
STREET PROSTITUTION STRATEGY 2021/22

CHARTER OF AGREEMENT

This charter is not a legally binding document, but rather an agreement between partner organisations to ensure commitment to developing an enhanced approach for supporting some of the most vulnerable women in our community. The aim is for change to become integrated and embedded in a way that will foster stability, sustainability, and cohesion within the system.

1. To ensure that the safeguarding forum is promoted effectively, and that each organisation signs up and agrees to attend, and also respond to actions. The forum will be refreshed frequently to ensure that the right people are invited.
2. For safeguarding leads within each organisation to sign up to this charter, they will be responsible for filtering this ethos to the rest of the organisation.
3. To adopt a gender and trauma informed approach to how services are delivered – all services to review their accessibility.
 - All staff to undertake training on trauma informed practice and sign up to the Trauma Alliance Community of Practice.
4. To develop a universal referral form with a traffic light system to be agreed by all parties.
 - Organisations to commit to at least responding to a referral within a defined period of time (according to the traffic light system that is to be developed).
5. To change the language of written correspondence to be softer, more accessible, and free of judgement.
6. To develop a clear leaflet for the women with information of local services - where to go, who to call and opening times etc.
 - A multi-agency approach is needed to create this leaflet, and to ensure that it is kept up to date.
7. To commit to timely and relevant information sharing between organisations, that is prompt and effective.
8. To increase the flexibility of services and worker mindset:
 - Encouraging a person-centred approach with the journey e.g. seeing not attending appointments as a journey to engagement, not a failure to engage.
 - Trust is something that should be fostered and is continuously developed. It is not an expectation that the client will come to the service having trust already.
 - Gaining the trust and being flexible with the approach, it is not essential to know everything immediately.

DECLARATION

This Charter of Agreement is made as of this day, _____,

Between

_____ of _____
(TITLE) (Organisation Name)

And

_____ of _____
(TITLE) (Organisation Name)