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Sandwell & Dudley Probation Service

Name of project / initiative

Women's Trauma Informed Community Healthcare Project

Overview

The Women's Trauma Informed Community Healthcare Project is a joint project between Sandwell & Dudley Probation, the NHS, and Black Country Women's Aid. It seeks to address the fact that many women – including many of those in contact with probation – struggle to get their healthcare needs adequately met, often because they have other competing priorities preventing them prioritising their own health. The project provides nurse-led support and advice funded by the NHS, with ongoing referral as required. The service is provided within a women's centre run by Black Country Women's Aid, where the women can also access a range of other services. While the service is open to all women, most of those making use of it do so through their engagement with Sandwell and Dudley NPS.

Its impact

Sandwell & Dudley believe that the service provides an effective way to ensure that hard-to-reach women get the healthcare support and advice that they need and would otherwise not get.

What's special about it

It is the collaborative nature of the project, the fact that it is located alongside other women's services, and the additional time, and personalised, trauma-informed care and support that the project nurse is able to provide, that makes this stand out.

Wider applicability

The project has minimal cost to probation, and could potentially be rolled out more widely, subject to the support of local NHS services.

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