

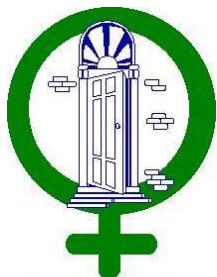
# INTERNATIONAL WORK TO ENABLE WOMEN TO CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS – EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THE UK, RUSSIA AND UZBEKISTAN

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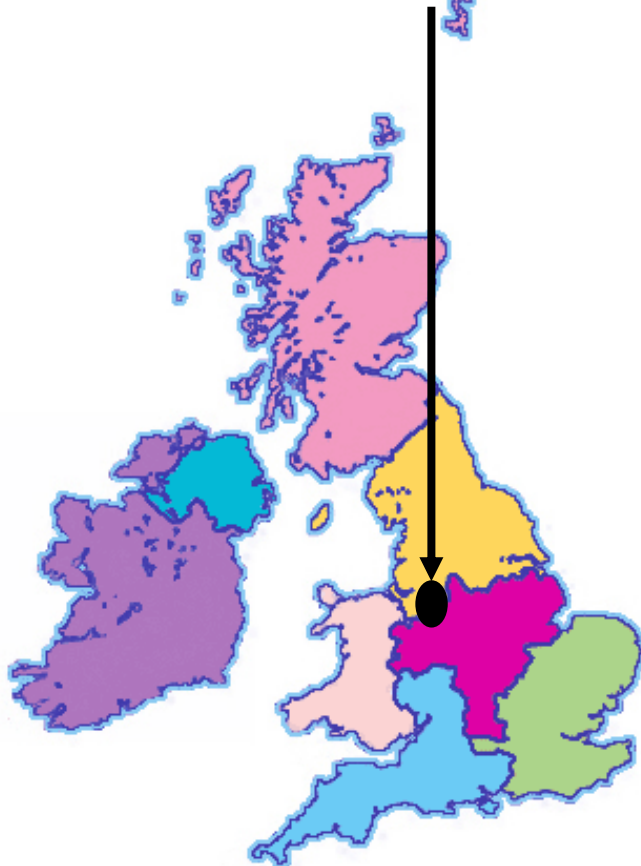
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## Wolverhampton, UK



### UNITED KINGDOM:

Total land area of UK is  
244,820 sq.km

Population 60,587,300 mln.

The UK was one of the 12  
founding members of the  
European Union at its launch  
in 1992

Major religion: Christianity –  
53%

### WOLVERHAMPTON:

- Population 239,000
- Over 60 languages
- 4.3% unemployment

# 11 Years of Partnership

- Training and awareness raising
- Exchange of experience
- Conference participation
- Technical support
- Joint lobbying
- Friendship and empowerment



# About The Haven Wolverhampton



**" The Haven Wolverhampton aims to provide quality and sensitive services to women and any dependent children who are homeless through reasons such as domestic violence and in need of safety, shelter, stability and support within an environment of equality, dignity and respect."**

- Set up in 1973**
- 15 Board Trustees**
- 72 members of staff, 25 volunteers**
- The Haven is a Registered Charity No.1065427 & NGO**
- Located in Wolverhampton but works Nationally and Internationally**
- Supported by Wolverhampton City Council**

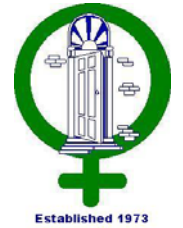
# The Haven Wolverhampton's Services



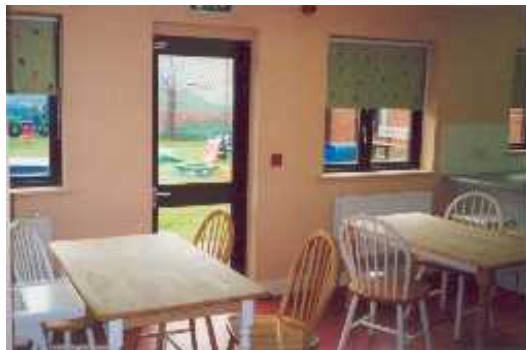
- Temporary Accommodation
- Community Support
- Resettlement Service
- Advocacy Support
- Counselling / Support
- Children Services
- Housing and Immigration Advice
- Education, Training and Skill Development
- International Projects



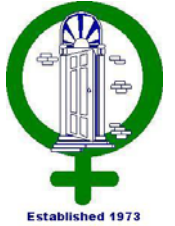
# Accommodation – 5 Hostels



The Haven can accommodate up to 46 women and 95 children any one time



# Specialist Support for Asian Women



We have several Asian Support workers who work with Asian women in hostels and on an outreach basis. This service provides:

- ✿ Interpreting / Advocating
- ✿ Understanding the cultural problems and issues
- ✿ Information on Welfare, Rights/ Immigration.

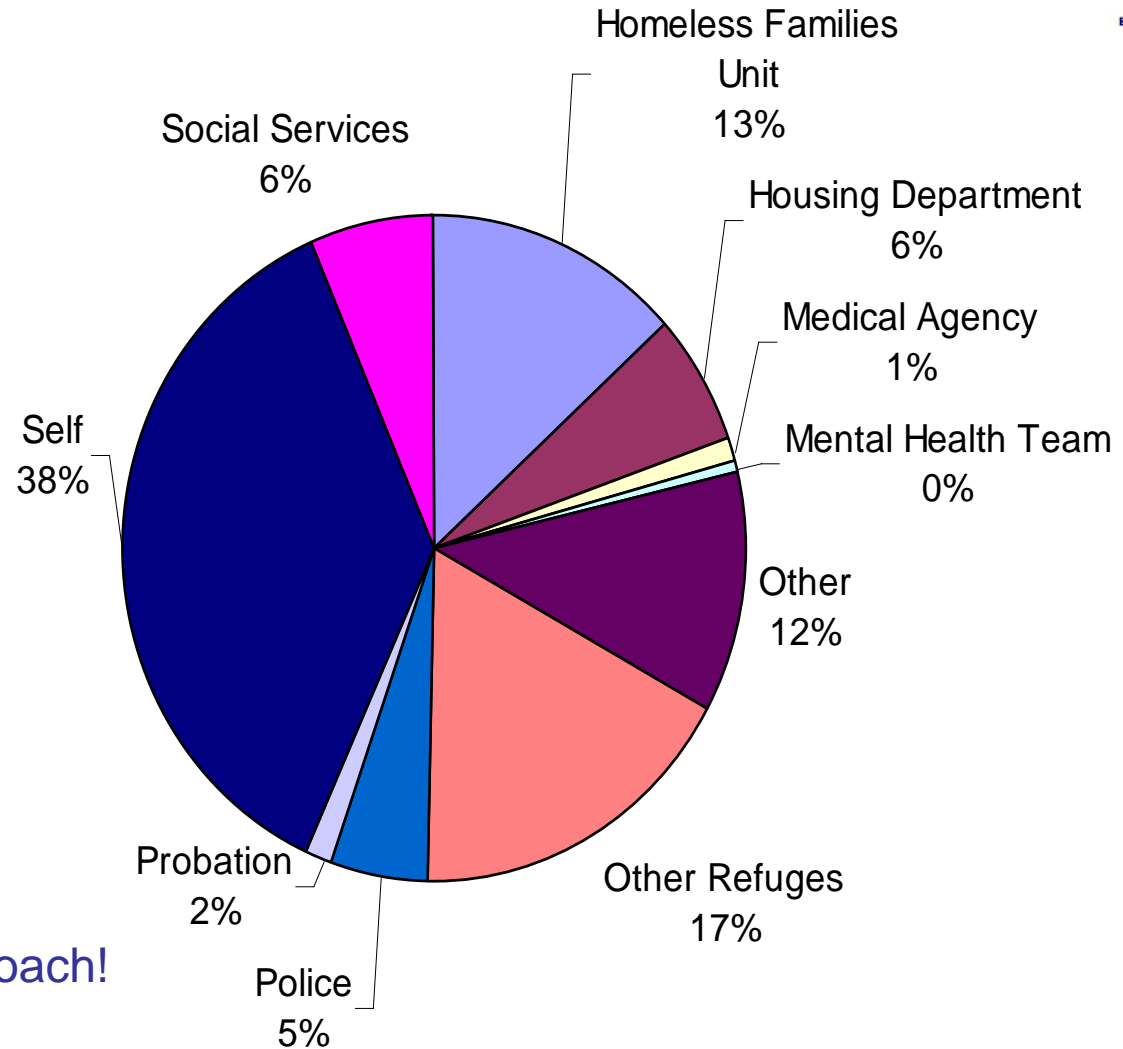
All our leaflets are available in four community languages

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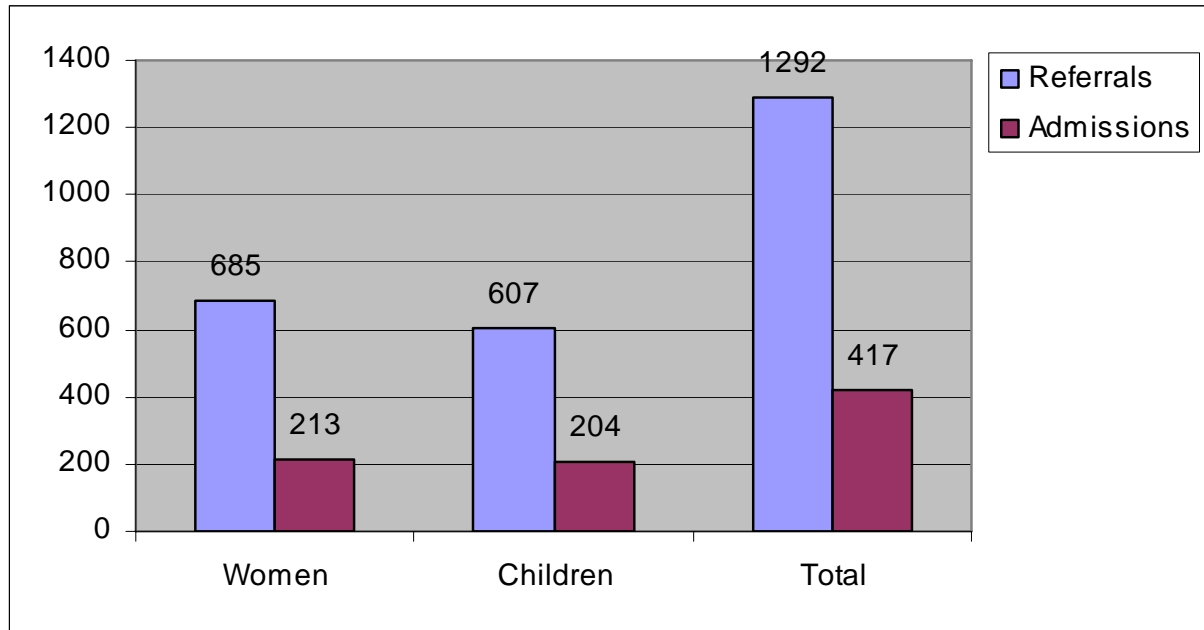


# Referring Agencies



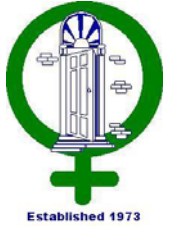
Multi-Agency approach!

# Statistics – April 2007-March 2008

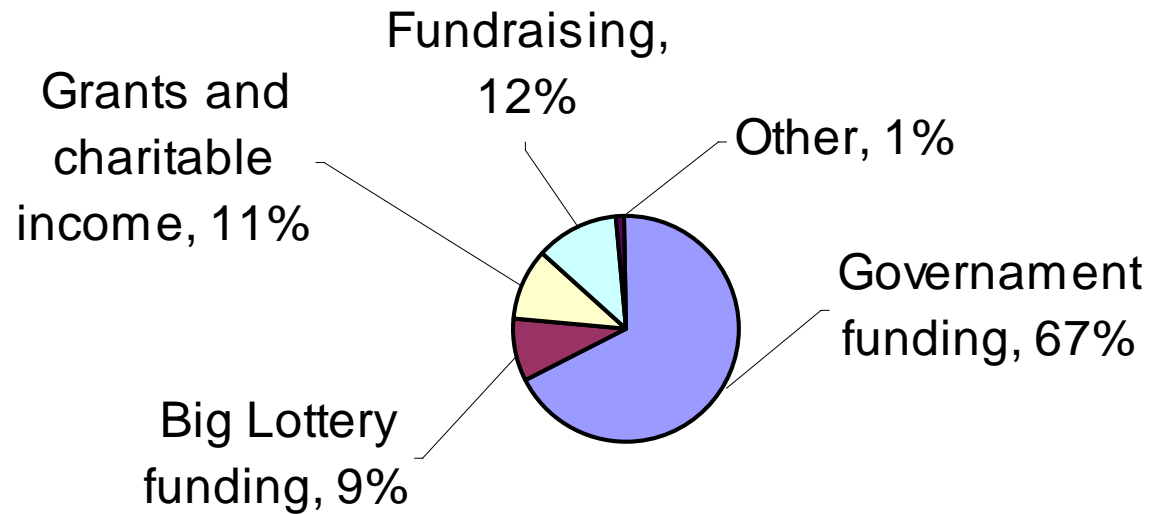


- Main reason for referral – Domestic Violence (60.0%)
- Accommodated 31.9%
- Utilisation 95.9%
- Achieved independence 70.6%

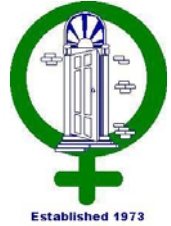
# Source of Income



## Income April 2006 - March 2007



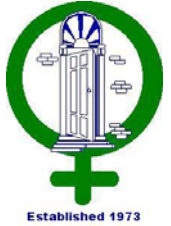
# National Political Context



## Government Priorities for Women:

Minister for Women and Equality, Harriet Harman:  
(July, 2007):

- To support families, as they bring up their children and look after their older and disabled relatives
- To tackle violence against women, and improve the way we deal with women who commit crimes
- To empower black and minority ethnic women, to build cohesion within their communities, and to build bridges between communities



# Domestic Violence Statistics

- Each year in the UK, 150 lives are lost due to DV;
- One quarter of all women (and one sixth of all men) will be victims of DV at some point in their lives;
- DV can account for 17-25 % of all violent crime;

In Wolverhampton during (April 2006- March 2007):

- Over 4,000 reported incidents of DV (women - 87%)



## DV COSTS THE UK at least £23bn PER ANNUM

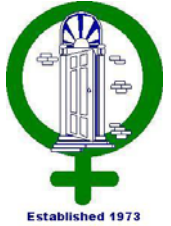
- £2.7bn is from lost productivity (due to injuries)
- £3bn spent by public services:
  - £1bn by *Criminal Justice System (25% of its budget for violent crime)*;
  - £1.2 bn by *NHS*;
  - £0.25bn by *social services*;
  - £0.26m by *housing authorities/associations*;
  - £0.3bn *civil legal services*
- £17bn+ – *the human and emotional cost: Domestic violence leads to pain and suffering that is not counted in the cost of services.*

# Cross-government action plans

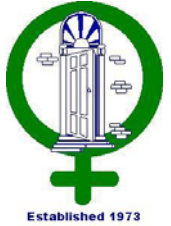


- Domestic violence
- Sexual violence and abuse
- Human trafficking
- Tackling violent crime
- Prostitution strategy
- Cross-Criminal Justice System (CJS)  
Rape Performance Group

# National DV Plan

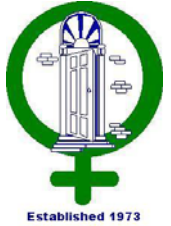


1. To reduce the number of domestic violence-related incidents
2. To reduce the prevalence of domestic violence
3. To ensure that victims of domestic violence are adequately protected and supported nationwide
4. To increase the rate of reporting for domestic violence
5. To increase the rate of reported domestic violence offences that are brought to justice



# Instruments

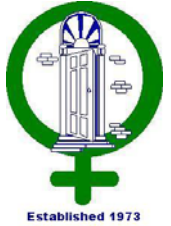
- Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act 2004
- Gender Equality Duty (GED) April 2007
- CEDAW (“Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women”) shadow report submitted by Women’s National Commission
- Research (eg Women’s Resource Centre Research: “Why women only?”)



# Plans for the future

- Development of The Co-ordinated Community Response model
- Improvement in legislation
- Public Service Agreements/National Indicator Set
- Creating Standards for service provision
- Integrated National Strategy on Violence Against Women

# Coordinated Community Response



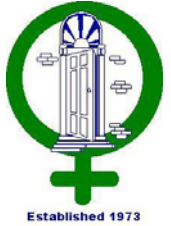
- Multi-agency interventions and information sharing involving local police, councils, NGO's and health across the country
- Wolverhampton Domestic Violence Forum
- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

# UN Millennium Development Goal



1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Develop a global partnership for development

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## Useful Links

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