



# Streetwise Young People's Project Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement

For the year ended  
31 March 2024



## Streetwise

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECT 

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The Trustees are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' Report and accounts for Companies Act (2006) purposes.

The Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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## Chair's report

It is with both pride and gratitude that I write this year's Chair's report. Writing this report always provides the perfect opportunity to reflect upon, and digest the successes, lessons learned and personal resilience of our amazing Young People and the exceptional staff who support them.

This year has once again been a challenging one. The cost-of-living crisis continues to have an impact on our Young People and their Families. Inevitably, this has also impacted the Charity itself, necessitating even more inventive, creative, and resourceful ways of working to continue to provide exceptional, sustainable services to Young People; all of this taking place in a difficult fundraising climate where core costs continue to rise, and with lower reserves and income due to the higher demand on remaining Funders.

Over the past year, we have continued to provide much needed support Services to Young People, at a time where waiting lists for Mental Health Services for Young People continue to rise, diagnoses for neuro-divergence are subject to a 3 year delay and Young People continue to experience the impact caused by the gap in mandatory attendance at School and the enforced isolation of the Pandemic. Our main Services this year have been:

**1 Information, Advice and Guidance:** Over 1,010 Young People benefitted from regular one-to-one sessions delivered via Open Access Drop-in sessions from City Centre premises, Community Youth Hubs, and School Early Help Youth Hubs. With the employment of additional Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioners, providing support and one-to-one check-ins, a deterioration in Mental Health was prevented for those Young People unable to access timely face-to-face therapeutic support.

Over 5,447 contacts have been made via social media and other electronic means - a lifeline to many Young People, provided by the continuation of the Therapy Bytes E-Brochure facilitating access to a range of Wellbeing Apps etc. We also developed our Website, so that Young People can have instant access to information on issues that affect them. Our Website also enables Young People to self-refer into Services and parents can quickly consent to attendance at trips.

**2 Mental Health and Wellbeing Services (Counselling Services):** We continue to offer Counselling Support to Young People on a range of issues and of varying complexity, from body confidence/identity and anxiety to historic trauma. Our offer of different methods and modalities of therapy, including a broad range of creative approaches provides a person-centred approach for Young People to be able to express themselves and their emotions in a way that works for them - enabling Streetwise to deliver over 6,466 Counselling and Emotional Wellbeing sessions this year. The value of this provision to Young People is apparent from the excellent outcomes and feedback that they have shared with us.



Our Primary Care Network (PCN) Practitioners are now well established in the Partnership between Outer West, East, and Central Primary Care Networks. This has resulted in Young People being able to get timely early intervention, minimising the risk of problems escalating and reducing the number of referrals to Children and Young People's Services (CYPS).

Victims of Crime: Dedicated funding from the Northumbria Police & Commissioners Supporting Victim Fund has enabled 152 Young People to be supported both individually and within Group Work sessions across a range of Victims of Crime referrals. This project has added real value to existing provision, enabling us to work more intensively with young victims of crime that is proportionate to their needs and experiences.

**3 The Contraception and Sexual Health Services (CASH):** Working in Partnership with Children North East we have delivered bespoke advice on relationships and sexual health "on the doorstep" of Young People. Our Outreach provisions in local Schools/ Colleges and Community venues have helped to demystify and destigmatise relationships and sex. We provide a safe, non-judgemental space for Young People to get access to trusted advice in a place and space that works for them. We have also helped Young People to navigate online support pages, empowering them to manage their own sexual health to ensure that they can receive timely information, with wraparound

support where needed. The Team also took part in Fresher's Week and Newcastle Pride providing information to Young People at Universities and Colleges across the City. Despite this year's Pride being (possibly!) the muddiest on record, we managed to support over 300 Young People with signposting, information and condoms. We also continued to perfect our Glitter Tattoos with Young People using this as an opportunity to stay for a chat. Through attending Pride this year, we further perfected our risk assessments and reflected that it was really important that we are positioned in the right place for Young People to find us, that we can be responsive and agile in our delivery – braving the elements to let Young People know where to find us.

**4 Youth Work: Our Two Youth Hubs:** based in two of the most deprived localities in the City – Byker and Outer West, provide a much needed, safe and cost-free venue for Young People to socialise. As the cost-of-living crisis has continued to take its toll, this provision has been essential as it provides food, discussion and enrichment opportunities for Young People in their local area. These Centres are Young Person-led; they design the menu and cook the food for their peers. They plan and budget their holiday activities, and they decide what they want to discuss. These projects were funded by Newcastle City Council until December 2023. Further funding is in place so that this much needed provision can continue into 2024.



## 5 Early Help Youth Hubs in Communities and Schools:

Early help/intervention in relation to the Mental Health of Young People has long been understood to produce positive outcomes, not only in preventing more serious symptoms from developing, but also in reducing the likelihood of problems with, family, School, work, etc. This early support can take many forms, such as support in Schools, mentoring, wider support services in the Community, and support through digital means.

Following the launch of our Pilot Project in 2023, our 'Wraparound Support' provision in Partnership with Gosforth Academy Trust (GAT) is now fully embedded. These Hubs provide Young People with the opportunity to enhance their social and emotional development. These activities, including access to hot meals and 'Bait Bags' have also helped with the 'cost of living' crisis experienced by many Families. Moreover, having a space where Young People, can go that does not feel like School, but is in School grounds has been an effective way for Young People to be able to decompress and talk about how they feel without judgement, helping them to feel safe, secure, and supported in School. This is particularly important for some Young People, for who School is the most stressful place for them to be at times. Being in the School empowers Young People to take control of their own support needs. They are not reliant on others to transport them to their sessions; They can take ownership of this themselves. Over the last year, through our Partnership with the GAT we have supported 662 Young People through our Youth Work provision and 724 Young People through our Mental Health and Wellbeing work. We know that this Model is really effective, following an independent evaluation by Northumbria University, which confirmed this to be the case. We now look forward to securing additional funding to enable us to roll this out to other Schools in the City, so that more Young People are able to easily access this support.

## 6 Young People's Participation and Social Action Projects:

This year's Youth Work Week theme was 'Youth Work is Everywhere'. Reflecting on this theme, our Youth Board created their own 'Top Trumps' cards, comparing and rating places where Youth Work takes place. They rated factors including accessibility, cost, support, education and enjoyment out of 100. In doing so, they reflected on previous trips, activities and Services they had participated in with Streetwise.

Our Youth Board also participated in the '16 Days of Activism' Campaign. This is an Annual International Campaign challenging Violence Against Women and Girls, commencing on 25th November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) and concluding on 10th December (Human Rights Day). As part of this Campaign, the Youth Board made their own 16 Days of Activism themed badges, glitter tattoo stencils and cake toppers. They also used the Notice Boards to display key information that they learned by researching changemakers and different Local, National and Global Organisations. On the final day of the 16 days, the Youth Board held a Drop-in Session, using the crafts they had made as a conversation starter to explain the Campaign to Staff and Young People, both in Streetwise and in the City Centre. One of the Youth Board Members whom was unable to attend in person decided to post one of the 'Speak Out' films on the Streetwise Instagram, with a caption explaining the relevance to the Campaign. The video showed how to challenge and fight against gender-based violence, in a safe way. The caption highlighted the importance of distracting the perpetrator against the victim. The Youth Board worked with the Blue Sky Trust who provided a session at Streetwise to develop understanding of HIV through the use of various interactive activities and conversations.



The Youth Board left the sessions with a greater understanding of what HIV is; the stigma and impact, how to engage in safe sex, coupled with understanding the importance of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing.

During the year Members of the Youth Board decided to undertake a Review and introduced the idea of a 'revamp'. They discussed ways in which they could recruit new Youth Board Members, what qualities make a great Youth Board Member, where to recruit, and how. The Youth Board used these ideas to create a recruitment video to be shared on social media and during School assemblies. They highlighted the benefits of joining the Youth Board, including personal development, confidence building and developing transferrable skills to progress employment and learning opportunities. Their video also set expectations: highlighting the inclusive environment, non-judgemental atmosphere, and most importantly having the opportunity to affect change through social action.

Streetwise took the Youth Board to see the play 'PROTEST' which was an amazingly empowering play about Youth Activism, highlighting key themes such as Sexism, Racism and Climate Change and how small positive actions can have wide-reaching impact. This encouraged thoughts about how Young People can get involved in Social Activism, which is a key element of the Youth Board.



Across all Core Services the Service User's Feedback was very positive with a high percentage of needs being met, views listened to and a reduction in risk taking, to highlight but a few impressive outcomes.

As well as this outstanding achievement, Streetwise Awards and supporters and Business Achievements include:

- Finalist in the NE Charity Awards, in the category of Charity Partnership of the Year with Haines Watts.
- NE Youth Projects with Pride 2023 - Partnership of the Year – Streetwise and Central PCN (Saville Medical Group) Nominee.



In addition, our amazing Colleagues (one of whom dressed as a Power Ranger!) and Supporters completed the Great North Run under scorching conditions, raising over £2,500 between them. This was a huge achievement and further illustrated the passion that our staff and supporters have for the work that Streetwise does.



Whilst these achievements are amazing and indicative of the life-changing work we are able to do with the right staff and resources in place, this year has not been without new demands. We have faced difficult choices and decisions this year – needing to adapt, learn and be creative in light of the same financial pressures and constraints faced by other Organisations in the Sector. We are saddened to see the closure of key Charities doing important work, but we continue to think creatively and innovatively to ensure we can continue to do our much-needed work with Young People, enabling such exciting work on Hubs in Schools leading the way to developing New Ways of Working and a flexible adaptive Model of Service Delivery that has met with great adulation and positive outcomes.

Our approach to Fundraising, Service Delivery and Monitoring remains entrenched in integrity, demonstrating thoughtfulness and prudence in all our work to maintain confidence to all who support and encourage the work of Streetwise.

Streetwise has reflected upon and evaluated the work we do with Young People, holding itself to account in terms of what we want to achieve and why we want to achieve it. We have thought carefully about the ever-changing needs of those we support and adapted and focused our Services to ensure that Young People achieve maximum benefit from them. Our approach to funding is needs-based. We ensure that the work we deliver enhances the strengths of Young People in our Community and helps to remove barriers in the face of adversity. Young People continue to be at the heart of all we do.

Despite the many uncertainties we have faced this year, we continue to offer much needed Services to Young People, staying true to our values, aims and principles. I am humbled by the resilience of the Young People we support, who have faced enormous challenges, but have continued to push onwards. I wish to express huge thanks to all of our Staff, Volunteers, Board Trustees, Funders, and all Stakeholders who have contributed to helping us achieve our aims and progress our Mission.

**Dr Janis Smith**  
Chair of Trustees





# Our purposes and activities

## Objects & Aims

The aim of the Charity is to preserve and provide for the Physical and Mental Health of Young People aged 11-25 years by providing advice, information and support, without distinction of sex, sexuality, disability, race or political, religious or other opinions, in a common effort to Advance Education and to provide facilities in the interests of Social Welfare;

Beneficiaries include those living in Newcastle upon Tyne, Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Durham and Sunderland.

## Aims

- To support Young People to achieve a greater understanding of themselves and their relationship to their world, the people, and communities around them, so they can achieve their potential.
- To encourage Young People to have a greater awareness and understanding of their personal resources in order to make healthy lifestyle choices; build their resilience, understand their personal responsibilities, increase their self-worth, reduce risks and make effective decisions.
- To involve Young People in the design and commissioning of Services that meet their needs and to ensure their knowledge and understanding is recognised and used to inform and influence Funders, Commissioners and Policy Makers.

## Our Vision

All Young People have an equal right of access to high quality Services that are responsive to their needs, challenge inequalities, recognise diversity and enable them to grow into healthy and resilient adults.

## Our Mission Statement

Streetwise exists to provide free, confidential, non-judgemental information, advice and counselling Services that inspire and empower Young People to make informed choices and enhances their personal, social and emotional development, equipping them with skills for life.

## Our Values

**Respect** - The needs of Young People are recognised and are at the heart of all Service design and delivery. Young People have the right not to be judged and to feel safe and protected. Young People are respected and their culture, diversity, background and experiences are valued.

**Rights** - Inequalities, oppression, discrimination and exploitation faced by Young People are challenged and we provide Services within an equal opportunities framework.

**Choice** - Young People have open access to Services, supported by highly motivated and skilled staff. Prejudice and misconceptions held by Young People about other groups and/or members of society will be challenged constructively to enable them to understand and embrace equality and diversity.

**Participation** - Young People engage voluntarily and are encouraged to make informed choices based on accurate and clear information.

## Our Ongoing Priorities

The following priority areas were identified during our Streetwise Strategic Review Meetings held throughout 2023/24, influenced and informed by Young People, Service Users, Staff and Trustees. Streetwise continues to focus on maintaining its Core Services whilst adapting and responding to the increasing and changing needs of Young People. This includes prioritising the availability of easily accessible mental health services, at a time when statutory services become overwhelmed, whilst playing our part in supporting Young People and their Families through the cost of living crisis. A key priority over the last year has been further embedding our early intervention in-School offer and we are proud to confirm that at the end of this financial year, we had a presence in eight local Schools. The Charity will work with Young People to identify and create new Services, developing a clear list of projects ready for potential funding applications. We will continue to prioritise new Outreach Opportunities with Schools and Neighbourhood Communities so that Young People can get accessible information, advice, guidance and mental health support, whilst maintaining and developing relationships with Funders, Stakeholders and Local Businesses to help us achieve this.

# CORE SERVICES – Working with Young People



1. Information, Advice and Guidance
2. Mental Health & Wellbeing (Counselling Service)
3. Relationship, Contraception and Sexual Health (CASH) Services
4. Detached & Outreach Youth Work
5. Young People’s Participation & Social Action Projects

As we look to the future and at the increasing and varied needs of our Young People, there are many reasons to remain optimistic but also some concerns that have remained and require additional support/ focus. Streetwise continues to embrace hybrid, face to face and digital ways of working and developing Partnerships with others, which is now part of our core offer. We continue to offer a flexible approach to our engagement work with Young People, Families and Communities. We recognise that Young People have a clear preference for face to face work. We recognise that School hours impact the times that Young People are able to work with us. We also recognise the huge value of our Saturday

provision and express massive gratitude to our staff for facilitating this.

We are extremely proud of how our amazing Streetwise Staff Team, Trustees and Volunteers who have remained passionate and determined to offer bespoke services that respond to continued increases in complexities, poverty, cost of living crisis and long-term repercussions from the Pandemic.

We hope this Annual Report helps to highlight some of the many activities delivered during 2023 – 2024 and the overwhelming support and responses we received from our Supporters and Beneficiaries.

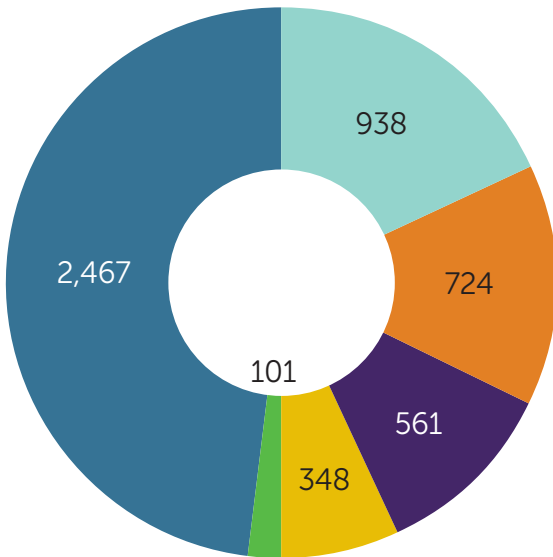
## Achievements and Performance

During 2023/24 our Streetwise Team supported work with over **5,139 individual** Children and Young People with **19,737 hours**.

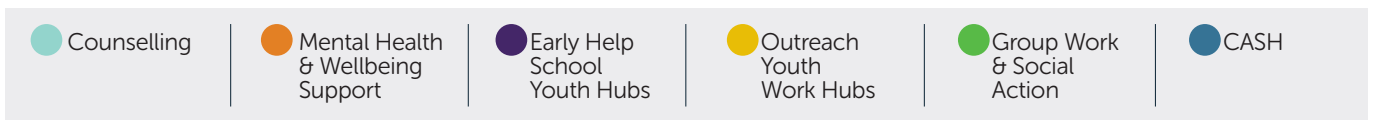
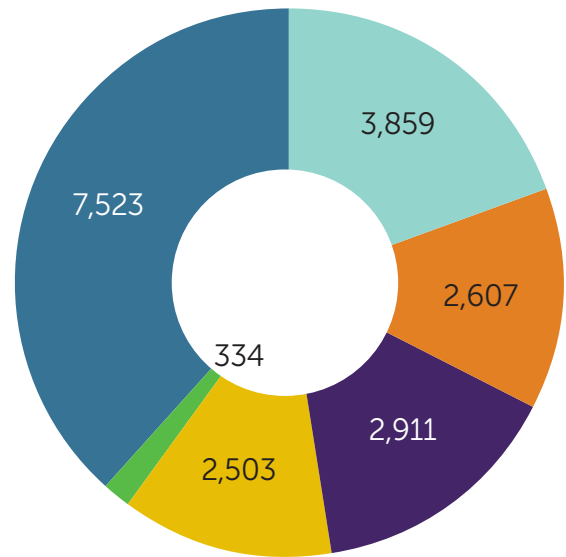
Core Services	Individuals	Contact Time (HRS)
Counselling	938	3,859
Mental Health & Wellbeing Support	724	2,607
Early Help School Youth Hubs	561	2,911
Outreach Youth Work Hubs	348	2,503
Group Work & Social Action	101	334
CASH	2,467	7,523
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,139</b>	<b>19,737</b>



Individual Young People



Contact Time (HRS)



## 1. Information, advice and guidance

Through our City Centre premises, Community Youth Hubs and School Early Help Youth Hubs we are able to offer regular one-to-one information, advice and guidance via open access drop-in sessions to over **1,010** Young People. We also continue to promote and provide telephone and online information, advice and guidance opportunities using Streetwise Social Media, Facebook, Instagram, mobiles/telephone lines achieving over **19,121** contacts.

During the year we developed and improved our website, the Staff Team reviewed and reproduced over 20 information leaflets which are all uploaded and available via our website.

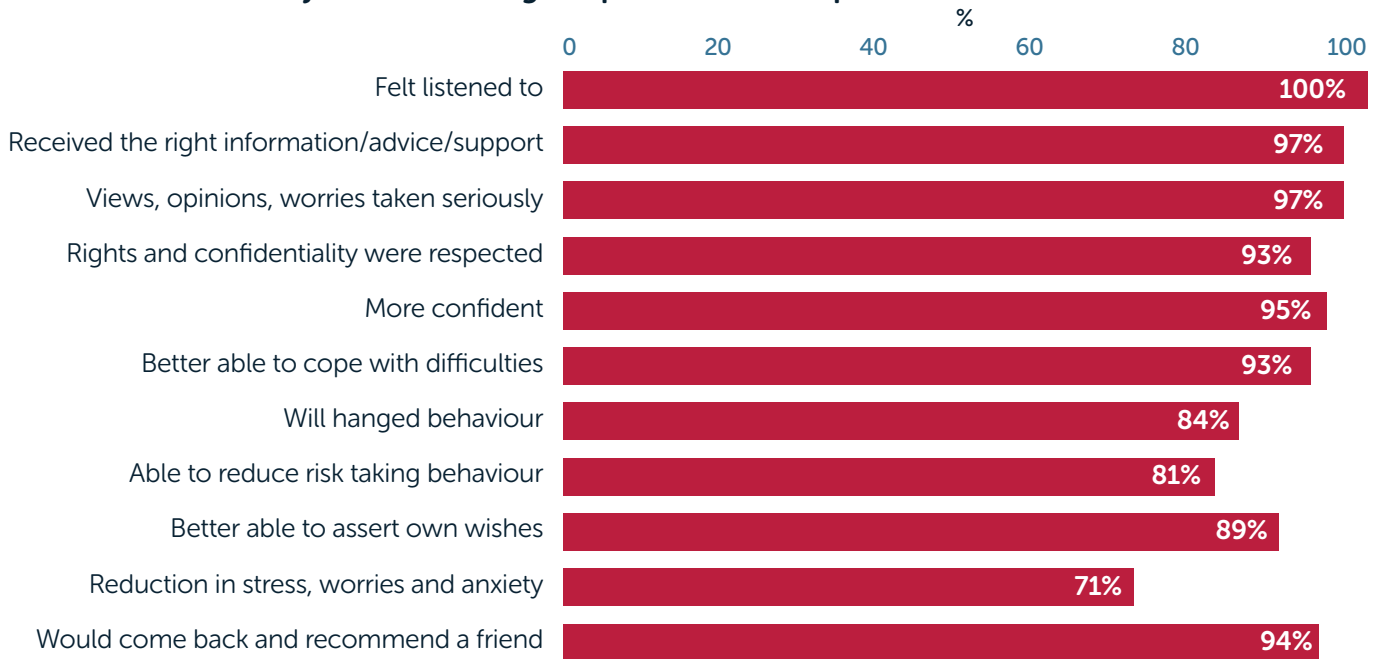
We continued to research and reproduce our online Therapy Bytes eBrochure designed to support Young People to access Wellbeing Apps and Digital Resources. This has proved to be a lifeline for many Young People whilst waiting for Therapeutic Support.

By employing additional Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioners we have been able to provide ongoing support and one-to-one check-ins for Young People whilst they have been unable to access face-to-face Therapeutic Support, helping to prevent Mental Health or Emotional Wellbeing concerns escalating.

The staff continue to reassure Children and Young People that they can call Streetwise and have a wellbeing chat or conversation at any time during the week.

Our 2023/2024 Advice, Information & Guidance Service Users Anonymous Feedback Forms found that 100% of Young People said they felt listened to, 97% said they received the right support, 97% felt their views, worries and opinions were taken seriously, 93% felt their rights and confidentiality were respected. 95% felt more confident following their interaction with us, 93% felt better able to cope with difficulties. 84% said they would change their behaviour, and 81% described being better able to reduce their 'risk-taking' behaviour. 89% felt they were better able to assert their own views and wishes, 71% experienced a reduction in stress, worries or anxiety and 94% would recommend Streetwise to a friend.

### Project Team Young People's Feedback April 23 - March 24



Unsurprisingly perhaps, given the addition of food to the Hubs, comments this year from Young People centred around food and access to activities...



"I like coming for food"



"Everything was good"



"I loved cooking"



"I enjoyed the food and would like to go swimming"



"I like meeting new people"



"I liked the food"



"I enjoyed playing Uno and playing 'bingo'"



"I had an amazing time swimming"



"I have enjoyed swimming and golf, especially the Mexican restaurant"



"I enjoyed swimming because me and my friends all had fun with each other"





## 2. Mental Health and Wellbeing Services (Counselling Service)

Our Mental Health & Wellbeing Service offers Young People a choice of online and face-to-face services. Streetwise continues to offer a choice of therapeutic approaches and counselling modalities six days a week including every Saturday, weekday afternoons and late evenings, both in Streetwise offices, and community venues. Young People can choose their preferred channel and venue to access support.

During the year 2023/24, the Mental Health and Wellbeing Service received **1,662** referrals 938 for Counselling and 724 for Mental Health & Wellbeing referrals and delivered **6,466** hours of support: 3,859 counselling hours and 2,607 Emotional Wellbeing hours. On average the Service offered **320** counselling sessions per month or **80** counselling appointments per week. Streetwise continues to offer Early Help through Cognitive Behaviour Therapy via our Children's Wellbeing Practitioners (CWP's) who work with Young People aged 11-18 years experiencing low mood or anxiety.

Our Mental Health & Wellbeing Partnership with the Outer West, East and Central Primary Care Networks (PCN) has continued to grow and mature, resulting in an increased number of referrals. This has helped us to support more Young People in a community location that works for them. Our Text Campaigns in Partnership with the GP Practices have been particularly effective, with one Young Person remarking that the offer of help came at 'just the right time'. Our Partnership with 14 GP practices in those Primary Care Networks provides an accessible pathway for Young People to promptly get the help and support they need, enabling a holistic approach to health and wellbeing to be adopted.

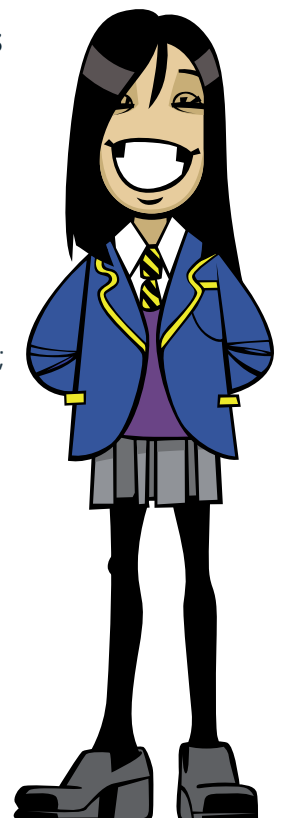
The PCN Mental Health & Wellbeing Practitioners provide one to one support and groupwork activities for Young People experiencing low mood and anxiety to help prevent the escalation of mental ill health. The flexibility of this offer encourages engagement, helping Young People to form trusting, bounded relationships with their PCN worker, through the provision of a safe space where Young People can go to talk and feel heard. Our Mindful



Monday's provision continues to be well attended, with Young People using this as a 'step down service' to progress their own coping strategies for wellness following the conclusion of 1:1 services.

### Top 5 presenting issues

Anxiety (16%) Stress (10%) and Low mood (8%) are the top three presenting issues followed by Depression (7%) and Low Self Esteem (5%). Often these issues are presented with a range of underlying problems including; attachment issues, family issues and school/ college/ university issues.



## Victims of crime

We continue to support and prioritise young victims of crime with dedicated funding from the Northumbria Police & Commissioners Supporting Victims Fund. During the year we supported 152 young victims of crime referrals comprising of;

Nature of Support (Crime Type)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Cumulative Total
Domestic Abuse	16	11	6	14	47
Sexual Abuse / Rape	11	14	6	7	38
Assault/Physical Attack	9	8	7	3	27
Verbal Assault / Hate Crime	4	2	2	7	15
Crime Against Family	1	2	5	5	13
Other	5	1	2	4	12
Total:	46	38	28	41	152
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>113</b>

Streetwise carried out several group work sessions in the latter part of the year.

- Calm Minds is a group to educate Young People around how anxiety affects the body and what tools and tips to use to reduce symptoms of anxiety.
- The Level Up group has been working with Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic young men around what it's like to be growing up in today's world. Discussions around diversity, multi-cultural beliefs and how the economic crisis is affecting them.
- EmpowHer group works with young woman who have been affected by or victim of domestic abuse and sexual assault/abuse.





## BECKY'S STORY (PCN Project)

Becky was 14 years old when referred to Streetwise Primary Care Practitioner by her GP. Becky is White, British and lives with her mum, dad and younger brother. They are a close-knit family enjoying quality time, such as movie nights and family days out. Becky had lived with her aunt and grandparents for short periods of time as a consequence of her negative behaviour.

Becky was worried that her younger brother was starting to mimic her behaviour. Becky's mum experienced significant past trauma and had mental health difficulties. Her dad was ADHD. Whilst Becky was sympathetic of their difficulties, she also recognised the impact these difficulties had on her. Becky came to Streetwise needing help with what she described as 'bad behaviour' which presented as lying, verbal aggression, bullying younger students, physical aggression and swearing.

She also disclosed being previously bullied herself, experiencing struggles with her body image and grieving for two family pets that had died within quick succession of each other. After talking through her concerns Becky recognised that she was struggling with low self-esteem and had developed a negative core belief that she was a 'bad person'. This was exacerbated by her being sent to live with different family members at times due to her challenging behaviour.

This contributed to her being unable to differentiate between who she was, and the behaviour she displayed – talking in binary terms of 'good' and 'bad'. Becky explained that her parents would call her 'bad' when she displayed negative behaviour. She reflected on the choice of language used and how she would then speak about herself in the same way. This became something of a self-fulfilling prophesy. She had a mix of positive and negative coping strategies, including watching films, spending time with family and friends, and verbal/ physical aggression, telling lies and seeking attention from someone who did not respect her or her boundaries.

During sessions, Becky reflected on her week and the positives and negatives in it. Mood cards were used to help Becky understand and articulate her feelings. Work was also done on the 'anger iceberg', healthy relationships, understanding unrealistic body images online, practicing body positivity and reminiscing on happy memories of her pets to aid with her grieving process. At the end of the sessions Becky recognised that her behaviour had improved through the use of positive coping strategies, and that she was able to think of herself in ways other than being simply 'good' or 'bad' through being better able to identify/ explain and process her emotions. Overall, she felt more confident and happier in herself, more emotionally away and better able to handle the challenges of adolescence.

**Therapy Clinical Outcomes in Routine Evaluation (CORE) scores:** • Pre-therapy = 13 • Post therapy = 6



## SALLY'S STORY (COUNSELLING SERVICE)

Sally was 16 years old when referred to Streetwise Counselling Services, following an intervention with the Primary Care Team. Sally is White, British and lives with her mum. She stays with her dad once a week. Sally's dad had a child with his new partner. Sally came to Streetwise as she was experiencing anxiety attacks in School and struggled in relationships with friends. Simply walking through town and seeing someone from School could trigger an attack so she restricted going out to avoid this. In order to cope, Sally had withdrawn from her friends, experienced panic attacks and had previously self-harmed. Her goal was to reduce her anxiety and feel happier in school. In her sessions Sally grew to understand the neurobiology of a panic attack and explore calming techniques to help her be able to stabilise herself. The 'drama triangle' helped her to explore and understand her friendships. Art and sand tray work helped Sally to explore her

feelings and visualise what was happening. She was able to visualise what her anxiety might look like then draw it as an object. This enabled her to externalise the anxiety and use it as a calming technique during anxiety attacks. She was able to recognise friendships that were not healthy for her and play out different scenarios. Following this intervention, Sally was able to make new friendships and felt empowered to make decisions to her own benefit, rather than for the benefit of others. Her anxiety attacks reduced, and she was able to look positively towards exams and college. The fear of what others would say/ think of her reduced which enabled her to be able to speak to different people and realise that they did not have negative thoughts about her. This further helped her anxiety to reduce and gave her the tools to be able to control it herself. She was excited about her new friendships and the future.

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## Safeguarding risks

In total **179** safeguarding concerns or risks were raised during either Referral, Initial Assessments and/or ongoing therapy this compares to the previous year at **234**. The main risk area continues to be suicidal thoughts (111) with a substantial increase in self-harm (62).

## Service user outcomes

Young People complete a CORE Monitoring form at every session. This measures their wellbeing, functioning, problems and risk. The form is scored out of 40 with above 25 being severe Mental Health distress, 20-25 being moderate severe, 15-20 being moderate, 10-15 being mild, 5-10 being low level and 0 to 5 being healthy. Overall Streetwise Service outcomes saw an improvement in Young People's wellbeing by **4** points, using the session-by-session outcome measures.

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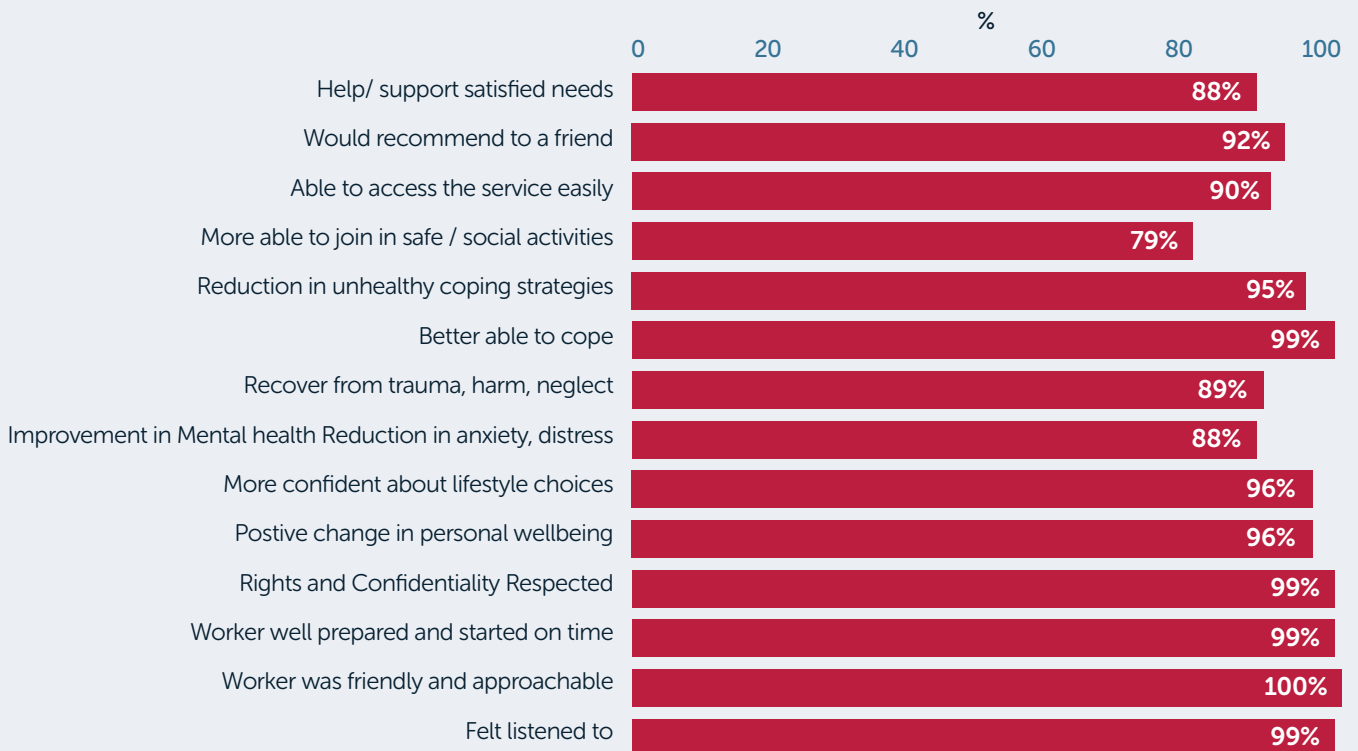
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## Service user's feedback

We continue to routinely ask Young People for feedback about our Service:

Our Mental Health & Wellbeing Service Users Anonymous Feedback Forms found that 99% of Young People felt listened to. 100% found that their worker was friendly and approachable. 99% felt that their rights and confidentiality were respected, 99% said that their worker was prepared and started the session on time. 96% reported a positive change in their personal wellbeing, 96% felt more confident about their lifestyle choices, 99% felt better able to cope. Finally, 99% would recommend a friend to Streetwise.

### Mental Health and Wellbeing Anonymous Feedback



## Comments received from Young People as follows:



"So good, wow, amazing"



'My service with Streetwise was better than what I could of asked for... I got listened to very well and helped'



'It's been good to talk to someone about what's going on and easy to get too. I like coming weekly because if something bad happens later in the week I know I've got my session on Tuesday. It also helped having a meeting with my Head of Year to get them to support me better in school.'



'My worker has been amazing and wonderful she helped so much over these past weeks exploring my strengths and weaknesses and helping me overcome my life challenges. She has encouraged and been kind to me and has been very wonderful to me as well. I highly recommend her and all my friends who have seen.'



'I think nothing needs improving and they give you very good feedback and ways to help you cope when you don't know how to yourself.'



'I have felt like I've had someone to actually talk too who understood me. It feels good to get thoughts out and not keep them all to myself.'



'It was nice having someone I could tell my inner thoughts too, stuff I wouldn't feel comfortable telling my friends or family. It helped me feel like I wasn't overthinking things or being too emotional and it was nice having someone listen to you, who you didn't have to worry about reacting to what you said.'



'All of the workers I interacted with were incredibly friendly and supportive. I also attended a cooking workshop with Streetwise which was fun and allowed me to do something which I enjoy, whilst meeting new people.'



'My worker was easy to talk to and I found we connected right away. This made it easier to be open and honest with her and she really helped me to work through my issues and trauma. I could not recommend her enough, she's perfect.'

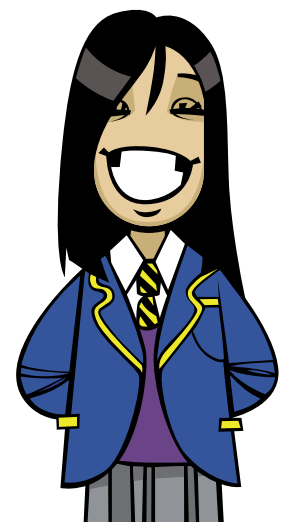


'I found the group activities really helpful as well as the EMDR was extremely helpful when looking back at old disturbing memories.'

## Feedback from Parents:



'You are amazing and I will be forever grateful for what you have done for [our son] and also us as a family...'



### 3. The Contraception and Sexual Health Services (cash)

Our new 'ONTHEGO' Contraception and Sexual Health Services (CASH) was launched in July 2022 and in Partnership with Children North East we provide a wide range of confidential information, advice and support on healthy relationships, decision making, consent, rights, contraception, sexually transmitted infections testing, pregnancy, as well as a range of other sexual health services. Services include; 'On the Go' Youth Van, which is a bookable service bringing support to Young People's doorstep; Outreach, which offers 121 and group support sessions in Colleges, Schools, Community Venues and Universities; Tailored Outreach Sessions which

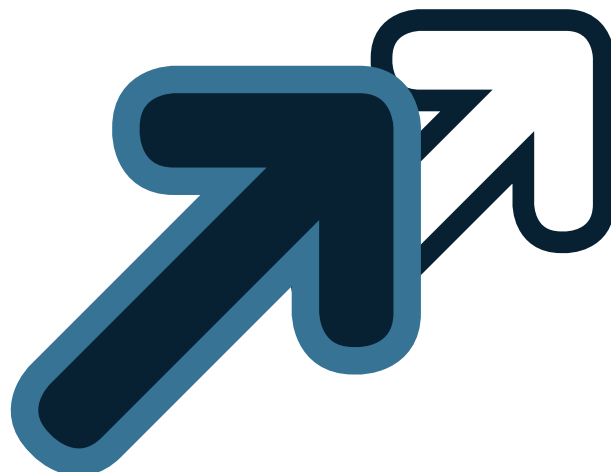
provide personalized sessions around issues affecting different groups, such as LGBTQIA+ communities and those with additional needs and NHS Nurse-Led Sessions offered on a walk-in basis by qualified Sexual Health Nurses seconded into Streetwise from the NHS New Croft Centre.

Over the course of this last year, we have collectively supported 2,467 individual referrals, supported 7,923 contacts with Young People to access additional internal support services, enabled 29 Young People to access STI/HIV testing at appropriate settings and completed 5 pregnancy tests.

#### HELEN'S STORY

Helen is a 21-year-old heterosexual White British woman who attends a local university and lives in student accommodation. Helen presented with severe health anxiety, exacerbated by the Pandemic. In particular, she was anxious she might be pregnant. Helen had taken a number of pregnancy tests; most were negative, but she had two ambiguous results. This made her worry more. The worker set aside time to talk to Helen privately and made light conversation to set her at ease. The worker established quickly what Helen was hoping the pregnancy test would reveal and she stated that she hoped she wasn't pregnant. The worker went through the pregnancy testing procedure with Helen and discussed her menstrual cycle and sexual activity, including why she wanted a test.

Further discussion was had around the ambiguous tests and how they had been conducted and interpreted. Helen took the opportunity to open up more about her health anxiety and the impact that it was having on her life. The worker chatted to and reassured Helen whilst awaiting the results of the pregnancy test, which was negative. Helen was given a pregnancy options leaflet to put her mind at rest about her options, and alleviate anxiety should she find herself in the same position in the future. Helen remarked that the Streetwise Venue was really welcoming and not at all clinical, which had further helped her to feel at ease, particularly in light of her health anxiety. Helen left reassured and with signposting options to get further advice and support.





## 4. Outreach Youth Work.

The Streetwise Project Team, funded by Newcastle City Council Youth Fund, continued to provide vital individual support and small group work activities for Young People using Community Venue, Schools and outreach in the local areas. The Team provided weekly Outreach Sessions into 8 Schools and a variety of Community Venues across the City, taking out resources (including food), and developing Events, Activities, Discussions and Social Action Projects in Partnership with Young People throughout the year.

This past year the Team specifically focused on Young People and Food Poverty, having experienced many of our Service Users attending sessions hungry.

The Team provided healthy food, cooking activities and nutritional awareness sessions every week as part of their Service Delivery. This resulted in many of our Young People gaining confidence, skills and experience in planning, preparing and cooking meals for both themselves, their siblings and their families.

Streetwise were particularly privileged and grateful to have secured funding from the Lottery Community Fund to work with Young People to run a Bait Box Project, where over 3,000 were packed and offered to Young People and their Families over the winter months and during School holidays, resulting in every Young Person being offered food during every interaction with Streetwise Services.

Sadly, the Outreach Team continued to witness a rise in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the City Centre and surrounding neighbourhoods. Threats of intimidation, violence and aggression continues to rise in all neighbourhoods across the UK, fuelled by increased Child Poverty, the Cost-of-Living Crisis and continued reductions in Neighbourhood Support Services. We have continued to respond to and challenge ASB, signposting Young People to our Community and School Youth Hubs where they can explore and take part in alternative activities that help reduce frustration, prejudice, isolation and anger. Our Youth Hubs also provide distractionary activities where Young People have a safe place to go to join in constructive activities.

Streetwise have continued to maintain a positive profile across the City, where the Team take an active



part in promotional events including Fresher's events, providing information stands at the City's Universities and Colleges. In addition to this the Team continue to deliver Sexual Health Outreach Sessions to Young People in the City Centre. The Outreach and Freshers sessions provide Streetwise with opportunities to promote Positive Relationships, Safety and Wellbeing, including the chance to offer Young People C-Card (Condoms) free Period Products as well as information on where Young People can go for their Contraception, Condoms, Pregnancy Decision making and STI Tests.

The Team registered over 5,414 contacts with Children and Young People during the year, they kept in contact with Young People and ensured that they had a Trusted Adult to call upon when needed.

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## Early help youth hubs in communities & schools

Today's Young People have the poorest Mental Health of any age group in the UK, whereas two decades ago the reverse was true. Despite this, there are still limited options for Young People to go, when they first start to struggle with their Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing (MHEW). This means, that for many, their Mental Health deteriorates before they get support.

Throughout this year, Streetwise has worked strenuously to develop and progress both Community Youth Hubs and School Early Help Youth Hubs as a key mode of support for Young People's Mental Health and Well-being.

Within our two Community Youth Hubs Young People continue to meet up in a safe space, and build positive links with trusted Youth Workers and can access a range of 'wrap around' support, activities and opportunities that will help them with their social and emotional development. This is particularly important to Young People who, whether due to space or digital exclusion, cannot complete this at home.

Our Hubs support Young People to feel safe, supported, heard and proud of their unique individualities. It also creates an environment where Young People can socialise with and support each other. Both Hubs are still active, one in Byker and the other in West Denton.

This year we have started a lunchtime Youth Work Drop in at Studio West School. Our ambition is to build up relationships with Young People and encourage them to attend the evening Youth Hub in West Denton.

At the Community Youth Hubs, most evenings still start with Young People making food, this enables many Young People whose families are struggling with the 'cost of living' crisis to have access to a hot meal before the end of the day so that they do not have to experience hunger. The Hubs are still proving to be popular with Young People who have never accessed Youth Work Informal Education before. These sessions also provide a platform for Young People to meet and socialise with peers, which helps them to offset some of the loneliness caused by the cost of living crisis and the long lasting developmental impact of enforced isolation during the Pandemic.







## Early Help School Hubs

Our Early Help Youth Hub in Schools within the Gosforth Multi-Academy Trust are going from strength to strength and are continuing to provide independent 'wrap around' Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing support for students within an educational environment.

The Hubs have enhanced the positive learning environment within each Academy in Partnership with Teachers, Parents and Stakeholders. They provide a one stop approach to assist Students, Parents and Teachers to access the right support at the right time so that their mental health conditions do not escalate. This help prevent the escalation of Mental Health issues and reduce the need to make inappropriate referrals to Statutory Children and Young People's Services (CYPS). They also support improved engagement and attendance at School by Young People being able to secure timely help so that issues do not escalate and they can be supported back into the School Environment.

This year we have been involved in some new areas of work including the provision of drama therapy to students who are deaf and also helping to facilitate a peer mentoring project in which Year 12 students supported Year 11 students who were experiencing anxiety exacerbated by the exam environment. In the past year we have provided regular counselling & therapeutic interventions to over 154 students x



392 sessions, one-to-one advice & support to 477 students x 1,805 contacts, and delivered assemblies, lunch time promotions, parent evening stalls and School holiday activities reaching over 2,000 students. Streetwise have provided crisis support when students are struggling most and have engaged with over 30 students in relation to risk/ safeguarding concerns.

Schools themselves have supported Streetwise in promoting our services across the wider School community. Our regular attendance at staff meetings, parents' evenings and Open Days has led to an ever-strengthening Partnership.

Key professionals have offered us support and encouragement on our journey with the Early Help Hubs. We would like to thank in particular Kim McGuinness former Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner and Hamid Murtagh, Director of Health Equity and Inclusion, North East & North Cumbria ICB who have spent time with Young People at the Hubs and have listened carefully and respectfully to their views, opinions and wishes.

We are happy to report that the University of Northumbria has completed its evaluation of the Early Help Hubs Pilot in Schools and has concluded that Streetwise have successfully delivered effective, multi-level Hubs in Schools that are highly valued by pupils, School staff and School Leadership.



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The feedback from Young People and staff has been particularly pleasing.



"...it gives us additional mental health support in School at a vital time, it gives us trained professionals, additional expertise that you would normally not get in Schools...I am quite proud that we have a Streetwise Hub here". (Teacher)



**92.5%**

of Young People stated that Streetwise had been able to reduce worries, stress and anxiety.



**98%**

stated that they had felt listened to and involved in the decision making.



**95%**

felt that they better able to cope with difficulties.



**80%**

saw a change in risky or unhelpful coping strategies as a result of the support they received.

Our ambition is to continue to develop the Early help Hubs Model in Schools, using the extensive learning gained from both Young People and Professionals alike.

In the past year we have provided regular counselling & therapeutic interventions to **124** students x **511** sessions, one-to-one advice & support to **440** students x **1,821** contacts, delivered four different

wellbeing groups including Level Up; H.E.R; LGBTQ+ & Healthy Relationships to **735** students and delivered assemblies, lunch time promotions, parent evening stalls and School holiday activities reaching over **1,500** students. Streetwise have provided crisis support when students are struggling most and have engaged with over **29** students in relation to safeguarding concerns.



## 5. Young people's participation & social action projects

### Streetwise Youth Board

The Streetwise Youth Board continues to make a significant contribution to the thinking, operations and service development of Streetwise. Members are currently reviewing the Youth Board provision, asking probing questions of themselves to ensure that they stay true to the aims of the group. They have promoted equality, challenged violence against women and girls, provided feedback on our new website, and given insight in relation to what services are most needed. They have created a recruitment video, being really curious and thoughtful about what key attributes are needed to be an effective Youth Board member.

During the past year they have:

- Engaged in consultation for the new website design.
- Created Campaign materials for the 16 Days of Activism.
- Proactively Campaigned to raise awareness about violence against women and girls.
- Raised their awareness of HIV so that they can challenge the misinformation of others.
- Engaged in National Youth Work Week and created a 'Top Trumps' game of the best places for youth work to take place.
- Reflected on the work they have done this year and the key personnel they need to join them to make this more effective in the future.
- Provided insight into applications for funding to ensure that their needs are articulated within those proposals.
- Drawn inspiration from the work of others, such as local, national and global changemakers, including watching the play 'PROTEST' to inspire future Campaign work for themselves and others.
- Have helped put together multiple food mini hampers 'Bait Boxes' for Young People.
- Planned and produced the International Women's Day Display.
- Engaged in Service Development Feedback and the updating of the Charities Evaluations Forms.

### Group Work Activities

The Staff Team continue to engage in group work activities and Social Action Projects identified by Young People, including Level Up which continues to support Young Men from Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority Communities, working into three schools and supporting an ongoing Games drop-in at Streetwise every Tuesday.



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During 2023, Streetwise delivered two poetry workshops in partnership with students to celebrate International Women's Day, the young women wrote individual poems and then also collaborated on a group poem. The poem was then shared with Students and Teachers across the School community during an evening celebration event.

## Our Own

Self-masked pretenders	Stereo type breakers
People pleasers	Compassion spreaders
Smile makers	Blinded criers
Fear preventers	Onlooking sleepers
Battling comedians	Shielded protectors
Silent fighters	Expectation excellers
Wounded runners	Word creators
Voice amplifiers	Idea planters
Doubt burners	Path forgers



During 2023, we also delivered a number of 'CALM MINDS' groups, which involved doing mindful activities that helped Young People to reduce their anxiety symptoms and/ or better manage panic attacks. These sessions involved the use of mindful activities, such as journaling/ colouring; grounding techniques and supporting Young People to recognise triggers and maximise the support of safe friends/ trusted adults in their lives.

Our EmpowHER provision continued to be popular this year, funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner. This group supported young women, including those who identified as women to better understand and assert their personal boundaries, communicate assertively, recognise and manage unhealthy relationships and further develop their personal resilience. Some of these women had lived experience of sexual violence and assault and provided exceptional guidance to their peers. These sessions also involved mindfulness and helping young women to recognise and regulate their emotions.





## Streetwise 2022 - 2023 awards

- **NE Youth Projects with Pride 2023 - Partnership of the Year** – Streetwise and Central PCN (Saville Medical Group) Nominee.
- **NE Charity Awards Finalist** – Partnership of the Year Award with Haines Watts.

## Supporters / business achievements

- **Asda Byker** - food donations and refreshments for food treat packs.
- **Boots the Chemist** - Partnership work in securing period product donations.
- **Living Wage Employer** - Streetwise continues to be an official LWE.
- **Byker Sands** - providing a cost-free venue for the provision of our invaluable Youth Work Hub.

## A BIG SHOUT OUT for our Great North Runners, who raised over £2,500 for Streetwise.

Funding raised through public donations and individual donors/fundraisers is both humbling and overwhelming but unfortunately like many Charities we did not receive many donations due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and the impact of that on household budgets. For those individuals who did donate thank you so much, every penny counts.



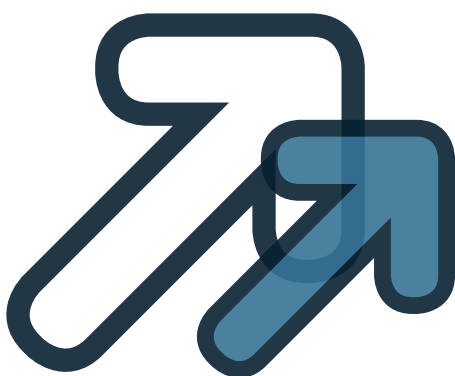
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or text **STREETWISE10** to **70085** one-off donation of £10.



# RESPECT





# Financial Review

	2024	2023
<b>Total income for the year ended 31 March</b>	£1,027,202	£1,127,803
Net income across all funds	£109,636	£8,301
<b>The balance sheet</b>		
Total funds carried forward	£230,566	£340,202
Unrestricted	£200,222	£280,429

The Charity, with the aid of sound financial management and the support of both its Staff and Volunteers generated a stable financial outcome for the period with sufficient reserves to ensure future commitments will be honoured.

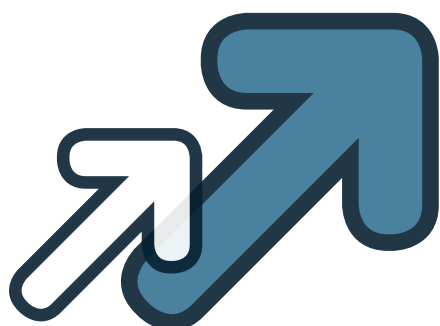
## Reserves policy and going concern

The Trustees have examined the Charity’s requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the Organisation. It has established a Policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be sufficient to cover foreseeable contingencies. The reserves are therefore held for 5 main reasons:

- To pay salaries and outstanding financial obligations should the Charity cease to exist.
- To fund redundancy payments in the event of the dissolution of the Company.
- To be accessed if in any fiscal year the income of the Charity was less than expenditure.
- To support the Company in time of need or necessity.
- To support any part of Streetwise Young People’s Project.

The Trustees have agreed a target sum for ‘Free Reserves’ of 3 - 6 months’ running costs (approx. £177,000). At 31 March 2024 ‘Free Reserves’ (unrestricted and designated funds not invested in tangible fixed assets) were £220,424 (2023: £150,637) which represents approx. 3 months of running costs.

On 25 November 2024 it was agreed that the assets, undertaking and liabilities of the charity will be transferred to Everyturn, with completion expected by the end of January 2025, at which point the Charity will cease to be a going concern. As the Charity will continue normal operations until this date, financial information has been prepared on the continuing basis.





# Reference and administrative details

Charity number	1058360
Company number	32444990
Registered Office	Unit 3 Blackfriars Court, Dispensary Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4XB

## Our advisors

Chartered Accountants	Read Milburn & Company 71 Howard Street North Shields Tyne & Wear NE30 1AF
Bankers	The CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

# Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the Charitable Company (the Charity) are its Trustees for the purposes of company law. The Trustees and Officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

## Key Management personnel: Trustees and Directors

Trustees	Janis Smith James Sibbald Liz Trainor Ed Blazey Alasdair Upton Simon Lindsay Amanda Beckham Talhatou Diallo	Chair, app. November 2021 Treasurer, app. February 2024 Secretary, app. November 2022 Appointed May 2019 Appointed July 2020 Appointed November 2020 Reappointed April 2023 Appointed February 2024
Retiring Trustees	Kevin Carter Lesley Bowes	Resigned May 2023 Resigned October 2024

## Key Management Personnel: Senior Managers

Chief Executive Officer	Mandy Coppin
Company Secretary	Mandy Coppin
Deputy CEO	Jess Arragon
Service Manager	Vicky Smith
Service Manager	Fred Suadwa
Senior Adviser	Joan McSloy



## Structure, governance and management

### Governing documents

The Organisation is a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, working since 1991 and was incorporated on 2 September 1996 and amended on the 14 May 2007. The Company was established under the Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the Charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association. The Financial Statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Organisations Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

### Appointment of trustees

New Trustees are appointed at any point during the year. Our aim is to appoint Trustees with the values, skills and experience relevant to the Voluntary & Community Sector and to the specialism of our Service Values, Principles, Mission Statement and delivery style. Trustees are recruited through local advertising, personal recommendations from existing Trustees, their contacts, the Chief Executive and the whole Staff Team.

New Trustees are provided with an induction pack, which includes;

- Roles and responsibilities
- Legal obligations under Charity and Company Law
- The Memorandum and Articles of Association
- The Committee and decision-making process
- The Business Plan and recent financial performance of the Charity.

Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

## Organisation

The Management Board meets each month and oversees the administration of the Charity encompassing the Strategic Vision, Financial Accountability and Risk Management. The Operational Management of the Organisation is undertaken by the paid Staff Team in Partnership with several key Stakeholder Organisations and Partners.

## Pay policy for senior staff

The salary of the Chief Executive Officer is benchmarked against similar positions advertised within the Region.

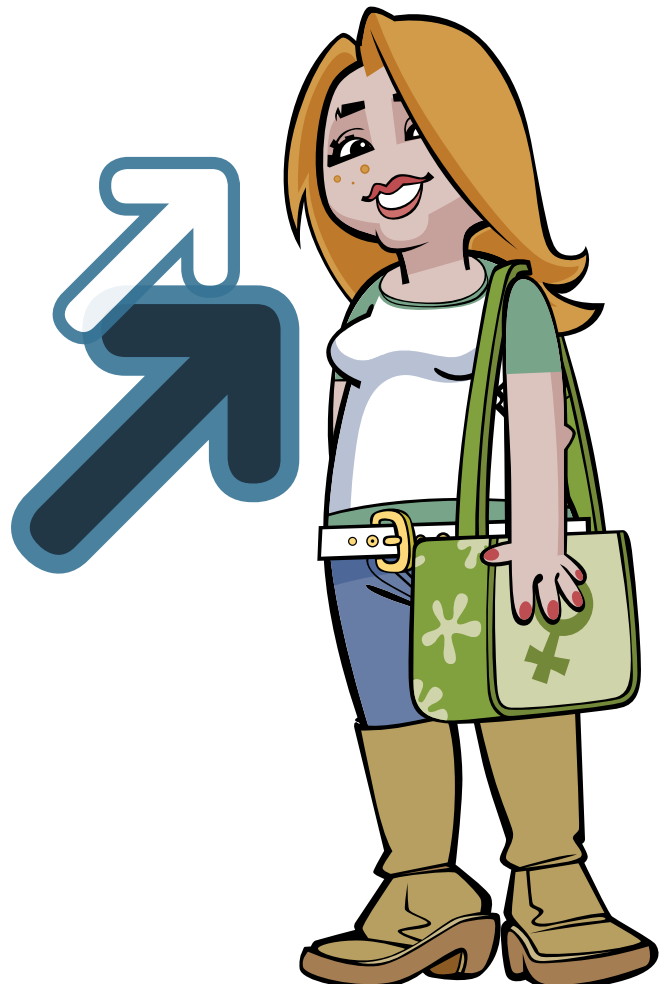
## Risk management

The Management Board conducts its own review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and regularly reviews systems that have been established to mitigate those risks. Significant external risks include the continued impact as a result of the 'cost of living' crisis, our reliance on grant funding and the increased time, effort and energy that is required to complete funding applications to continue our work. The Charity pays high salary costs for JNC qualified Community & Youth work Practitioners and BACP Counsellors compared to the current market, which presents a risk in that other similar sized charities can submit more competitive tenders/applications for similar work, resulting in Streetwise being overlooked. Streetwise will be moving towards implementing its own pay scale. The Charity holds a huge amount of personal identifiable data which needs to be secure and managed effectively, so we are constantly reminding ourselves of the risk posed by holding

and gathering such data. We do mitigate against this risk by holding the majority of this data on a secure data management system, in line with GDPR. We have increased our security by initiating Multi-factor Authentication (MFA) but we are at no time complacent. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation on all transactions and projects and for ensuring the consistent quality of the delivery of all operational aspects of the Charitable Company. These procedures are regularly reviewed and will continue to be reviewed as an ongoing basis.

## Funders

Streetwise are extremely grateful to our Funders and Stakeholders who recognise the importance of our work and the benefit it provides to Young People. On behalf of our Service Users and our Team and Trustees a huge thank you to all our Streetwise Funders, Individual Donors and Partner Organisations/Agencies. Thank you for helping us to make Streetwise the great Organisation that it is for Young People.





## Public benefit

In setting plans and priorities for areas of work, our Trustees have followed guidance from the Charity Commission on the Provision of Public Benefit, in accordance with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. In particular, the Trustees consider how activities will contribute to meet the objectives they have set and focus on the Services that will deliver the greatest impact to the most vulnerable Children and Young People. In delivering these Services, we clearly identify the benefits to Service Users. We also monitor progress to ensure benefits are accruing as planned, and to learn any lessons that can be fed back into informing and influencing future planning and Service delivery.

We have demonstrated how Streetwise delivers its Principal Charitable Objective – to preserve and provide for the Physical and Mental Health of Young People; by providing Services that support and empower Children and Young People. By listening to the needs of Young People and Campaigning for change that will improve Children and Young People’s lives, Streetwise helps some of the most vulnerable Children and Young People to reach their full potential. We hope the wide-ranging and substantial impact of our work is demonstrated in this Report. Our work benefits Society as well as the Beneficiaries themselves. In doing this, Streetwise meets the public benefit requirement as set out in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

## Our stakeholders

A big thank you to all our partners, colleagues and stakeholders who have supported the organisation and the Young People we work with over his year.

## Trustees’ responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Charity Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees’ Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Charity Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and the Group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charitable Group for that period.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable Accounting Policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the Methods and Principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements
- Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

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

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Corporate and Financial information included on the Charitable Company’s Website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

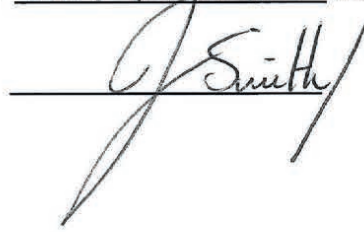
## Auditors

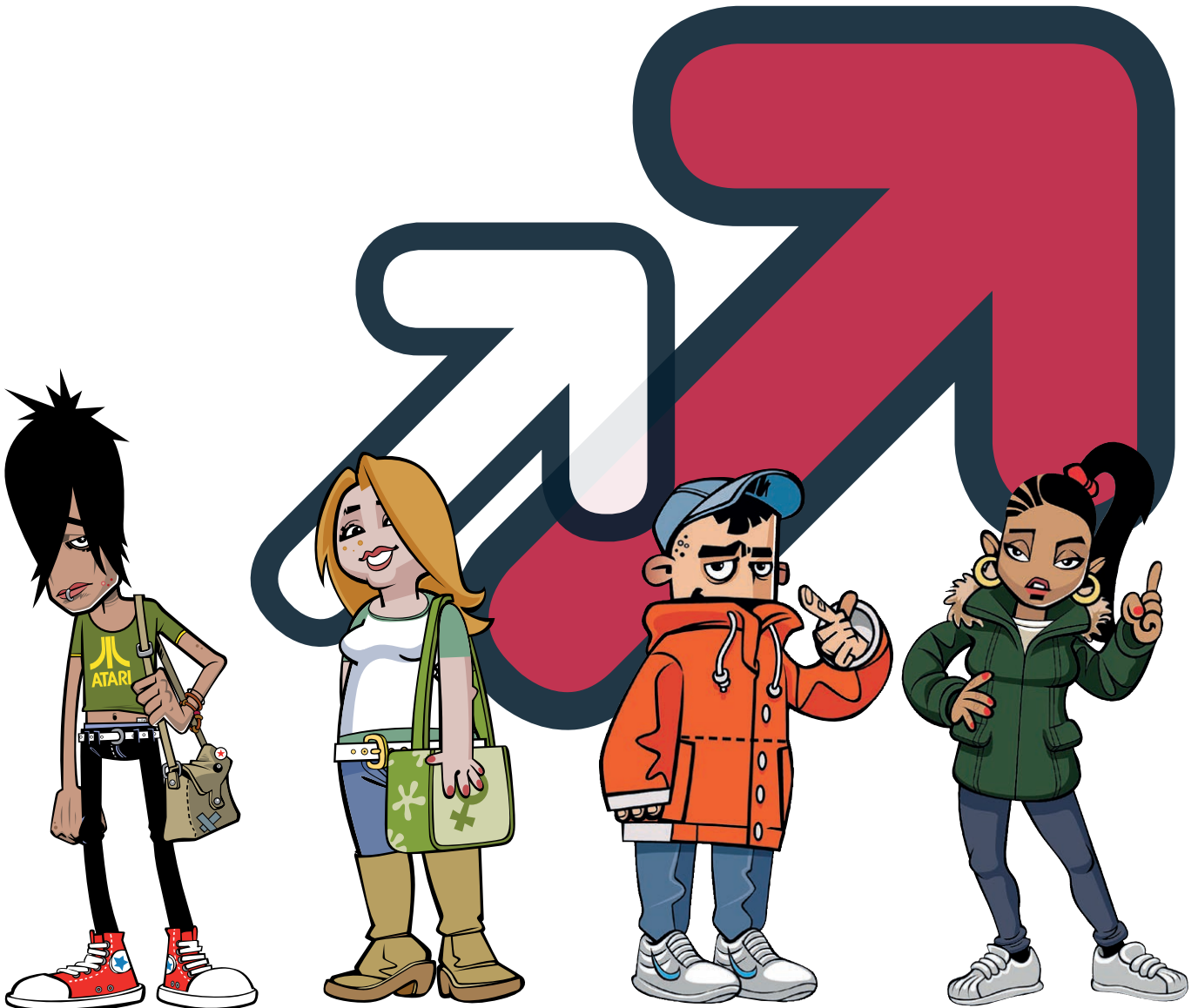
In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of Read, Milburn & Co. as auditors of the charity is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This Report was approved by the Trustees on: 6th November 2023

and signed on their behalf by:

**Janis Smith**  
Chair





## Donations to Streetwise

Donations can be made via our [www.justgiving.com/streetwise-ypp](http://www.justgiving.com/streetwise-ypp) page or text:

- **STREETWISE5** to **70085**  
one-off donation of **£5**.
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Thank you



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