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THE M25 HOUSING AND SUPPORT GROUP

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

(Company Number: 4170246)

(Charity Number: 1086591)

ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2007.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	The M25 Housing and Support Group
Charity registration number:	1086591
Company registration number:	4170246
Registered office and operational address:	34 Netherhall Road Doncaster DN1 2PZ

Management Committee

Ashley Paul Costello	Chair
Martin Henwood	Treasurer
Elizabeth Matthews	
Frank Knapton	
John Walker	
Sarah Clark	
Wendy Porter	
Edward Laud	

Secretary	M O Newman
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Senior Management Team

Matthew Newman	Chief Executive
Michelle Barnard	Services Manager

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 21st February 2001. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Recruitment and appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of association the members of the Management Committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting or by ordinary resolution of the Trustees. At each AGM, one third of Trustees shall retire from office. Retirement is by rotation. A retiring trustee will be deemed to have been reappointed unless a resolution is passed by the meeting either not to fill the vacancy or a resolution is put to the meeting to reappoint the trustee and lost.

John Walker and Frank Knapton retire by rotation and, being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

The Board of Trustees has a detailed knowledge of the housing, homelessness, supported housing field and business. They provide details of their skills and experience to the Charity to ensure we maintain an appropriate level of skill within the board.

Trustee Induction and Training

The Trustees are familiar with the work of the Charity and they are encouraged to visit the services we provide. New Trustees meet with the Director (Operational) to familiarise themselves with the Charity and the context within which it operates, Areas covered:

- The obligations of management Committee members.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework of the charity including the Memorandum and Articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts
- The vision and values of the charity and our future plans, objectives and targets as laid out in our 5 year strategy.

Trustees are also provided with information and signposted to the various Charity Commission publications.

Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the risks to which the charity is exposed. Our Risk Management Policy details how we will deal with risk identification and minimisation. We have produced a document detailing the risks, the steps we have taken to mitigate those risks through the introduction of appropriate systems/procedures and what residual risk exists. We have identified the loss of Open House Night Shelter as a significant risk and we have an action plan to minimise the risk. We have also identified diversification in terms of location and activities undertaken in our five year strategy as ways of minimising the risks identified. The organisation works with two quality assessment tools, the Quality Assessment Framework for Supporting People Services and the Community Legal Service Quality Mark. These tools, along with our internal quality assurance work, enable service standards to be developed and maintained with an emphasis on continuous improvement. As an organisation we have a comprehensive operation manual which holds the organisations operating procedures. These are reviewed at appropriate intervals to ensure they are relevant and up to date.

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Organisational Structure

The M25 Housing and Support Group has a Committee of eight members who meet at least six times per year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The present committee has members with a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day-to-day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Management Team, the Director (Operational), the Assistant Director and the Team Leaders for the various services. The Director (Operational) is responsible for ensuring that the charity develops and delivers on our five year strategy. The Assistant Director is responsible for ensuring the services perform and develop and the Team Leaders are responsible for ensuring the staff teams are appropriately managed through one-to-ones/team meetings, ensuring appropriate training to develop skills is identified and ensuring working practices are in line with best practice.

Related Parties

As a charity we work with and are guided by both local and national policy, so far as this is in line with the Charity's objects. This includes, at a national level, the Government's Homelessness Strategy, Sustainable Communities and Settled Homes Changing Lives and, at a local level, the 5 Year Supporting People Strategy and the 5 Year Homelessness Strategy. The Homelessness Partnership in Doncaster, which the M25's Operational Director Chairs has the responsibility of delivering the homelessness strategy on the ground. The Homelessness Partnership is a multi agency group with improving services in Doncaster as its core focus.

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objects and principal activities are:

- to prevent homelessness, provide relief support and assist homeless persons in the Doncaster District and surrounding area by providing accommodation, either directly or by any other charitable means, as shall from time to time be deemed necessary.

Key Organisational themes

As an organisation we are committed to moving people away from the street life and towards more **sustainable lifestyles** for themselves and their **communities** through the development & provision of **accommodation solutions** and also enabling people to deal with the root causes of their situation. Effective key working and working in partnership with **health, education** and **employment** services to ensure effective, accessible and **inclusive services** is central to this aim.

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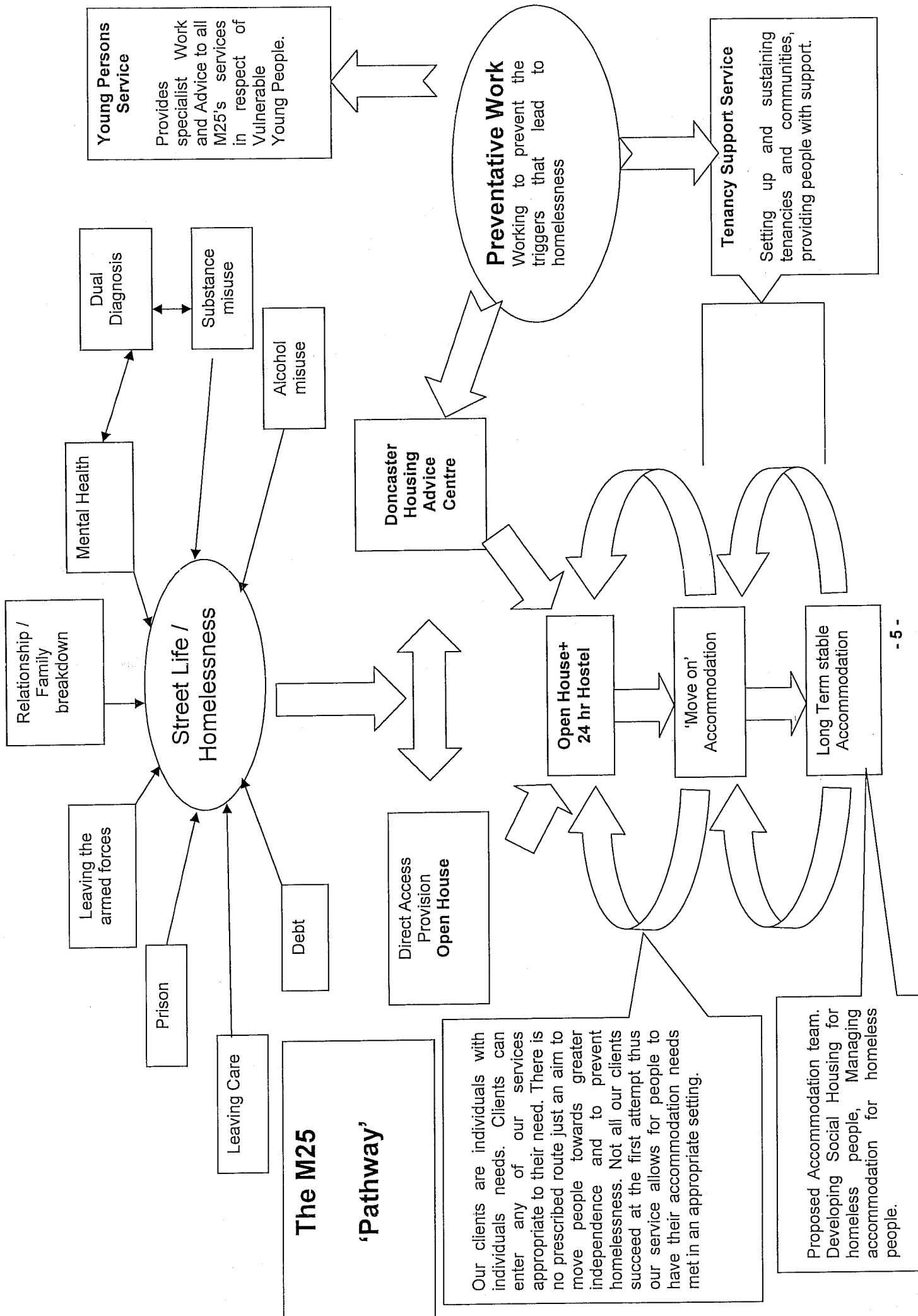
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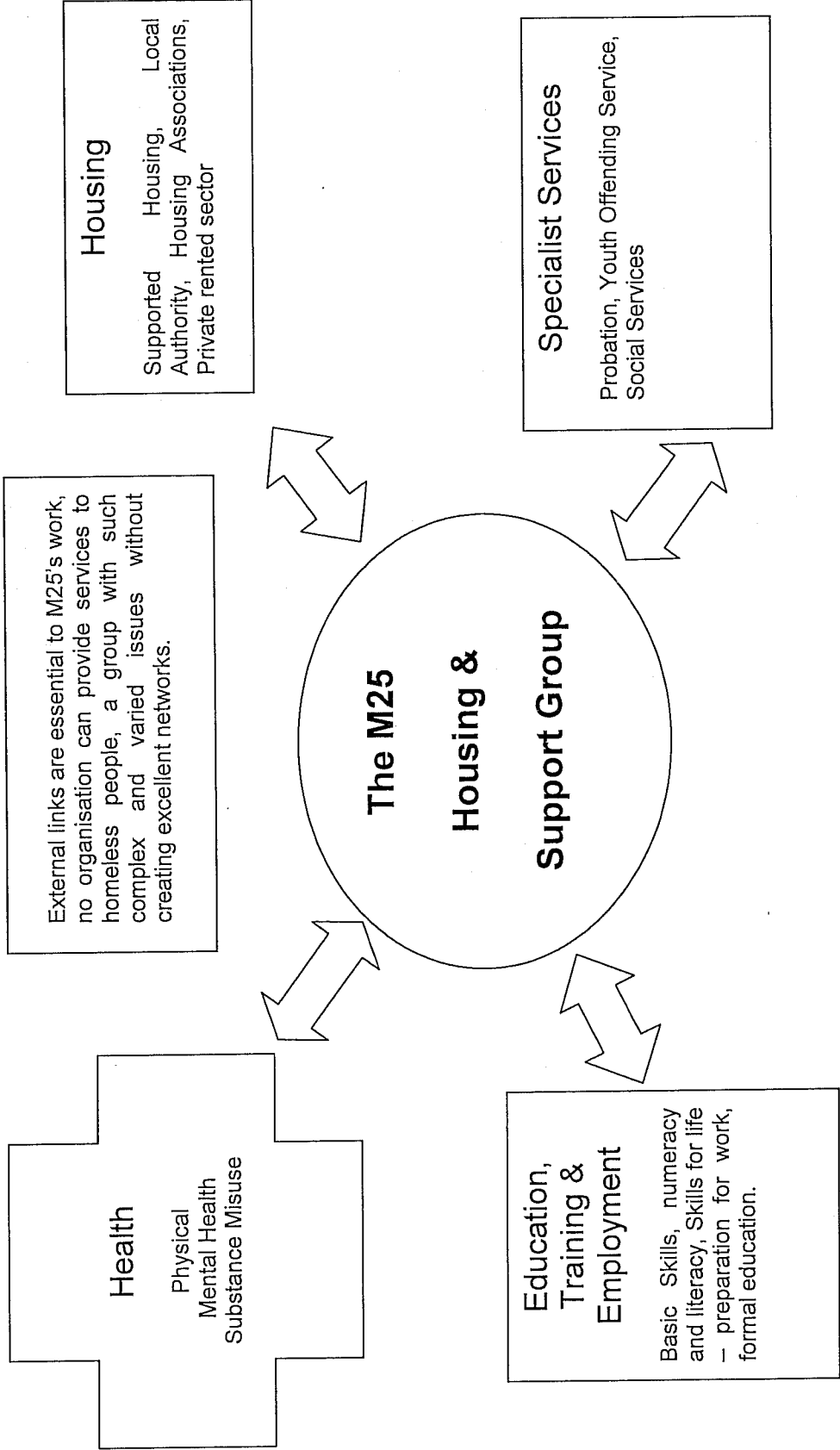
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Aims of the service:

- To prevent homelessness and break the cycles which cause homelessness, through the provision of effective support and advice.
- To provide quality social housing for homeless persons appropriate to need.
- To effectively manage accommodation for Homeless people
- To provide services to enable people to break out of the street life and move to a more sustainable way of life for themselves and their communities.
- To support people in their own homes preventing homelessness and enabling people to develop and sustain independent living.
- To work in a way which empowers and includes our clients.
- To understand that people will develop at different speeds and our service provision must allow flexibility to cope with this.
- To provide quality in all our schemes developing and promoting best practice with other communities and organisations, to enable services for our client group to develop.
- To seek to influence policy decisions in respect of our client group.
- To develop and change in response to the needs of the community
- To have a positive approach to working in partnership with the Local Authority, other statutory and voluntary organisations.
- To provide a confidential and ethical service
- To promote equality of opportunity and diversity in all aspects of our work.
- To increase the profile of the service to ensure the accessibility and awareness of all those who may require our services.





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In 2007/8 the main objectives and activities of the charity will remain focussed on preventing homelessness and the provision of accommodation for those who become homeless with support to enable them to progress towards independence.

We will in the coming year maintain and develop the projects we have in place. Our services aim to assist people who experience poor access or are excluded completely from the services they require. We have an excellent model of service provision and we will develop it both within and outside of Doncaster for the benefit of those homeless or threatened with homelessness. As an organisation we are committed to continuous development, we understand that new ideas and developments must be embraced, tested and put into practice if we are to provide to our clients excellent services. We also understand that ultimately our services will be judged and assessed by the outcomes we achieve.

Our targets during April 2006 to March 2007 were:

- Continue to work towards the re-provision / replacement of Open House, Union Street direct access provision through the development of Wharf Road Hostel, ensuring that a partnership between the Local Authority and M25 is in place to deliver a truly excellent service.
- Work to develop and improve our service user involvement & influence, ensuring our service users are central to what we do.
- Seek funding to develop and maintain our Young Persons Service.
- Develop the physical environment at Open House Plus, through increasing the communal space and usability of that space to support and enable engagement with service users.
- Ensure we continue to meet all requirements in relation to Supporting People including:
 - Accreditation (the assessment of our viability & competence, leading to formal recognition of our ability to provide services).
 - The performance framework (The performance indicators used to assess our performance).
 - That the strategic relevance of our services is clearly identified.
 - The Quality Assessment Framework, we will maintain the 7 level B's (good practice working towards level A) and the level A (excellent) we achieved at our review and progress towards level A across the 6 core objectives and 2 supplementary objectives of the QAF identified by DMBC.
 - Monitor outcomes with the aim of developing effective outcome monitoring.
- Seek to develop and strengthen the organisation through broadening our funding base specifically through
 - Building relationships and reviewing the Supporting People Market outside Doncaster.
 - Investigate developing a property base for the organisation.
 - Develop the tendering capacity of the organisation.

Our Achievements against these targets were:

- The development of the new provision at Wharf Road, which will provide both direct access and en-suite accommodation is not yet on site and this gives M25 cause for concern. The provision at Wharf Road is essential for Doncaster and if it is not achieved with the current commitments from the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Housing Corporation in relation to capital funding it will be very difficult for Doncaster to secure this funding in the future. After the disbanding of the original project team in early 2006/7 M25 found it very difficult to be involved in the process as discussions between DMBC and Chevin Housing Association took place. This situation has improved in recent months with M25 building a relationship with Chevin HA who are an excellent and well respected Housing Association. Despite the difficulties M25 are still committed to the project and we will continue to work to ensure the project and service is a benchmark for hostel provision across the country.
- Throughout the year we have continued to work to develop and improve our service user involvement and influence, ensuring our service users are central to what we do. As an organisation we signed up to the Bradford Speakout Charter of rights for homeless people. We have continued to embed service user involvement in what we do and we feel we perform at a good or excellent standard in relation to informing, involving and engaging service users when we assess ourselves against the National Quality Assessment Framework for Supporting People Services. We have also worked with the New Deal for Communities, Peoples Opportunity Programme to secure funding for two service user involvement workers who will start work for 30 weeks from April 2007. We have also developed a policy and practice development group which includes service users which has already started to review policies.

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- In relation to re-funding the Young Persons service our bid to the Big Lottery in relation to the Young Persons services was unsuccessful although with the assistance of Community Empowerment Network Small grants and New Deal for Communities we were able to secure funding to continue the service until the end of the financial year.
- Work on the new communal space at Open House Plus commenced in November and the work was substantially complete by the end of March 2007. The space that has been created is a fantastic development increasing the communal space and usability of that space. The development will aid in the delivery of support and allow the development of meaningful occupation work at Open House Plus allowing better engagement with service users. Through out the works Open House Plus remained full which is thanks to the work of the team at Open House Plus, the contractors Arthur Cooper and not least the service users for their patience.
- Through the year we have worked to maintain and improve our performance in relation to our Supporting People contracts building on our excellent service review in December 2005. In July 2006 our organisation was accredited by DMBC to provide Supporting People Services, for the provision of accommodation based and floating support services for single homeless people with support needs, people with drug problems and generic services. In February 2007 we were accredited by Wakefield Metropolitan District Council to provide supporting people services in the following areas:
 - supporting single homeless and homeless families
 - supporting people with drug problems
 - supporting young people at risk
 - supporting rough sleepers

Strategic Relevance: we consider our services to remain strategically relevant and we work with our stakeholders to ensure this.

Demand: demand for our services remains high. With high utilisation rates and waiting lists being held.

Quality: the Quality Assessment Framework (QAF) is a key part of the Supporting People programme and we have as an organisation been working towards achieving continuous improvement through the QAF since 2003. The following table shows how we evaluated ourselves now and the findings at review in December 2005:

Service Objectives		Self assessment 2007	Validated December 2005
C 1.1	Needs & Risk Assessment	A	B
C 1.2	Support Planning	A	B
C 1.3	Security, Health and Safety	A	A
C 1.4	Protection From Abuse	B	B
C 1.5	Fair Access, Diversity and Inclusion	B	B
C1.6	Complaints	A	B
S 1.1	Informing Service Users	A	B
S 1.2	Consulting And Involving Service Users	B	B
S 1.3	Empowerment and supporting independence	B	
S 1.4	Participation in the wider community	B	
S 2.1	Privacy and confidentiality	B	
S 2.2	Rights and responsibilities	A	
S 3.1	Service description	B	
S 3.2	Choice, sensitivity and responsiveness	B	
S 3.3	The living environment	B	
S 4.1	Continuous improvement	B	
S 4.2	Staff recruitment, management and development	B	

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Performance: our Performance remains very strong when compared against services who undertook the Sitra Benchmarking and local targets.

Open House Plus	M25 Performance	Local Target	Average from Benchmarking*
Utilisation	99.5%	95%	93%
Throughput	450%	100%	276%
KPI2 Planned Departures	74.7%	70%	61%

Tenancy Support Services	M25 Performance	Local Target	Average from Benchmarking*
Utilisation	119.4%	95%	95%
Throughput	271%	100%	255%
KPI1 Maintained Independence	87%	95%	90%

Open House	M25 Performance	Local Target	Average from Benchmarking*
Utilisation	96.7%	95%	N/A
Throughput	800%	100%	N/A
KPI2 Planned Departures	37.4%	60%	N/A

* Average figures are taken from the Sitra benchmarking information.

Value for money: Our services remain excellent value for money, providing excellent services in a cost effective manner.

The recommendations of the review report in 2005 were as follows:

1. M25 Service's are strategically relevant and needed;
2. The provider (M25) be taken through the accreditation process
3. As the service is one of two services to achieve the standard B and the only service to achieve an A standard in a core objective that M25 submit an action plan with timelines as to how they will achieve the A standard;
4. The Move On, Broxholme Lane, Milton Walk and Tenancy Support (Generic) contracts be amalgamated into one contract in order to establish efficiency savings through economies of scale and administration and contract management costs.

In response to these recommendations we successfully went through the accreditation process, we remain strategically relevant, we have submitted an action plan and are working to improve and reach level A and we have amalgamated our Tenancy Support and move on contracts.

In relation to outcomes we participated with the Doncaster outcomes model which has now been withdrawn and we are looking to start using the CLG national outcomes model from the end of May 2007. A significant amount of work is still needed to ensure that outcome monitoring is useful and meaningful and so not an unnecessary burden on front line workers.

In relation to seeking to developing and strengthening the organisation through broadening our funding base.

In relation to the Supporting People market we have considered a number of tenders and have submitted Pre Qualification Questionnaires (PQQ) on three. On two of the PQQ's we were invited to tender but due to resources and the timescales that the Local Authorities were asking us to work within it was not possible to participate. We have also been accredited by Wakefield Metropolitan District Council.

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We have looked into developing a property base, however, due to the rental income we are able to generate resulting from the restrictions placed on Charities when charging rents, we cannot make a sound business case for developing sole occupancy properties at this time.

We have gained experience by participating in tender exercises and we have accessed training for a number of key personnel.

To continue to develop and provide excellent services that are relevant and provide the right outcomes for our service users and stakeholders in 2007/8 we will:

- Continue to work towards the re-provision / replacement of Open House, Union Street direct access provision through the development of Wharf Road Hostel. To work with DMBC and Chevin to have an excellent team in place to deliver the service when Wharf Road is completed. Ensuring that a partnership between the Local Authority, Chevin and M25 is in place to deliver a truly excellent service.
- Continue working to develop and improve our service user involvement & influence, ensuring our service users are central to what we do.
- Seek funding to develop and maintain Doncaster Housing Advice Centre.
- Develop the meaningful occupations work (Sessional Work) with our Service users this is key to effectively engaging our clients and will have a positive impact on people moving forward positively.
- Ensure we continue to meet all requirements in relation to Supporting People including:
 - Accreditation (the assessment of our viability & competence, leading to formal recognition of our ability to provide services).
 - The performance framework (The performance indicators used to assess our performance).
 - That the strategic relevance of our services is clearly identified.
 - The Quality Assessment Framework, we will maintain the 6 level A's (excellent) and 11 level B's (good practice working towards level A) and progress towards level A across all core objectives and supplementary objectives of the QAF.
 - Monitor outcomes with the aim of developing effective outcome monitoring. Participate in the National Outcome Monitoring Tool.
- Seek to develop and strengthen the organisation through broadening our funding base specifically through:
 - Continue building relationships and reviewing the Supporting People Market outside Doncaster. Gain accreditation in two further areas of the Yorkshire and Humber region.
 - Review our position on property development identify a grant funder in relation to capital funding.
 - Review and continue to develop the tendering capacity of the organisation.

Financial Review

The period April 2006 to March 2007 was characterised by steady funding streams and stability in expenditure achieved through careful financial management. Our expenditure on salaries and pensions continues to form the majority of our spending (73% 2006/07). Our spending on Governance remains low in comparison to our direct charitable expenditure.

Principal funding sources

Income from our Supporting People contract remains our principal funding source. The income has remained consistent since April 2003, as no inflationary uplift on our 3 largest services has been awarded. Last year we felt that following the successful completion of our service review that DMBC would issue Steady State Contracts for a period of three years by the end of 2006. Unfortunately this has not been the case and DMBC are working on a programme / framework as to how they will deal with the procurement of contracts for Supporting People Services in the future. Our collection of charges has continued to be effective. We also secured additional funding for capital improvement works at Open House Plus. The funding from the Big Lottery for the Young Persons Service came to an end.

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Investment Policy

The organisation has a deposit account, however, it has no other investments. The Management Committee decided to change our bankers, which was completed in April 2007.

Reserves Policy

The Management Committee has examined the Charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation, the aim being that the organisation will hold reserves to a level, which would enable the organisation greater stability and that stability was to the benefit of our organisational goals and our clients. The Management Committee feels that the organisation should aim to hold 6 months operating costs in reserves. In financial terms this equates to £650,000. The M25 Housing and Support Group is a young organisation and thus has not had time to build up significant reserves. Historically, most of our funding has been identified to provide specific projects that, in delivery, use up the allocated funds. In light of this and the prevailing opportunities to build operating surpluses, the Management Committee does not expect that the target 6 months operating costs can be reached for at least five years.

Plans for the future

Our targets laid out in this report give a clear basis for improving our services, both the physical environment we provide and the services provided by our workers. We want to involve our clients in this development and we want our clients to have influence in their services. We will ensure we make the most of the opportunities presented to us in terms of maintaining and developing our services, building partnerships and winning contracts.

Provision of information to auditors

So far as each of the Trustees is aware at the time the report is approved;

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all reasonable steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

PKF (UK) LLP will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

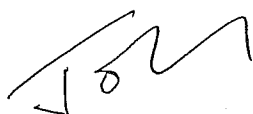
This report as been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Management Committee on 23/10/07 and signed on its behalf by:

Ashley P Costello
Director



John Walker
Director



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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial. Under that law, the trustees are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required to 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, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- 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 enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements and other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE M25 HOUSING AND SUPPORT GROUP

We have audited the financial statements of The M25 Housing and Support Group for the year ended 31 March 2007 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including the summary of income and expenditure account), the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The responsibilities of the trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards ("United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice") are set out in the statement of trustees' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the information given in the trustees' report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit or if information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the trustees' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

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Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2007 and of its incoming resources and application or resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the trustees' report is consistent with the financial statements.

05 November 2007

Sheffield, UK

PKF (UK) LLP

PKF (UK) LLP
Registered Auditors

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2007 £	Funds 2006 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations and grants	2	5,084	-	5,084	4,551
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Other income		14,838	-	14,838	9,730
Investment income	3	10,791	-	10,791	5,680
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Grants and contracts	4	945,548	339,830	1,285,378	1,349,518
Total Incoming Resources		976,261	339,830	1,316,091	1,369,479
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	5	892,227	348,321	1,240,548	1,270,281
Governance costs	6	25,979	7,545	33,524	33,512
Total Resources Expended		918,206	355,866	1,274,072	1,303,793
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		58,055	(16,036)	42,019	65,686
Net movement in funds		58,055	(16,036)	42,019	65,686
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		427,500	36,224	463,724	398,038
Total funds carried forward		485,555	20,188	505,743	463,724

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

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	Notes	2007		2006	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	12		9,623		21,284
Current Assets					
Debtors	13	70,875		49,143	
Cash at bank and in hand		442,457		614,031	
		513,332		663,174	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	17,212		(220,734)	
Net Current Assets			496,120		442,440
Net assets			505,743		463,724
Funds					
Unrestricted	16		485,555		427,500
Restricted	16		20,188		36,224
Total Funds	16		505,743		463,724

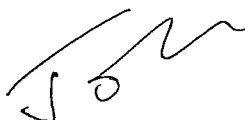
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Management Committee on 23/10/07 and signed on its behalf by:

Ashley P Costello
Director



John Walker
Director



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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the FRSSSE.

b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure, which meets these criteria, is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of governance costs.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, eg floor areas, per capita or estimated usage as set out in Note 7.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Tangible fixed assets

Leasehold property improvements and fixtures and fittings costing more than £500 are capitalised as is computer equipment over £1,000.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold property improvements	over term of lease
Fixtures and fittings	33.3% straight line
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line

f) Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities evenly over the period of each lease.

g) Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is part of the Doncaster CVS Scheme. The charity also makes contributions to employee's personal pension plans providing benefits for employees additional to those from the state. The pension charge in the Statement of financial activities represents the amounts payable by the charity to the funds in respect of the period.

h) Realised gains and losses

Realised gains and losses arising on disposal of tangible fixed assets are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as an incoming resource for a gain and as resources expended for a loss.

2. DONATIONS

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2007 Total £	2006 Total £
Donations	5,084	-	5,084	4,551
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	5,084	-	5,084	4,551
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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2007 £	2006 £
Bank interest	10,791	5,680
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4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S OBJECTIVES

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2007 Total £	2006 Total £
Big Lottery Fund				
DHAC	-	97,417	97,417	94,582
Young Persons Services	-	37,132	37,132	54,551
Open House Plus Awards for All	-	-	-	4,547
Doncaster CVS				
Community Empowerment Network	-	5,000	5,000	3,870
Department of Communities & Local Government (formerly Office of Deputy Prime Minister)				
Improvement Grant	-	60,000	60,000	200,000
Doncaster East PCT				
Health Improvement Programme	-	-	-	5,903
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council				
New Deal for Communities	-	132,865	132,865	98,050
Supporting People Contract	761,888	-	761,888	760,427
Housing benefits, rental & sundry income	183,660	7,416	191,076	127,588
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	945,548	339,830	1,285,378	1,349,518
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5. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds 2007 £	Restricted Funds 2007 £	Total Funds 2007 £	Total Funds 2006 £
Salaries and related charges	688,635	190,747	879,382	807,061
Pension costs	20,506	8,976	29,482	30,028
Property costs	38,396	21,412	59,808	46,978
Staff training	6,212	6,180	12,392	13,458
Repairs and building works	11,405	69,302	80,707	219,931
Food and meals	3,445	-	3,445	4,019
Volunteers expenses	267	-	267	742
Travel and subsistence	5,679	2,137	7,816	10,199
Welfare	4,311	1,443	5,754	4,878
Cleaning and sundries	9,982	4,038	14,020	12,515
Recruitment costs	991	3,233	4,224	4,339
Security costs	2,833	102	2,935	6,108
Operational expenses	26,996	18,219	45,215	36,554
Legal and professional fees	10,016	16,932	26,948	19,622
Translation services	2,500	26	2,526	5,672
Employment Agency workers	-	-	-	54
SYHA management fees	53,966	-	53,966	32,317
Depreciation	5,089	5,574	10,663	15,806
Loss on disposal	998	-	998	-
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	892,227	348,321	1,240,548	1,270,281
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6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2007 £	Restricted Funds 2007 £	Total Funds 2007 £	Total Funds 2006 £
Salaries and related charges	10,812	4,018	14,830	17,437
Pension costs	657	-	657	1,063
Bank charges and interest	221	-	221	233
Operational expenses (including printing, stationery, advertising, telephone & postage)	1,706	279	1,985	2,314
Insurance	7,838	1,493	9,331	6,547
Legal and professional fees	4,745	1,755	6,500	5,918
	25,979	7,545	33,524	33,512
	25,979	7,545	33,524	33,512

7. GOVERNANCE COSTS (BASIS OF ALLOCATION)

Governance costs are calculated as follows

- An apportionment of wages based on staff time of the wages of workers in the Organisational & Financial Management Team. Workers in that team include; director, assistant director, finance officer, performance and contracts officer, administrative assistant.
- The audit fees for the organisation
- The insurance fees for the organisation
- The bank charges for the organisation
- An apportionment of legal and professional fees based on number of workers / time spent on governance and the basis of the cost.

An apportionment of other costs charged to the organisational and financial management team (including property, operational costs etc) calculated on the basis number of workers / time spent on governance and the basis of the cost.

8. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2007 £	2006 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	10,663	15,806
Auditors' remuneration		
- audit	2,500	2,400
- other services	4,150	4,163
	17,313	22,369
	17,313	22,369

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9. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2007	2006
	£	£
Staff costs were as follows:		
Salaries and wages	820,666	756,897
Social security costs	73,546	67,601
Pension costs	30,139	31,091
	924,351	855,589
	42	42

No employees had emoluments over £60,000.

10. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No members of the Management Committee received any remuneration during the year. Travel costs amounting to **£179** (2006: £Nil) were reimbursed to 1 (2006: 0) members of the Management Committee.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2006: Nil).

The Charity acts as agents for South Yorkshire Housing Association in respect of a Capital Improvement scheme at College Road. During the year the Charity transacted £191,235 on behalf of SYHA.

11. TAXATION

As a charity, The M25 Housing and Support Group is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Property Improvements	Plant & machinery etc.	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2006	65,352	73,694	139,046
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	(1,390)	(7,644)	(9,034)
	63,962	66,050	130,012
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2006	53,140	64,622	117,762
Charge for the year	3,879	6,784	10,663
On disposals	(392)	(7,644)	(8,036)
	56,627	63,762	120,389
Net book value			
At 31 March 2007	7,335	2,288	9,623
At 31 March 2006	12,212	9,072	21,284

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13. DEBTORS

	2007 £	2006 £
Prepayments and accrued income	63,573	43,857
Other debtors	7,302	5,286
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	70,875	49,143
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14. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors	4,519	195,399
Other creditors	12,693	25,335
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	17,212	220,734
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15. OTHER COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2007 the charity had annual commitments under operating leases as follows:

Expiry date:

Within one year	59,883	52,317
Between one and five years	22,676	22,363
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16. ANALYSIS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Funds Bif 01/04/06 £	Total Income £	Total Expenditure £	Funds Cif 31/03/07 £	Represented by Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £
Restricted Funds						
Big Lottery Fund - DHAC	398	97,417	96,632	1,183	-	1,183
Big Lottery Fund - Young Person Services - Note(i)	-	37,132	37,132	-	-	-
Arts Council	-	3,439	3,439	-	-	-
Open House Plus - Awards for all	4,547	-	4,547	-	-	-
Community Empowerment Network	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
New Deals for Communities - Moving On Bursary	-	1,292	1,287	5	-	5
Open House Plus Improvement Grant	1,955	60,000	60,000	1,955	-	1,955
Department of Communities and local government (formerly ODFM) - Bond and Rent Guarantee Scheme	8,246	-	8,246	-	-	-
New Deal for Communities	5,644	132,865	134,506	4,003	2,462	1,541
New Deal for Communities - Manap Event	-	960	960	-	-	-
Day Services - Lloyds TSB	7,854	-	-	7,854	-	7,854
Day Services - NDFC	7,580	-	2,392	5,188	5,188	-
Community Projects Grant Manap Event	-	500	500	-	-	-
DMBC Manap Event	-	225	225	-	-	-
Shelters Manap Event	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	36,224	339,830	355,866	20,188	7,650	12,538
Unrestricted Funds	427,500	976,261	918,206	485,555	1,973	483,582
Total Restricted Funds	463,724	1,316,091	1,274,072	505,743	9,623	496,120

Note (i): During the period the actual amount received for the Young Persons Service amounted to £27,849. At 31 March 2006 £9,283 was deemed receivable in the year ended 31 March 2007 and is recognised within the income figure above.

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16. ANALYSIS BETWEEN FUNDS (continued)

- Big Lottery Fund – Doncaster Housing Advice Centre

The Big Lottery fund is used to fund the worker and running costs of Doncaster Housing Advice Centre.

- Big Lottery Fund – Young Persons Service

The Big Lottery Fund is used to fund the work of the Young Persons Service. Providing support, advice and assistance to vulnerable young people.

- Arts Council

Funds used to buy materials and pay a facilitator to undertake art work with clients at Open House Plus

- Award for All – Lottery Grants Programme

Used to purchase furniture for Open House Plus

- Community Empowerment Network

Used to fund the work of the Young Persons Service. Providing support, advice and assistance to vulnerable young people

- New Deal for Communities - Moving on Bursary

Grants for individual client to assist them in moving to a more settled life

- Department of Communities and Local Government -Homelessness Grants Programme – Hostels Capital Improvement

Used to fund capital improvement works at Open House Plus

- Department of Communities and Local Government (formally ODPM)- Bond Scheme

Funding provided via the Local Authority (DMBC) to provide Bonds to clients to enable them to access the Private Rented Sector

- New Deal for Communities (Doncaster Central)

The funding from NDC is used to develop Tenancy Support Services preventing homelessness by providing advice and assistance and assisting people to set up a new home.

- New Deal for Communities -Manap Event

Contribution to the costs of staging a play to highlight the work of the Multiple Needs Assessment Panel.

- Lloyds TSB

The funding from Lloyds TSB will be used to provide improved accessibility to our Day Services.

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- The New Deal for Communities (NDC) (Day Services)

NDC (Day Services) grant funding was used to fund improvements to the premises from which our day services are provided.

- Communities Projects Grant -Manap Event

Contribution to the costs of staging a play to highlight the work of the Multiple Needs Assessment Panel.

- DMBC Manap Event

Contribution to the costs of staging a play to highlight the work of the Multiple Needs Assessment Panel

- Shelters Manap Event

Contribution to the costs of staging a play to highlight the work of the Multiple Needs Assessment Panel