

### Who are One25?

One25 is the only organisation in Bristol specifically supporting women who street sex work. The women we see are incredibly brave and resilient, they can and do recover with the right support. Last year, we worked with **242** women. Of those:

- **77** were connected to the specialist services they needed
- **123** were safer
- **242** were healthier
- **43** exited street sex work

### What is the need?

The women we support face severe and multiple disadvantages, including: domestic/sexual violence (86%), addiction (84%), chronic mental ill-health (76%), physical ill-health (86%), homelessness (95%), poverty (100%), and nearly half have disclosed childhood abuse to us (43%). Each of these experiences is closely linked with significant and often complex trauma, often compounded by years of systemic exclusion from support services.

### What do we do?

Our **outreach van** goes out every night, meeting women who are street sex-working. Staff and volunteers provide essentials such as food, hot drinks, clean needles, and clothing. The van offers a confidential space where women can report violent perpetrators. Women using the van are often not receiving any support from anywhere else, and for a short time, whilst on the van, they are safe and cared for.

*“The van is needed – it makes women feel safe” – Elisha, 2024*

On the van, women are signposted to our **health hub** where they can access a GP, sexual health nurse, health screening, and opioid substitute treatment. Women can also access therapeutic support and hot food at the health hub. The women we meet often face barriers to accessing mainstream healthcare, the health hub is a safe, trauma-informed space led by professionals they know they can trust.

*“I am so grateful you are here. Without this space, I would feel so alone” – Alana, 2023*

Our six specialist **caseworkers** support women to tackle life-controlling issues and navigate often inflexible and challenging pathways to support. This includes: securing safe housing; getting treatment for addiction; using physical and mental health services; making safety plans around domestic violence; and reporting sexual violence. They work intensively, building relationships and advocating for women.

*“I have never worked with a more trusting organisation. [...]. My caseworker is so supportive, helping and trusted. I wouldn't change her for the world” – Rachel, 2025*

We partner with over 60 agencies and Bridging Gaps (the lived experience consultancy group facilitated by One25) to **advocate for systemic change** in Bristol. We listen to women, challenge the systems which have failed them, and fight for change which prioritises their needs. Recent work includes delivering Bristol's first women's homelessness census to influence local policy on temporary accommodation and supporting Bristol City Council Public Health in developing the 2025 Health Needs Assessment of Sex Workers.

*“I've learnt that no matter how small the change, that we are people that have a voice, and we matter, no matter what happens, and that together we can make change.” – Bridging Gaps Member, 2024*

