

CLiCK MEETING THE NEEDS OF WOMEN WHO SELL / EXCHANGE SEX OR IMAGES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

CLiCK is a partnership of organisations working together to provide emotional support, practical support - and due to the coronavirus pandemic - financial support, to women involved in selling / exchanging sex or images in Scotland. The pandemic has had, and continues to have, a significant negative impact on the lives of women.

Over the past seven months, our work has been guided by women's feedback and lived experience to ensure Scotland's support landscape meets the rights and needs of women who sell / exchange sex or images as the country begins the process of recovery from coronavirus.

1 FINANCIAL SUPPORT



MARCH 2020

Created an easy to follow resource detailing UK Government and local authority financial support eligibility.

Money was, and remains to be, the most urgent need for many women who sell / exchange sex or images. Due to lockdown restrictions, women's income vanished over night leaving them struggling to pay their essential bills or having no choice but to continue seeing clients face-to-face.



JUNE 2020

Supported women to access Victim Support Scotland's Victim Fund and provided financial support via the Encompass Fund, with 44 applications to date.



WHAT WE LEARNT

Access to the Encompass Fund eased some stress and worry after women felt excluded from Government support. Long term funding is needed to adequately support women's financial wellbeing.

“The fund really was a lifesaver for me... I didn't feel judged.”

2 EMOTIONAL & PRACTICAL SUPPORT



ONLINE CHAT & HELPLINE

Extended the operating hours of our online chat and established a free helpline to meet women's needs.

Women share the concerns of many around social isolation and loneliness, often amplified by stigma for women who sell / exchange sex or images. Women also had practical concerns around housing, safety, and sexual health during lockdown.



ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT

Support provided over the phone, text and through access to free counselling sessions. 60% of women who have received financial support via the Encompass Fund have continued working with CLiCK.



RESOURCE HUB

Up to date information regarding local supports throughout Scotland including food banks, housing support and money advice.

“Thank you so much for your help and even just listening, I really do appreciate it. Even just to know I've got someone fighting in my corner means a lot.”

3 MAKING WOMEN'S VOICES HEARD



CLICK MAGAZINE

A creative platform - including a podcast series, survey platform and wellbeing arts project - for women to share their needs and experiences during the coronavirus pandemic.

The coronavirus pandemic has sharply demonstrated how the rights and needs of women who sell / exchange sex or images are frequently overlooked in Government decision making. We've been working to ensure their voices are heard.



YOUR VOICE

A space for women who sell / exchange sex or images to share their views to shape CLiCK as a service and to tell their story in a creative way.



WEBINARS, WORKSHOPS AND STRATEGIC INPUTS

Women's needs have been included in work with Revenge Porn Helpline, White Ribbon Scotland and COSLA's Short Term CSE Multi Agency Working Group.

“The podcast was really good, love it! I'm totally happy with it.”



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