

Dear Prayer Supporters

We're particularly thankful at the moment for all of the agencies who work together in the Bristol Sexual Violence Forum to improve safety for women. Thank you to all the staff at One25 who have worked hard to keep drop-in running despite sickness creating some gaps. Please pray for good health, especially for our coordinator Rachel.

Team and mission

With the excitement of some new arrivals, I'd ask you to pray for our team and our shared sense of mission and purpose. Caring so deeply and collectively about the women we work with makes working here truly distinctive. Pray for new trustees Helen Styles and Malcolm Richardson; for Dani Colton who joins us as part of a team run by St Mungo's in Bristol focusing particularly on women's homelessness; for Amelia Glanville who is wonderfully committed and is now permanent as volunteer coordinator.

Distress

Even though we're always witnessing wonderful stories from women, both big steps and little, there can often be great sadness. Recently a woman discharged herself from rehab so please pray that she can find a point of readiness to re-engage. There was also a recent incident outside drop-in where a woman said she had been attacked by a man outside. Her distress and pain were so evident and we pray she finds some solace in herself through God's peace.

Bright hopes

We were visited a couple of weeks by a grant-making trust which rarely funds outside London. They were deeply impressed a really brave woman from Peony who told them her story and how she first walked through the doors of One25. And lastly we want to give thanks for our chair of trustees Helen Wilde; she was nominated as one of the top 100 in the recent West Women of the Year 2019 Awards. This was also a great chance make connections with some interesting new people and companies as One25 was the event's chosen charity! Helen is particularly unwell at the moment, though, so please pray for her treatment and care.

The next Vision for the Vulnerable meetings are 2 July and 9 October, venues tbc.

Praying regularly for specific women

Shirley's fresh start for 2019 has carried through and she is doing so well. A number of issues that have been weighing her down for ages are being lifted. Give thanks for her determination and for the sympathetic decision-makers in her life that have been working alongside her. She's made massive improvement with her housing and her mental health is much improved. She's staying strong in her path of recovery and holding to her script [prescribed replacement drugs]. Pray for her peace and that she maintains these good relationships.

Always asking for prayer on the van, **Lucy** was a familiar face but always kept her distance from ways we could help her more. But in the last year she's chosen to work with us and other agencies too and to reconnect with her family. She's massively reduced her drug consumption and started treatment. And as well as regularly seeing Dr Lucy in drop-in doctor around her physical health she's now safely housed for the first time in years! Please pray that she continues in her bravery, that she adapts well to all these changes and that she ultimately steps away from sex work.

Geri asks that you pray for a really close friend of hers who is weak. **Priya** would like prayers for her aunt and the bereaved children.

*"The fig tree teaches us a lesson:
when its branches become green and soft,
and new leaves begin to grow,
then you know that summer is very near..."*

Matthew 24:32-33

Thanks to each of you,



Anna Smith
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