

SURVIVORS PROJECT



Maggie and Nia started on 3rd April, 2018, and have been busy acquainting themselves with our project workplan, the projects outcomes and reading Central Advocacy Partners policies and procedures. We are well on track with the workplan, and in some parts we are even ahead of where we had hoped to be.

WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT HOW WE WILL MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING. WE CREATED A BASELINE ASSESSMENT TO USE WITH OUR ADVOCACY PARTNERS. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY CAPTURE WHERE SOMEONE IS WHEN THEY START WORKING WITH US AND WHERE THEY ARE WHEN WE COMPLETE A PIECE OF WORK.



We have also set up a database, that complies with General Data Protection Regulation, that allows us to capture outcomes relating to the Scottish Governments Equally Safe policy which we can share, if appropriate with our Gender Based Violence partners and Violence Against

Women network. This will enable us to be seen as effectively working towards both the Scottish Governments and Forth Valleys outcomes, allowing us to be recognised as a project which is vitally needed.

We have met with Dr Gillian Stewart, University of Strathclyde, and she has agreed to externally evaluate our project. We will continue to work closely with her to provide her with the information that she requires to properly evaluate the work that we are undertaking.

NETWORKING



A major part of establishing our service has been networking with other agencies and identifying areas of potential partnership working.

We are finding that overall other organisations and services are very positive about the new service. Many professionals have identified gaps in their services and that it has been noted that people with a learning disability are more vulnerable to abuse.

AGENCIES VISITED INCLUDE

NHS :
Sexual Health Educator
Family nurse partnership
Community LD nurse team (Clacks)
Community LD nurse (Falkirk)

Police Scotland

Scottish Women's Aid
Shakti Women's Aid
Stirling Women's Aid,
Clackmannanshire Women's Aid,
CEA
Forth Valley Rape Crisis

FDAMH

Family Life Centre, Stirling

Caledonian Project

The Gate

Hawkhill Centre

Ctsi and SVE

Action for Children

Reachout

Community Learning and Development

Sacro

Forth Valley College

We have been working hard to earn ourselves 'a place at the table' and are now active members of:

- Gender Based Violence Forum in Stirling
- Working with Linda Gilliland to be part of the reestablished the Falkirk GBV group.
- Safe and Together mentors group
- Stirling and Clacks Health and Social Care forum



We have also been included in:

- Engenders round table *Disabled women; our bodies; our rights*
- 100 years of suffrage CRE event in Stirling
- Marac and Matak meetings
- Ctsi business breakfasts
- Stirling 3rd Sector Children & Family Forum

LAUNCHES



To officially launch the project, we had events in Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk.

These were well attended by a range of professionals, elected members and service users.

Feedback from those who attended was really positive!



A lovely event
Well done,
everyone
involved!

It was good to
see so many
people there.

A much needed
service.



PROMOTING THE PROJECT

We have used our knowledge of our community to promote the service at relevant events and regularly have stalls at appropriate events.



We have designed posters, leaflets and covert merchandising to further promote our project.



Using CAP's star people, we have used yellow and gold to make unique branding for the survivors' project.

FUNDING



We have been successful in a funding bid to Falkirk Council's Community Grant. This was used to pay for the entertainment at the launches and promotional materials we purchased.

TRAINING

We have attended training to equip ourselves in having the most up to date and current knowledge. This includes; Safe & Together, Child Protection, Adult Support and Protection, Talking Mats and Identifying, responding to & Supporting Women Experiencing Domestic Abuse.

SOCIAL MEDIA



We have been actively tweeting updates about the project and we are now using this form of media to connect with a wider audience than before. We also use Facebook to communicate with our members.

REFERRALS

To date we have received five referrals. We feel that this is a slow but a positive start. The referrals were all made by different partner agencies, so we think that this shows that getting out there and speaking to people is of benefit to this project.



We have facilitated a short session on 'What is Abuse?' with our Parent's Network. It is hoped that this might generate some self-referrals. In Autumn 2018 we plan to deliver similar workshops to learners in Access & Progression at Forth Valley College.

THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

Our focus for the next three months will be to increase our referrals. We want to reach out further into the learning disability community so more people can self-refer.

To do this we intend to:

- Do more awareness raising sessions with potential service users
- Continue to get out and meet as many people and professionals as possible
- Continue to contribute to Forth Valley's forums and partnerships
- Continue distributing our posters and leaflets into the community
- Promote our service on our website
- Work as required with Dr. Gillian Stewart to capture relevant data
- Continue to access relevant training opportunities

