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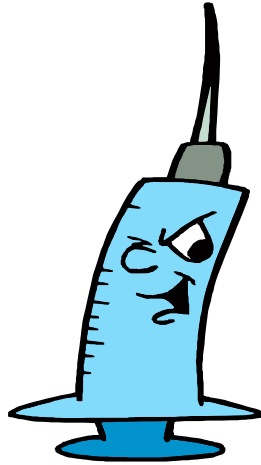
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The **STREETREACH** Project is a support service for women/girls involved in, at risk of or wishing to exit prostitution

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OPENING THOUGHT

Poem by
Sara



Druggie,
Smackhead,
Prostitute
And
Thief

Druggie, Smackhead, Prostitute, Thief
How can 4 words bring so much grief
Things aren't always what they seem
So stop and think before being so mean

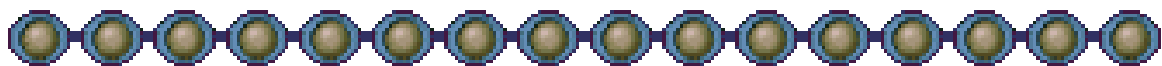
Druggie Someone who's addicted to a drug
But not necessarily an evil thug

Smackhead A word used when you don't understand
And you never ever will unless experienced first hand

Prostitute A person who has sex for money
Or someone you laugh at cause you think it's funny

A Thief To you this is all of the above
But I think it's someone craving attention and love

All I am saying is try and think
Before you shout and kick up a stink
'Bout that Druggie, Smackhead, Prostitute, Thief.



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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the STREETREACH Annual Report.

Once again we have had an eventful and exciting year dominated to some extent by "the move". We have finally taken possession of the premises next door and been able to develop the Structured Day Programme, incorporating complimentary therapies and a library.

We have also expanded the workforce employing one further project worker, a part-time drug support worker and a part-time administration worker to move the project forward.

Much work has been done this year in partnership with the Home Office, Police, Liverpool Local Authority with respect to managed areas.

The safety of the women we work with is paramount; an increase in violence on the streets makes this development a priority for the future. There is much work to be done and lessons to be learnt from projects around the world. There is more to say but hopefully much of it will be covered in the report.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the partners and organisations for their continued support over the last 12 months and last but certainly not least! I would like to thank and praise the staff at STREETREACH for their hard work, commitment and dedication.

Kind regards,

Trudy Hannington

Project Manager

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

NDC	New Deal for Communities
NRF	Neighbourhood Renewal Fund
NSF	Neighbourhood Support Fund
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
STI	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
HEP C	Hepatitis C
PCT	Primary Care Trust
DCSP	Doncaster Community Safety Partnership
DARTS	Doncaster Community Arts
CIP	Community Initiative Programme
DLP	Distance Learning Package
SPP	School Prevention Programme
PSHE	Personal, Social and Health Education
IT	Information Technology
BME	Black Minority Ethnic
DAT	Drug Action Team
CPN	Community Psychiatric Nurse
DSW	Drugs Support Worker
GU Med	Genito-Urinary Clinic
GP	General Practitioner
KY Gel	Lubricating Gel
Punters	Term used to describe 'prostitutes' clients
Ugly Mugs	Violent/aggressive punters
Detox	Detoxification in reference to drug treatment
Subutex	A drug prescribed during detox
Methadone	Heroin substitute
Poly drug user	Someone who uses a combination of legal/illegal drugs
Crack	Smokeable cocaine
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis
ASBOs	Anti-Social Behaviour Orders



THE ORGANISATION AT 31 MARCH 2004:-

STAFF

TRUDY HANNINGTON

Full time Project Manager

MARILYN WALKER

Full time Assistant Manager with responsibility of developing services for Under 18s

HILARY OWEN

Administration Officer

JILL COLLIER

Senior Drugs Worker

BOB CASE

Community Psychiatric Nurse

LORRAINE MAILLIE

Part time Outreach Worker and Activity Worker

HEATHER GOODWIN

Part time Outreach Worker and Activity Worker

VANNESSA WATSON

Part time Project and Outreach Worker

JO FARTHING

Part time Drugs Support Worker

TARA GARLAND

Part time Administration Worker

DR. P HURLEY

Sessional General Practitioner



The Trustees of the STREETREACH Project are as follows:-

Councillor Mrs S Knowles, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

Angela Scott, Doncaster East PCT

Dee Hammerson, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, Youth Service

Ken Pearce, Auckland Road Householders Association

Jenny Tasker, Netherhall Community Group

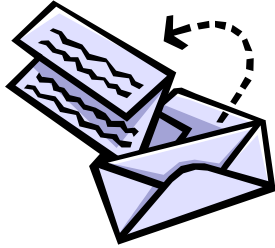
Graham Ashworth, Independent

Trudy Hannington, Project Manager

The objects of the Charity, as detailed in the Constitution, are:-

- (1) The preservation and protection of the sexual health of females and males involved in, or at risk of prostitution with the aim of identifying and encouraging alternatives to prostitution in the town of Doncaster and immediate neighbourhood.
- (2) The presentation and protection of sexual health of men who have sex with men in the Borough of Doncaster and immediate neighbourhoods with the aim of reducing STIs and HIV/Aids.
- (3) The advancement of the education of the public in the issues surrounding the dangers of prostitution, drugs and other related issues.

LETTERS FROM THE TRUSTEES



From

SUE KNOWLES
CHAIR OF STREETREACH

Streetreach has had a hugely successful first year as a charity being involved in events in London, Bradford, Liverpool and Manchester, where we were presented as an example of good practice and asked to share our expertise.

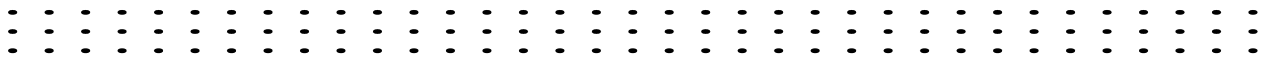
Our manager, Trudy Hannington, is involved in helping to formulate Government policy on prostitution, through the Home Office Prostitution Consultation "Paying the Price" and to reorganise her outstanding contribution through Streetreach, she has been given the "Yorkshire Woman of the Year" Award.

The number of women involved in prostitution in Doncaster has decreased significantly, most having exited prostitution.

The Trustees are very proud to have contributed to this ground-breaking organisation and look forward with confidence to the coming year.

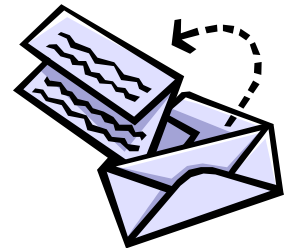
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Chair of Streetreach



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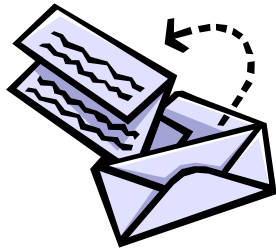
PHYLLIS TAYLOR
THE BALBY LITTLEMOOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Having recently joined Streetreach as a trustee I feel privileged to be part of an organisation committed to helping young people make positive and beneficial life choices. Providing the help and guidance to those who need to change their direction so they may become responsible caring adults.

Phyllis Taylor

Phyllis Taylor
Secretary



From

DEE HAMMERSON
Head of Youth Service
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

It is with great pleasure that I endorse this comprehensive and informative Annual Report from Streetreach.

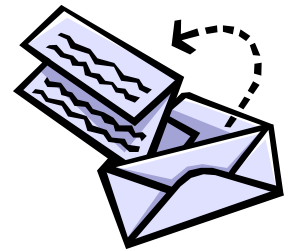
I am proud to write that I have been involved with the Streetreach Project from its inception and have watched it grow from strength to strength to become recognised as a national leader in its field; this is due to the innovative and creative practice produced by the hard working team led so skilfully by Trudy Hannington.

Dee Hammerson
Head of Youth Service



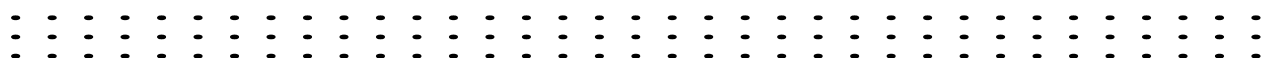
From

ANGELA SCOTT
DONCASTER EAST PCT



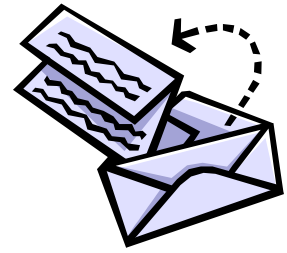
I am pleased to have this opportunity to contribute to the Streetreach Annual Report. Having been associated with the project from its inception I have had the privilege of watching it develop from small innovative project into the well established and a national acclaimed organisation that it now is. I have also be fortunate to accompany the staff on the two occasions they were nominated for the National Health Alliance Awards in recognition of there excellent partnership working. As it has developed the Streetreach has maintained its innovative approach and its commitment to partnership working. I would congratulate it on the significant contribution it has made to tackling inequality in a difficult and challenging area of work.

Angela Scott
Associate Director Doncaster East PCT



From

GRAHAM ASHWORTH
INDEPENDENT MEMBER



I have been involved in Streetreach from its inception being instrumental in the allocation of seed money as part of an HIV prevention initiative. I have played an active part in its development and seen the organisation grow from the idea stage to its current supportive role as a well-established active charity working for the benefit of the community. Following my retirement and Streetreach having been granted charity status, I have now become a trustee. I have watched Streetreach develop and progress, its staff has battled to establish and provide a service which has been internationally recognised as valuable and unique. Its members work extremely hard often putting themselves at risk being subjected to criticism and challenges in the delivery of a service in which they and I firmly believe in and which seeks to deal in part with the biggest public health agenda that the world has ever known – that of HIV and Aids prevention – without the calibre and tenacity of its present staff it could not continue in its valuable work which also helps women who have fallen on difficult times to regain elements of personal dignity and self respect and I am very proud to serve as a trustee of a charity which upholds high professional standards and is now being used as a role model in other parts of the country.

GRAHAM ASHWORTH
Independent Member

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The STREETREACH Project delivers a holistic approach to sexual health for women/girls involved in, or at risk from prostitution and men who have sex with men. All individuals will be in control of their own affairs and destinies and we are there as enablers, working to promote self-determination and equality of opportunity. We aim to eliminate some of the oppression, injustice and educational disadvantages from which many of our clients suffer. We encourage and support women to a more positive lifestyle away from prostitution.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT

The STREETREACH Project is opposed to all forms of discrimination, injustice and inequality. The STREETREACH Project is committed to creating equal opportunity for everyone, regardless of H.I.V. status, gender, sexuality, race, culture, ability, age, class, economic, or any other disadvantages. The STREETREACH Project will develop a service, which is sensitive to the needs of individuals and is based on mutual respect.

OPENING TIMES

STREETREACH is open as follows:-

Mondays	1.00pm-4.00pm	Drop-In
Mondays - evenings	6.00pm-9.00pm	GP Session
Tuesdays	11.00am-1.00pm	Structured Programme
Tuesdays	1.00pm-4.00pm	Drop-In
Wednesdays	9.30am-12.00pm	Appointment only
Wednesdays	11.00am-1.00pm	Structured Programme
Wednesdays	1.00pm-4.00pm	Drop-In
Thursdays	11.00am-1.00pm	Structured Programme
Thursdays	1.00pm-4.00pm	Drop-In
Fridays	10.00am-1.00pm	Structured Programme

OUTREACH SESSIONS

Mondays	8.00 pm – 10.00 pm
Thursdays	8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

OUTREACH

The STREETREACH Outreach Service still remains the most effective way to make the initial contact with adults and young people involved in or at risk of street prostitution.

Whilst this service is primarily about harm reduction by promoting personal safety, there is always an emphasis on promoting and encouraging the use of the Streetreach Centre.

The Outreach team have witnessed a significant decrease in overall numbers of women actively involved in street prostitution 127 in total compared to 170 the year before and a 70% reduction of "new" women entering prostitution, a total of 28 compared with 94 the previous year.

A number of assumptions could be made here, such as early intervention and partnership working is having a positive impact. The high profile interventions i.e. community wardens, high profile policing and resident patrols have made it more difficult for the women and their clients to operate. Also that street prostitution is more displaced and covert due to the many initiatives, but also because of the shift in drug trends, i.e. the increase use of crack/cocaine amongst the women means that they often "work" in the middle of the night and earlier in the day in order to fund a 24/7 drug habit.

In our experience we would surmise that the reduction in numbers is due to a combination of all interventions.

All of the clients met in the last 12 months have all admitted to becoming involved in prostitution as a result of drugs. The main drug of choice is still heroin, however, we estimate from information received from clients that 80% of our clients are also using crack/cocaine.

In terms of the profile of ages the majority of clients are between 21 to 35. However, despite identifying no under 16s in the previous year, we have had one young girl who was identified within one week of notification and a package of care from partner agencies was put in place.

However, we must not become complacent, as there is a rising concern from all agencies regarding the number of young girls involved in sexual exploitation. As a result joint working with Education Welfare, the Police, Social Services, Connexions and the Youth Service is an ongoing part of the Forum for Young People who are identified as being sexually exploited. See section "Work with Under 18's" for a more in depth report.

THE STREETREACH CENTRE

The STREETREACH Centre is open five days per week and covers the hours of 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

It is essential that the project continues to have this amount of access and service provision in order to enable and support our clients to move on to more positive lifestyles.

Over the last year we have achieved a number of developments in particular the extension of the centre now that we have taken on the lease of the next-door premises.

We now have a number of structured day programmes as well as an appointment system and drop-in facilities.

Whenever possible our programmes/workshops are accredited and portfolios are developed to evidence the work the clients are involved in.

It is also important to have opening times available to coincide with other services so that the women can make appointments and organise either being seen at the STREETREACH centre or accompanied visits arranged.

The STREETREACH project has excellent partnership arrangements offering easy access and fast track services creating a one-stop shop facility.

The services offered from the STREETREACH centre include:-

- A comprehensive drug treatment programme
- Complimentary Therapies
- Vaccination for Hep A and B
- Screening for Hep C
- Access to IT and the Internet
- Arts and Crafts
- Counselling
- Psychosexual Therapy
- Washing/Drying facilities
- Shower facilities
- Residentials
- Trips outs
- Basic skills
- Access to education/training and employment
- Access to gym/swimming

ACTIVITIES

Clients are encouraged to engage in a wide variety of activities, which help develop a range of knowledge and skills.

More focus has been put into certificates and accreditation, which proves to be very important to clients because it acknowledges the work they have done and the fact that they can achieve goals.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

GLASS PAINTING ● JEWELLERY MAKING ● MASK PAINTING ● FANTASY FILM ● BEAD CRAFTS ● DOOR NAME PLATES ● COASTERS ● PHOTO FRAMES ● MOSAICS ● COLLAGES

The arts and crafts are the core of all the activities, which we do at STREETREACH. Every client who attends the project participates in the above activities which prove to be therapeutic and develops a creative/artistic side, which they did not realise they had!!!

Clients are proud of what they have achieved and keen to show off items to other clients, which encourages them to engage in activities.

Many of the clients we work with no longer have custody of their children and use these sessions to make picture frames/name plates/coasters etc as a way of keeping in touch.

INFO TECHNOLOGY

COLLEGE ACCREDITATION/DISPLAYS/ADVICE AND INFORMATION/JOB SEARCH AND CVS/BASIC SKILLS

Clients work on computers to produce, promote and display specific issues e.g. STI/smoking/scabies, drugs/teeth care; this then creates discussion amongst clients and staff and raises awareness, which helps them to take responsibility for themselves. Most clients have been involved in their current lifestyle since they were 15/16 and have not been in employment. It is therefore extremely useful for them to work on the computer to devise CVs and build on basic skills. We would like to thank Steph, tutor from Doncaster College, for her support with computer work.

BAKING

SCONES ● BISCUITS ● BUNS ● CAKES ● MERINGUES ● CAKES MADE FOR CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

As there are no cooking facilities at STREETREACH we are grateful to the MIND Project for allowing us to use their kitchen. Weekly sessions are on-going and take place on a Wednesday. The Learning objectives from these sessions are hygiene skills/number skills/weighing skills/budgeting and respect.

LIFELONG LEARNING

A tutor from Lifelong Learning visited the project for three months on a weekly basis providing one to one support to clients wishing to increase their basic skills knowledge in literacy and numeracy.

NORTHERN COLLEGE, BARNSELEY

Day visits and short residential courses have taken place at Northern College. Clients are empowered to contact the college and complete enrolment forms. A new development this year is the partnership working with M25.

DAY TRIPS

TURKISH BATHS ● PLEASURE ISLAND ● MUSEUMS AND STATELY HOMES ● PETS CORNER
● HORSE RIDING

Trips are organised to give clients the opportunity to spend time away from their usual environment and provide a positive experience not had before.

They encourage work towards detox – good fund day out with children in safe/supportive environment.

Clients are given the opportunity to take responsibility for exploring options in terms of day trips and for ground rules to be adhered to on the day.

GYM SESSIONS & SWIMMING

These sessions are held at St James Baths. This promotes a healthier lifestyle, sense of well being, helps clients prepare for detox, through detox and post detox. Some clients still attend the gym when they no longer access the project.

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAYS

WOMEN'S DAY ● HEALTHY EATING ● NO SMOKING ● AIDS AWARENESS DAYS

Clients are encouraged to produce posters and questionnaires to support the promotion of International Awareness Days.

Salads, fruit, juices and smoothies were prepared and eaten/drunk during healthy eating week.

Masks were made and used by clients who participated in the 'Women's Day' march through Doncaster.

HEALTH/HAIR AND BEAUTY DAYS

HAIR CARE ● SKIN CARE ● MANICURES ● PEDICURES ● NAIL ART ● CUTTING ● WAXING ● REIKE ●
ALTERNATIVE THERAPY

These sessions help the clients to feel good about themselves and are a good exercise in team building, working together and peer support.

Tessa and Pauline continue to visit the project giving professional haircuts and styling, along with information on hair care.

RESEARCH AND FOCUS GROUPS

Throughout the year clients have taken part in local and national research and focus groups on issues such as prostitution – crime and disorder – crack use in South Yorkshire.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Doncaster College

Tessa and Pauline

Mind

Lifelong Learning
Northern College

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- ❖ Fashion Design Course
 - ❖ Youth Festival (Earth Centre)
 - ❖ Cooking through New Deal (Linney Centre)
 - ❖ To work with Kate Brown from ECPACT in a National Campaign of Sexual Exploitation towards Young People.

UGLY MUGS

There is a great deal of research, which shows high levels of violence against women who are involved in street prostitution.

As a result the STREETREACH project has been running for many years an “ugly mug” scheme.

The collection and distribution of ugly mug reports enables our clients to be alerted to dangerous individuals and encourages clients to report attacks to the police so that successful prosecutions can be achieved.

Women are fully support throughout the whole “process” by staff of STREETREACH.



UGLY MUGS FORM

Name

Date reported

Date of incident Reported to police YES/NO

Outline of incident: (Where, time, etc)

Description:

Height Age Hair colour

Skin colour Distinctive markings

Clothing

Car make Colour Reg

Date reported to Police (date & who by)

Other information/outcomes

WORK WITH GIRLS AGED 18 AND UNDER

The numbers of new people identified has significantly fallen during the past two years. This past year we have made contact with one girl under 16 years of age, who was being exploited through street prostitution and eight girls under the age of 19 years.

We have had reports from residents and community wardens that they have seen “very young girls” but we believe that these girls are probably older than they look. However, we continue to be vigilant through outreach sessions and information received from older girls/women involved in prostitution.

Early identification is essential as it is difficult to intervene once young people become entrapped in abusive situations and relationships. They develop extended ‘surrogate’ families and are reluctant to return to families where they may be a lack of emotional warmth and stability.

Other young people we have made contact with are presenting with more diverse issues and needing a wide range of support. They are being targeted by predatory males and adults who provide open houses for vulnerable young people seeking shelter. Many have multiple vulnerability factors that seriously jeopardise their life chances. They are vulnerable to substance misuse as drinking alcohol and smoking cannabis are viewed as the norm. They all believe that cannabis and alcohol would not lead them on to other illegal substances.

STREETREACH continues to encourage girls to give information about the men who sexually exploit them. This has been difficult to put into practice this year despite past success in using Abduction Orders. There appears to be a complex web of abusing adults and Streetreach, in partnership with other agencies, are attempting to unravel and eliminate this. We intend to use the new Sexual Offences Act due out in May, to target these adults through the criminal justice system.

DISTANCE LEARNING PACKAGE (DLP)

The DLP is an innovative Education provision developed and facilitated by the Pupil Referral Unit, Beckett Road. The girls accessing DLP are long-term non-attenders who are being sexual exploited or are at risk of sexual exploitation. A timetable is set for each girl, which includes a number of sessions covering curriculum work and an additional session around ARTS/CRAFTS/DRAMA. Staff involved with the delivery of the DLP includes teachers from the PRU or Education Welfare Connexions worker and a member of staff from STREETREACH who delivers the PSH aspect of their education.

The girls currently accessing DLP are not involved in street prostitution but fall into the category of those being exploited by adult males known to them. Some have histories of running away and truanting from school and are at risk of social exclusion. They lack external systems of support that could encourage and provide positive values. The DLP provides a framework in which the girls can have access to education in a supportive environment where they are able to build positive relationships with adults as well as other young people.

When the girls reach 16 years of age a 'leaving do' is organised for them by the Pupil Referral Unit where they are presented with a Record of Achievement for the work produced throughout the year. All members of staff involved in their education attend this event and although there have been times when the girls have attended sessions 'screaming and kicking' they display a great sense of pride in being presented with their portfolio. The girls come from disengaged, non-achieving backgrounds and are not used to getting positive feedback or recognition for their work. The portfolios are effective in enabling them to show what they have learned and to demonstrate to employers or colleges what they have done and what they are able to do. Additional sessions are being proposed by the Head of BRC with the aim of providing the girls with a more comprehensive education package.

STREETREACH also funds extra curricular activities alongside their structured programme of learning. This enables the young people to have the opportunity to participate in fun leisure activities away from their usual environment. In November four girls were part of a Youth Service trip to Ministers Question Time at the Houses of Parliament. They were accompanied by their Education Welfare Connexions Worker and a member of staff from STREETREACH. It was a new experience for all of them and they were surprised and pleased to be given the opportunity to ask questions about issues that were important in their lives.

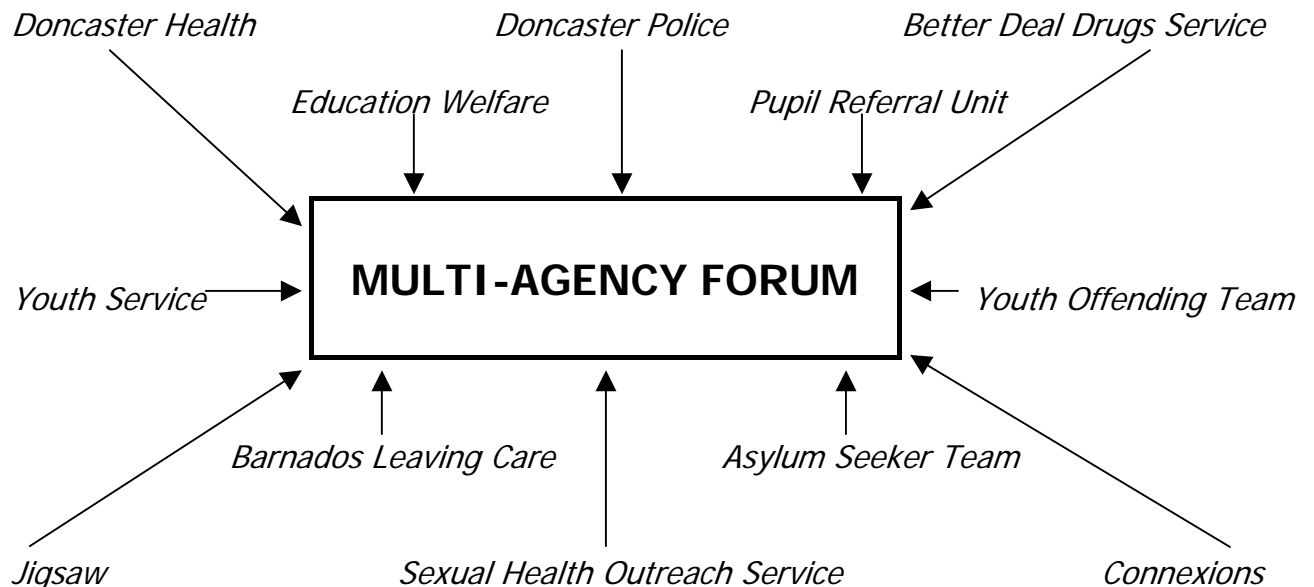
SCHOOL PREVENTION PROGRAMME

This is the second year that we have delivered the School Prevention Programme to Year 10 pupils in schools throughout Doncaster, a small number of schools choose to opt out. Seven mainstream schools took part in the programme, one special school and four groups within a 'Youth Club' setting. We aim to deliver the sensitive topic of prostitution in a way that will give the young people information about the realities, risks and consequences of prostitution while making them look at their own attitudes and stereotypes. We also raise the awareness of the link between drugs and prostitution and the risks young people face when they frequent the homes of adult males known to them. There is also an opportunity through questions to highlight the impact prostitution has on families, the wider community and residents who live in the area used for soliciting. For staff these sessions are regarded as 'in-service training' where they can re-inforce knowledge, gain new knowledge and be kept up to date with current trends and local information.

MULTI-AGENCY FORUM

The protocols and procedures of the Forum are in line with the Government guidance on young people who are sexually exploited through prostitution. In Doncaster it has been recognised for many years that it is beyond the scope of a single agency to

respond appropriately to this very vulnerable group of young people. We realise that in order to have effective inter-agency relationships there needs to exist a process whereby communication and information sharing is a priority. As the Forum has 'matured' over the years and our sources of information increased this year it has, at times, struggled to collate information and produce action plans. However, members of the Forum continue to be committed and to look at ways of building on the good practice already in place. We acknowledge that there are no quick answers and that the young people monitored through the Forum may need to be supported over a long period of time to bring about changes. Members of the Forum include representatives from:-

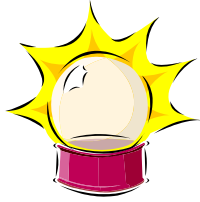


There is an open membership to all agencies/organisations who feel they have a role to play on the forum (long or short term). We believe that this is the key to accessing and improving current provision to young people who are being sexually exploited.

NATIONAL NETWORKING

STREETREACH continues to be part of local and national project meetings with the aim of keeping up to date with current trends across the country. Some areas, particularly major cities are experiencing the trafficking of young people into and within Britain. Whilst we do not have evidence of this locally there are concerns arising about girls being sexually exploited by adult males they identify as "Asylum Seekers". They report travelling across the country to major cities and ports. This further increases their vulnerability as they may be 'missing' on a regular basis. Agencies working with these young people are beginning to collate information and to discuss ways of addressing this new 'trend' in Doncaster.

STREETREACH has a wide range of visitors who fall into the category of those wishing to increase their awareness and knowledge and those who wish to adapt some of our programmes into their own areas of specialism. We believe that is important to be an 'open' agency and to share and learn from other people who work in a similar field.



THE FUTURE

- We aim to encourage and support the young people in gaining accreditation for some of the activities and work they produce. Portfolios have the potential to raise self-esteem, confidence and motivation and to demonstrate 'distance – travelled'. We will use the Duke of Edinburgh, Youth Achievement and ASDAN as a target. We have recently employed a part-time support worker and part of her role will be to focus on guiding, supporting and motivating young people to collate evidence on the work they produce and to submit it for an award.
- A residential is to be organised with the aim of holding it in May or June 2004 at Brathay in the Lake District. We aim to take 19 young women away for five days where they can engage in positive activities that will raise confidence, self-esteem and help them to work as a team through peer support.



A FAST TRACK SOCIAL INCLUSION DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN INVOLVED IN PROSTITUTION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO THE PROGRAMME

Over the past seven years, Doncaster, like many other towns and cities has witnessed a huge increase in drug misuse, primarily heroin. This in turn has increased street prostitution with women who previously were involved in street work for socio-economic factors, now working to fund their heroin habit.

Until recently waiting lists for NHS drug treatment were very long and still tend to be male dominated, making it very difficult for the women we work with to access a quick, flexible response to their drug misuse. Fast inclusion onto treatment programmes is vital for the women; every time they engage in sex work they are at the risk of violence, often extreme, to themselves; lengthy waiting lists compound the risks.

Individuals who experience problematic drug misuse often miss out on skill and knowledge development in their lives, or lose skills already acquired.

When a person addresses their drug misuse they will find it difficult to sustain a drug free lifestyle if these gaps in skill and knowledge are not recognised and addressed. We believe our programme at STREETREACH offer many opportunities and choices to maximise treatment.

The programme includes:

EARLY INTERVENTION – Outreach service two evenings a week, delivered in the area used for soliciting in order to make initial contact and encourage the women to access the services offered through the programme. Last year we made contact with 127 women on outreach. 28 were new contacts and all admitted to being involved in prostitution as a direct result of a heroin addiction.

INTERVENTION – One to one support, structured activity programmes and schedules to meet individual needs, structured group work focussing on self esteem, assertiveness and anger management, all dovetailed into preparation for drug treatment be it detox or maintenance programme.

TREATMENT – Either detox or maintenance programme using substitute prescribing with either Subutex or methadone. Included in this will be home visits and support, carer support and advice and aftercare, which is flexible and not time limited.

SOCIAL INCLUSION – Access to colleges, work experience, employment opportunities and help with social needs including housing, health, benefits and many more.

All four factors are interlinked and we try hard to get the women to accept that “detox” is not just about tablets and methadone, but about taking responsibility for themselves and their drug use and their “treatment” starts well before the Doctor’s prescribing appointment.

Our Doctor also regularly sees women for acute medical interventions with problems such as impetigo, scabies, DVT’s and head lice.

We are privileged to have the full backing and support of the DAT, NDC and Community Safety.

OUTCOMES

From April 2003 to March 2004, 51 women have been offered the opportunity to address their drug misuse and exit prostitution. They have all had a full assessment of needs and worked closely with all the project workers at STREETREACH.

32 women were offered a detox using Subutex, 4 were offered a maintenance prescription of Subutex and a further 19 were offered methadone to help stabilise their lifestyle and drug use.

At the time of writing this report, 20 women have exited prostitution, all have some stability back in their life. 10 have returned home to live with families.

One woman has moved abroad to work.

One young woman has set up her own business – with the help of family.

One young woman raised £350 through sponsorship and did a parachute jump for cancer research.

Through out the year 9 women attended Northern College in Barnsley undertaking taster study courses. These courses were generally three day residential courses, and included:

Women’s Lives – Looking at Crime

Understanding your computer

Murder Mystery

Digital Imaging

Creative Writing

Introduction to alternative therapies

Attached are two stories that were written and published during the creative writing course.

In addition a woman has successfully completed a residential rehabilitation programme and with the financial help of a bursary from NDC has now got her own flat, part-time employment and undertaking an Open University course.

Many thanks to NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE SUCCESS?

Change is difficult, particularly attempting to change problematic or maladaptive behaviour such as a dependency. Success at STREETREACH is also measured by the impact we have on a person's life. Often we are able to disrupt a pattern of behaviour, sustaining the change takes courage and strength. Relapse and lapse are part of change. Many of our clients will relapse; the important issue is that we have the relationship with them that enables them to try again.

Finally looking back to the beginning of the Drug Treatment Programme in September 2001 and following up all the 136 women who have accessed the programme in this time, nearly a quarter of these women 23/25% have broken the revolving door cycle of illegal drug use, prostitution and treatment. They have moved on and often away from Doncaster.

Changes they have made are being maintained, many are in paid employment, several have their children living back with them and the majority have re-built bridges with estranged family and friends. All of the women maintain some level of contact with us; those in more regular contact provide positive role models for others in the Project.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CLIENTS



Streetreach is a good place and

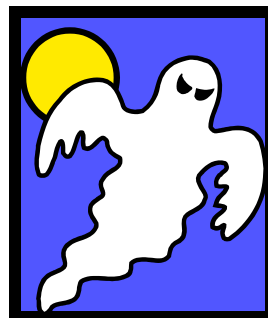
I think the project is really good and staff are very supportive. If it wasn't for help I have got from staff at Streetreach I wouldn't have done my detox and got to where I am now which is the happiest I have been in a long time so thank you staff.

Streetreach it's been brilliant for me I don't think I would have even got off gear if it wasn't for Streetreach and the help that they have given me – so that I am really grateful.

Streetreach is a project that helps us girls to stop working on the streets by encouraging us to do activities in the centre, e.g. sewing, doing notice boards about different things.



GHOST STORIES



By
**HEATHER
AND BECKI**



GHOST STORY

4 PAGES IN TOTAL

DONCASTER COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

As Portfolio Holder for Prostitution within Doncaster Community Safety Partnership, the Manager of the Streetreach Project has continued to work closely with the Local Authority, the Police and the local residents to explore and share ideas of ways forward for a peaceful solution for all concerned, with regard to street prostitution.

As a result a prostitution task group has been established and a number of initiatives have been delivered.

The targets agreed through Doncaster Community Safety Partnership are as follows:-

- ✓ By 2005 reduce overall numbers of street prostitution by 25% and the numbers of minors by 50%.
- ✓ To minimise the level of nuisance caused by prostitution.
- ✓ To produce a policy on prostitution.

The policy is now completed and was disseminated at an event held on 30 April 2004. This event gave agencies, organisations and individuals opportunity to discuss their contributions and commitments to the policy and develop a strategy for ways forward.

The event was opened by Mayor Winter who is very supportive of all the initiatives and is very keen to "manage" prostitution in the best interest for all concerned.

Despite seeing a significant reduction of overall numbers of women involved in street prostitution, it is still a huge issue for residents in the area. Due to the shift in drug trends, which now include not only heroin but also a significant increase in crack/cocaine, which means we now have soliciting 24/7, and the women are highly visible.

Despite the many initiatives over the last year, prostitution and the anti-social behaviour associated with it is still a big problem for the town of Doncaster.

One initiative that has not yet been explored is the idea of piloting a "managed area". This would not be about accepting prostitution as inevitable but about making it safer for all concerned. It would give us opportunity to offer early intervention, clear exit strategies as well as harm reduction. It would allow us to move the problem away from residential areas and target the additional crime associated with prostitution i.e. drug dealing and coercion.

The Prostitution Task Group has worked very hard to keep this high on the public agenda. Letters and petitions have been sent to the Home Office and liaison with colleagues in other cities and towns both national and international has also taken place.

There are a number of successful zones in both the Netherlands and Germany, which has led to a reduction in violence against women involved in street prostitution, increased access to service provision and removed street sex work from residential areas. The area would be actively managed by the Authority and policing as well as health and welfare. The area would be officially designated for street prostitution between specified hours. Zero tolerance would be used for all other areas.

Managed areas we believe would also enable a more targeted approach to policing and prosecuting exploitation in street sex work, as well as tackling the links between sex and drug markets. However, without a change in legislation and support from the Home Office, this idea would be impossible, as local authorities would be acting illegally.

It is our intention to continue to liaise with the Home Office on this issue in order to keep prostitution high on the agenda for all concerned.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Over the past 12 months there has been a great deal of media coverage in relation to prostitution.

Whenever we have felt it appropriate we have taken part in various TV programmes, radio and newspapers. We do this in order to raise awareness of the issues and highlight the realities surrounding prostitution.

If we believe the media attention is purely a voyeuristic approach and is focusing on the "glamour" of prostitution we decline the offer of taking part.

We believe it is vital that the public are given the true picture of street prostitution. Therefore all requests are discussed as a team in conjunction with the working women (when appropriate) and the Local Authority press office.

Media newspaper coverage for the period April 2003 to March 2004 is attached.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

3 PAGES

SPECIAL THANKS

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks not only to our funders but also to all local agencies that continue to be involved and offer support to the STREETREACH project, without who the project would not be the success it is today.

To name every individual agency would be lengthy but I would like to express our sincere thanks to

Reed Employment who continue to help and support our clients into training and employment

Mind for the continued use of their kitchen for our weekly baking programme

New Deal for Communities for their help and support in providing bursaries for our clients which enables them to move on to a more positive lifestyle

VISITORS

STREETREACH continues to be held as a model of good practice, which has resulted in many requests from other agencies to visit the project. We offer guidance and support to new projects wishing to set up any similar types of work. Open mornings are held every Wednesday for visitors.

NETWORKING

Networking with other agencies both nationally and locally continue to be of great benefit for our clients and us.

We also have regular contact with agencies similar to our own in other parts of the country in order to discuss trends or concerns and to offer or receive support.

TRAINING & PRESENTATIONS







Once again STREETREACH has delivered a number of training events, presentations at conferences both locally and nationally. The feedback received from these is excellent highlighting the project as a model of good practice.

THE FUTURE

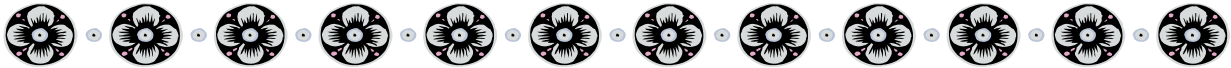
The STREETREACH Project goes from strength to strength in supporting women and girls to exit prostitution, continually assessing need and adapting and developing services as appropriate.

We will continue to work closely with DCSP, local agencies and the local community towards a safe and peaceful solution for all concerned. The STREETREACH Project will continue to liaise on a national and international level in order to keep the issue of prostitution high on the agenda.

In addition to the above and due to continued and additional funding the Project will continue to develop and deliver the following services:-

-  **An outreach service**
-  **A drop-in service**
-  **A drug treatment programme**
-  **A school prevention programme**
-  **Delivery of DLP**
-  **A Structured Day Programme**
-  **Access to training and employment**

CLOSING STATEMENT



Possibly the main reason for prostitution in Doncaster, similar to other areas, exists because there is a market for it.

Prostitution has been around for centuries and will no doubt continue for many more. The only way prostitution can be eradicated is by changes socially, economically and politically.

The majority of our client group, both existing and potential, are isolated and oppressed by society therefore making it difficult for them to access other existing services.

The STREETREACH Project is a unique project, providing a service that no other agency in Doncaster is, or could provide.





CLOSING THOUGHT



This is mine!! Poem by Sara

Another night on that cold, harsh street
Not knowing what weirdo your going to meet,
If that's not enough, the old bill are about
I'm caught in a trap and just can't get out

Two years ago today, I never would have thought
That any little bit of me could ever have been bought,
I have to face the ridicule, the taunting and the shame
This isn't fun and laughter
So whys it called "the game".

I don't know why I'm writing this
It seems a waste of time,
When everything you had seems lost
It's just nice to say "this is mine".



STATISTICS
1 APRIL 2003 – 31 MARCH 2004

**DROP-IN
CONTACTS**

SEARCHES

**OUTREACH
CONTACTS**

**DROP-IN
AGES**

**OUTREACH
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STREETREACH

STATISTICS

1 APRIL 2003 - 31 MARCH 2004

DROP-IN CONTACTS 140 INDIVIDUALS
DROP-IN CONTACTS (NEW) 19 INDIVIDUALS

31 - NO LONGER INVOLVED IN PROSTITUTION

STREETREACH

STATISTICS

1 APRIL 2003 - 31 MARCH 2004

DROP-IN - AGES

WOMEN/GIRLS

11 between 13-18years (7 NEW) (2 EXITED)
30 between 19-21 years (0 NEW) (13 EXITED)
47 between 22-25 years (5 NEW) (16 EXITED)
41 between 26-35 years (6 NEW) (0 EXITED)
11 over 36+ (1NEW) (0 EXITED)

STREETREACH

STATISTICS

1 APRIL 2003- 31 MARCH 2004

OUTREACH CONTACTS	127 INDIVIDUALS
OUTREACH CONTACTS (<u>NEW</u>)	28 INDIVIDUALS

**125 WERE INVOLVED IN PROSTITUTION AS A RESULT
OF DRUGS – IN PARTICULAR HEROIN ADDICTION**

STREETREACH

STATISTICS

1 APRIL 2003 - 31 MARCH 2004

OUTREACH - AGES

WOMEN/GIRLS

Between 13-15 years (1 NEW)
7 between 16-18years (5 NEW)
27 between 19-21 years (7 NEW)
40 between 22-25 years (6 NEW)
44 between 26-35 years (8 NEW)
8 over 36+ (1 NEW)



ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statement has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

The financial statements cover income/expenditure for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004. (five (5) pages in total).

ACCOUNT SHEETS

4 PAGES IN TOTAL

