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OVERVIEW OF SERVICE

WE ARE A WOMEN-ONLY ORGANISATION, PROVIDING EMOTIONAL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT TO WOMEN IN LONDON WHO HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE CJS AND/OR BEEN VICTIMS OF DV.

DV SERVICE:

- OFFER A RANGE OF SUPPORT FROM SAFETY PLANNING AND ADVOCACY, TO HOUSING AND CHILDREN/FAMILY SUPPORT
- SUPPORT CLIENTS THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND KEEP THEM INFORMED OF COURT HEARINGS AND CAN SUPPORT TRIALS
- ALSO PROVIDE ADVICE TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS SO THAT THEY KNOW HOW TO HELP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

CJS SERVICE:

- OFFER SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY TO HELP WOMEN ADDRESS THEIR COMPLEX NEEDS TO HELP PREVENT REOFFENDING
- ONE-TO-ONE AND GROUP WORK SUPPORT ON A RANGE OF ISSUES SUCH AS:
 - BENEFITS AND DEBT ADVICE,
 - HOUSING,
 - SUBSTANCE MISUSE,
 - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
 - CHILD AND FAMILY MATTERS

ALSO ASSIST BY SIGNPOSTING TO AND ADVOCATING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES

OUR SUPPORT CAN LAST UP TO 12 MONTHS AND IS VOLUNTARY FOR THE CLIENT TO ENGAGE

CLIENT CASE STUDY (LE)

Referred in March 2021 by Probation

Romanian woman

Multiple/complex needs

Offence related to DV – breach of NMO

SUPPORT NEEDS:

MH: DIAGNOSED WITH DEPRESSION, PTSD, PANIC ATTACKS AND ANXIETY. HISTORY OF SELF-HARM BEHAVIOUR AND CONCERNS THIS MAY HAVE BEEN IN PRESENCE OF SON

DV: SEVERAL INCIDENTS OF PAST DV BETWEEN LE AND HUSBAND. HE HAS NMO AGAINST HER, BUT SHE HAS BREACHED THIS MULTIPLE TIMES.

ACCOMMODATION: CURRENTLY IN AN EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION SUPPORTED BY THE HARROW CS (HOTEL). HAVE EXTENDED THIS TWICE, AND COUNCIL INVOLVED FOR SUPPORT, BUT LE NOT ADDRESSING HOUSING NEEDS

CHILDREN & FAMILIES: ASSESSED BY SS AS NOT BEING ABLE TO CARE FOR HER SON APPROPRIATELY – HE DID NOT MEET DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES. DUE TO CONCERNS, AND DV, SHE WAS REMOVED FROM FAMILY HOME. SON IN CARE OF FATHER

FINANCES: CONCERNS OF CURRENT FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION – GIVING LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO ILLEGITIMATE “CHARITY”. PREVIOUS VICTIM OF FINANCIAL SCAM.

OBSTACLES

- LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF VARIOUS SERIOUS MATTERS
- RESISTANT TO ADVICE OR INFORMATION FROM PROFESSIONALS
- HAS REFUSED SUPPORT FROM ADULT SOCIAL CARE
- SEEMS TO BE RELUCTANT TO MAKE CHANGES HERSELF TO ADDRESS SUPPORT NEEDS.

FINAL OUTCOME

- PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION
- ADDRESS FINANCIAL ISSUES
- START MH SUPPORT

BARRIERS

- SUPPORT FOR FEMALE PERPETRATORS OF DV
- SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT BE AWARE OF THEIR VULNERABILITIES AND LIKELIHOOD OF BEING EXPLOITED
- LANGUAGE/UNDERSTANDING

BRENT-SPECIFIC BARRIERS

- FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION/ABUSE SERVICES
- HOUSING SUPPORT AGENCIES
- EASTERN EUROPEAN SUPPORT
- SUPPORT FOR WOMEN NOT ABLE TO SEE CHILDREN