



For women to **heal and thrive**

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### Dear Prayer Supporters

Thank you for continuing to hold the women and us all in your prayers. It has been a busy few months at One25 and I am pleased to say that things are now settling. We are extremely grateful for this and feel positive about moving forwards with our strengthened focus working with women involved in street sex work in Bristol.

It was great to be with some of you at Bristol Cathedral recently for the Vision for the Vulnerable event. Once again, I felt built up by your support. Thank you.

**Increased need out on the streets** – we continue to see more women using our night van, a few weeks ago we saw 20 women on our van in just one night, this is far above the usual levels (last year's average was 6 women per night). We are thankful to be able to meet women in this dark and dangerous place. Sadly, we have also seen fewer women exiting street sex work and more women returning to the streets. Please pray that we can continue to build trust with the women we see at night, and that they will link into our health hub and casework so that they can get the help they need.

**Health hub** – is up and running and we are grateful that over 50 women have used it so far. We're open three afternoons a week for women to come in – they still don't need a reason to come in – they can access the health services if they want to, or they can just be in the space and have food, use the shower and get some clothes. We've found some benefits to this change with some women appreciating the quieter space, and some volunteers valuing the opportunity to spend more time with the women than was possible previously. However, we would like to see more women using the health hub as we know that there is still a gap around women using the van not coming into daytime services. Please pray that we would have listening ears and keen insight to know how best to develop this space.

**Staff and volunteer team** – I am grateful for the strong connections that we have. As we welcome new people in, please pray that we can work together as a strong and cohesive team. We are grateful to now have a full fundraising and communications team in place and

to see activities in this area increasing. Please pray for us all as we develop new ways of working and try new things to move forwards.

**Planning for the future** – we want to focus our resources to have maximum impact for the women. This includes looking at how we can fit within the commissioning opportunities within the city to ensure that the women can get what they need from the funding that is available in our city. We continue to be committed to stabilising and developing as we need to ensure that we can continue to be here for the women for as long as they need us. Please pray for wisdom for our Board and all involved as we set the direction for the next three years.

### **Praying regularly for specific women**

**Camilla** is doing really well and hasn't needed to use our services for some months now. We know that she is feeling settled in supported housing and has really moderated her drinking. Thank you for holding her in your prayers and please pray that she continues this journey and remains well.

**Lucy** still asks us regularly for prayer when accessing our van or coming to health hub. Due to her poor physical health, she has been feeling extremely low and her mental health has been suffering considerably. She is engaging with our GP and coming to pick up her script. Please pray that Lucy finds peace and feels hope for her future.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement. It means a lot to us.

*"Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

*Love never fails."*

1 Corinthians 13:7-8

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny". The script is cursive and fluid.

**Jennifer Riley**

Chief Executive Officer