

Domestic Violence Response Company Limited by Guarantee
Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

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Company Number: 364026
Charity Number: 18394

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors	Ann Lyons Ciara Shanahan Ursula McMorrow Sinead Ni Fhaolain (Appointed 21 September 2022) Chloe O'Malley (Appointed 21 September 2022) James Phelan (Appointed 21 September 2022) Grainne Rice (Resigned 21 September 2022) Triona Nic Giollachaille (Resigned 21 September 2022) Rachel Doyle (Resigned 21 September 2022)
Company Secretary	Elizabeth Power
Charity Number	18394
Company Registration Number	364026
Registered Office and Principal Address	1st Floor Commerce House Mountain Road Moycullen Co Galway H91 D9HD
Auditors	Owen McDonough & Associates Ltd Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors, Statutory Audit Firm, Pro-Cathedral House, Lower Abbeygate Street, Galway
Principal Bankers	Bank of Ireland Mountbellew Co Galway Bank of Ireland 43 Eyre Square Galway
Solicitors	Russell & O'Malley Solicitors Unit 1, Garraí Mhé Mountain road Moycullen Galway

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Directors' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Directors' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The directors of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the directors of Domestic Violence Response Company Limited by Guarantee present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 2022.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

The principal activity of the Domestic Violence Response Company Limited by Guarantee (DVR) is that of providing a range of specialist services to those impacted by domestic abuse and develops and delivers long term responses to the issue.

The mission of DVR is to respond to women's experience of domestic abuse in Galway City and County and to develop long term responses to the issue in the community.

Objectives

The key aims of DVR are to meet women's practical and emotional support needs through all stages of dealing with an abusive relationship:

Women's safety and support needs are met with a range of interventions, before, during and after they leave the relationship, as appropriate. Service users are provided with appropriate information and initiating referrals to agencies that can help.

A range of specific interventions which respect diversity and take into account service users' nationality and ethnic group are provided.

Service users can avail of peer support, empowerment and wellness through our Educational Support Programmes.

The safety needs of children are facilitated by the implementation of DVR Safeguarding policy.

DVR networks with other agencies and promotes an increased understanding of domestic abuse by providing training to these groups.

A high level of service user involvement in the development of programmes, policies and governance is in place.

The key objectives of Domestic Violence Response CLG (DVR) in 2022 were to provide a range of highly skilled interventions that meet the complex and diverse needs of women who present to our service at all stages of need, build collaborative relationships and links with key stakeholders, locally, regionally and nationally, contribute to national policy on domestic abuse, build awareness of domestic abuse, the profile of DVR and ensure organisational development and sustainability.

The support services of DVR include one-to-one counselling support and information sessions; telephone support; group work, programmes to meet the parenting needs of women, including women who are estranged from their children due to domestic abuse; educational and support programmes for women and local communities; arts-based projects; programmes directly orientated towards young people. All of these services have been developed with the core involvement of those with direct experience of domestic abuse.

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Composition of the Board and Board Appointment Process

DVR is a Company Limited by Guarantee and a Registered Charity. It is managed by voluntary members of a Board of Directors (BOD) who are elected to the position each year at the Annual General Meeting. The current background of the Board includes academic, statutory, not for profit, accountancy, Irish language consultancy and corporate experience. The coordinator of DVR is the company secretary. The coordinator implements the strategies developed by the Board and manages the day-to-day operations of the company.

DVR is informed by current legislation on domestic abuse including the Istanbul Convention and the 3rd National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.

Financial Governance

The Board of DVR complies with the Charities Governance Code. Accounts are audited annually. DVR has a comprehensive Financial Policy that outlines all aspects of corporate governance, financial policies and procedures for the day-to-day transactions of the organisation. DVR has a Financial sub-committee which oversees budgetary management and planning. It meets each quarter to monitor cash flow and generate reports for the Board, review financial reports, propose changes to policy, approve spending and monitor accounts. The Board met monthly in 2022 and reviewed variance budgets, cash flow, purchases, policy on reserves, policy on budgeting and carried out a travel expenses review. A Tusla external audit report was submitted to the Board and contained minor policy suggestions. The AGM of DVR took place on the 21 September 2022. Audited accounts were presented by the auditor at this meeting. An induction was held on site for all new Board members. Thanks to the generosity of donations, bequests and fundraising, DVR was able to establish a reserves fund and implement a reserves policy in 2022.

In 2022, DVR employed 1 full time Coordinator (CEO), 1 Office Administrator, 1 Financial Administrator, 3 Counselling Support Workers, one additional Tusla Support Worker and 2 members of a Relief Advocacy Accompaniment panel. New policies on Attendance at Work and changes to Force Majeure requirements came into effect in February 2022. Policies on remote working were also developed in 2022.

Our liaison staff member took part in a training update with Galway Volunteer Centre to process Garda Vetting applications for staff. All DVR staff have up-to-date disclosures.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

There has been increased awareness of coercive control and media focus on the issue of femicide in recent times. With the femicide of Aisling Murphy was a catalyst for concerted efforts to address gender-based violence by the government and was one of the reasons why 163 new service users presented to DVR in 2022. This was the highest level of new service users in the organisation's history. DVR responded to a total of 299 service users in 2022, with a significant jump in return service users late in the year. Over 50 women availed of peer support coffee mornings, group activities, the educational support programmes, Paths to Freedom and Parenting in the Aftermath of Domestic Abuse. Two additional counselling support workers were employed, 3 days each per week, to respond to the growing demand.

163 advocacy accompaniments were carried out by DVR in 2022, which is approximately a 50% rise in numbers from 2021. This reflects the hard work of the service in educating clients about their legal rights, and the work done through various public awareness campaigns regarding changes to DV law. Court accompaniment was provided at the following court houses in 2022: Galway City, Derrynea, Tuam, Loughrea, Clifden and Ballinasloe.

In 2022, we continued to provide domestic abuse services as needed in Galway City and County from our main premises in Moycullen and our additional counselling rooms in Salthill. Consolidation, creating a response to the ever-increasing demand of women looking for supports, understanding of the support needs of older women experiencing domestic abuse and expanding our service provision in the Irish speaking community of SW Connemara, providing education on Healthy Relationships for young people and initiating community-based activities were the focus of much of our work in 2022.

A highlight of 2022 was the grand opening of the premises in Moycullen and the launch of the organisation's Annual Report launch of Domestic Violence Response Galway which took place on Monday 9th May 2022. This was an opportunity to show DVR's ethos to over 70 stakeholders, statutory agencies and not for profits who attended the launch. It received significant media attention, from RTÉ 1, TG4, Galway Bay FM, RTÉ 2 FM, The Irish Times, Irish Examiner, Daily Mail, Galwaydaily.ie, Connacht Tribune.ie. Galwaybayfm.ie. These media activities highlighted the work of our services, locally and nationally.

In 2023 we saw a significant rise in older women coming forward looking for supports and it represented over 20% of all clients presenting to the service for support. Services in Irish-speaking communities continued to expand, and DVR was accepted to Eolaire Gnó by Gaillimh le Gaeilge in 2022. Throughout the year staff members organised community events in Irish in the Gaeltacht areas, which were well attended by local women.

The expansion of DVR activities created numerous opportunities to raise awareness of domestic Highlights include

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the completion of our new website in March 2022 which created additional awareness of our services for women and children; the compilation of information on domestic abuse which included input in GP posters in Galway City; a Steps to Safety brochure and the series Until Death, A Virgin Media 3 three-part documentary, which involved considerable input from DVR staff and clients.

DVR strengthened its governance with an expansion of the Board in 2022. Accountancy, Irish language proficiency and fundraising expertise were welcome additions to the Board's capacity. The employment of a Financial Administrator three days a week to provide back-up support was also a welcome addition to DVR. Regular Staff sub-committee and Financial sub-committee meetings as well as 12 full-Board meetings ensured excellent governance.

It was an extremely busy year for all of the services provided by DVR and with additional recruitment, we were able to rise to the challenges presented by the increased demand. In 2022, DVR received the widest statutory and non-statutory financial support including a one off €50,000 bequest. This created stability for the service and allowed it to apply our expertise and develop new directions in the work.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on the following pages and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity had gross assets of €173,486 (2021 - €111,724) and gross liabilities of €29,497 (2021 - €20,182). The net assets of the charity have increased by €52,447.

Reserves Position and Policy

The Board of Domestic Violence Response CLG has a reserves policy which requires the following:

- Reserves are maintained at a level which ensures that Domestic Violence Response CLG organisation's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.
- A proportion of reserves are maintained in a readily realisable form.

This takes into account:

- Risks associated with income and expenditure being different from that budgeted.
- Planned activity level and potential opportunities.
- The organisation's contractual commitments.

The calculation of the required level of reserves is an integral part of the organisation's annual planning, budget, and forecast cycle. The level of reserves is kept under review through ongoing financial reporting and production of annual audited accounts.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the company are that funding authorities would withdraw funding, budgetary restrictions, lack of organisational direction, conflicts of interest that may undermine the charities integrity, retention of competent board members and cyber attacks.

Future Developments

The company plans to continue its present activities and current levels of service provision. Employees are kept as fully informed as practicable about developments within the business.

Directors and Secretary

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Ann Lyons
Ciara Shanahan
Ursula McMorrow
Sinead Ni Fhaolain (Appointed 21 September 2022)
Chloe O'Malley (Appointed 21 September 2022)
James Phelan (Appointed 21 September 2022)
Grainne Rice (Resigned 21 September 2022)
Triona Nic Giollachaille (Resigned 21 September 2022)
Rachel Doyle (Resigned 21 September 2022)

In accordance with the Constitution, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The secretary who served throughout the financial year was Elizabeth Power.

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Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Domestic Violence Response Company Limited by Guarantee subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2014
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no significant events affecting the charity since the financial year end.

The Auditors

The auditors, Owen McDonough & Associates Ltd have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Statement on Relevant Audit Information

In accordance with section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, so far as each of the persons who are directors at the time this report is approved are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the statutory auditors are unaware. The directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and they have established that the statutory auditors are aware of that information.

Accounting Records

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The accounting records are located at the company's office at 1st Floor Commerce House, Mountain Road, Moycullen, Co Galway, H91 D9HD.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 10 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Ann Lyons
Director

Ciara Shanahan
Director

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and applicable regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard, issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the charity keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the charity, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and net income or expenditure of the charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and the Directors' Annual Report comply with Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 10 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Ann Lyons
Director

Ciara Shanahan
Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Domestic Violence Response Company Limited by Guarantee

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the charity financial statements of Domestic Violence Response Company Limited by Guarantee ('the Charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Charity as at 31 December 2022 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described below in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 3 to the financial statements, 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 directors' 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report 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.

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 course of 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- in our opinion, the information given in the Directors' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements;
- in our opinion, the Directors' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014; and
- the accounting records of the charity were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

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to the Members of Domestic Violence Response Company Limited by Guarantee

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Annual Report. The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not complied with by the charity. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 8, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they 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 directors are responsible for assessing the charity'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 they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 an Auditor's Report 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 (Ireland) 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.

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Domestic Violence Response Company Limited by Guarantee

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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 charity and the charity's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Owen McDonough
for and on behalf of
OWEN MCDONOUGH & ASSOCIATES LTD
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors,
Statutory Audit Firm,
Pro-Cathedral House,
Lower Abbeygate Street,
Galway

11 July 2023

Domestic Violence Response Company Limited by Guarantee

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 €	Restricted Funds 2022 €	Total Funds 2022 €	Unrestricted Funds 2021 €	Restricted Funds 2021 €	Total Funds 2021 €
Income							
Voluntary Income	4.1	56,273	-	56,273	3,237	-	3,237
Charitable activities							
Grants from governments and other co-funders	4.2	187,200	174,440	361,640	168,753	186,057	354,810
Activities for generating funds	4.3	2,593	-	2,593	1,370	-	1,370
Total income		246,066	174,440	420,506	173,360	186,057	359,417
Expenditure							
Raising funds	5.1	8,951	26,283	35,234	8,045	14,539	22,584
Charitable activities	5.2	183,668	149,157	332,825	92,599	164,218	256,817
Total Expenditure		192,619	175,440	368,059	100,644	178,757	279,401
Net income/(expenditure)		53,447	(1,000)	52,447	72,716	7,300	80,016
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		53,447	(1,000)	52,447	72,716	7,300	80,016
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	15	84,242	7,300	91,542	11,526	-	11,526
Total funds at the end of the year		137,689	6,300	143,989	84,242	7,300	91,542

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 10 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Ann Lyons
Director

Ciara Shanahan
Director

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 €	2021 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	14,995	18,689
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	589	14,918
Cash at bank and in hand	11	157,902	78,117
		158,491	93,035
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(29,497)	(20,182)
Net Current Assets		128,994	72,853
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		143,989	91,542
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		6,300	7,300
General fund (unrestricted)		137,689	84,242
Total funds	15	143,989	91,542

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 10 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Ann Lyons
Director

Ciara Shanahan
Director

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 €	2021 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movement in funds		52,447	80,016
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		5,996	3,108
		<u>58,443</u>	<u>83,124</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		14,329	(12,157)
Movement in creditors		9,315	15,865
		<u>82,087</u>	<u>86,832</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(2,302)	(18,946)
		<u>79,785</u>	<u>67,886</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		79,785	67,886
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		78,117	10,231
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11	<u>157,902</u>	<u>78,117</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Domestic Violence Response Company Limited by Guarantee is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Ireland. The registered office of the charity is 1st Floor Commerce House, Mountain Road, Moycullen, Co Galway, H91 D9HD which is also the principal place of business of the charity. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the charity.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

the Charity has applied the Charities SORP on a voluntary basis as its application is not a requirement of the current regulations for charities registered in the Republic of Ireland. As permitted by the Companies Act 2014, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats, as outlined in the Companies Act 2014, are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

Income

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the charity. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

Grants from governments and other co-funders typically include one of the following types of conditions:

- Performance based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding only to the extent that the core objectives of the grant agreement are achieved. Where the charity is meeting the core objectives of a

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grant agreement, it recognises the related expenditure, to the extent that it is reimbursable by the donor, as income.

■ Time based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding on the condition that it is utilised in a particular period. In these cases the charity recognises the income to the extent it is utilised within the period specified in the agreement.

In the absence of such conditions, assuming that receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured, grant income is recognised once the charity is notified of entitlement.

Grants received towards capital expenditure are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

Expenditure

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% & 33% Straight line

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

Creditors

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation and deferred taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future. Timing differences are temporary differences between the charity's taxable income and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are anticipated to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Annual contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate

3. PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR AUDITS OF SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other charity of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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4. INCOME					
4.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021	
	€	€	€	€	
Donations and legacies	<u>56,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,273</u>	<u>3,237</u>	
4.2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021	
	€	€	€	€	
Grants from governments and other co-funders:					
Income from charitable activities	<u>187,200</u>	<u>174,440</u>	<u>361,640</u>	<u>354,810</u>	
4.3 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021	
	€	€	€	€	
Other trading activities	<u>2,593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,593</u>	<u>1,370</u>	
5. EXPENDITURE					
5.1 RAISING FUNDS	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2022	2021
	€	€	€	€	€
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	5,000
Wages and salaries	-	-	35,234	35,234	17,584
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,234</u>	<u>35,234</u>	<u>22,584</u>
5.2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2022	2021
	€	€	€	€	€
Accompaniment to court and Gardaí	20,307	-	-	20,307	24,664
Counselling support work	92,238	-	22,138	114,376	133,659
Expenditure on charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Professional training	2,388	-	875	3,263	440
Services for older and vulnerable women	142,134	-	36,787	178,921	91,854
Support Women in Need	11,000	-	-	11,000	6,200
Outreach and awareness raising	2,600	-	2,358	4,958	-
	<u>270,667</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,158</u>	<u>332,825</u>	<u>256,817</u>
5.3 SUPPORT COSTS	Cost of Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2022	2021	
	€	€	€	€	€
Wages, salaries and associated costs	35,234	-	35,234	17,584	
Audit fees	-	3,198	3,198	3,198	
Rent	-	17,638	17,638	12,821	
Support	-	-	-	-	
Administrative expenditure	-	41,322	41,322	54,860	
	<u>35,234</u>	<u>62,158</u>	<u>97,392</u>	<u>88,463</u>	

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6. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	2022	2021
	€	€
Wages, salaries and associated costs	35,234	17,584
Audit fees	3,198	3,198
Rent	17,638	12,821
Support		-
Administrative expenditure	41,322	54,860
	<u>97,392</u>	<u>88,463</u>

7. NET INCOME

	2022	2021
	€	€
Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	5,996	3,108
Auditor's remuneration:		
- audit services	3,198	3,198
- non-audit services	5,444	3,710
	<u>14,638</u>	<u>10,016</u>

8. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive directors) during the financial year was 10.

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Support workers	8	6
Administration	1	1
Management	1	1
	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>

The staff costs comprise:

	2022	2021
	€	€
Wages and salaries	246,487	169,774
Social security costs	26,524	17,949
Pension costs	15,927	8,910
	<u>288,938</u>	<u>196,633</u>

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Total €
Cost		
At 1 January 2022	50,649	50,649
Additions	2,302	2,302
At 31 December 2022	<u>52,951</u>	<u>52,951</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2022	31,960	31,960
Charge for the financial year	5,996	5,996
At 31 December 2022	<u>37,956</u>	<u>37,956</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2022	<u>14,995</u>	<u>14,995</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u><u>18,689</u></u>	<u><u>18,689</u></u>

10. DEBTORS

	2022 €	2021 €
Prepayments	<u>589</u>	<u>14,918</u>

11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2022 €	2021 €
Cash and bank balances	<u>157,902</u>	<u>78,117</u>

12. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year	2022 €	2021 €
Trade creditors	-	7,727
Taxation and social security costs	12,251	5,695
Accruals	17,246	6,760
	<u>29,497</u>	<u>20,182</u>

13. PENSION COSTS - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. Pension costs amounted to €15,927 (2021 - €8,910).

14. RESERVES

	2022 €	2021 €
At the beginning of the year	91,542	11,526
Surplus for the financial year	52,447	80,016
At the end of the year	<u>143,989</u>	<u>91,542</u>

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15. FUNDS

15.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	Total Funds €
At 1 January 2021	11,526	-	11,526
Movement during the financial year	72,716	7,300	80,016
At 31 December 2021	84,242	7,300	91,542
Movement during the financial year	53,447	(1,000)	52,447
At 31 December 2022	137,689	6,300	143,989

15.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 January 2022 €	Income €	Expenditure €	Transfers between funds €	Balance 31 December 2022 €
Restricted funds					
Restricted Tusla Core Funding	-	137,482	137,482	-	-
Commission for support of victims of crime	-	22,000	22,000	-	-
Community Foundation Funding	-	4,958	4,958	-	-
Women's aid	3,800	10,000	10,700	-	3,100
Safe Ireland	3,500	-	300	-	3,200
	<u>7,300</u>	<u>174,440</u>	<u>175,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,300</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted General	84,242	246,066	192,619	-	137,689
Total funds	91,542	420,506	368,059	-	143,989

15.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use €	Current assets €	Current liabilities €	Total €
Restricted trust funds	5,226	-	-	5,226
Unrestricted general funds	9,769	158,491	(29,497)	138,763
	<u>14,995</u>	<u>158,491</u>	<u>(29,497)</u>	<u>143,989</u>

16. STATUS

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one financial year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding € 2.

17. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The charity had no material capital commitments at the financial year-ended 31 December 2022.

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18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

Domestic Violence Response CLG has entered into a 10 year non-cancellable operating lease with Amcon Estates Limited.

	2022 €	2021 €
Payable within one year	20,833	17,083
Payable between one and five years	88,000	86,833
Payable in over five years	<u>78,833</u>	<u>100,833</u>

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No directors were remunerated in the year for work done.

Triona Nic Giolla Choille, charity director was paid expenses of €183.

Elizabeth Power, company secretary and charity coordinator was paid a salary of €50,112 and expenses of €294. Employer's pension contribution of €3,334 was made.

There were no salaries exceeding €60,000 for any member of the charity.

20. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company has chosen to apply the provisions of Section 11 and 12 of FRS 102 to account for all of its financial instruments.

22. GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Domestic Violence Response CLG was in receipt of an allocation from Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, for the operation of its services for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The total funding allocated for the year was €137,482. Tulsa funding is considered restricted funds and is used by the organisation in accordance with the service level agreement. There was no balance of funds remaining at 31 December 2022 and no further amounts due for 2022.

Domestic Violence Response CLG was in receipt of an allocation from the HSE, under the Services for Older and Vulnerable Women initiative for the year ended 31 December 2022. The unrestricted funding allocated for the year under this initiative was €180,000. There were no further amounts due for 2022.

Restricted funding of €22,000 was allocated to the charity from the Commission for the Support of Victims of Crime. This grant was for the provision of support services to the victims of domestic violence. There was no balance of funds remaining at 31 December 2022 and no further amounts due for 2022.

Restricted funding of €10,000 was received from Women's Aid for the provision of immediate support for women in need. There were no further amounts due for 2022.

Community Foundation Funding of €4,957 was provided to the charity for Outreach and Awareness Raising. There was no balance of funds remaining at 31 December 2022 and no further amounts due for 2022.

Unrestricted funding of €2,200 was received for the year end 31 December 2022 from Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board for staffing costs for delivering the educational programmes. There were no further amounts due for 2022.

Galway Wind Park Local Community Fund extended €5,000 unrestricted funding for 2022 to Domestic Violence Response CLG towards services provided to the victims of domestic violence. There were no further amounts due for 2022.

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23. FUNDING COMMITMENTS

The charity has no funding commitments i.e. agreements to fund or be funded at 31 December 2022.

24. INSURANCE

The charity has employer's liability cover of €13m and public liability cover of €2.6m. The directors consider insurance cover to be adequate.

25. TUSLA SEGMENTED ACCOUNTS INFORMATION

	2022	2021
	€	€
Tusla Restricted Funding	137,482	145,276
Staff costs, including employer's PRSI and pension	(117,644)	(120,436)
Travel and meetings	(876)	(500)
Rent	(6,810)	(9,620)
Insurance	(1,193)	(1,064)
Light and heat	(3,099)	(500)
Telephone and computer costs	(3,822)	(2,897)
Audit fees	-	(2,736)
General expenditure including cleaning, repairs, stationery and bank charges	(4,038)	(2,297)
Capital expenditure	-	(5,226)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

26. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 10 July 2023.

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	Schedule	2022 €	2021 €
Income			
- Donations		56,273	3,237
- Commission for Support of Victims of Crime		22,000	22,280
- Community Foundation Funding		4,958	5,000
- Women's Aid		10,000	10,000
- Safe Ireland		-	3,500
- Galway Wind Park Local Community Fund		5,000	6,500
- Galway City Council		-	7,553
- Galway Roscommon Education Training Board		2,200	2,200
- HSE - National Lottery Funding		-	2,500
- Fundraising Income		2,593	1,370
- Tusla Restricted Funding		137,482	145,277
- HSE Restricted Funding - Elder People		180,000	150,000
Operations			
		420,506	359,417
Cost of generating funds	1	(270,667)	(190,938)
Gross surplus		149,839	168,479
Charitable activities and other expenses	2	(97,392)	(88,463)
Net surplus		52,447	80,016

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SCHEDULE 1 : COST OF GENERATING FUNDS
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	€	€
Cost of Generating Funds		
Women's Aid	11,000	6,200
Relief support worker	-	3,724
Supervision	-	240
Wages and salaries	228,973	161,801
Social security costs	24,731	17,248
Courses, training & evaluation	2,388	440
Travel and meetings	3,575	1,285
	<hr/> 270,667 <hr/>	<hr/> 190,938 <hr/>

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SCHEDULE 2 : CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND OTHER EXPENSES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 €	2021 €
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	17,514	7,973
Social security costs	1,793	701
Staff defined contribution pension costs	15,927	8,910
Staff training	875	-
Rent payable	17,938	12,821
Insurance	1,383	1,278
Light and heat	7,033	1,030
Cleaning	1,928	-
Repairs and maintenance	(294)	1,898
Printing, postage and stationery	5,418	4,522
PR, marketing and recruitment	4,312	5,315
Telephone	4,684	3,515
Computer costs	5,492	8,494
Legal and professional	1,862	1,686
Consultancy fees	(7,439)	11,319
Auditor's/Independent Examiner's remuneration	3,198	3,198
Auditor's/Independent Examiner's remuneration - other non-audit/examination services	5,444	3,710
Bank charges	401	401
General expenses	2,626	6,645
Petty Cash	1,301	1,939
Depreciation	5,996	3,108
	<u>97,392</u>	<u>88,463</u>