



Domestic Abuse in Congleton

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Background

Our vision is of a community where people can **live free** of the fear of domestic abuse

- ▶ Congleton Town Council resolved to support the development of specialist domestic abuse support for Congleton in September 2019
- ▶ Funding was sought to develop a community hub for local victims and their families

Successes and Challenges

- ▶ £15,000 in total was identified to support the project
- ▶ CTC funded the use of The Old Saw Mill
- ▶ COVID-19 restrictions limited what could be offered
 - ▶ Face to face support only available one to one which meant only advice clinics could be offered face to face as considered essential
 - ▶ Group support moved to online for peer support groups
 - ▶ Support for child care not possible

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- ▶ 161 referrals for 94 individuals between September 2020 and August 2021
- ▶ 62 adult victims of domestic abuse
 - ▶ 57 female victims
 - ▶ 5 male victims
- ▶ 7 male Perpetrators of domestic abuse
- ▶ 2 female perpetrators of domestic abuse
- ▶ 4 children for behaviour change support
- ▶ 19 children for recovery support
- ▶ 23 victims assessed at high risk of death or serious harm referred to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences
- ▶ £1625 in community grants distributed
- ▶ 72 care packages distributed

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Referrals were assessed and a range of support was offered

- ▶ Advice clinics at The Old Saw Mill (44 people)
 - ▶ General advice - 52 clinics delivered 92 available Sessions of which 83 were attended by 26 adults (23 women and 3 men)
 - ▶ Police Clinics - attended by 11 women
 - ▶ Legal Clinics - attended by 7 women
- ▶ Peer Support Group (online due to COVID-19)
 - ▶ 52 group sessions with 142 attendances (21 women)
- ▶ Lifeline - Men's behaviour change Programme
 - ▶ 3 of 6 men have joined Lifeline (delivered online during COVID)
- ▶ Evolve - Women's behaviour change Programme
 - ▶ 2 women have completed
- ▶ 1-2-1 support - Tailored support face to face and online
 - ▶ 15 women have completed support plans
- ▶ CYP Programmes
 - ▶ 21 children and young people have completed play therapy, Monkey Bob recovery work, Even Better programmes and/or Future Proof

Where are we now?

▶ Funding

- ▶ Due to COVID restrictions limiting what we can offer face to face some savings have been made and we still have £7,892 which will fund activity until March 2022

▶ Offer

- ▶ Clinics continue weekly
- ▶ Peer Support Groups begin again face to face in October 2021
- ▶ Support from our core service continues to be available (if one to one this is place based)

▶ Moving Forward

- ▶ We continue to seek further funding from a range of funders