

WOMEN'S WORK

AN INTRODUCTION



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WHY ARE WE HERE

- To provide support advice and information to vulnerable women with substance misuse issues to improve there health and wellbeing.



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PRIMARY AIM

- To support female substance misusers targeting those involved in street sex work to improve their health and emotional well being and to encourage those with addictions to access drug treatment and work towards reducing the risks caused to themselves and the wider community



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CHRONOLOGY

- Jan 03 needs assessment identifies need for project to support street sex workers
- The 3 year SRB funded project started in April 2003
- The project was a joint initiative between Derby Women's Centre and The Edge Project
- The project starts with one member of staff
- Project staff were recruited in June 2003



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- A new building for the project to operate from was identified and renovated in November 2003
- The Chapel was officially opened in February 2004.
- 2005 Web Site launched
- Feb 2006 Foston Prison Outreach service starts
- Women's Work became an independent registered charity in March 2006
- April 2006 Women's Work Phase II starts in a partnership with Derby Community Safety Partnership Drugs Team



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- Oct 2006 Women's Work Health and Drug Treatment Clinical Session established
- April 2007 300 women registered with organisation
- Dec 07 Family Support Service starts
- Jan 08 GlaxoSmithKline National Impact award received
- March 2008 Notification of funding from The Big Lottery received
- April 08 5 year anniversary & The Big Difference project starts Women's Work Phase 3



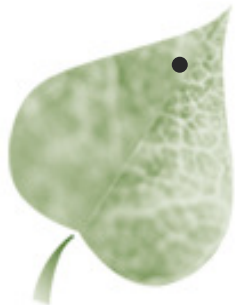
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KEY ACTIVITIES

- Drug Treatment and Sexual Health Clinic
- 4 Drop-in sessions per week
- 3 Street Outreach sessions per week
- One to one support and key-working
- In house Counselling service
- Advice, information and signposting
- Family Support Service
- Foston Prison Outreach
- Outings /exercise sessions
- Acupuncture
- Breakfast club
- Workshops



KEY ISSUES

Sexual Health

Mental Health

Assault physical attack

Trafficking

Family breakdown

Homelessness

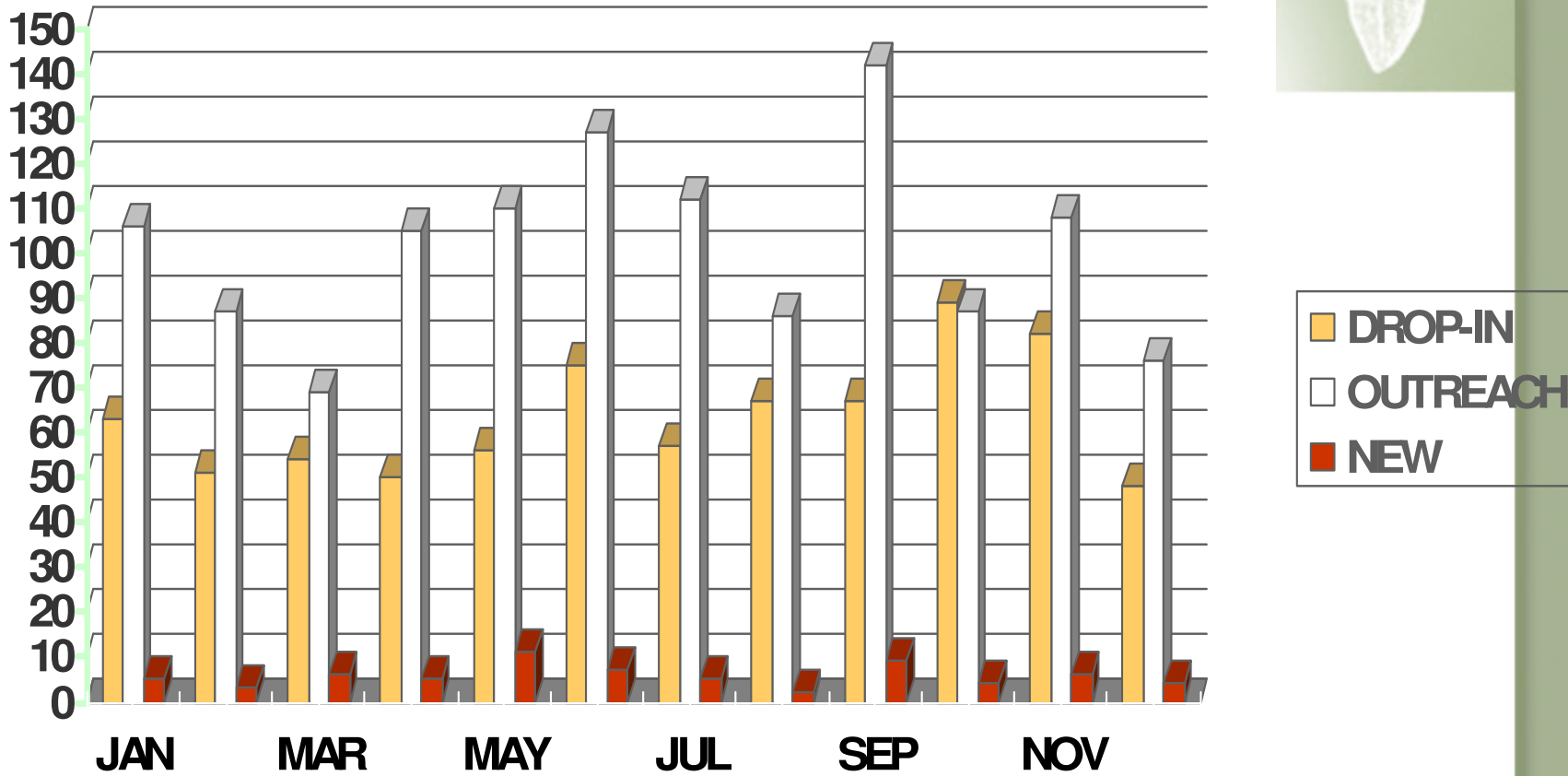
Drug and Alcohol addiction

Low self esteem/educational attainment



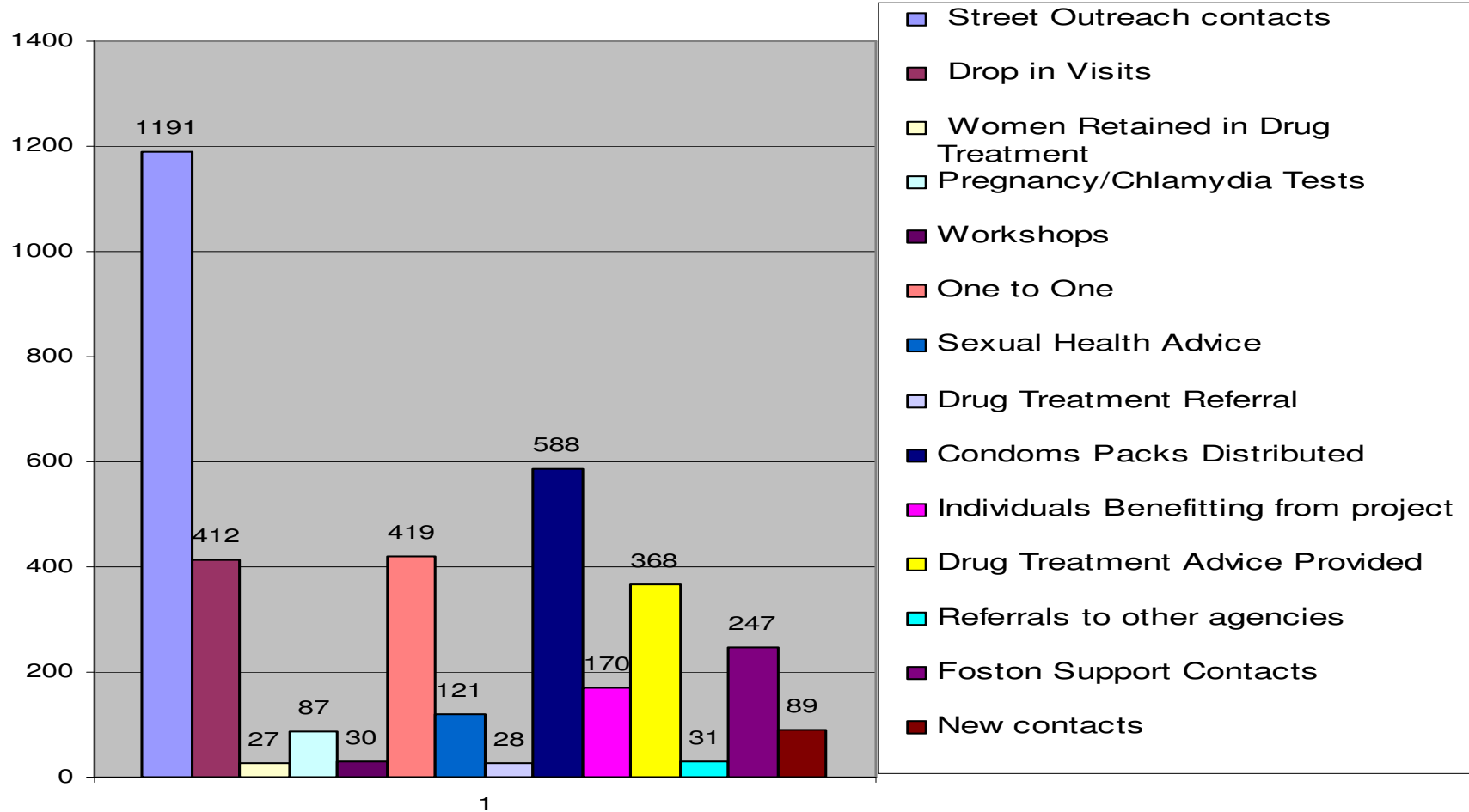
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SERVICE USER CONTACTS 06-07



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Outcomes to Date April 08-09



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SERVICE USER COMMENTS

- Women's Work is finally a place where I can go whenever I'm feeling kind of low, need a place to sit and chill for a while – especially if you're homeless. If ever I need someone to talk to – and believe me there are no favourites.
- I find the service helpful if I need a shoulder to lean on. The workers are kind and thoughtful.

