

HADHARI NARI WOMEN'S PROJECT

Domestic Violence Presentation

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- Domestic Violence - The Myths
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Hadhari Nari Project's Mission & Vision

"To provide support and a confidential service through an advice centre, refuge accommodation, outreach work and training for ALL women and children experiencing domestic violence, whilst addressing the needs of Black, Asian and other minority women.

Hadhari Nari believes that all women and children have the right to live in a society without the fear of violence. We will educate, empower and support to achieve this aim."

Hallmark Housing

- Hallmark has sought to target the needs of BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) since 1989.
- The Association was originally founded through the merger of three community organisations, Hadhari Nari, Ujima Housing Association (Derby) and Unity Housing Association.
- Hallmark became a Registered Social Landlord with the Housing Corporation in 1991.
- Owns and manages approximately 550 properties

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Hallmark Housing Association Mission and Values

'Meeting the needs of Black and Minority Ethnic communities to empower people's aspirations for a better quality of life'

The values we will seek to uphold at all times through our work are:

- Valuing Equality and Diversity
- Openness and Transparency
- Customer Focus
- Commitment to Excellence

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What is Domestic Violence?

- "Domestic violence is any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between adults who are or have been in a relationship together, or between family members, regardless of gender or sexuality.

Home Office 2007



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Women's Aid Federation of England

Women's Aid Federation of England (Women's Aid) is the national charity working to end domestic violence against women and children. Our mission is to advocate for abused women and children and to ensure their safety by working locally and nationally to:

- Offer support and a place of safety to abused women and children by providing refuges and other services
- Empower women affected by domestic violence to determine their own lives
- Recognise and meet the needs of children affected by domestic violence
- Promote policies and practices to prevent domestic violence
- Raise awareness of the extent and impact of domestic violence in society

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Women's Aid Federation of England

Women's Aid has two unique functions in the prevention of domestic violence:



- To give abused women and children a voice in the development of policy and practice by representing their needs to government and to other agencies working in the field of domestic violence
- To support, resource, inform and train refuge and outreach service providers to ensure that they are able to maintain and develop their key role in providing a place of safety and the support and advocacy services which women and children survivors need in order to rebuild their lives

What we do

Women's Aid agenda for action against domestic violence has three major strands:

- work at a strategic level to promote the protection of women and children, by representing their needs to policy and decision makers
- work towards the long-term prevention of domestic violence through public awareness and education programmes
- work which supports the provision of services to meet the needs of all abused women and children

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Domestic Violence The Myths

- It's just the odd domestic tiff. All couples have them.
- She's not really threatened by violence, it's just an excuse to get re-housed.
- It can't be that bad or she'd leave.
- Domestic violence only happens in working class families.
- They must come from violent backgrounds.
- She must ask for it/deserves it/provokes it.

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The Case for Specialist Refuge Support Services

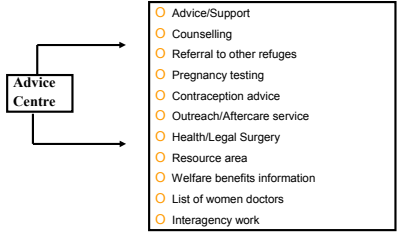
- Specialist refuge support services are vital for Black women and children.
- Refuges can offer a range of services to enable women to:-
 - Share language, cooking and leisure facilities
 - Being able to freely conduct cultural and religious practices
 - Feel a sense of affinity with other residents/share problems
- Research findings showed that many Black women preferred specialist services. A few preferred to be in mixed refuges to escape the stigma

***strengthening diversity – Dhanwant K Rai, Ravi K Thiara**

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- Advice/Support
- Counselling
- Referral to other refuges
- Pregnancy testing
- Contraception advice
- Outreach/Aftercare service
- Health/Legal Surgery
- Resource area
- Welfare benefits information
- List of women doctors
- Interagency work

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HADHARI NARI PROJECT Refuge Accommodation

- 2 Refuges
- Culturally appropriate service
- Facilities for disabled users
- Specialist childcare
- Counselling
- Support and advice
- Aftercare
- Help with permanent housing



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Domestic Violence Statistics (National)

British Crime Survey found that there were an estimated 12.9 million incidents of domestic violence acts in England & Wales (Walby & Allen, 2004)



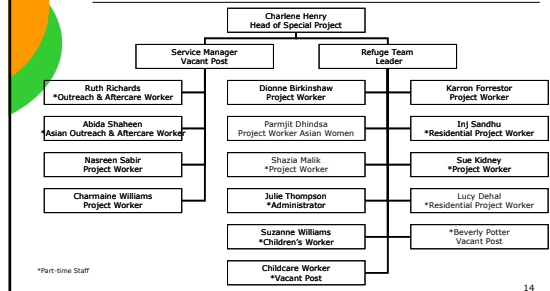
Domestic Violence accounts for almost ¼ (23%) of all violent crime. The British Crime Survey: England & Wales: Home Office 2000



The estimated total cost of domestic violence to society in monetary terms is £23 billion per annum. This includes cost to the state, employers & human suffering. (Walby, 2004)

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Hadhari Nari Project Organisation Structure



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Hadhari Nari Statistics (Local)



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The Future

Gaps in Service Provision

- Training and Development
- Services for women who substance abuse/Mental health difficulties
- Improve the condition of existing properties

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