**CHOICE**

2023 REPORT FOR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS

Choice (sometimes known as CHOICE North Herts) is an independent Christian non-profit charity run by volunteers from our base at the Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Letchworth.

This last year has seen clients in miscarriage and post abortion counselling, showing that there is a real local need. Each of these referrals requires our advisors to see a client for multiple visits over many months. All of the advisors give their time free. We were also welcomed into the local college to raise the profile of Choice.

In the last quarter, we supplied all the local pharmacies, surgeries and health centres with Choice leaflets

Our income is derived from both church and individual donations, but these are only a handful. Over the last seven years we have been operating on a deficit. The promotion video made 2½ years ago has finally born fruit and we have turned a corner to surplus in 2023 with two individual gifts and two churches providing funds, one providing a sizeable backdated donation.

Our expenditure has remained stable with the majority going on rent for the office/ counselling room and training.

Unfortunately, one of our Trustees Dr Richard Nevard and his wife Ros (also an advisor) retired and have moved away and Mrs Penny Tye has taken his place. Three new advisors have been trained and are now seeing clients. However, there is a real need for more advisors.

Underpinning all of our work is prayer. We thank the Lord and all of our partners and friends.

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