



Welcome to the Summer newsletter for Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid

From new bespoke events for our women's group and outreach clients to building new lines of support and communication through schools for children and young people – it's been a very busy start to the year for the staff at Hemat Gryffe. Take a look at what's been going on:

Women's Service

April to July statistics

Throughout April to July, we supported 255 women altogether - both new and existing clients. We received 155 new referrals.

All women referred received information and advice. Of the total amount of new referrals 25 women went onto access outreach service and 5 women were admitted into our refuge accommodation.

No recourse to public funds

Of the total amount of new referrals, 78 women had no recourse to public funds (NRPFs) and 19 women with NRPFs went onto access the outreach service.

Immigration Status	Amount
Asylum Seekers Awaiting Decision	16
Dependant on Husband / Wife's Visa	9
Family Reunification	4
Insecure / No Status	1
Limited leave to remain	1
Spouse visa	33
Study Visa	6
Visitor's Visa	1
Work Visa(s)	7
Total	78

Women's group activities



Voices in Colour

Throughout the Spring we partnered up with Village Storytelling where our women's group met weekly on Zoom to hear inspiring and detailed stories from the Storytelling facilitator in Urdu and English. While the facilitator told the stories, often of women who triumph against all odds, the women's group embroidered their own pieces of artwork that were put together to create a tapestry.

The final tapestry was titled Voices in Colour and was presented at the Burrell Collection, along with a story from the facilitator, during Refugee Week 2025.

Every square is a personal reflection, a message or a memory. Some show flowers, others hearts, symbols of strength, or small windows into their world.



Bike for Good

While the weather was nice, we teamed up with the charity Bike for Good and got lots of the women – in refuge, outreach and women's group – out in the sunshine to learn how to ride a bike. Bike for Good provided a teacher along with bikes and helmets and took the women around Kelvingrove Park.

The women thoroughly enjoyed learning how to cycle and said it has boosted their confidence.



Celebrating Eid

To celebrate Eid in June, we took the women's group to Hot World Cuisine Glasgow.

We welcomed new members and existing members and discussed what the women would like from women's group going forward. We discussed more activities outdoors, volunteering opportunities for the women and more logistical support for understanding the city and public transport.

Still to come for women's group...

Going forward we will be continuing with our ESOL classes, and introducing our new members to learn English. We will also be working in partnership with CEMVO and will host a number of workshops from August to October. In these workshops, our women's group will learn about energy efficiency, economic abuse, budgeting, online banking, cost-of-living and more.

Children & young people's service

April to July statistics

During January to March, 72 children and young people were recorded as receiving support. Some of these children received refuge and follow-on support, while the majority were school-based.

Supporting CPYs in refuge

Throughout spring we have been supporting five children aged 3 to 15 in refuge, providing free play and support sessions in the play flat.

We have celebrated two birthday parties in the play flat, with music, food and dancing.

We have been out and about during the summer holidays and have taken the children to Gravity, soft play, the cinema, Science Centre and Kelvingrove Art Galleries. We also provided additional information on summer programmes taking place around the Glasgow area.

In follow on support, we have helped mothers to find local nurseries and information on facilities in their areas. We have continued accompanying mothers to various appointments including health check-ups.



Anti-Racist Partners Network Event - Govan High School

Hosted by Glasgow Educational Psychology Service, the event aimed to strengthen support for Glasgow's most vulnerable children and families by connecting schools with local organisations.

The event featured stalls from various partners showcasing resources and services. It was a valuable opportunity to share our work, foster collaboration and promote equality and diversity across the city.

Outreach

Supporting young women

Over the past few months, CYP community worker has seen a noticeable increase in referrals related to forced marriage. The community worker has been actively supporting young people through these complex situations, working closely with police and social work to ensure safety and appropriate interventions.

Glasgow City Public Protection Conference

On 15th May the community worker attended a powerful and informative conference on safeguarding and protection. Workshops included trauma informed approaches, online safety, domestic abuse and public protection and more.

Children in Scotland Conference

Over This event was a vibrant mix of learning and networking. I explored workshops from storytelling to children's rights. It was a fantastic opportunity to build partnerships and connect with professionals.

