



delivering cutting edge services
to end violence against women and children

Annual review: Looking back over 2016/17

nia is run for women and children by women, providing services developed in consultation with women who have experienced men's violence, and from a proudly feminist perspective. We have been delivering services to women, girls and children who have experienced sexual and domestic violence since 1975.

*In the year between April 2016 and March 2017, we provided face-to-face support to **1,536** women and girls, a 22% increase on the year before. This breaks down to*

- **765** women at high risk of repeated and serious domestic violence including homicide were supported by our **Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy** services: **440** in Newham, **240** in Haringey and **85** in Hackney
- **East London Rape Crisis Independent Sexual Violence Advocates** provided practical and emotional one to one support for **172** women and girls who had experienced sexual violence, more than a third of them were aged 18 or under. The ELRC counselling service worked with **153** women.
- **The Ascent Advice and Outreach Service** supported **127** women who had experienced recent or historic domestic and/or sexual violence through individual casework and workshops.
- **152** women experiencing domestic violence and abuse were supported through the **IRIS** service based in doctor's surgeries in Hackney and City, with an extra **14** women supported in the newly launched service in Haringey, and **29** women with problematic substance use supported in our specialist service in Hackney.
- **The Emma Project** refuge supported **9** women who have problematic substance use and had experienced sexual and domestic violence, 8 out of 9 had been exploited through prostitution; a further **15** women were supported via outreach provision. Our new refuge **Daria House** supported **8** women who had been sexually exploited.
- **The London Exiting and Advocacy (LEA) Project** supported **61** women towards exiting prostitution
- **The Huggett Women's Centre** in Dagenham supported **31** women.

And also

- The **East London Rape Crisis Information and Support line** supported **718** women and/or family/friends/agencies enquiring on behalf of survivors in Barking & Dagenham, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest, though **9,580** contacts by phone, **1,541** contacts by email and **799** texts. An increase in total contacts of **85%**.

*And whilst doing this, we launched the **Huggett Women's Centre** in Dagenham, opened **Daria House** – a specialist refuge for women who have been sexually exploited, particularly through prostitution; and also started an advocacy services for women with problematic substance use in Hackney.*