

**STREETLIGHT UK**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Streetlight UK for the year 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **● POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance.

The purposes of the charity are:

- (a) To assist in relieving the poverty of persons involved in prostitution, particularly by a process of training counselors to find, help and advise persons involved in prostitution from a Christian perspective.
- (b) To develop the capacity and skills of those disadvantaged by sexual abuse or prostitution in such ways as they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- (c) To advance the education of the public, and especially children and young people, in the dangers of promiscuity and prostitution so as to promote a healthy lifestyle and freedom from exploitation and abuse.
- (d) To provide a front line service for the support of police, social services and other agencies engaged in the prevention of trafficking of individuals for sexual exploitation or other abuses.
- (e) Such other services which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of Streetlight UK.

## **Achievements and performance**

### **● REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

2019 has been another significant year of growth in the reach of our service provision across our teams in Sussex, Surrey and London. The teams deliver support given from a core belief that maintaining women's dignity and choices are paramount.

Across London we are building stronger partnerships with Enfield and Edminton, Tower Hamlets and Lambeth local authority and Police, as well as partnering other statutory services in London. Our volunteers frequently support women through on-street outreach and deal with growing number of off-street self-referrals. The number of referrals, joint police operations and service user contacts has grown exponentially.

Streetlight UK provides a perpetrator course for men arrested for kerb crawling in Tower Hamlets called the 'You Choose' course. Over the past year, the number of men attending each month has increased to a total of 40 men in 2019, with zero reoffending.

In Sussex/Surrey, our trained volunteers and staff work hard to maximize women reached through engaging in online outreach and support, regular drop-ins and live operations in partnership with Sussex Police. Support Workers meet with women one-to-one to provide them with individually tailored support. Also, staff hold our new Wellbeing Course at HMP Downsview, giving women advice on sexual health, sexual boundaries, consent, laws around prostitution and sexuality. This has led to referrals for direct one-to-one support in Sussex and London. At HMP Bronzefield, our team hold Street Safe Meetings and inform women of exit support available once released.

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Much of our work is done in partnership and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local agencies who have helped us provide a comprehensive service to our service users. Together with our partners, we work hard to reduce the risk and impact of violence against women and girls and the associated harms of prostitution within the region, including those who have been trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

We have also been fortunate to partner with Sussex, Surrey and Kent Rehabilitation service, who have established a weekly women's only Breakfast Club as well as a regular drop in at My Sister's House Bognor Regis. This has resulted in direct disclosures and ongoing service user outreach for Streetlight UK with women involved in prostitution attending these drop-ins. The development and strengthening of partnerships such as this, has embedded our service into the community and local services. We are extremely thankful for the support of our funders: Lloyds Bank Community Foundation, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Sussex Community Foundation, Surrey Community Foundation, The Henry Smith Charity, Gatwick Community Fund, Lifespring Church, Kingdom Faith Church and KCM Ministries UK, as well as many of the individual donors and partners.

We would like to especially thank our growing teams of volunteers, who are always motivated and flexible and who come with a growing professional skillset. Their approach ensures that every woman who has contact with Streetlight UK, has both the professional and compassionate support they need.

#### Financial review

- **GOING CONCERN**

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

#### Structure, governance and management

- **CONSTITUTION**

The principal object of the charity is to provide assistance to persons involved or likely to be involved in prostitution and trafficking into the sex trade.

- **METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

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#### TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on

and signed on their behalf by: