



Welcome to the April 2026 to June 2026 Newsletter from Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid

Welcome to the Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid newsletter, where we look back on the period from April 2026 to June 2026 and reflect on some of the many activities, achievements and moments that have taken place across our service.

The past three months have been incredibly busy across our refuge, crisis outreach and community services. One of the most significant moments of the quarter came in late June, when Metallica arrived in Glasgow for an unforgettable night of music. While the band may have come and gone in true rock-and-roll fashion, they left behind a very generous contribution to our charity. Through their charitable foundation, All Within My Hands, they donated £20,000 to Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid!

The staff and trustees are extremely grateful for their generosity. This funding will make a meaningful difference to our services. Their kindness will have a lasting impact long after the final encore. Our media release made a splash across Glasgow's news outlets and we had over 110K views and engagement across our social media channels. Read the news story [here](#).

As always, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported our work over the past few months, our staff, partners, funders, everyone who makes a donation and the communities we work alongside. We hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening across our services these past few months.

Women's Service

April 2026 to June 2026 statistics

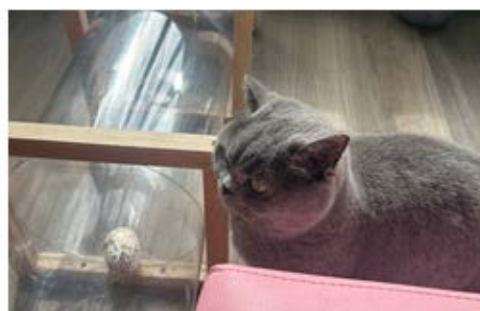
Between April and June, we supported:

- 235 women, both new to the service and those continuing their journey with us.
- Of these 235, 132 were new referrals, meaning they had not accessed our service before.
- Of these 132, 38 women went on to access our outreach service.
- While 1 women were admitted into our Refuge accommodation.

Insecure immigration

A significant number of migrant women were supported, some of whom had no recourse to public funds (NRPF). A breakdown is provided below:

Migrant supported	Amount
Asylum	18
Dependent (husband/wife visa)	4
Dependent (worker/student)	1
EEA family member	2
Family reunification	4
Insecure/no status	1
Limited leave to remain	1
Spouse visa	29
Study visa	4
Visitors visa	1
Work visa(s)	2
Other	1
Total	68



A purrfect day out

Our Children and Young People's Community Worker supported service users to enjoy a visit to a cat café in the city. The trip was a special opportunity for one child who loves cats who enjoyed a calming and positive experience.



Family fun at pottery painting

Our Children and Young People's Service Manager and Children and Young People's Worker supported a family to enjoy a pottery painting session. The family had a wonderful time being creative together, and were gifted a special reminder of the day: a mini Hemat Gryffe refuge candle holder (pictured above).

Women's Group - financial support

The women's group, partnered with CEMVO Scotland to deliver online sessions on financial wellbeing and the cost of living. Together, we explored the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, including energy and food poverty, while sharing practical advice, available support and ways to manage financial challenges.

Fund to Leave support

Between April and June, we supported 18 women to access the Fund to Leave, through Scottish Women's Aid, helping women and their children secure financial assistance to safely leave abusive situations. The fund provides vital support to women facing financial barriers or financial abuse.



Operation Limelight

On 30 June 2026, two of our Women's Support Workers joined Border Force Police Officers and other voluntary sector organisations at Glasgow Airport taking part in the annual project Operation Limelight. Together, they distributed information leaflets to departing passengers, raising awareness of forced marriage and the support available to those at risk. Here was the feedback from the team:

We engaged with approximately 50 passengers on outbound flights. While we would normally expect this number to be slightly higher, several flight cancellations on the day reduced passenger footfall. I would like to thank everyone involved for their sensitive, informative and engaging approach in what can be a challenging environment. This enabled a number of positive and meaningful conversations with passengers regarding FGM, FM and HBV.

Children and Young People's Service

April 2026 to June 2026 statistics CYP service

Between January and March, 69 children and young people received support through our services, including refuge, follow-on and school-based support.



A wild day out

The children in our refuge enjoyed a fun day out at the safari, where they had the chance to explore, learn and spend time together outside. The children especially loved seeing the lions and monkeys, making it a memorable experience filled with excitement.



Aquarium adventures

The children in our refuge enjoyed a trip to the Aquarium, where they enjoyed learning more about the underwater world. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to spend time together, have fun and enjoy a new experience outside of the refuge.



Scottish Indian Mahila Cultural Centre

We were pleased to attend a women's event at the Scottish Mahila Cultural Centre. Hosted by our Chair, Mrs Brij Gandhi MBE, the event provided a great opportunity to connect with attendees and share information about the help available to women experiencing domestic abuse.



Summer Festival at Maryhill Centre

Our Community Worker attended the Summer Festival at Maryhill Women's Centre. The event was a great opportunity to engage with women, build community connections, and raise awareness of the help available to those experiencing abuse.

A message from a woman:

The support I received changed everything for me. Whether we were speaking over the phone, via email, or meeting in person, my key worker always provided such a nice, warm, and safe space. We talked a lot, and she listened to me with a truly warm heart. She validated everything I thought was wrong with me and completely flipped the narrative, helping me believe in myself again.

Beyond the emotional healing, my key worker was practical and proactive in helping me secure my physical and legal safety here. She shared contacts for immigration solicitors, referring me to the best ones in town. She also went above and beyond by helping me secure vital financial assistance through the Scottish Women's Aid Fund to Leave.



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