

2018/19

368 & 87



'It's been a long road, but I almost feel like me again'

We provided **3,028** individual and group support sessions to women through our Office Based and Outreach services and Kilmarnock Women's Centre.



We provided **886** individual, group and family support sessions to children and young people through our Children & Young People's Outreach service.



HerStory

Our HerStory project supported women, children and young people to share their stories and help us all to understand the realities of living with and leaving domestic abuse.

'The personal stories were all very powerful'

27 Feel Good! sessions in the Women's Centre and refuge

The **Moving On** Group helps women to understand and recover from the impact of domestic abuse upon their lives

'Talking through the different stages of grief and understanding how I felt - and that it was completely normal to feel that way'

'Dad used to tell us things were our fault - if he was in a mood he would blame us. He would punch the walls and say we made him do it'

'I've learned that it's not all just happened to me and in my family. It happens in other people's families too'

46
refuge requests

44
domestic abuse alarms

69
follow-on support sessions

The 'groundbreaking' **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act** came into force on April 1st, 2019. The new law finally criminalises coercive and controlling behaviour recognising that domestic abuse is about more than physical assault.

'Watching my little girl blossom like this has been very emotional. I'm incredibly proud of how far she's come'
Mum

32 women and **39** children moved into our refuges

2 women moved back home with partner removed

9 women and **12** children were rehoused in East Ayrshire



40 women at the highest risk of harm from domestic abuse were referred to the **Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service**

'I couldn't have done this without her'

In March we were delighted to be awarded platinum accreditation by Investors in People - the highest level possible achieved by only 6% of the IIP accredited companies in Scotland!



We provided **1,153** individual support sessions to women in refuge and **189** to children and young people

We provided **45** group support sessions to women in refuge and **90** to children and young people

How my life has changed:



I am more able to get what I need for myself



I have more ways to keep myself safer



I understand more about how domestic abuse affects me



I know more about my options



We delivered **30** learning and development sessions to **873** participants on behalf of the East Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership.



We delivered **18** training sessions to **337** NHS staff and students to support the implementation of routine enquiry of gender based violence.

'I'm now completely independent and much more aware of what I need. I am a better person for coming in here'

'All of society should be given the opportunity to attend events like these to continue to raise awareness'