

Women, Children and Young People's Newsletter

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This issue contains information in relation to what has been happening in the women and children's services and women's group between July 2023 - September 2023.

Women's Service

We provided refuge accommodation to **11** women in total, and **2** women left refuge and received follow on support.

Women are provided person-centred advocacy and support to address their immediate concerns such as financial, legal, housing, emotional, and practical needs ie help with paperwork, appointments and linguistic support. Women are encouraged to meet their key worker to help them to combat the effects of the trauma and abuse they have experienced.

The crisis/outreach support service has been extremely busy during the quarter.

There were approximately **90** referrals received during July - September; **5** women joined the outreach service; **2** women were admitted to refuge and **83** women received information/advocacy and crisis support.

No Recourse to Public Funds

31 women had no recourse to public funds, denying them access to housing and welfare benefits.

15 women entered the UK on a spousal visa

3 Asylum Seekers

6 Dependent Visa

1 Limited Leave to Remain

5 Study Visa

1 Visitor Visa

There were **1582** incoming calls and **1540** outgoing calls between July 2023 - September 2023.

Children's Service



The school summer holidays commenced at the end of June. We had 6 children and young people (CYP) residing in refuge during the break, and the play flat was accessed all summer.

Children's workers provide therapeutic support to children and young people. There has also been fun activities including bead work, arts and crafts, painting, colouring, soft play, playdough and playing various board games. The playstation has been very popular! CYP have enjoyed playing Minecraft and have paired up with each other in building homes.

There were lots of fun trips over summer to soft play, Gravity Escape, trampolining, The Science Centre, the St Enoch fun fair, and playing games at the Quay. Children and mothers also enjoyed trips to the cinema.

A trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park for all women and children residing in refuge was organised, this was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

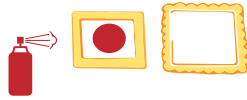


Photographs of Children's Service activities, above.

Women's Group

The women's group have been busy taking part in a number of different activities, workshops and research projects.

Banksy Exhibition



A trip for the women was arranged in partnership with CRER, as Glasgow Museums had contacted them to provide complimentary tickets for a group to attend the new Banksy exhibition.

Entitled 'CUT & RUN: 25 years card labour,' the exhibition was Banksy's first solo show for 14 years.

Staff organised a trip to the museum with the women to the Banksy exhibition hosted at the Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow.

Afterwards, the group went for a light lunch to discuss their thoughts on the exhibition.

Women reported that they found the exhibition very thought-provoking, humorous and unique.

Research



The women's group participated in Honour Based Abuse research conducted by The Improvement Service.

The research was entitled 'Racially Minoritised Women and VAWG: insights gathering project'.

The women answered questions based on the challenges faced by them in accessing support as victims/survivors of gender-based abuse and honour-based abuse. There were discussions about good practice from existing services in Scotland. What are services doing well? What is already in place? What changes are needed under the current system/ services to improve support for these women.

Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid have recently completed HBA research in collaboration with University of Strathclyde.

www.scottishinsight.ac.uk/Programmes/OpenCall202122/Honour-BasedAbuseinScotland.aspx

ESOL Classes



ESOL Classes are back up and running for beginners and advanced English speakers. These classes are run in partnership with Glasgow ESOL Forum and they are available to all women across our service.

This new round of classes have been taking place on Tuesday mornings.

Partnership Working with CEMVO

The women took part in a series of workshops hosted online by CEMVO. The aim of the workshops were to empower minority ethnic women to become more confident and better informed about their financial choices and decisions to improve financial management. Workshops delivered listed below

'Cost of Living',
'Economic Abuse',
'Credit Scoring and Borrowing'

These workshops informed the women about how to budget in the face of daily rising costs, the impact of economic abuse in a domestic abuse relationship, how they can know and improve their credit score, how their score can affect their future, and hints and tips for improving their score.

The workshops focusing on economic abuse and financial management are of great importance to the women in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis. A significant number of women have experienced financial abuse which can have serious lasting and worrying effects which can impact their mental health. Raising awareness of budget control and financial management empowers women with the knowledge and skills they need to be financially secure.

Recruitment Fair!



The women's group attended Volunteer Glasgow's Recruitment Fair on 15th September. The event took place in Glasgow City Chambers and women reported that it was informative and some went on to apply for volunteering roles. There was a wide range of opportunities on display.



Poster from Recruitment Fair, pictured above.

We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. If you have any questions, comments or feedback feel free to get in touch at womensaid@hematgryffe.org.uk.



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