

A silhouette of a woman and a child standing together on a grassy hill, looking out over a landscape at sunset. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, with the sun low on the horizon. The woman is on the left, and the child is on the right, slightly behind her. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

Edinburgh  
WOMEN'S AID

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS

ANNUAL REPORT

2018

# PATRON'S STATEMENT

**It is now 45 years since the first refuge was set up in Edinburgh and sadly, but necessarily, Edinburgh Women's Aid is still needed as much, if not more, than ever.**

This year's report lays out in detail the vast array of work carried out by Edinburgh Women's Aid and I would like to join with others in paying tribute to the Board and staff for the essential, indispensable service they provide.

Housing has understandably been a particular focus this year with the strategic objective of supporting improved housing options locally for women and children affected by domestic abuse. I also hope there can soon be legislative change to make it possible to remove a perpetrator from a joint tenancy, so it is no longer the women and children who are forced to move.

Beyond accommodation, of course, are the diverse support services described in this report and delivered with such dedication and impact by Edinburgh Women's Aid. I, like many others, have been an admirer of this wonderful organisation for many years and I wish Edinburgh Women's Aid all the best for the next forty five years, while hoping that by that time we will live in a society of gender equality, where violence against women has been banished to the past.



Malcolm Chisholm

# CHAIR'S REPORT

**I am delighted, in our 45th anniversary year, to present our annual report for the year ending 31 March 2018.**

You will see that the main focus of our report this year is housing. In our 45th year, we remember the first refuge set up in Edinburgh in December 1973. We honour the women who made it happen, and our first service users who trusted us to deliver the space, time and safety for them to recover. 'Home' and housing has been a central feature of our support since we first provided a safe home for one woman in 1973. The impact of austerity, a lack of social housing, and the high cost of housing in Edinburgh has meant that this central focus has become increasingly fraught for women and children leaving abusive situations.

## ...CHAIR'S REPORT

This report provides information about the collective and individual housing experiences of women affected by domestic abuse in Edinburgh and across Scotland, and the steps taken by Edinburgh Women's Aid to tackle the issue.

This year we were very pleased to be awarded City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) contracts to enable us to continue to provide domestic abuse refuge and crisis services in Edinburgh. Additionally, we were re-awarded grants by the Scottish Government to provide outreach women's and children's services and a court advocacy service for women. These significant funds have enabled us to continue to provide critical support to women and their children who are affected by domestic abuse. We also received funds from CEC Grants, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, Robertson Trust and R S Macdonald Trust, which enable us to enhance our service provision through group work and advocacy. We are grateful to our major funders for their support.

Partners from the community provided much needed assistance through fundraising and support this year. Fundraisers included: Yellow Movement Fridays, who organised the Stramash Women's Day Takeover; the Stand Club, a regular supporter, hosted a fundraiser for us in February 2018; and Edinburgh University Students organised a fantastic Vagina Monologues, for a second year running. All community and individual funds raised for us are spent directly on women, children and young people using our services. This year we were able to maintain our stock of fire proof letter boxes, personal alarms, and also a stock of supermarket and clothing vouchers readily available for anyone using our services.

We continue to work closely with our local Police Scotland Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit and Edinburgh Sheriff Court, primarily through our court advocacy service (EDDACS), and are grateful for their ongoing commitment to this partnership, which improves the court experience for women.

We remain in our leadership role in the multi-agency response to domestic abuse through our role as vice chair of the Edinburgh Violence Against Women Partnership; co-ordination of the Edinburgh Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC); our involvement as a partner in the Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme, which is in its third year of operation; and our place on the Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating Group (MATAC), which co-ordinates responses to high risk perpetrators.

City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) continued to review its approach to domestic abuse and Edinburgh Women's Aid continues to fully participate in this process. We are represented on the Collaborative Partnership and Housing Workstreams. As CEC, NHS Lothian and Police Scotland move towards localities working in Edinburgh, Edinburgh Women's Aid is in the process of negotiating with Family and Household Support teams to base staff from our services within localities premises to support an improved community response to domestic abuse. This work continues into 2018/19.

None of the work we do would be possible without our team of dedicated staff, and I pay tribute to their commitment and hard work. Thanks also to the Board who give their time voluntarily to oversee and guide the strategic direction of Edinburgh Women's Aid. Thanks too, to our team of volunteer counsellors who provide essential counselling support. It has been an honour as Chair to work with the women of Edinburgh Women's Aid who are committed to achieving our vision and mission and being part of the ongoing struggle to eliminate violence against women.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda', is written over a large, light-colored, stylized flourish or underline.

# EWA MISSION STATEMENT

To work towards a society free from domestic abuse through providing practical and emotional support, information and advice to women and children, and through raising awareness of domestic abuse and its prevalence across society.

## EWA BELIEFS

We believe that domestic abuse is unacceptable and intolerable. Women and children have a right to live their lives free from all forms of violence and abuse and any violation of this is a violation of the rights of women and children. We believe that violence against women is both a cause and a consequence of gender inequality and discrimination, influenced by historical and structural power imbalances between women and men which exist in varying degrees across all communities in the world.

# EWA VALUES

**We put the needs of the woman and children at the heart of the organisation and all of our services.**

**We are non-judgemental in approach and delivery.**

**We respect women and their right to make choices.**

**We are open and inclusive to all women and children affected by domestic abuse.**

In delivering the mission, EWA has the following core aims:

- Provide information, support and crisis counselling to women who are experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse.
- Provide information, support and services for children and young people who have experienced or are at risk of domestic abuse.
- When necessary, provide appropriate temporary accommodation to women and any accompanying children and young people.
- Provide ongoing support to women and any accompanying children when moving into permanent accommodation.
- Empower women to make their own decisions and support them in this process.
- Work in partnership with other organisations to provide appropriate support for those who access services and work towards establishing an effective multi-disciplinary strategy for dealing with domestic abuse.
- Raise awareness through publicity, awareness raising and training.
- Continue to develop the service to meet the changing needs of women, children and young people who approach us for help.

# HOUSING POLICY WORK



**In 2017/18 in response to concerns raised by staff about the lack of housing options for women affected by domestic abuse in Edinburgh, the directors of Edinburgh Women’s Aid agreed to fund two days per week housing policy work from our reserves. This enabled us to work towards our strategic objective of supporting improved housing options for women and children affected by domestic abuse in Edinburgh.**

At the same time, as part of the City of Edinburgh Council domestic abuse service redesign, a housing working group was set up and Edinburgh Women’s Aid was able to place Rachel Gollan, an experienced senior worker, on the group. The group was also supported by Jo Ozga at Scottish Women’s Aid, who was able to bring good practice from around Scotland to the forum.

The main focus for the working group is to establish a housing management group to support early intervention and where possible to avoid homelessness.



### **Highlights from the work carried out in 2017/18 include:**

- 1.** Agreement to develop a domestic abuse housing policy for Edinburgh.
- 2.** Development of a simplified pathway to enable victims to stay where they are, in terms of safety measures available for their existing home if they don't want to move.
- 3.** Plans to embed domestic abuse champions across a range of Council housing services (including homelessness services, locality based housing services and Family and Household Support).
- 4.** Establishment of a working group with the EdIndex Partner Housing Associations to consider a range of housing options for victims including management transfers to other social housing (avoiding the homeless route), potential for housing associations to offer properties for interim accommodation (to assist throughput in the refuges) and possible nomination rights.
- 5.** Creation of a domestic abuse management group (remit and membership to be confirmed) to manage referrals (whether that be management transfers, nominations etc. in terms of people in refuge/temporary accommodation etc.).
- 6.** Support for the legislation to be changed in terms of the Scottish Secure Tenancy Agreement, and the (current) inability to have the perpetrator removed from a joint tenancy.

Through the existence of this working group we have started to see an increase in women being given housing management transfers. This enables them to leave one property and go straight into another. It can take time but it has proven to be invaluable to some women. Future work of the group will include finding a way to support housing management transfers across all of the EdIndex partner landlords (including both the Housing Associations and CEC).

## ...HOUSING POLICY WORK

An ongoing area of difficulty is around removing the perpetrator from a joint tenancy. The process for individual women to do this involves a joint eviction and civil court processes, this is lengthy and costly. An institutional response would involve a change in legislation. This is an area that will continue to be pursued by Edinburgh Women's Aid to enable us to support women to have the option to stay safely in their own home.

Edinburgh Women's Aid extends its thanks to City of Edinburgh Council for including our organisation in this important work and to Scottish Women's Aid for their invaluable support.

As a result of the positive impact of the involvement of specialist domestic abuse services in this piece of work and the ongoing nature of the work, Edinburgh Women's Aid board of directors agreed to continue to fund this role from our free reserves in 2018/19.

*"I would like to thank you for allowing Rachel to be involved in this work stream. She has been absolutely invaluable, and has really helped me to develop an understanding of the challenges for women in Edinburgh. I am also impressed that she has been allowed time within her role to work on the housing policy side of things, as this has greatly helped us in our wider work. I really hope there is scope for this to continue if possible!"*

Karen Allan,  
Access to Housing and Support Services Lead Officer

# BUILDING EQUALITY

**Building Equality is a 2 year employability pilot project for women whose employment and learning opportunities have been negatively affected by domestic abuse.**

This pilot, funded by Scottish Women's Aid, demonstrated the value of the provision of employability support by a specialist domestic abuse agency – so that women were supported with an understanding of the particular challenges they faced, together with the added benefit of being able to provide expert advocacy on their behalf.

The project was extremely successful. Of the 38 women referred through Edinburgh Women's Aid and Shakti Women's Aid (about 50% from each organisation):

**16%**  
Secured  
voluntary  
work

**23%**  
Were referred  
on to other  
community learning  
opportunities

**26%**  
Started a course at  
Edinburgh College

**29%**  
Were referred on to  
other employment  
courses/support

**21%**  
Attended  
English classes

**5%**  
Started a  
degree course

**26%**  
Secured paid  
employment

**5%**  
Launched  
a business  
start up

**18%**  
Were offered job  
interviews but were either  
unsuccessful or unable to  
take job offered due to  
other circumstances

## ...BUILDING EQUALITY

Feedback from women who took part in the project:

*This is what my life would have been like if it wasn't for domestic abuse!*

*It does help knowing that other people are in the same situation.*

*Before I came to this group I felt very dark and deranged inside. I had trouble sleeping because the thoughts of what happened to me wouldn't go away. When I come to days like this, I sleep well and I feel healthy and have happy thoughts.*

*We get to feel like normal people when we come along to the group; it's a taste of our future lives!*

*It built my confidence, even my kids say 'oh mum you have changed', now you are applying for a job, you were afraid before!*

As of 31 March, this project has nine-months left to run. Edinburgh Women's Aid and Shakti Women's Aid are keen to continue this valuable work and will be working together to secure funding for its survival.



# WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

**To achieve our aims, the Women's Support Service at Edinburgh Women's Aid offers a range of services, including refuge, crisis support and outreach.**

This year:

- **863 women contacted** Edinburgh Women's Aid, either by phone or by coming into the drop in service. Of this total **204 were new** clients to the service and **537 were re-engagements** from earlier contact.
- **128 women engaged** on an ongoing basis with the outreach service.
- **55 women stayed** in shared refuge and 23 women stayed in 24 hour refuge.

Edinburgh Women's Aid Women's Support Service has been supporting women over the last year to address a wide range of issues in relation to their experience of domestic abuse. We group the issues with which we support women in the following categories:

## ...WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

- Safety
- Accommodation
- Support Networks
- Legal Issues
- Health and Wellbeing
- Money
- Children
- Work and Learning
- Empowerment and Self-esteem

We prioritise the issues that women wish to be supported with. At regular intervals we measure how women feel their progress is going in each of the prioritised areas and in this way, we are able to assess the difference that our service is making.

In 2017/18 592 women were provided with support in regard to accommodation.

While homelessness presentations to City of Edinburgh Council are dropping, average case lengths, for example the amount of time spent in temporary accommodation such as refuge, are increasing.

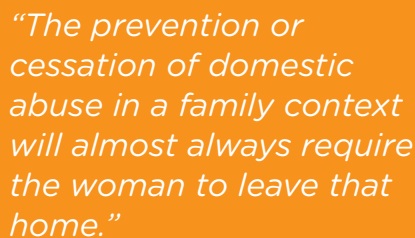
Edinburgh Women's Aid understands the way in which homelessness is experienced by women and children affected by domestic abuse. In practice current housing options and homelessness prevention policy fails to prevent homelessness for women and children experiencing domestic abuse. Domestic abuse is a major cause of homelessness in Scotland. In 2015-16 of the 34,662 homeless applications a "dispute within household: violent or abusive" was the reason given for a homeless application by 4,135 applicants. This cause of homelessness is gendered 72% of applications were made by women, and women with children made up 36% of applicants. Research has highlighted that these figures significantly underestimate the scale of the problem, as women may not disclose that they are experiencing domestic abuse when making a homeless application. Many women when forced to leave their home initially rely on friends or relatives for a place to stay and do not make a homeless application until later.

Edinburgh Women's Aid has 29 safe accommodation spaces (refuge) which can be offered to women and children who are homeless because of domestic abuse. These spaces are mostly in shared houses and do not always meet the needs or wishes of women and children having to flee an abusive situation. At the end of 2017/18 five women in our services had been in refuge for more than 500 days and 28 of them had been in refuge for more than six months.

Unless women are in a favourable financial position they have no choice but to access the city's homeless accommodation. Private rents have increased by more than 30% over the last five years, and the average monthly rent is over £1,000. It is projected that rent will account for 45% of average income by 2020. The average house price in Edinburgh is six times the average gross annual earnings, 42% higher than Scottish average; making Edinburgh the least affordable city in Scotland to buy a home.

While a range of policy and legislative measures has led to significant improvements in Scotland to address domestic abuse and has encouraged women to look for support, one of the largest barriers women face when ending a relationship with an abusive partner is where she and in many cases, her children, will live. A Scottish Government review of domestic abuse, housing and homelessness policy and research concluded that;

The findings from Scottish Women's Aid's research project on homelessness as a result of domestic abuse, which was led by women with direct experience of these issues, highlighted

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*“The prevention or cessation of domestic abuse in a family context will almost always require the woman to leave that home.”*

## ...WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES

the lack of housing options or homeless prevention measures that are available for women who are at risk of enforced homelessness due to domestic abuse.

Within this difficult context, Edinburgh Women's Aid workers have advocated this year for women to have choices in accessing safe, appropriate temporary housing with the City of Edinburgh Council's local housing offices. In our experience this process of homelessness has been fraught with challenges for women and children. Women face multiple barriers in gaining safe and secure accommodation, they report that their financial status can exclude them from the process, whether due to the lack of an appropriate benefit or indeed where a property is co-owned but is unsafe to access due to the perpetrator still residing there.

Women have reported that their choices of temporary accommodation is limited and we know that B&B's have been used to accommodate families due to the lack of temporary accommodation. B&B's often are accommodating a range of homeless people and can present further issues of safety for women and women with children. There are often no cooking or laundry facilities in a B&B, placing the women with children at further financial disadvantage and challenges in managing hygienic environments. Where children are present, the disruption, temporary nature and location of the accommodation can lead to absences from education which further isolates the family. We know from research and from women using our services' experiences that domestic abuse is also closely linked with repeat homelessness.

Edinburgh Women's Aid's women's support teams look forward to joint work planned for the coming year 2018/19 with City of Edinburgh Council Family and Household Support teams. Edinburgh Women's Aid workers hope to share best practice, achieve mutual learning and ultimately provide a coordinated and well-informed housing service which takes into consideration the issues of women and children affected by domestic abuse.



## CASE STUDY



J is living in a B&B with her three children. J moved to Edinburgh with her children to escape domestic abuse from her partner as it was unsafe for them to remain in their local area. J was 5 months pregnant with her 4th child. She presented as homeless and the family were housed in Bed and Breakfast temporary accommodation as no suitable accommodation was available.

J and her children were housed in one bedroom with no facilities for cooking or washing clothes. J was told that she would be re housed within a few weeks as soon as a temporary flat became available – she was there for nine weeks.

## ...CASE STUDY

The Bed and Breakfast was in an area that had no bus service and it was a 30min walk to the nearest bus stop. The accommodation was shared with other homeless people, some who had complex needs so the children were unable to play outside as J felt it was unsafe. The lack of privacy and space caused tension between the children and J was isolated and had no support from the family and friends that she had moved away from.

During their stay at the bed and breakfast the children were unable to attend school or nursery as they could be moved at any time to another area. Spaces for all three children could not be found at one school and the logistics of trying to get small children to different schools each morning proved too challenging for the woman.

Due to a lack of cooking facilities the family had a poor diet, eating either in cafes, take away food or pot noodles. J struggled financially as she had extra outgoings, she often had to get taxis as the thirty minute walk was in an unlit area and she felt unsafe. She also had to use taxis to get the families washing to and from the laundrette and this was another expense for her.

J and her children were moved to a two bedroomed temporary flat after 9 weeks. The accommodation is still too small for the family's needs and J has been told she will be bidding for a permanent tenancy for at least 18 months.

J considered returning to the perpetrator as her life for her children seemed worse to her than what she had been experiencing. Edinburgh Women's Aid supported her to look at the longer term safety aspects of this potential decision. A lack of suitable housing options impacted on the safety, quality of life and health and well-being of this family.

# CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICE



**Edinburgh Women's Aid's Children and Young People (CYP) Service provides support to children and young people (aged five to eighteen years of age) affected by domestic abuse, through a variety of projects. During 2017-18 a total of 179 children and young people were supported, across the whole service, some children accessed more than one service.**

22 children stayed in refuge during the year. 8 children were supported to resettle into new communities after leaving refuge. 105 children accessed our outreach service, 17 of those received short telephone support (usually to the mother of the child) and 88 received ongoing support. Of those 88, 24 received court advocacy support and 8 received art therapy. 49 children and their mothers were assessed for the CEDAR (children experiencing domestic abuse recovery) programme and 44 attended the programme.

## ...CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

### **CYP and Housing Issues:**

Children and young people affected by domestic abuse, often find themselves in the situation of having to leave the family home with their mother (and sibling), in order to keep themselves safe. This means leaving a place where they have made roots, where they have a sense of belonging and are often near family and friends, and often means moving more than once in temporary accommodation.

We know that more children lived in temporary accommodation this year, than in previous years and that households with children spend longer on average in temporary accommodation than households without children. (Scottish Government 2018)

Children using our services tell us that homelessness has a big impact on their lives. They feel the loss of family, friends, pets and community. They tell us that they feel anxious about moving to a new area, starting a new school and having to make new friendships. We know that their self-worth and ability to realise their potential can suffer. Either moving school, or travelling a long way to maintain their existing school can mean that they are late or not attending. They can have difficulties making new friends or maintaining existing friendships.

These practical difficulties, combined with the trauma of having experienced abuse can mean that children and young people's physical, mental and emotional wellbeing is affected. This year we have worked with children whose experiences have led to anxiety, bed wetting, anger, tantrums, hypervigilance, difficulty communicating, lack of concentration and drug and alcohol use.

We know that children who are in temporary accommodation are three to four times more likely to have mental health issues and living in poor housing conditions can have a long term impact on their health, increasing the risk of severe ill health or disability by up to 25%. (Shelter 2018)

# CASE STUDY

P, M and their mum had to leave the family home due to domestic abuse and were placed in temporary accommodation. This was initially in B&B and then a temporary flat where they stayed for around 12 months. Both the B&B and the flat were miles away from their support networks of family and friends and from their school.

P & M told us that in the temporary accommodation they felt a lack of security and that they often felt unsafe, worrying that the perpetrator may find them or that they might have to move home again. The emotional damage of having to leave their home, where they had friends and family, compounded the impact of their trauma from abuse.

The academic lives of P and M were also impacted and their school reported their attainment had a significant decline. Having to take two buses to get to school resulted in them often being late or not attending.

P and M also had difficulty developing and maintaining relationships in school. There was issues of bullying and a struggle to interact with peers. Both children also had a mistrust of professionals, initially struggling to engage with services.

The environmental factors of homelessness negatively contributed to their health, causing issues such as bed wetting, poor hygiene and lack of sleep.

The family struggled to maintain their accommodation. Reports into social work from the police reported that their house was very cluttered and chaotic. There was extreme financial pressure on P, M and their mother, due to her having to leave her job as she was housed so far away it was impossible for her to travel to work and at the same time support her children getting to and from school safely.

P and M's mum contacted Edinburgh Women's Aid and she was offered the opportunity to move into refuge, placing herself and her children nearer all their support networks and school.

## ...CASE STUDY



After several weeks in refuge and being nearer support networks and school, staff observed significant improvements in both children's health, wellbeing and education. School attendance and being on time went back up to 100% and the children's academic performance improved. With support P and M built up trusting relationships with staff and were supported to develop trust in other professionals. Their health and wellbeing issues improved and staff observed that both P and M were always well presented and the house was always clean and tidy. Their mum was also in a better place, her finances were sorted out, giving her more security and allowing her time to support her children and to deal with her own trauma.

# EDINBURGH DOMESTIC ABUSE ADVOCACY SERVICE

**EDDACS is a telephone support service which provides support to victims throughout a domestic abuse court process. We deliver a specialist service to women, providing support, information, risk assessment and safety planning. We also deliver a court report to the Sheriff and Fiscal in the Edinburgh Sheriff Domestic Abuse Court for every woman we work with.**

This year 1276 women were contacted by us, within 24 hours of us receiving a referral from the police. We support each client to identify the risks of their situation and then work with them to develop an individualised support and safety plan.

Throughout the court process we maintain contact with each woman, providing information on the status and progression of the case and emotionally supporting them through the process. We also inform the client of each court outcome at the earliest opportunity.

EDDACS is part of Edinburgh Women's Aid and this ensures that the support we provide is based on 45 years of specialist domestic abuse service. It also means that EDDACS staff have the opportunity to train, shadow and work alongside colleagues in other teams, sharing best practice and learning throughout the organisation.

The EDDACS referral rate for custodies from the police in Edinburgh is 46% for the year, this is an increase from 41% in 2016/17, while the referral rate for custodies for East and Midlothian remains stable at just over 60%. We are committed to improving the referral rates and work to ensure we have capacity to manage any increases.

## ...EDDACS

During this period we have worked alongside the police in Edinburgh to support an increase in referrals. We did this by meeting with frontline officers to explain our service and also giving them our postcard flyers. In the coming year, we plan to continue to do this in each of the four localities in Edinburgh.

Our clients continue to tell us that they feel well informed and have a good understanding of the court process and their place within it. De-mystifying the court process supports women to engage with the process. In particular women value the service when they see that their comments are taken seriously by the court. We also inform women of what could happen if they do not attend court and what supports will be there for them when they do. We tell them about the possible outcomes from the court process and are able to provide a route for them to ask for the outcome they would like.

We asked our clients if they were satisfied with the information they received from EDDACS in relation to their court cases:

*"...it helps having regular contact – someone you can express what you're going through."*

*"The important information was given in the right amount so I could take it in."*

*"...getting the texts every time he was at court was really helpful."*



Housing issues are often raised by our clients. After an abusive incident the court will often put in place special bail conditions stating that the accused is not to contact or approach the victim, which can support women to be safe in her own home. It can also allow her the space and time to consider her options and the future of the relationship. EDDACS discusses these safety options with clients and we are able to put a request to the court for protective measures for the client, allowing them to stay and be safe in their own home, which is a good outcome.

As the case progresses, one of the main issues raised by clients who want to move house due to domestic abuse, is that they are not offered alternative accommodation in the same area as they are currently living. This can be because housing officers believe it to be best for the client's safety. However, from the women's perspective, it can feel like they are being punished again. Although they want to move to a safer home, they also often want to remain in a local area where their families, children's school and other supports are.

*"... it was good to get information passed straight on as a victim. You feel like someone is actually listening."*

*"EDDACS helped to keep me in the loop about what was happening and would always explain if I had any questions."*

## ...CASE STUDY

S had been in an abusive relationship for many years before eventually recognising that she had to leave her husband, which she did and moved in with a friend along with her teenage son.

Her husband traced her and very seriously assaulted her outside her friend's house, causing serious head injuries. She was hospitalised, and once out of hospital went to stay with her mother, where she was sleeping on the sofa.

She had attended at housing however she was joint owner of two houses along with her partner. One house he continued to live in and the other house was rented out. Her estranged husband was making it very difficult for her to get access to anything, and she was told that due to her owning properties she would not be housed. She was also not recognised as homeless as she was told that she had somewhere safe to stay.

We had completed a risk assessment with S and assessed her as being at very high risk of harm. The accused is a very controlling violent and dangerous man and it had taken S years to find the courage to leave him. She knew herself that she was not in a position to challenge him or make any demands. Due to his behaviour and the nature of the risks EDDACS had concerns for her life.

EDDACS took this case to MARAC, where housing took this matter on board and then met with S, and all the options were discussed with her. She would not accept temporary accommodation as all that could be offered was a B&B and this would not be suitable for her and her son. She was awarded silver priority which allowed her to start bidding, and S put in a bid to a local housing association and was accepted for a tenancy with a housing association that is supportive of people with a local interest in their area. Their offer and her uptake of a tenancy is now assisting our client to build a life free from abuse.

# SUMMARISED ACCOUNTS

**EDINBURGH WOMEN'S AID LIMITED:**  
(a company limited by guarantee)

**Summarised Financial Statements: Year ended 31 March 2018**

**Charity No: SCO28301    Company No: SC237521**

The following are extracts from the audited financial statements for Edinburgh Women's Aid for the year ended 31 March 2018. The full audited statements dated 8 August 2018, which have an unqualified audit report, are available from the Secretary at the Registered Office at 4 Cheyne Street, Edinburgh EH4 1JB. These financial statements will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies after approval at the AGM.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

I have examined the extracts from the financial statements of Edinburgh Women's Aid for the year ended 31 March 2018, set out on pages 28, 29 and 30. In my opinion they are consistent with the full annual accounts.



Kevin Cattanach

**Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of Whitelaw Wells, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors,  
9 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh EH3 6AT**

8 September 2018

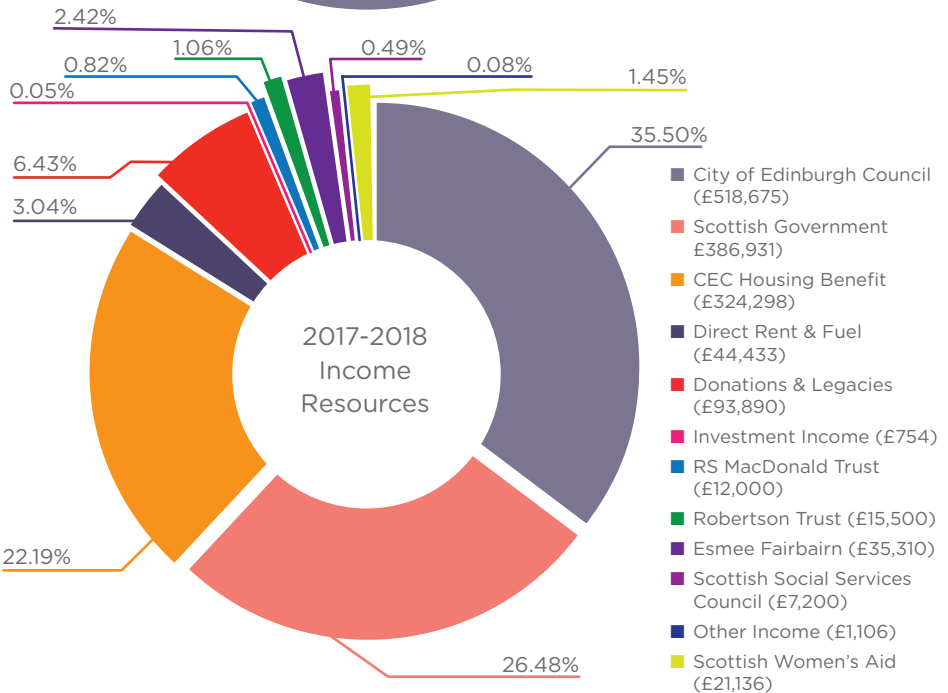
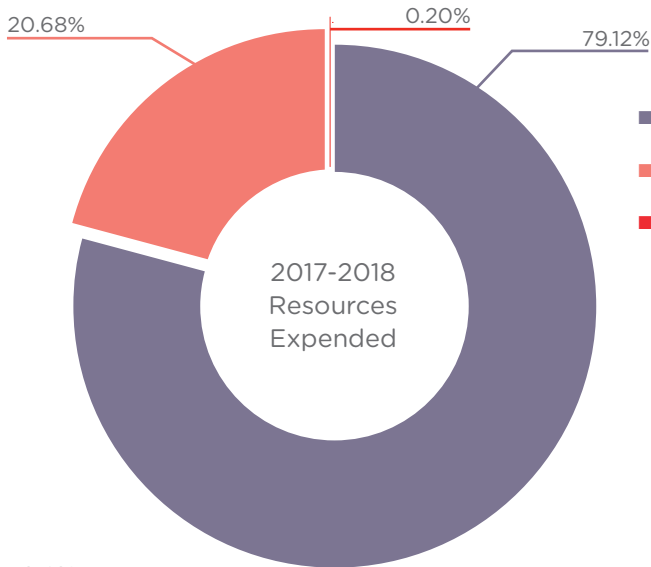
## ...SUMMARISED ACCOUNTS

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2018

	2018	2017
	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	25,477	16,495
Legacies	61,776	-
Fees and appeals	6,637	643
Bank interest	754	1,632
Grants and housing income	1,365,483	1,342,829
Other income	1,106	408
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Total Income	1,461,233	1,362,007
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Raising funds	2,767	1,375
Charitable Activities		
Refuge & resettlement	1,069,069	1,047,507
Children's services	279,365	249,478
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Total Expenditure	1,351,201	1,298,360
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Surplus for the Year	110,032	63,647
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The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the above financial years.

All activities are classified as continuing.



# ...SUMMARISED ACCOUNTS

## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2018

	Note	£	2018 £	2017 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible fixed assets			69,197	75,328
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors		79,524		64,003
Cash at bank and in hand		796,933		688,554
		<u>876,517</u>		<u>752,557</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(69,782)		(61,985)
			<u>806,735</u>	<u>690,572</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>806,735</u>	<u>690,572</u>
Net Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>875,932</u>	<u>765,900</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>875,932</u>	<u>765,900</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Funds			600,801	537,488
Designated Funds			186,690	124,914
			<u>787,491</u>	<u>662,402</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			<u>88,441</u>	<u>103,498</u>
			<u>875,932</u>	<u>765,900</u>

These financial statements are not the statutory accounts but a summary of information relating to the income and expenditure account and the balance sheet.

The full accounts were approved by the board of directors on 8 September 2018 and signed on their behalf by:-

Naomi Blight



## MAIN FUNDERS

CEC Children & Families, CEC Children & Families (Revenue Fund), CEC Services for Communities, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, Robertson Trust, RS MacDonald Trust, Scottish Government Justice Department, Scottish Government Equally Safe Fund, Scottish Social Services Council, Scottish Women's Aid

## SUPPORTERS

Aegon, Allied Surveyors Scotland, Artemis Investment Management, Balerno Parish Church, Bank of Scotland, Blackadder's Solicitors, Blackwell's, British Gas Golfing Charity, Brodies LLP, Corstorphine Chiropractic, Destiny Angels, DWF Law, Edinburgh Dental Specialists, Edinburgh University Students, Help at Hand, Hopscotch, Hornbuckle, HSBC Bank Plc, JLT, Keepsteadfast, Maclay Murray & Spens LLP, Mayfield Salisbury Church, Morrisons (Granton), Morrisons (Hunters Tryst), MPact Building Services, Murrayfield Parish Church, Network Rail, Polish Consulate, General in Edinburgh, Reed Specialist Recruitment, Rotary Club of Edinburgh, Royal Bank of Scotland (Controls and Business Management), Royal Bank of Scotland (Gogarburn Office), Scottish Water, Scottish Widows, Search, Shoebox Project, St George's School for Girls, St John's Colinton Mains Church, St Mary's Cathedral, St Mary's Knit and Knatter Group, St Ninian's Church, Stacey's Childminding Service, Statestreet Bank, Tesco bank, The Stand Comedy Club, Wood Mackenzie, Worldwide Church of God, Yellow Movement Fridays

## CURRENT STAFF MEMBERS

Isabella Balloch, Irene Bruce, Beata Burchard, Kirsty Campbell, Grace Christian, Irene Carter, Jasmine Clark, Sinead Cronin, Jan Ferguson, Angela Fletcher, Gemma Gall, Leanne Glancy, Rachel Gollan, Karen Griffiths, Dorota Lings, Julie Macdonald, Eleni MacLean, Noreen McCafferty, Lee McCormack, Kirsty McDonald, Annie McGregor-Coope, Jenny Miller, Mariea Nairn, Dorota Oleksiewicz, Margaret Patrizio, Clare Philpot, Frances Previdi, Susan Rae, Hayley Reid, Catriona Robertson, Linda Rodgers, Alison Roxburgh, Zoi Simopoulou, Mary Sinclair, Sherry Singh, Jenny Smith, Olu Sodipo, Joanna Sznajder-Oleszczyk, Alison Thomas, Catherine Todd, Amanda Vickery, Valerie Waugh, Sinead Welsh, Star Weymark, Laura Williams, Louise Young

## CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Naomi Blight - Chair, Deborah Benson - Vice Chair (acting Treasurer), Abbie McCreath, Maro McNab, Miriam Khan, Fiona Morrison - resigned 9/8/18, Kirsty Mooney - resigned 19/6/18, Alison Morton-Nicholls - Treasurer - resigned 25/4/18, Jane O'Donnell - resigned 18/12/17

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