

Annual Report 2024-2025

Overview of services, governance, partnerships, achievements, and organisational development

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Drafting note. This report is designed as a publication-ready narrative shell. Insert validated service numbers, accounts, beneficiary case studies, partner acknowledgements, and photos before external release.

Chair's statement

MAVUK continues to exist because too many individuals, families, and communities still carry the impact of violence, trauma, exclusion, and unequal access to support. Our responsibility is not only to respond in moments of crisis, but to help create safer pathways, stronger relationships, and better opportunities for the people we serve.

Throughout 2024-2025, our work remained rooted in compassion, lived experience, accountability, and partnership. We continued to provide support that brings together violence prevention, counselling, mentoring, parenting support, youth activities, advocacy, volunteering, and opportunities for personal growth. We also remained focused on creating welcoming community-based spaces where people feel heard, respected, and able to rebuild.

This draft statement is intentionally unsigned so it can be adapted for the current Chair or Board representative before publication. A final version should include year-specific reflections on delivery, thanks to staff and volunteers, recognition of partners and funders, and any major developments in governance or strategy.

At a glance

Theme	Summary
Mission	Supporting people affected by violent crime in Greater Manchester to fulfil their potential and play a full role in society.
Core delivery	Counselling, mentoring, parenting support, youth support, mediation and advocacy, volunteering, education on the impact of violence, and community-based development pathways.
Operating model	Community-led, partnership-based, and grounded in trauma-aware practice, lived experience, and accessible local provision.
Governance	Led through a constitution, Executive Committee, Annual General Meeting process, and financial oversight arrangements.
Organisational focus	Sustaining community trust, safe delivery, stronger systems, and a resilient operating base for future development.

About MAVUK

Mothers Against Violence UK (MAVUK) is a community-rooted charity whose purpose is to support people affected by violent crime and to work towards safer, healthier, and more resilient communities. Its mission is grounded in the belief that people affected by violent crime in Greater Manchester should be able to fulfil their potential and play a full role in society.

The organisation's history is closely connected to the experiences of communities in inner-city Manchester and to the leadership of families and volunteers who turned grief, concern, and lived experience into practical support, advocacy, and preventative action. MAVUK's long-standing approach combines campaigning, emotional support, community education, and partnership working.

The organisation's charitable objects also make clear that MAVUK exists both to relieve distress and social exclusion, especially among young people, and to work towards the eradication of violence through education, counselling, advice, information, support, partnership working, campaigning, and other charitable means.

Services overview

During 2024-2025, MAVUK's service offer continued to reflect its established community model. Rather than operating as a single narrow intervention, MAVUK provides a connected range of services that respond to emotional wellbeing, behaviour, relationships, safety, confidence, and opportunities for progression.

Across the organisation's service descriptions and planning materials, the recurring areas of delivery include counselling, mentoring, evidenced-based parenting support, youth activities, education on the impact of violent crime, mediation and advocacy, volunteering, business development and training, and support that helps individuals re-engage positively with their community.

- ACCESS - counselling, mentoring, youth support, parenting support, family intervention support, and therapeutic help for people affected by trauma, violent death, anti-social behaviour, aggression, and mental health difficulties.
- Making Children & Young People Matter - positive activities, confidence-building, wellbeing support, and development opportunities for children and young people, alongside stronger support for parents and families.
- Education and prevention work - workshops, awareness sessions, and direct engagement on the impact of violence, offending behaviour, and community safety.
- Mediation, advocacy, and volunteering - practical support, voice, structured help in resolving issues, and routes into participation, skills, and contribution.

- Business development and rehabilitation-focused support - pathways that help people, including returning citizens, build confidence, develop work-related skills, and create more positive futures.

A key strength of MAVUK's service model is that it is delivered in a community setting intended to feel accessible, less formal, and relationship-based. This has long been part of the organisation's identity and helps explain why the charity has remained trusted by people who may not feel comfortable engaging with mainstream systems alone.

Governance and leadership

MAVUK's governance is underpinned by its constitution and Executive Committee structure. The constitution sets out the charity's name, objects, powers, membership arrangements, honorary officer roles, and the authority of the Executive Committee in directing the policy and general management of the organisation's affairs.

The framework also requires the organisation to hold an Annual General Meeting, receive the annual report and accounts, appoint an auditor, and elect honorary officers and Executive Committee members. The Committee is required to meet regularly, maintain minutes, and operate with a defined quorum.

Financial governance is addressed through requirements for proper accounts, annual audit, application of funds in furtherance of charitable objects, and authorised signatories for banking arrangements. Together, these provisions support accountability, transparency, and appropriate stewardship of the charity's resources.

Partnerships and collaborative working

Partnership working remains central to the way MAVUK operates. Organisational documents describe consistent collaboration with local services, schools, local authority services, health-related professionals, probation-linked support, community groups, and policing partners in order to improve outcomes for children, young people, adults, and families.

This collaborative approach strengthens both reach and relevance. It enables MAVUK to accept referrals, carry out assessments, deliver case management, support rehabilitation, and connect people with specialist services when additional intervention is needed.

MAVUK's community base has also been designed to support collaboration. The organisation's development of the Hulme-based venue reflects a long-term intention to provide a practical local hub for support, activities, and partnership-led work.

Organisational development

MAVUK's internal planning materials show a clear emphasis on organisational development, quality assurance, and continuous improvement. This includes strengthening day-to-day

operations, improving the environment in which services are delivered, and creating conditions for long-term resilience rather than short-term project-only activity.

The organisation has documented commitments to maintaining a clean, safe, and professional environment, ensuring responsiveness to service users, and supporting staff and volunteers to deliver quality services. It also places emphasis on systems that demonstrate achievement, credibility, and organisational learning.

This organisational development focus matters because it helps MAVUK protect the quality of its frontline work while also preparing for future growth, stronger infrastructure, and wider community benefit.

Achievements and learning

Because validated service statistics for 2024-2025 were not available in the drafting materials reviewed, this report presents achievements and learning in narrative form rather than as final quantified outputs. This is deliberate and should be updated once year-end monitoring and reporting data are confirmed.

Even without numerical reporting, the available materials clearly show several enduring strengths in MAVUK's model: trusted community relationships, lived-experience leadership, integrated emotional and practical support, and a sustained commitment to helping people move away from fear, isolation, and harmful pathways.

The organisation's service descriptions also make clear that its work is intended to produce more than immediate crisis response. MAVUK seeks to build confidence, improve mental wellbeing, strengthen parenting and family relationships, increase participation in positive activity, reduce opportunities for offending or anti-social behaviour, and create routes into volunteering, education, work, and healthier community life.

Financial stewardship and accountability

MAVUK's constitutional and planning documents indicate that the organisation treats accountability and sustainability as core responsibilities. Proper accounts, audit arrangements, authorised signatories, and Annual General Meeting processes provide a formal framework for scrutiny and stewardship.

The organisation's operating model has also included an emphasis on sustaining a viable community base and generating income that can support employment costs, project delivery, and building maintenance. This is important because a stable venue and reliable operating infrastructure directly affect the charity's ability to remain accessible to local people.

Before publication, this section should be completed with the final income and expenditure summary, key funders, unrestricted and restricted income position, and any major financial developments across the year.

Looking ahead

MAVUK enters the next phase of its work with a clear continuing purpose: to prevent violence, support healing, strengthen families, and create opportunities for children, young people, adults, and communities across Greater Manchester.

The organisation's future direction should continue to balance trusted frontline delivery with stronger infrastructure, careful governance, healthy partnerships, and sustainable organisational development. Done well, this will allow MAVUK to preserve what makes it distinctive while also deepening its reach and long-term impact.

For 2024-2025, the next step is to translate this narrative draft into a final public report with verified statistics, case studies, images, funder acknowledgements, and signed leadership commentary.

Publication completion checklist

Item to confirm	Status	Notes
Beneficiary numbers and service reach by programme	Pending	Insert verified totals for counselling, mentoring, parenting, youth, workshops, and volunteering.
Financial summary and narrative	Pending	Add year-end income, expenditure, reserves, key funders, and auditor/accounting notes.
Case studies and quotes	Pending	Include 2-4 anonymised stories or testimonials where consent is available.
Partner acknowledgements	Pending	List confirmed partners, commissioners, donors, and community collaborators for the period.
Leadership sign-off	Pending	Replace the draft chair's statement with a signed final version.

Internal drafting note

This draft has been intentionally written in publication-friendly language while avoiding unverified numerical claims. It should therefore be treated as a strong narrative base, not as a final statutory or public report. The final published version should be completed only after the charity confirms its year-specific data, financial statements, partner list, imagery permissions, and sign-off wording.