

Newsletter

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Welcome to Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid first newsletter. This edition contains information in relation to who we are, our service provision, our women's group and some statistical data between April 2022 and June 2022.

Who We Are

Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid provides refuge accommodation, crisis support and outreach services to women, children and young people from the Asian, Black and Minority Ethnic community experiencing domestic abuse, forced marriage and honour based abuse. Established in 1981, Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid is the first women's aid project in Scotland specifically providing support to women from BME backgrounds. The office at 24 Willowbank Street, Glasgow is the first point of contact for women requiring support. If you would like to contact us you can call us, send us an email, or arrange an appointment to visit our drop in centre.

Refuge

The refuge is a safe and confidential environment where women are provided with emotional and culturally sensitive specialised support to enable them to make decisions about their future. While staying in refuge, women are supported by experienced bilingual staff in accordance with their individual needs. In refuge there are workers that children and young people can talk to, who will help and support them, work with them through trauma and individual issues.

Follow On

When moving from refuge to permanent accommodation, follow on support is provided to reduce isolation and to help women settle into their new homes and assimilate safely within the local area. When children and young people are leaving the refuge with mum, support continues.

Crisis Outreach Support

Crisis support is available to women, children and young people living in the wider community. We can meet you at a place of safety to talk. This service is for women requiring immediate crisis support. Women who cannot attend at the drop-in centre can be met at a place of safety.

Women's Group

We have a thriving women's group that meets online every week and approximately 12 women regularly attend. Information sessions were conducted by invited speakers preparing women to enter employment including developing a CV as well as budget control. Some of the sessions provided the women with information in relation to hate crime, online harm and abuse.

Children's Service

Children and young people in the refuge are supported by a key worker who will help them settle in upon arrival. Workers will support children and young people through trauma and individual issues. Play sessions, activities, outings and trips are also available to the children

When families are ready to move to permanent accommodation the workers will support them in managing the transition and settling into their new environment.

Support is available to children and young people living in the community via the outreach service. Children who are not in refuge can access support through confidential school-based sessions provided or in another agreed safe space at a time that suits them. School sessions will resume the week beginning 22 August 2022. Referrals and self-referrals are accepted directly to workers or via phone or email.

Our Statistics

There were 12 women in refuge during this quarter.

There were 70 new referrals for support for women and 5 women were admitted to refuge.

33 women received crisis/outreach support.

27 women had an insecure immigration status and had no recourse to public funds, denying them access to housing and welfare benefits in the face of domestic abuse.

- 13 entered the UK on a spousal visa and were supported to access the destitution domestic violence concession whereby they were granted leave outside the rules, cancelling their spousal visa and allowing them access to public funds.
- 14 women could not access refuge due to their insecure immigration status.

Honour Based Abuse Research

We are currently involved in honour-based abuse research.

We are keen to hear from professionals working in the field of Honour Based Abuse, as well as survivors. The research team is a collaboration between Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid, Police Scotland, The University of Strathclyde and experts working in the violence against women sector. If you would like to get involved or find out more then please follow the link below!

<https://www.honour-abuse-research.co.uk/>



Digital Media

We have recently set up our Instagram account, if you would like to keep up to date with our organisation and events please follow us! Additionally, we have a new Digital Media Worker who has joined the team in March 2022 whose post is funded by the Scottish Government Delivering Equally Safe Fund.

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