “What do DHRs mean to you?”, word cloud generated from DHR Network pre-launch attendees. (n=65)

## DHR Network

Throughout 2020/2021 we consulted with stakeholders (including several 1:1 interviews and two target audience and beneficiary surveys) to scope and develop the DHR Network. In March 2021 we held a pre-launch event for DHR Chairs and Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) and invited people to join the DHR Network. The project is aimed at creating a network focused on raising the standard of DHRs nationally and it formally launched in April 2021.

The DHR Network aims to;

- Reduce levels of domestic abuse and fatal domestic abuse by raising the standard of DHRs,
- Support key professionals in DHR work,
- Ensure that relevant voices are heard, and
- Learn and then embed the learnings.

Ultimately, it is envisaged the DHR Network will assist DHR Chairs to achieve a consistently high standard for DHRs, offer resources, and provide a forum for DHR Chairs to meet, debate, and suggest improvements.

This network has been widely welcomed with;

- Over 40 network pre-registrations,
- A sold-out pre-launch event (2nd March), and
- Over 300 Twitter followers.

*“[the] DHR Network is a monumental step forward”*

*– Regional Safeguarding Lead, DHR Network pre-launch (February 2021)*

## Training

The difficulties presented by the COVID-19 pandemic required us to think differently about how we would hold our annual conference for professionals. Rather than cancel, we swiftly mobilised to instead deliver a series of on-line courses, attracting over 1,000 attendees during the year. Delivered in parallel with DHR Chair training, courses included topics such as; *“Being an Effective DHR Panel Member”*, *“Reviewing Suicide and Unexplained Deaths”* and the CPD Standards Office accredited, *“Managing a Domestic Homicide Review”*.

In addition, we were able to facilitate the delivery of two sessions of our high standard DHR Chair Training with over 20 participants. These sessions incorporated presentations from several external speakers including; family members who have previously undertaken the DHR process and Professors from Oxford University and Gloucestershire University.

*“Really useful as a professional working in the field, even more so that it was available during COVID-19.”*

*– NHS Nurse and Named Child Safeguarding Lead, DHR training event (August 2020)*

## Presentations/Webinars

We are particularly pleased with our 16 Days of Activism event which took the form of 16 one-hour presentations on each day of the period of action (25th November to 10th December 2020). Presenters included bereaved family members who had benefitted from our support and specialists/researchers/professors from the domestic abuse sectors here in the UK, the USA and Australia. We were also privileged to host both the Victims' Commissioner Dame Vera Baird QC and the Domestic Abuse Commissioner Nicole Jacob as presenters. Over 100 people signed up for the event series.

In February, we launched a year-long series of free webinars with over 300 individuals attending the first session relating to best practice in DHR methodology, and over 280 attending our second session, titled *“From Findings to Change”*. These webinars provided a perfect opportunity to reach out to our professional safeguarding colleagues, and as a result we have seen a 6% increase in sign-ups to our mailing list (growing from 1080 to 1145).

*“Thank you, very informative, powerful and inspiring.”*

*– DHR Methodology Webinar Attendee (February 2021)*

## Against Violence & Abuse (AVA) Partnership Supporting Children

We have long been concerned that children and young people are frequently overlooked in the DHR process of gathering information about victims' lives. We therefore worked in partnership with the charity AVA to create a set of three specialist resources for supporting children and young people through the DHR process. This partnership led to the development of a suite of resources for professionals, carers, and for children themselves, to safely support children and young people to have a voice in DHR processes. The resources provide essential information about trauma, its effects, and outline coping strategies to help families, children, and young people. The resources answer common questions about the DHR process and the AAFDA seven-step model for helping families be integral to DHRs. This is in easily accessible language,



alongside practical information. This package of complementary resources was developed with direct beneficiary input.

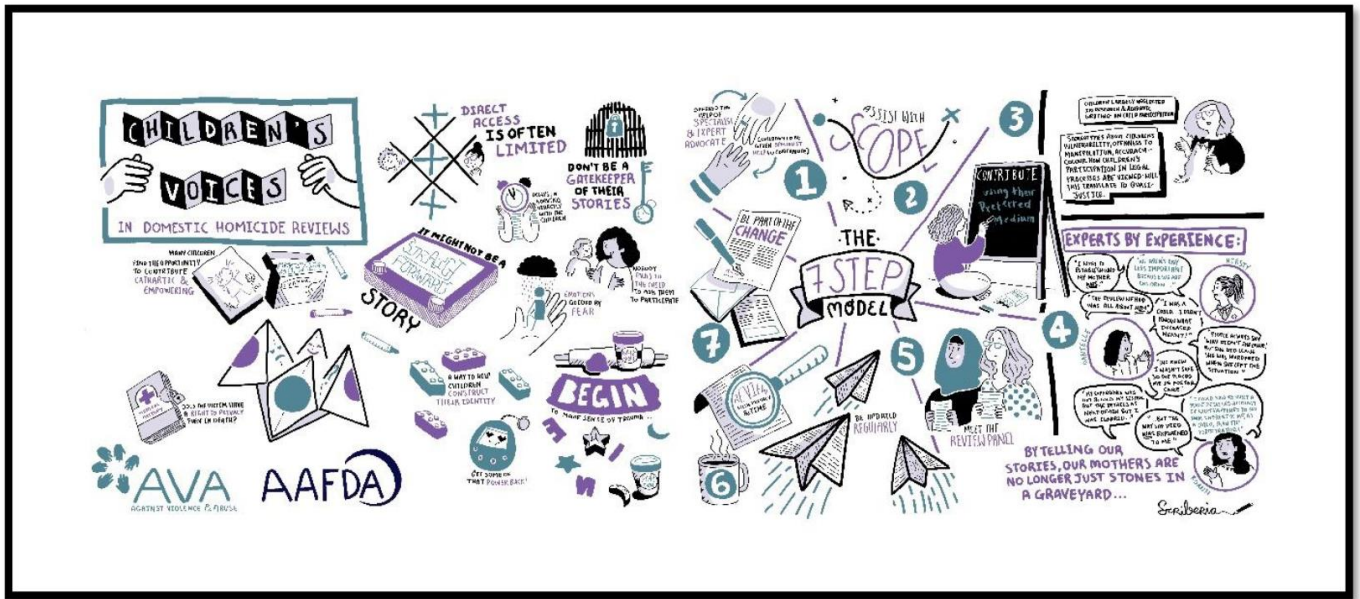


Figure 3: Artwork by Scriberia from the London seminar with children and young people (March 2020)

# WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT

## Domestic Abuse Bill 2020

AAFDA worked with colleagues across the domestic abuse sector to champion the needs of families bereaved by domestic abuse in the Domestic Abuse Bill 2020 consultation process. Throughout the year, AAFDA was part of a Domestic Abuse and Children working group, made up of organisations working in both the children's and domestic abuse sectors. The work of this group has ensured that the Bill, and the expected statute to follow, will view children as victims in their own right and represents a significant success through collaboration.

AAFDA was a founding member of the campaign group lobbying for a standalone offence of non-fatal strangulation in the Domestic Abuse Bill, driven by the lived experience revealed by friends and families supported by AAFDA, backed by research that domestic abuse survivors of non-fatal strangulation are seven times more likely to be killed by their partner or ex-partner. The amendment was supported and tabled by Baroness Newlove in the House of Lords, who in her summary speech in March 2021, after the amendment was passed, noted AAFDA's and its beneficiaries' "pivotal" role in the campaign.

*“Moreover, the work of the charity Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse has been pivotal in getting us here today. I have huge respect for the chief executive Frank Mullane, who works tirelessly to help support traumatised families and ensures that professional training is given towards understanding domestic homicide reviews.”*

*– Baroness Newlove (March 2021)*

## Violence Against Women And Girls (VAWG) Strategy Refresh

AAFDA's work inherently delivers outcomes that align with the Home Office's Single Departmental Plan objective to Protect Vulnerable People and Communities. Our work also supports the actions aimed at supporting victims and their families and pursuing offenders as laid out in the Government's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy 2016-2020 and its refresh. During the VAWG Strategy refresh, AAFDA took every opportunity to represent and magnify the voices of victims and survivors who are expert through their own lived experience; and to continue to share knowledge and learning from DHRs and our wider work, in the VAWG Strategy refresh. We were pleased to see that the four pillars of prevention, provision of services, partnership working, and pursuing perpetrators within the Government's VAWG Strategy refresh reflect those at the core of AAFDA since we were established in 2008,

as these continue to be the outcomes families want to see and when adequately applied, provide the outcomes that our work strives to achieve.

## Home Office Preparedness for COVID-19 Inquiry

AAFDA provided written evidence to the Home Affairs Committee to inform their inquiry into Home Office preparedness for COVID-19. The main thrust of AAFDA's response is that Police need to be investigating suicides and unexplained deaths where there is a history of domestic abuse, whether it was reported or not, with the same rigour as they would a homicide.

## Continued Communication and Dialogue

AAFDA continued to set up and manage communication platforms for its beneficiaries and professionals working to support survivors of domestic abuse and/or families bereaved by fatal domestic abuse throughout the year. Despite the limited ability to arrange face-to-face meetings, we set up video conferences with key Government officials and maintained active communication. For example, as noted earlier in this report, we ran an event every day during the 16 Days of Activism against Violence Against Women and Girls with speakers including the Victims Commissioner Dame Vera Baird QC and the Domestic Abuse Commissioner Nicole Jacobs. We further supported the Government's first Hidden Harms Summit in May 2020 and helped shape the Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately) domestic abuse codeword scheme.

We also regularly communicated with Government on matters relating to the domestic homicide process on behalf of our beneficiaries. For example, in late February 2021, we wrote to Home Secretary Priti Patel MP requesting her intervention to ensure a DHR was commissioned following the homicide of Ruth Williams.

*"This was an appalling case and our thoughts are with the family and friends of Ruth Williams. Having personally reviewed this case, the Home Secretary is not satisfied with the conclusions reached by Torfaen Council Public Service Board that there are no lessons to be learned from this tragic death. That is why she has written to the board to instruct it to establish a domestic homicide review."*

*– Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Safeguarding Victoria Atkins MP (March 2021)*

# GOOD GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

AAFDA formed as an unincorporated association on 1 April 2008. It adopted an amended constitution on 23 July 2008 and became a registered charity on 19 September 2008. It became incorporated on 6 April 2021.

## Finance System

Recognising our growth as an organisation we implemented a new QuickBooks system to facilitate improvements to our financial administration and reporting. Further, expenses are now submitted via Dext software which significantly reduces manual entry. The implementation of this system was initially assisted by an external consultant, and then internally managed by our finance lead, including training and transitioning the wider team to the new financial processes.

## Case Management System

We are pleased with how the annual survey, individual interviews, and independent review have captured many of the outcomes data used in this report. We received a rich, in-depth, and representative analysis of our client group, with both qualitative and quantitative data.

We recognised that a formal Case Management System (CMS) is important for us as a growing organisation, both in terms of size but also in terms of the numbers of beneficiaries we can support. One benefit of a CMS for us is that it will provide for the simplification of collection and analysis of our data, facilitating the identification of further improvements to our service. However, and in our view more importantly, it will be our beneficiaries who see some of the most significant improvements. A CMS will provide a standardised means for advocates to support them. It will facilitate: maintenance of case notes, prompting of regular check-ins and surveys with beneficiaries (voluntary), case milestone reviews, our anonymous annual survey, individual interviews, focus groups, and independent reviews.

A formal CMS is a significant step on the road to ensuring a stable foundation for us to provide support to our beneficiaries and to learn from as we grow, and with its developmental roots in 2020/2021, much of the work relating to selecting and embedding a new system is planned for 2021/2022.

## Governance And How AAFDA Makes Decisions

During 2020/2021, our Board consisted of five trustees. At the start of the year, Samantha O'Sullivan stepped down from the Board and James O'Sullivan was appointed Chair. At the same meeting in April 2020, a new member joined the Board. Throughout 2020/21 our Board of trustees included a local authority strategic Violence Against Women and Girls lead and expert in the criminal justice sector, a restorative justice practitioner, a safeguarding lead for a Clinical Commissioning Group and senior health advisor, a business and finance specialist, and a trust funding manager.

Our Board meets, at minimum, on a quarterly basis. During Board meetings the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Head of Operations report on the main aspects of the charity (work with beneficiaries, impact on victims, emerging issues, finance, strategic plan, operational performance, and risk).

The Board is aware of its responsibilities to identify and manage risk. A risk management register is reviewed regularly by the CEO who highlights to the Board any increased or new risks identified. The trustees and CEO are in regular and frequent contact by telephone and e-mail.

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

## Trustee Induction And Training

Board recruitment continued following our skills audit in 2019/2020 and a new member was appointed. She had experience in working in the charity sector and as an assessor for a grant giving Trust. Trustees receive regular refresher safeguarding training in line with our Safeguarding policy. We review the composition and skills of the Board each year to ensure that AAFDA has the skills and knowledge to allow the Board to provide robust governance. All new trustees are supplied with a copy of *"The Essential Trustee"*, provided by the Charity Commission, and invited to discuss any queries with the Chair. The trustees receive no remuneration or other benefits.

## COVID-19

We adapted our service offer to ensure that families, advocates, and other staff got the support they needed through the year, including during the three periods of lockdown due to the COVID-

19 pandemic. For families, we continued to provide our one-to-one advocacy and peer support sessions via telephone and video conferencing.

*“It has affected my mental health because it makes you miss your loved ones more. In a crisis I would have turned to my Mum, I can't because she was killed.”*

*– Family Member, Anonymous (November, 2020)*

For professionals, the difficulties presented by the COVID-19 pandemic required us to think differently about our annual conference and we instead delivered a series of on-line courses and multiple webinars for professionals. These were very well received.

To ensure AAFDA staff were supported during the various challenges created by the pandemic AAFDA implemented a number of actions including; extending our flexible working arrangements, distributing “*well-being packs*”, and a variety of relevant personal protective equipment.

## Website

Having conducted a review of our online presence at the beginning of 2020, we decided to update our website to ensure we were providing the best possible support to the various groups and individuals we work with. We undertook a process of co-production with families to help shape the content, information, and resources, and, in January 2021, our new website was launched.

# FINANCE

Income for 2020/2021 was £451K and costs were £454K. AAFDA's primary funder was the Home Office (£286K) with significant funding from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, the Henry Smith Charity and the Dulverton Trust. A further £39K was generated through consultancy work. AAFDA undertakes regular strategic reviews to inform our fundraising strategy.

## Reserves Policy

To ensure the long-term success of AAFDA amidst a very uncertain funding environment and to maintain provision for the families who require AAFDA services, the Trustees aim for reserves to be between three and six months of annual expenditure. We are on target to sustain reserves in this range which ensures financial resilience and complies with the Charity Commission's guidance.

## Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regards to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties. This includes, for example, being clear that the activities AAFDA undertakes are for the public benefit.

## Financial Review

AAFDA has prepared accounts on the accruals basis. They show a true and fair view.

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
	£	£
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Donations and Gift Aid	9,295	1,784
Grants	377,333	286,150
Speaking and Training Fees	39,183	54,769
Other	25,510	
Total Income	<u>451,321</u>	<u>342,703</u>

## Revenue Expenditure

	£	£
Salaries and Employer 'On' Costs	326,788	222,796
Travel and Office Supplies	2,832	38,944
Monitoring and Evaluation (CMS)	9,255	1,359
Strategic Review and Capacity Building	21,290	14,291
Other Home Office Advocacy Awareness Raising Costs	-5,511	45,770
Training	18,483	7,700
Website Maintenance and Development	5,392	821
Equipment Renewals and Data Protection	13,026	4,058
Other	62,182	20,677
Total Expenditure	<u>453,737</u>	<u>356,416</u>

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
	£	£
<b><u>Balance Sheet</u></b>		
Fixed Assets	0	0
Total Assets less Liabilities	133,248	135,664
Unrestricted Funds	108,248	110,664
Designated Funds	25,000	25,000
Funds	<u>133,248</u>	<u>135,664</u>

## Social Value

Our charitable activities create social value under the National Social Value Measurement Framework's "Social" theme of creating healthier, safer, and more resilient communities. We do this by meeting key outcomes for supporting people to have more control over their own lives and outcomes around promoting mental health support and promoting peer networks.

*“Like a weight has been lifted, comfortable to talk and share with others, not so alone isolated, understood and allowed to be listened to and heard.”*

*– Family Member, Anonymous (March 2021)*



## AAFDA DETAILS

### Charity Number

1185078 (Note: AAFDA's charity number, prior to incorporation in April 2021, was 1125973)

### Company Number

9527065

### Trustees In The Year Ending 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

*Heather Wilson*

*James O'Sullivan*

*Elizabeth Jones*

*Samantha O'Sullivan*

*Jessica Stewart*

*Becci Seaborne*

### AAFDA Ambassador

*Hattie Webb*

### AAFDA Patrons

*Dame Vera Baird QC (Victims' Commissioner)*

*Helen Grant MP (MP for Maidstone and the Weald)*

*Anne Snelgrove (former MP for South Swindon)*

*Julia Drown (former MP for South Swindon)*



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**Annual Accounts for the Period**

**6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021.**

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# Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse

Charity No : 1125973

Annual accounts for the period 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021

## Balance Sheet

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Designated Funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock and work in progress	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 7)		32,446		32,446	789
(Short term) investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	108,248	320,070	25,000	453,318	334,391
<b>Total current assets</b>	108,248	352,516	25,000	485,764	335,180
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 7)</b>		352,516		352,516	199,516
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	108,248	-	25,000	133,248	135,664
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	108,248	-	25,000	133,248	135,664
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	108,248	-	25,000	133,248	135,664
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	108,248			108,248	110,664
	-			-	-
		-		-	-
Designated funds (Note 8)			25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>Total funds</b>	108,248	-	25,000	133,248	135,664

These accounts have been examined independently and were approved by the trustees on 18 January 2022. Based on advice from the Charity Commission, signed copies are not ordinarily released into the public domain to prevent the signatures being re-used illegally. Signed versions are held by Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA).

## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Designated funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds :</b>					
Donations	9,295			9,295	1,784
Grants		377,333		377,333	286,150
Incoming resources from charitable activities	39,183			39,183	54,769
Other incoming resources		25,510		25,510	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>48,478</b>	<b>402,843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>451,321</b>	<b>342,703</b>
<b>Resources expended (Notes 3-5)</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds :</b>					
Charitable activities	50,894	402,843		453,737	356,416
Governance costs				-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>50,894</b>	<b>402,843</b>		<b>453,737</b>	<b>356,416</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>	<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>- 13,713</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)</b>	<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>- 13,713</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>- 13,713</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>110,664</b>		<b>25,000</b>	<b>135,664</b>	<b>149,377</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>108,248</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>133,248</b>	<b>135,664</b>

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## Notes to the accounts

### Note 1 Basis of preparation

*This section should be completed by all charities .*

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE SORP);
- and with\*  Accounting Standards;
- or  Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act 1993.

#### 1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

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#### 1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

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## Notes to the accounts

### Note 2 Accounting policies

*This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.*

#### INCOMING RESOURCES

<b>Recognition of incoming resources</b>	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the charity becomes entitled to the resources;</li> <li>• the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and</li> <li>• the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.</li> </ul>
<b>Incoming resources with related expenditure</b>	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
<b>Grants and donations</b>	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
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<b>Gifts in kind</b>	<p>Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.</p> <p>Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.</p> <p>Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.</p>
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<b>Investment income</b>	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
<b>Investment gains and losses</b>	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

#### EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

<b>Liability recognition</b>	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
<b>Governance costs</b>	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
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<b>Grants payable without performance conditions</b>	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
<b>Support Costs</b>	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### ASSETS

<b>Tangible fixed assets for use by charity</b>	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
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## Notes to the accounts

### Note 3 Details of certain items of expenditure

#### 3.1 Trustee expenses

*Please provide details of the amount of any payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees. If no expenses were paid, please enter 'None' in the appropriate box(es).*

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

This year	Last year
0	0
TRAVEL	TRAVEL
£0	£0

#### 3.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

*Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner or auditor. If nothing was paid please enter NONE in the appropriate box(es).*

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

This year £	Last year £
£100	£100
None	None

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## Notes to the accounts

**Note 4**                      **Paid employees***Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.***4.1 Staff Costs**

	This year £	Last year £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	287,267	197,366
Employer's National Insurance costs	22,670	14,176
Pension costs	16,851	11,254
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>326,788</b>	<b>222,796</b>

During the year under review, no benefits-in-kind were made available to employees.

**4.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year**

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	3	3
Charitable Activities	9	7
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>

**4.3 Defined contribution pension scheme***Please complete if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.*

Brief details of the scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are recognised as soon as they become payable.

The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year

The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end

	This year £	Last year £
	<b>£7,791</b>	<b>£3,898</b>

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# Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse

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## Notes to the accounts

### Note 5 Exceptional Items.

#### Board Governance

During the year under review, AAFDA continued with an ongoing system of Board Governance to re-validate existing systems and checks in place to deliver the stated objectives and purposes of the charity on a timely and efficient basis.

A summary of the expense headings are as follows:

Trustee and Meeting Expenses  
Legal and Accountancy Advice

	This Year £	Last Year £
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

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## Notes to the accounts

**Note 6 Tangible fixed assets***Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets***6.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	3,153	-	3,153
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	3,153	-	3,153

**6.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions**

<b>Basis</b>	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL or RB
<b>Rate</b>				33%	

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	3,153	-	3,153
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	3,153	-	3,153

**6.3 Net book value**

Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

It is the charity policy to write off the cost of replacement assets to the Income and Expenditure Account of the year of purchase.

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## Notes to the accounts

**Note 7 Debtors and prepayments***Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments*

## Analysis of debtors

	Amounts receivable within one year		Amounts receivable after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Home Office Grant Income	31,657	-	-	-
Expenses Paid in Advance	789	789	-	-
Other debtors				
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,446</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Note 7 Creditors and accruals***Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.*

## Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Accrued expenses	107,562	69,225	-	-
Deferred Grant income	244,954	130,291	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>352,516</b>	<b>199,516</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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## Notes to the accounts

### Note 8 Endowment and restricted income funds

*Please complete this section if the charity has any endowment or restricted income funds.*

#### 8.1 Funds held

Please give a brief description of any of the following type of funds held by the charity:

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

**Fund Name**

**Purpose and Restrictions**

DESIGNATED RESERVE	Unrestricted	CAPACITY BUILDING AND WEB-SITE ENHANCEMENT

#### 8.2 Movements of major funds

*Please give details of the movements of the major funds summarised in the restricted and endowment columns of the Statement of Financial Activities.*

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
ESMEÉ FAIRBAIRN	-	45,000	45,000	-	-	-
HOME OFFICE	-	285,955	285,955	-	-	-
DULVERTON TRUST	-	2,001	2,001	-	-	-
THE HENRY SMITH CHARITY	-	22,500	22,500	-	-	-
SUNDRY GRANTS	-	21,877	21,877	-	-	-
DESIGNATED RESERVE	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>377,333</b>	<b>377,333</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,000</b>

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**Notes to the accounts**

**Note 9**

**Cashflow Statement**

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**Net (Outgoing) Reserves for the Year Ended 5th April 2021.** **-2,416**

**Adjustments on Investing Activities:**

Add back Depreciation of Tangible Assets 0

Deduct Expenditure on Capital Assets 0

**Adjustments in Working Capital:**

Movements in Accruals and Deferred Income 153,000

Movements in Debtors and Prepayments **-31,657**

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118,927

**Opening Bank Balance as at 6th April 2020.** 334,391

**Closing Bank Balance as at 5th April 2021.** 453,318

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## Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse

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### Certification of Grant Expenditure

The trustees of AAFDA certify that tranche payments of funds awarded under grants contracts, and recognised in the financial statements, have been fully and correctly utilised by the organisation for the purposes of fulfilling its grant obligations.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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18/01/2022



**Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts.**  
**Report to the Trustees of Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse**  
**On the Accounts for the Year Ended 5th April 2021**  
**Charity No 1125973**

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

As independent examiner, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 19/01/2022

Neil James Heavens FCA, CTA

30 Commercial Road  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN1 5NS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th April 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>		
Computer Equipment as at 6th April 2020	3,153	3,153
Additions	0	0
Less Depreciation	3,153	3,153
Net Book Value as at 5th April 2021	0	0
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
Cash in bank	453,318	334,391
Prepaid expenses	32,446	789
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>485,764</b>	<b>335,180</b>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>		
Amounts falling due within one year	107,562	69,225
Deferred Income	244,954	130,291
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>352,516</b>	<b>199,516</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>133,248</b>	<b>135,664</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>133,248</b>	<b>135,664</b>
<b><u>FUNDS</u></b>		
Unrestricted funds as at 6th April 2020	110,664	124,377
(Deficit) surplus for the year ended 5th April 2021	-2,416	-13,713
	108,248	110,664
Transfer (to) /from Designated Reserves	0	0
<b>Unrestricted funds as at 5th April 2021</b>	<b>108,248</b>	<b>110,664</b>
<b>Designated funds for Capacity Building</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>133,248</b>	<b>135,664</b>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO YEAR ENDED 5th April 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations and Gift Aid	9,295	1,784
Grants	377,333	286,150
Speaking, Consultancy and Training fees	39,183	54,769
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	25,510	0
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Total Income	451,321	342,703
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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Employee Salaries	287,267	197,366
Employer National Insurance and Pension Contributions	39,521	25,430
Recruitment	275	75
Travel Expenses - Staff, Contractors and Volunteers	1,776	38,060
CRM: Monitoring and Evaluation	9,255	1,359
Fundraising	14,081	9,634
Strategic Review & Capacity Building	21,290	14,291
DHR Network Project	9,236	0
Home Office Perpetrator Project	1,250	0
Supervision	2,310	950
Annual Conference Expenses	0	290
Run Online Peer Support	1,201	0
Training - Payments to Associate Trainer	9,666	4,535
Training	8,817	3,165
Home Office Advocacy Awareness Raising Costs	0	45,770
Home Office Advocacy Awareness Costs Adjustment	-5,511	0
Staff Covid Well-being	4,062	0
Telephones	1,978	1,177
IT Support	3,007	0
Internet and Website Maintenance & Development	5,392	821
Equipment Renewals	9,378	2,256
Security Upgrades for Premises and Data	3,648	1,802
Postage	356	369
Development of Finance Reporting System	9,300	0
Films and Other Support Materials	5,682	0
Office Supplies	1,056	884
Insurance	2,704	2,704
Utilities	2,657	2,144
Accountancy Fees	2,758	2,383
Legal and Professional Fees	1,325	951
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Total Expenses	453,737	356,416
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Net Surplus (Deficit)	-2,416	-13,713
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**ADVOCACY AFTER FATAL DOMESTIC ABUSE.**

**Charity No. 1125973**

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**Annual Accounts for the Period**

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# Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse

Charity No : 1125973

Annual accounts for the period 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021

## Balance Sheet

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Designated Funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock and work in progress	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 7)	-	32,446	-	32,446	789
(Short term) investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	108,248	320,070	25,000	453,318	334,391
<b>Total current assets</b>	108,248	352,516	25,000	485,764	335,180
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 7)</b>		352,516		352,516	199,516
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	108,248	-	25,000	133,248	135,664
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	108,248	-	25,000	133,248	135,664
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	108,248	-	25,000	133,248	135,664
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	108,248			108,248	110,664
	-			-	-
		-		-	-
Designated funds (Note 8)			25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>Total funds</b>	108,248	-	25,000	133,248	135,664

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## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Designated funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds :</b>					
Donations	9,295			9,295	1,784
Grants		377,333		377,333	286,150
Incoming resources from charitable activities	39,183			39,183	54,769
Other incoming resources		25,510		25,510	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>48,478</b>	<b>402,843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>451,321</b>	<b>342,703</b>
<b>Resources expended (Notes 3-5)</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Funds :</b>					
Charitable activities	50,894	402,843		453,737	356,416
Governance costs				-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>50,894</b>	<b>402,843</b>		<b>453,737</b>	<b>356,416</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>	<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>- 13,713</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)</b>	<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>- 13,713</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,416</b>	<b>- 13,713</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>110,664</b>		<b>25,000</b>	<b>135,664</b>	<b>149,377</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>108,248</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>133,248</b>	<b>135,664</b>

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## Notes to the accounts

### Note 1 Basis of preparation

*This section should be completed by all charities .*

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE SORP);
- and with\*  Accounting Standards;
- or  Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act 1993.

#### 1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

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#### 1.3 Changes to previous accounts

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## Notes to the accounts

### Note 2 Accounting policies

*This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.*

#### INCOMING RESOURCES

<b>Recognition of incoming resources</b>	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the charity becomes entitled to the resources;</li> <li>• the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and</li> <li>• the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.</li> </ul>
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### Note 3 Details of certain items of expenditure

#### 3.1 Trustee expenses

*Please provide details of the amount of any payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees. If no expenses were paid, please enter 'None' in the appropriate box(es).*

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

This year	Last year
0	0
TRAVEL	TRAVEL
£0	£0

#### 3.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

*Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner or auditor. If nothing was paid please enter NONE in the appropriate box(es).*

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

This year £	Last year £
£100	£100
None	None

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## Notes to the accounts

**Note 4** **Paid employees***Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.***4.1 Staff Costs**

	This year £	Last year £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	287,267	197,366
Employer's National Insurance costs	22,670	14,176
Pension costs	16,851	11,254
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>326,788</b>	<b>222,796</b>

During the year under review, no benefits-in-kind were made available to employees.

**4.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year**

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	3	3
Charitable Activities	9	7
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>

**4.3 Defined contribution pension scheme***Please complete if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.*

Brief details of the scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are recognised as soon as they become payable.

The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year

The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end

	This year £	Last year £
	<b>£7,791</b>	<b>£3,898</b>

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# Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse

Charity No : 1125973

Annual accounts for the period 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 5 Exceptional Items.

#### Board Governance

During the year under review, AAFDA continued with an ongoing system of Board Governance to re-validate existing systems and checks in place to deliver the stated objectives and purposes of the charity on a timely and efficient basis.

A summary of the expense headings are as follows:

Trustee and Meeting Expenses  
Legal and Accountancy Advice

	This Year £	Last Year £
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

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## Notes to the accounts

**Note 6 Tangible fixed assets***Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets***6.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	3,153	-	3,153
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	3,153	-	3,153

**6.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions**

<b>Basis</b>	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL or RB
<b>Rate</b>				33%	

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	3,153	-	3,153
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	3,153	-	3,153

**6.3 Net book value**

Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

It is the charity policy to write off the cost of replacement assets to the Income and Expenditure Account of the year of purchase.

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## Notes to the accounts

**Note 7 Debtors and prepayments***Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments*

## Analysis of debtors

	Amounts receivable within one year		Amounts receivable after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Home Office Grant Income	31,657	-	-	-
Expenses Paid in Advance	789	789	-	-
Other debtors				
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,446</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Note 7 Creditors and accruals***Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.*

## Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Accrued expenses	107,562	69,225	-	-
Deferred Grant income	244,954	130,291	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>352,516</b>	<b>199,516</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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## Notes to the accounts

### Note 8 Endowment and restricted income funds

*Please complete this section if the charity has any endowment or restricted income funds.*

#### 8.1 Funds held

Please give a brief description of any of the following type of funds held by the charity:

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

**Fund Name**

**Purpose and Restrictions**

DESIGNATED RESERVE	Unrestricted	CAPACITY BUILDING AND WEB-SITE ENHANCEMENT

#### 8.2 Movements of major funds

*Please give details of the movements of the major funds summarised in the restricted and endowment columns of the Statement of Financial Activities.*

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
ESMEÉ FAIRBAIRN	-	45,000	45,000	-	-	-
HOME OFFICE	-	285,955	285,955	-	-	-
DULVERTON TRUST	-	2,001	2,001	-	-	-
THE HENRY SMITH CHARITY	-	22,500	22,500	-	-	-
SUNDRY GRANTS	-	21,877	21,877	-	-	-
DESIGNATED RESERVE	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>377,333</b>	<b>377,333</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,000</b>

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**Notes to the accounts**

Note 9	Cashflow Statement	£
<b>Net (Outgoing) Reserves for the Year Ended 5th April 2021.</b>		<b>-2,416</b>
<b>Adjustments on Investing Activities:</b>		
Add back Depreciation of Tangible Assets		0
Deduct Expenditure on Capital Assets		0
<b>Adjustments in Working Capital:</b>		
Movements in Accruals and Deferred Income		153,000
Movements in Debtors and Prepayments		<b>-31,657</b>
		118,927
<b>Opening Bank Balance as at 6th April 2020.</b>		334,391
<b>Closing Bank Balance as at 5th April 2021.</b>		453,318

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## Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse

Charity No : 1125973

Annual Accounts for the Period 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021.

### Certification of Grant Expenditure

The trustees of AAFDA certify that tranche payments of funds awarded under grants contracts, and recognised in the financial statements, have been fully and correctly utilised by the organisation for the purposes of fulfilling its grant obligations.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a long horizontal line.

18/01/2022

**Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts.**  
**Report to the Trustees of Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse**  
**On the Accounts for the Year Ended 5th April 2021**  
**Charity No 1125973**

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

As independent examiner, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 19/01/2022

Neil James Heavens FCA, CTA

30 Commercial Road  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN1 5NS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th April 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>		
Computer Equipment as at 6th April 2020	3,153	3,153
Additions	0	0
Less Depreciation	3,153	3,153
Net Book Value as at 5th April 2021	0	0
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
Cash in bank	453,318	334,391
Prepaid expenses	32,446	789
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>485,764</b>	<b>335,180</b>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>		
Amounts falling due within one year	107,562	69,225
Deferred Income	244,954	130,291
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>352,516</b>	<b>199,516</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>133,248</b>	<b>135,664</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>133,248</b>	<b>135,664</b>
<b><u>FUNDS</u></b>		
Unrestricted funds as at 6th April 2020	110,664	124,377
(Deficit) surplus for the year ended 5th April 2021	-2,416	-13,713
	108,248	110,664
Transfer (to) /from Designated Reserves	0	0
<b>Unrestricted funds as at 5th April 2021</b>	<b>108,248</b>	<b>110,664</b>
<b>Designated funds for Capacity Building</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>133,248</b>	<b>135,664</b>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO YEAR ENDED 5th April 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations and Gift Aid	9,295	1,784
Grants	377,333	286,150
Speaking, Consultancy and Training fees	39,183	54,769
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	25,510	0
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Total Income	451,321	342,703
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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Employee Salaries	287,267	197,366
Employer National Insurance and Pension Contributions	39,521	25,430
Recruitment	275	75
Travel Expenses - Staff, Contractors and Volunteers	1,776	38,060
CRM: Monitoring and Evaluation	9,255	1,359
Fundraising	14,081	9,634
Strategic Review & Capacity Building	21,290	14,291
DHR Network Project	9,236	0
Home Office Perpetrator Project	1,250	0
Supervision	2,310	950
Annual Conference Expenses	0	290
Run Online Peer Support	1,201	0
Training - Payments to Associate Trainer	9,666	4,535
Training	8,817	3,165
Home Office Advocacy Awareness Raising Costs	0	45,770
Home Office Advocacy Awareness Costs Adjustment	<b>-5,511</b>	0
Staff Covid Well-being	4,062	0
Telephones	1,978	1,177
IT Support	3,007	0
Internet and Website Maintenance & Development	5,392	821
Equipment Renewals	9,378	2,256
Security Upgrades for Premises and Data	3,648	1,802
Postage	356	369
Development of Finance Reporting System	9,300	0
Films and Other Support Materials	5,682	0
Office Supplies	1,056	884
Insurance	2,704	2,704
Utilities	2,657	2,144
Accountancy Fees	2,758	2,383
Legal and Professional Fees	1,325	951
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Total Expenses	453,737	356,416
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Net Surplus (Deficit)	<b>-2,416</b>	<b>-13,713</b>
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