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Transform Sutton

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Transform consortium?

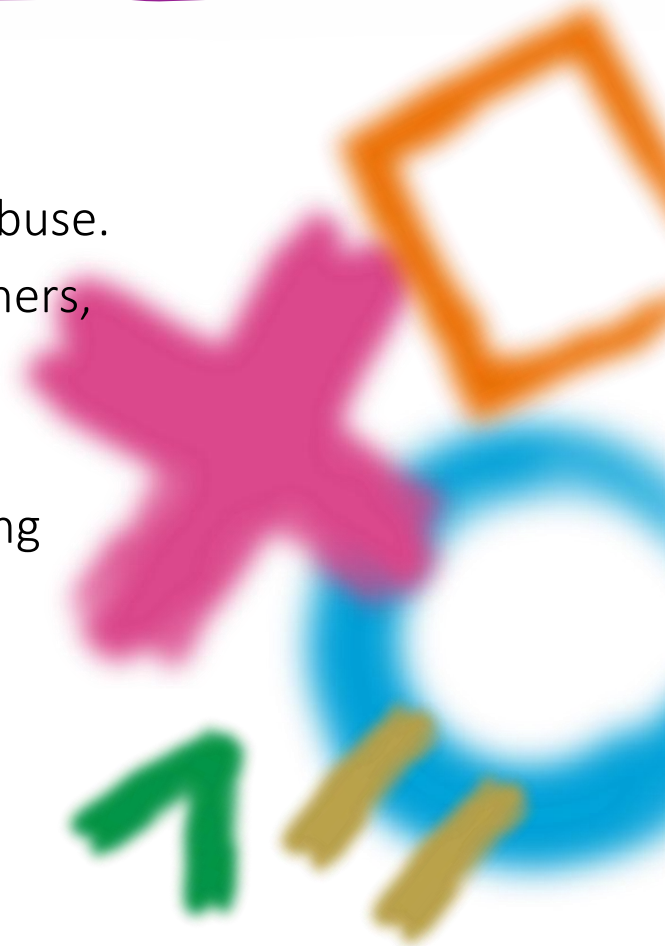
Cranstoun are the Lead providers of the Transform Consortium

- **What do the Partners provide?**
- **Cranstoun** (Empowering People, Empowering Change) – Provide an IDVA Service and Men & Masculinities Programme
- **Hestia** – Provides families who are experiencing domestic abuse with refuge accommodation. Hestia Floating support provides support services within the community. Hestia also provides specialist support, Transitional worker and Counsellor.
- **Sutton Women's Centre** – Delivers the Freedom Programme
- **Jigsaw4U** – Train volunteers to provide survivors and their families to support themselves to recover from the effects of DA. Child therapist.
Trained volunteers offer a range of befriending/emotional support.
- **Home-Start Sutton** – provide the Nurturing Programme and children's nurturing sessions
- **The Limes College** – provide a bespoke domestic abuse service for children
Programmes - Becoming a Man, Violet and RAE Programme for children 9+



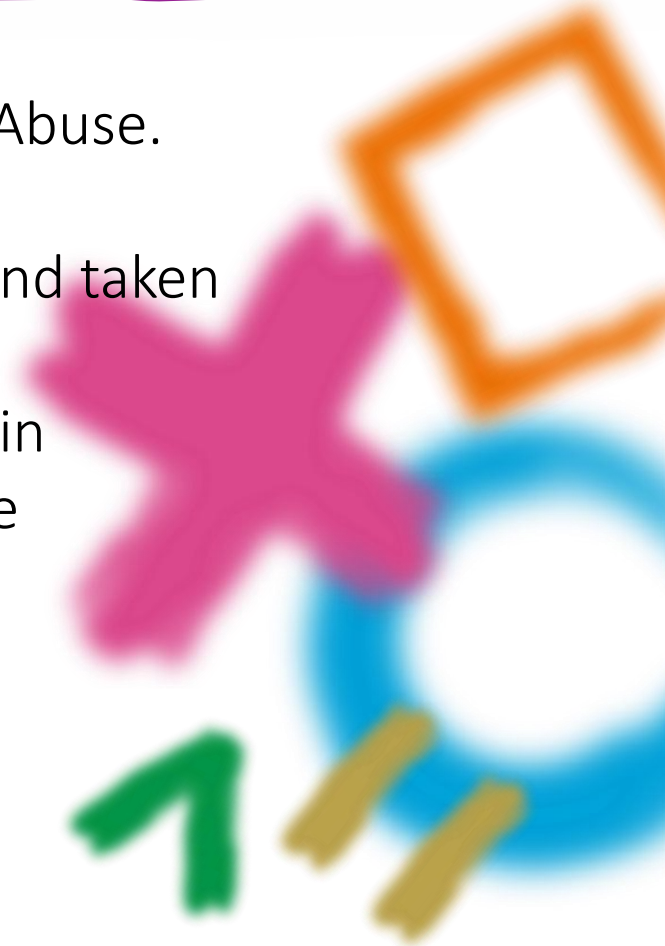
What is an IDVA?

- An Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) offers safety advice, information on options and services available, and emotional support to high risk victims of domestic abuse.
- The main purpose of an IDVA is to assess the risk of harm to victims from intimate partners, ex-partners or family members and in conjunction with the victim, identify a Safety and Support Plan to reduce that risk.
- IDVAs can work within a multi agency setting ensuring professionals involved are working together to increase safety of victims and their families.



Role of an IDVA

- Often are the first point of contact to receive help with regards to Domestic Abuse.
- Assessing the risk faced by victims and their child(ren).
- Acting as the voice of the victim to ensure their views and needs are heard and taken seriously regardless of their decision to leave or remain in the relationship.
- Increase the safety and wellbeing of a victim and their child(ren) by working in partnership with other organisations, making referrals and signposting where appropriate.
- Ensure that the views of high risk victims are represented at the MARAC.
- Provide appropriate information, advice and support in relation to civil law.
- Empower victims to take back control of their life.



Cost of Living Crisis

- Financial crisis is having an impact on domestic abuse survivors it limits a survivor's option especially if they are already suffering financial abuse. Their finances have already been stretched to an unmanageable stage.
- Due to added financial pressures and dealing with an alleged perpetrator – too often the blame is on the victim.
- Services users are voicing suffering from financial abuse more and more, with the Transform service.
- Quote from service user
- “There was no food so would go without, so that my baby could eat – he would not leave any money for food – there was always enough for his drugs and alcohol”!
I was even more trapped !



Impacts

- The cost of living crisis is a worrying time for victims and survivors of Domestic abuse
- It is traumatic
- It is relentless
- Victims of domestic abuse are being faced with a choice – remaining in an unsafe home or facing financial destitution or homelessness.
- Within Transform services we are noticing victims returning to their perpetrators

Quote

“The time is not right” – I will just have to wait until I get a job.

“Worried about not being able to pay for essentials”

Impacts

- Victims and survivors are disclosing the suffering of financial coercive control, Unable to afford daily essentials Meals, pay bills attend appointments.



Short video

- Play the short video to the audience



ACTIVITY

- Helping Hands Co-ordinator

Liz Miller to lead on Activity



Poem written by a survivor and their journey

- Play Poem on Audio



Poem

Received with A Heart Full of Gratitude : An Ode to Donor

Received with A Heart Full of Gratitude : An Ode to Donors Dear Donor, From the depths of my heart, I say, "Thank you" Yes, I know, you've heard it a thousand times, But, really, I say "Thank you", one more time, Your gift was received with a heart full of gratitude. Your generous gift saved my life, literally, Your gift gave me hope to start again, dream again, fight again, live again; Fleeing for my life and safety, With two children in tow, And three 'Ghana-must-go' I sit and stare in utter disbelief, I look over my shoulder and sigh in relief, We're free at last, I think, joyfully Free from what? You muse, Free from the never-ending cycle of domestic abuse, I'm a daughter, a sister, a mother, a teacher, And at one point the wife of a preacher, I am a survivor of domestic abuse, A mother, who found the courage to cut loose, A wife, who broke the cycle of abuse. So, Dear Donor, If you've ever wondered, Oh, what's the use? Is my donation being put to good use? Oh, let me assure you, Oh, don't ever doubt, Your gift saved a woman from domestic abuse. Your gift gave me freedom, Your gift gave me hope, Your gift put smiles on unseen faces, And made us feel like worthy princesses.

Where to refer/signpost

Transform Information Line: **020 8092 7569**

Website: cranstoun.org/transform-Sutton (Professional Referral Form and Self-Referral Form)

One Stop Shop

Women only every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am
Sutton Baptist Church, 21 Cheam Road, Sutton, SM1 1SN

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Men Only Every third Thursday of the Month 10am – 1pm Sutton Masonic Hall

Thank you!

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