

Welcome to the Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid Newsletter for the period of April - June 2023. It's been a busy start to the new financial year!

Referrals

We received seventeen referrals for refuge space during the quarter and were unable to admit women to refuge as it was full to capacity. During the quarter, over one-hundred women were referred to us for support. These referrals were self-referrals or from various organisations for support for women who had not received a service from us previously. Outreach support was provided to forty-nine women living in the wider community not accessing refuge accommodation, nine of whom joined the outreach service.

No Recourse to Public Funds:

A substantial part of our work involves supporting women who are destitute who have no recourse to public funds as their immigration status has conditions attached. No recourse to public funds denies women access to housing and welfare benefits. Women are faced with a stark choice of remaining within a domestic abuse relationship as a consequence of this. Thirty three women referred to us for support had no recourse to public funds, detailed as in the table —>

Asylum Seeker	1
Dependent Visa	6
EEA Family Member	1
Limited Leave to Remain	1
Spouse Visa	18
Study Visa	4
Work Visa	2

There were 1728 incoming calls and 1537 outgoing calls between April 2023 - June 2023

Development Work and Operational Matters

Staff took part in 'Operation Limelight' at Glasgow Airport with Border Control Police Officers. We spoke to passengers about Forced Marriage, FGM, and their legal rights as Scottish Citizens.

All staff gathered on 5th April for a Development Day at the Albany and discuss future plans for the forthcoming financial year

We provided an information awareness raising session to West College Scotland. We provided it to Lecturers, ESOL Teachers, and Counsellors from Student Wellbeing Service from Greenock, Clydebank and Paisley campus. The session covered our specialist services, forced marriage, honour-based abuse and domestic abuse. The barriers BME women face and how to make a referral for support

We also provided training to volunteers at Glasgow East Women's Aid.

All staff went for lunch to celebrate Eid on 2nd June, it was wonderful to spend some time together as a team and a staff member received a gift recognising 25 years service supporting vulnerable women, children and young people.

Recruitment – 6 posts were advertised during the quarter. Thanks to Glasgow City Council Community Fund we are in the process of recruiting 5 additional workers to develop the current women and children service across the city.

Donations – Thanks to Cash for Kids Cost of Living Grants to be spent during Summer 2023 supporting children in poverty.

Would your organisation benefit from training to develop your staff?

We offer different training packages covering a range of topics

These include

- Information About Our Services
- Forced Marriage
- No Recourse to Public Funds
- Honour Based Abuse
- Barriers to Accessing Support For BME Women Experiencing Domestic Abuse



To find out more about our training and to book

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