

ANNUAL REPORT

April 2008 to March 2009



The **STREETREACH** Project provides a confidential service for young people and adults involved in or at risk of prostitution and sexual exploitation

STREETREACH

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OVERVIEW

Year 2008 sees Streetreach enter its 17th year. The project which started as a two person outreach service with no base, is now a well established project employing 10 staff in a well sited, comfortable building.

Throughout the lifetime of the Project, 488 women and young people, plus their children and their families have been supported either through the outreach service and/or the daily drop-in.

In addition to this many hundreds of Year 10 and Year 11 students in Doncaster have been reached through our teaching contributions on sexual exploitation via the PSHE sessions in schools.

Streetreach is held nationally as a model of good practice. We have regular contact with Government Office in an advisory capacity, some of our women have been involved in Government consultation events in London and Marilyn Haughton is a board member on the National Working Group for Sexually Exploited Children and Young People (NWG) and works alongside the United Kingdom Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC).

As a staff group we like to think we are a responsive and pro-active team, flexible to the changing needs in Doncaster, while always keeping the profile of this very vulnerable group of people high on the agenda both locally and governmentally.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to the Streetreach Annual Report 2008/2009.

This has been a very sad year and will be remembered for the murders of 3 women who were known to the Project.

Working in street prostitution and the ensuing chaos is an extremely dangerous lifestyle and Streetreach strives to empower and enable all women to be given the opportunity to exit and move away from both the physical and emotional abuse of street working.

We do not see the women as victims, we constantly strive for them to take responsibility for their own futures, making positive choices and building aspirations.

The young people continue to be targeted by predatory males and to a lesser extent females who provide open houses for vulnerable young people seeking shelter. Many have multiple vulnerability factors that could jeopardise their life chance. Early identification and intervention is crucial to this work and engaging them in positive activities in a safe environment is central to the work Streetreach delivers.

Work continues with the many agencies both in Doncaster and nationally, providing support and protection for sexually exploited children and young people.

THE ORGANISATION – 1 APRIL 2008 TO MARCH 2009

STAFF

TRUDY HANNINGTON

Project Manager

MARILYN HAUGHTON

Assistant Manager with responsibility of developing services for Under 18s
Manager as of 1 May 2008

JILL COLLIER

Senior Drugs Worker

HILARY OWEN

Administration Officer

BOB CASE

Community Psychiatric Nurse

LORRAINE MAILLIE

Outreach Worker and Activity Worker

HEATHER GOODWIN

Outreach Worker and Activity Worker

CAROL CORDON

Outreach Worker and Activity Worker

TARA GARLAND

Administration Worker

GILLIAN COLE

Tenancy Support Worker

MARION POTTS

Female Project Worker

DR. P HURLEY

Sessional General Practitioner

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Welcome again to the Streetreach Annual Report for 2008-2009. I would like to thank the staff team for all their hard work in the past year and particularly to thank Trudy Hannington who has been one of the main driving forces behind Streetreach for more years than I care to remember! She has left to pursue her career in another arena. I welcome Marilyn Haughton's promotion to Project Manager and wish her all the best in her new job.

Also thanks to the partnership agencies without which we could not achieve our goals of reducing the numbers of those entering prostitution, working with young people at risk of sexual exploitation and supporting those who have exited prostitution.

I would like to thank our funders. This is the last year of Comic Relief funding for the Creative Writing Project. The booklet which is the culmination of the Project will be launched in October 2009 initially in London and then locally in Doncaster.

A measure of our success has been the number of clients who have moved on, rebuilding relationships with family and friends and accessing college/training and employment.

Finally it is with deep sadness that I report that there have been three murders of women involved in prostitution in Doncaster in the last year and that two of them were very well known to the Streetreach Project. This only underlines how vital the work that we do is, and how imperative it is that we continue to embrace the ethos of the project, enabling and empowering the women to exit this chaotic and dangerous lifestyle.

Sue Knowles

Chair of Streetreach

STREETREACH TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the STREETREACH Project are as follows:-

Mrs S Knowles, Independent

Angela Scott, Doncaster East Primary Care Trust

Dee Hammerson, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, Youth Service

Jenny Tasker, Independent

Graham Ashworth, Independent

Suzannah Cookson, Sexual Health Services

Carol Carlson, Independent

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 advancement of the education of the public in the issues surrounding the dangers of prostitution, drugs and other related issues.

WORK WITH UNDER 19S

Our work with children and young people who have been sexually exploited continues with individual packages of support to meet the diverse needs of this vulnerable client group. A priority is to build relationships of trust to enable us to maintain regular contact, as often these young people will not accept the risks they put themselves in.

Last year we reported an increase in the number of referrals and queries to the Project and this year has been no different. We still do not have the capacity to respond as well as we would like, and are looking for funding avenues to address this.

The Distance Learning Package (DLP) is a formal education package set up by Springboard Pupil Referral Unit with the aim of attempting to address the unique individual needs of sexually exploited children and young people. Streetreach delivers the PSHE aspect of this programme. An added bonus is the young people build a portfolio of work throughout the year which is submitted for evaluation through Duke of Edinburgh and Youth Achievement Awards.

The School Prevention Programme acknowledges that all children and young people could potentially be at risk of sexual exploitation and that schools play a vital role in reducing this risk. This programme, devised and delivered

by ourselves is central to the Government's "Every Child Matters", especially staying safe and being healthy outcome. Many of the schools in the Doncaster area now timetable us into their PSHE curriculum.

The Doncaster Multi-Agency Forum meets monthly at Streetreach, discussing vulnerable children and young people, setting action plans based on the needs of each individual. These plans often include strategy meetings, case conferences and core groups.

Streetreach is a member of the National Working Group for Sexually Exploited Young People (NWG). The management group contributes to all Government consultation exercises, in particular the re-writing of the Safeguarding Children involved in Prostitution Guidance (DCSF).

DROP-IN

The drop-in remains central to the Project. We are open every afternoon through the week allowing clients to access various structured activities, support, meetings with other professionals involved in their lives or simply use the telephone to begin to put some order back into their lives.

Clients will often bring family members, usually their mums. They are made welcome and appropriate support offered.

OUTREACH

This part of the service continues 2 evenings per week. We do additional sessions on an ad hoc basis changing the times and the days in response to information received from local residents and Police. Outreach is invaluable in maintaining contact with women who will not engage with the centre based provision and giving a quick response to "new women" working in the area.

CLIENT'S HEALTH

The physical and emotional health of the clients is of paramount importance. They go hand in glove and are the basis of building self esteem and confidence.

Streetreach is both a tier 2 and tier 3 drug treatment provider and so is well placed to address on-going health needs.

Addressing the issues around drug misuse is central to starting to take responsibility for one's own health. We usually have between 28 to 30 women involved in a drug treatment programme, all of whom have a comprehensive care plan in which is embedded Streetreach's philosophy around taking control and exiting prostitution.

We have a weekly clinic and have a prescribing GP who will also treat acute health problems that are drug related as well as acting as a referral point for specialist services at Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

Our monthly sexual health clinic is always well attended and our relationship with the outreach service is such that we can call upon them at any time. The majority of women accessing Streetreach will have had screening for cervical cancer, sexually transmitted infections as well as being able to access contraception advice and delivery.

We also have direct access to a specialist midwife maximising positive outcomes for parents and child.

We provide access to dentists, again as part of our holistic approach, and have a good working relationship with the local dental hospital.

Blood borne virus management is available through our Community Psychiatric Nurse who works for the Project and he also offers wound care advice and treatment.

Marilyn is an accredited counsellor and we also have access to a range of complimentary therapies through partnership working with other agencies in the Borough.

"Soft" extras include access to donated clean clothing, washing and drying facilities, shower facilities and the occasional "pamper" day.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the last 12 months 15 young people have been awarded numerous youth achievement

awards. 4 young people have been to the Lake District for a 4 day residential stay at an outward bound centre, the emphasis being on personal development, raising aspirations as well as fresh air and fun!

One woman, Vicki, was supported to go to London to take part in a focus group with the Minister, Vernon Coker, putting forward her views around decriminalisation of prostitution and contributing to policy making.

We always strive to acknowledge key events in the calendar and this year we concentrated on Black History, visiting Liverpool and the Slavery Museum and adding this experience to the women's' own research accumulating in a fantastic awareness day and extensive display that was on show for most of the year at local council offices.

The finale of the year was a fashion show which was an accumulation of 6 months of workshops, including a visit to the Vivienne Westwood display in Sheffield. Garments were designed and made either from "scratch" or altered from re-cycled clothes into funky trendy wear with a "Vivienne" flavour. Eight women were eventually brave enough to take to the cat walk but many more contributed to the success of the day again building on personal development and raising skills and aspirations.

This year has seen the consolidation of the work of Gillian Cole, our Tenancy Support Worker.

Gillian works intensively with 10 clients helping them through the intricacies of tenancy agreements, benefit claims, GP and dental appointments and generally maintaining, often for the first time a roof over their heads.

This has been an invaluable resource to the Project and enabled clients to maintain changes in lifestyles. In addition she is always available to give help, advice and support to all our clients especially those in crisis. We will be asking Supporting People for finances in 2010 to continue with this service.

Streetreach **FOR THE FUTURE**

In response to the increasing number of young people accessing the drop-in, we hope to start a tea time session, structured to their specific needs and incorporating Youth Award work hand-in-hand with diversary activities.

We are hoping to extend our service provision by working with the local cancer outreach services, providing regular workshops around issues such as breast, lung and testicular cancer.

CLIENTS CONTRIBUTION

What does Streetreach mean to me?

All the staff at Streetreach are kind and very supportive. Streetreach is a good place to go if you need help or support with housing or just some one to talk to. When I go to Streetreach I go and do work, have a coffee and a talk to the staff that are in.

I have been coming to Streetreach for a year and I have learned a lot about different things and also had a lot of support and help from all the staff. I am also getting support from Tenancy Support Service so that I can get my own house and move on from the post and be better and happier in the future.

What does Streetreach mean to me?

I have known Streetreach since I was 13 years old and I think that all the staff are friendly and very supportive as well because they try their best to stop young girls by going off with older men in the Doncaster area, because I used to be one of those girls and I regret everything I have done. With Streetreach they are very scared for these young girls and very worried for those girls safety.

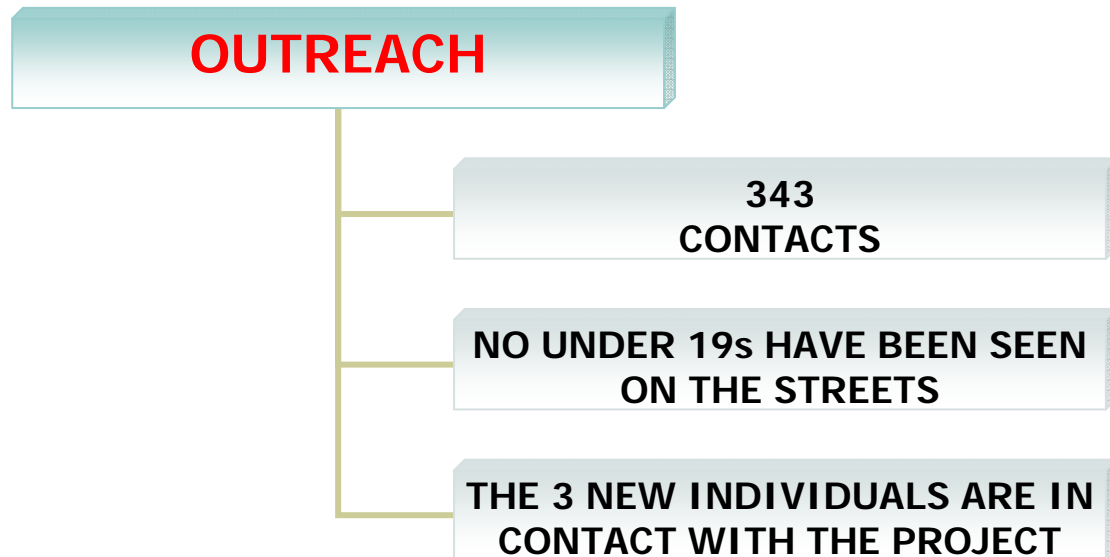
All the Staff at Streetreach

Thank you for everything you did for me and all the activities you provided for me to do.

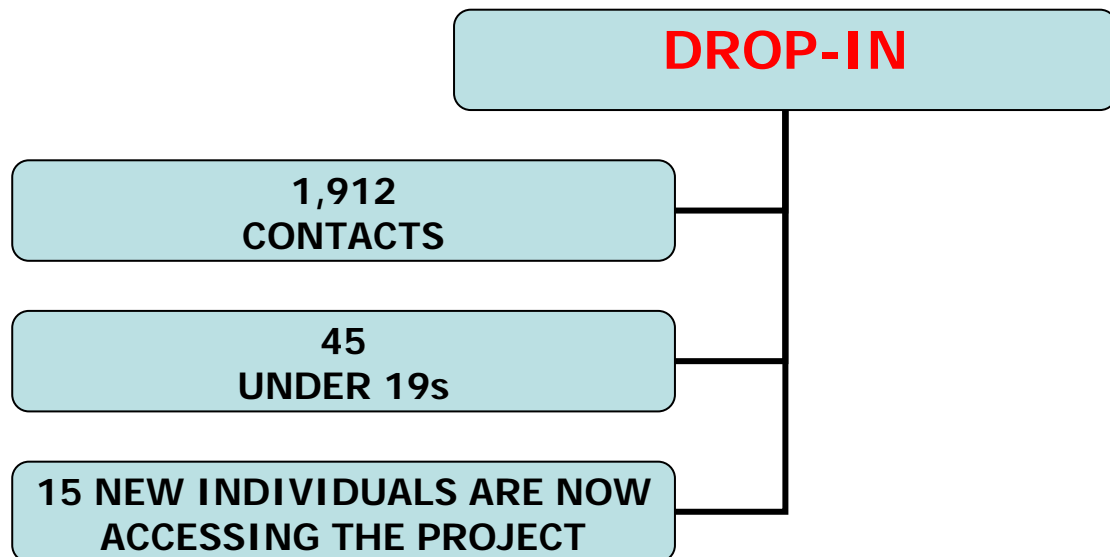
Thank you for listening when I needed someone.

*I am very happy in my new home and I am staying clean.
I miss you all lots and lots.*

We have seen 69 women on Outreach during this period.
Three of these are new to the Project.
No Under 19s have been seen.



107 individuals have accessed the drop-in during this period.
15 of these are new.
45 of these are Under 19 years of age.



1.6% OF OUR CLIENT GROUP IS FROM BME BACKGROUND.
THE POPULATION OF DONCASTER IS 286,866.
2.3% ARE BME (Doncaster 2001 census)

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STREETREACH NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL 2008 - 31ST MARCH 2009

EXPENDITURE	£	INCOME	£
<i>EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Salaries	20,492.54	Local Area Agreement Funding	-17,500.00
National Insurance	1,658.37	Doncaster PCT	0.00
Superannuation	1,025.08	Other Income	0.00
		Doncaster MBC CYPS	110.00
		Doncaster MBC Contribution to Overspend	-6,139.88
<i>OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Car Allowances	85.10		
Travel & Subsistence	77.50		
Staff Recruitment	0.00		
Insurance Employers Liab	28.42		
<i>OTHER COSTS</i>			
General Hospitality	51.29		
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	6.30		
Printing & Stationery	0.00		
Telephones	0.00		
Activities	105.28		
	<u>23,529.88</u>		<u>-23,529.88</u>

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STREETREACH DRUG SUPPORT WORKER
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL 2008 - 31ST MARCH 2009

EXPENDITURE	£	INCOME	£
<i>EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Salaries	30,673.70	Doncaster PCT	-44,558.00
National Insurance	2,292.03	Miscellaneous Income	-22.00
Superannuation	5,288.60	Doncaster MBC Contribution to Underspend	-32.28
<i>OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Management Costs	0.00		
Travel & Subsistence	387.90		
Staff Travel	500.00		
Food & Drink General	31.70		
Insurance Employers Liab	139.30		
Staff Recruitment	0.00		
<i>PREMISES</i>			
Rent & Rates Combined	500.00		
Telephones	879.40		
<i>OTHER COSTS</i>			
Film & Microfilm	40.19		
General Equipment	92.62		
Printing & Stationery	0.00		
Postages	5.70		
Provisions	0.00		
Transport	323.15		
Other Services - General	6.04		
Conference Fees	500.00		
Activities	2,936.95		
Other Misc Expenses	15.00		
	<u>44,612.28</u>		<u>-44,612.28</u>

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STREETREACH SOCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAMME
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL 2008 - 31ST MARCH 2009

EXPENDITURE	£	INCOME	£
<i>EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Salaries	6,000.00	Doncaster PCT	-7,500.00
National Insurance	23.40	Doncaster MBC Contribution	382.97
Superannuation	1,038.00	to Underspend	
Staff Travel	27.50		
Insurance Employers Liab	28.13		
	<u>7,117.03</u>		<u>-7,117.03</u>

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STREETREACH PROJECT
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL 2008 - 31ST MARCH 2009

EXPENDITURE	£	INCOME	£
<i>EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Salaries	62,762.84	Doncaster PCT	-67,169.00
National Insurance	5,033.29	Comic Relief	0.00
Superannuation	6,999.55	Miscellaneous Income	-45,085.03
<i>OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Training	18,250.40	Doncaster MBC CYPS	-20,510.00
Car Allowances	2,489.68	Doncaster MBC Contribution to Overspend	5,680.42
Travel & Subsistence	1,436.60		
Insurance Employers Liab	386.77		
Misc Employee Expenses	126.37		
<i>PREMISES</i>			
Repairs & Maintenance	2,944.78		
Gas	2,538.45		
Electricity	1,073.26		
Window Cleaning	370.00		
Water Charges	196.80		
Building Cleaning	6,015.48		
Security Alarms	93.67		
Rent & Rates	4,295.51		
Collection of Refuse	306.68		
Insurance	6,336.70		
Telephones	1,657.39		
<i>OTHER RUNNING COSTS</i>			
Furniture & Fittings	0.00		
Equipment (Incl Computers)	645.07		
Newspapers & Periodicals	27.11		
General Materials	214.08		
Film & Microfilm	11.34		
Printing & Stationery	492.98		
Photocopying	312.72		
Provisions	714.68		
Postages	66.69		
Conference Fees	305.85		
General Insurance	300.72		
Activities	-432.84		
Other Services General	5.98		
Tech Services Corp Recharge	196.60		
General Hospitality	101.69		
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	706.72		
General Subscriptions	100.00		
	<u>127,083.61</u>		<u>-127,083.61</u>

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STREETREACH PROJECT
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL 2008 - 31ST MARCH 2009

EXPENDITURE	£	INCOME	£
<i>EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Salaries	0.00	Other Grants - Non Govt	-2,000.00
National Insurance	0.00	Doncaster MBC Contribution	1,450.00
Superannuation	0.00	to Underspend	
<i>OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Travel & Subsistence	0.00		
Insurance Employers Liab	0.00		
Staff Recruitment	0.00		
<i>PREMISES</i>			
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00		
Gas	0.00		
Electricity	0.00		
Window Cleaning	0.00		
Water Charges	0.00		
Building Cleaning	0.00		
Security Alarms	0.00		
Rent & Rates	0.00		
Collection of Refuse	0.00		
Telephones	0.00		
<i>OTHER RUNNING COSTS</i>			
Furniture & Fittings	0.00		
Equipment (Incl Computers)	0.00		
Printing & Stationery	0.00		
Conference Fees	0.00		
General Insurance	0.00		
Activities	550.00		
	<u>550.00</u>		
			<u>-550.00</u>

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EXPENDITURE	£	INCOME	£
<i>EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Salaries	23,772.16	Supporting People	-31,933.00
National Insurance	1,422.30	New Deal for Communities	-864.54
Superannuation	3,459.65	Doncaster MBC Contribution to Underspend	-11.23
<i>OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS</i>			
Car Allowances	1,751.24		
Travel & Subsistence	0.00		
Insurance Employers Liab	0.00		
<i>PREMISES</i>			
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00		
Gas	0.00		
Electricity	0.00		
Window Cleaning	0.00		
Water Charges	0.00		
Building Cleaning	0.00		
Security Alarms	0.00		
Rent & Rates	2,250.00		
Collection of Refuse	0.00		
Telephones	153.42		
<i>OTHER RUNNING COSTS</i>			
Furniture & Fittings	0.00		
Equipment (Incl Computers)	0.00		
Printing & Stationery	0.00		
Conference Fees	0.00		
General Insurance	0.00		
Activities	0.00		
	<u>32,808.77</u>		<u>-32,808.77</u>

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL 2008 - 31ST MARCH 2009

EXPENDITURE	£	INCOME	£
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Salaries	9,205.77	Comic Relief	-20,456.60
National Insurance	312.41	Doncaster MBC NCCS	0.00
Superannuation	562.30	Doncaster MBC Contribution to Underspend	0.00
OTHER EMPLOYEE COSTS			
Travel & Subsistence	114.00		
Insurance Employers Liab	0.00		
Staff Recruitment	0.00		
PREMISES			
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00		
Gas	0.00		
Electricity	0.00		
Window Cleaning	0.00		
Water Charges	0.00		
Building Cleaning	0.00		
Food and Drink General	44.82		
Security Alarms	0.00		
Rent & Rates	1,500.00		
Collection of Refuse	0.00		
Telephones	0.00		
OTHER RUNNING COSTS			
Furniture & Fittings	0.00		
Equipment (Incl Computers)	0.00		
Printing & Stationery	7.48		
General Materials	202.07		
Transport	0.00		
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	8,282.70		
Activities	225.05		
	<u>20,456.60</u>		<u>-20,456.60</u>

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