

Eaves Poppy Project

The Poppy Project is an Eaves service which provides support for female survivors of trafficking.

Please call the helpline to:

- ✓ Make a referral;
- ✓ Find out if a woman meets our criteria; or
- ✓ Obtain more information about our services.

020 7735 2062



What we do

The Poppy Project was set up in 2003 to provide accommodation and holistic support to trafficked women.

What is trafficking?

Trafficking constitutes the movement of a person for the purposes of exploitation.

The Poppy Project works with women who have been trafficked into the UK i.e. brought into the UK in order to be exploited.

A woman may have been forced, coerced or deceived into coming, or she may have come willingly but been deceived about the nature or conditions of work on her arrival.

Victims of trafficking are often subject to high levels of physical, sexual and psychological violence. For this reason, it may take women time to disclose the full extent of their experiences.

The UK is bound by international legislation to provide victims of trafficking certain rights and protection.



Has she been trafficked?

Trafficking is a complex issue which takes many forms. As a general guideline, a woman has been trafficked if the following three elements are present:

- ✓ Movement;
- ✓ Force, deception or coercion; and
- ✓ Exploitation.

Women do not have to have entered the country illegally to have been trafficked; however, they may have done so either knowingly or without their knowledge.

Women may have had their passport or other forms of identification taken from them. They may have been moved around frequently and/or kept isolated.

Women who have been trafficked may be under the control of someone else e.g. a pimp, maid or their employer.

They may be fearful of the authorities and/or find it difficult to disclose what has happened to them.



Our services

The Poppy Acute Service

Poppy can provide women with accommodation in a shared safe house, financial support, and support accessing health services and treatment, specialist counselling, education, criminal and immigration-related legal advice and other support as needed.

Poppy can accommodate 15 women at any one time. Our bed spaces are located in London; however, we accept referrals from anywhere in England and Wales.

The Poppy Outreach Service

Poppy can provide short-term support and advocacy to trafficked women across England and Wales who do not require accommodation. Within the outreach team, we have a **Young Women's Worker** who specialises in supporting trafficked women between 16 - 24 years old, a **Family Reunification Worker** who specialises in working with trafficked women who have children, and we also have a **Detention Centres and Prisons Worker** who can provide advocacy and support to women in those hard-to-reach situations.



The level of support is determined on a case-by-case basis, focusing on the needs specifically related to a woman's trafficking experience. Senior support workers can carry out assessments (including within detention centres and prisons) if you think a woman you are working with may have been trafficked.

Our criteria

The Poppy Project can accept a woman who meets the following criteria:

- ✓ She is over 16 years of age;
- ✓ She was trafficked into the UK and subsequently subjected to any form of exploitation such as:
 - Sexual exploitation;
 - Forced labour including domestic servitude;
 - Forced illicit activities such as cannabis farming, begging or pick pocketing; or
 - Organ harvesting.

Women accessing our Acute or Outreach Services will have a dedicated support worker to co-ordinate all aspects of their support.



Referrals

We can accept referrals made by telephone only.

To make a referral, or to discuss whether a woman you know or are working with may have been trafficked, call our helpline on:

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Referrals to other agencies

The Poppy Project can accept referrals from England and Wales. If you know of a woman who may have been trafficked into Scotland, you can contact the organisation TARA on 0141 276 7729.

The Poppy Project is not able to accept referrals for children under 16 years old. If you are worried about a child who may have been trafficked, call the NSPCC Child Trafficking Advice & Information Line on 0800 107 7057.



About Eaves

Eaves provides high quality support to vulnerable women who have experienced violence. Our other projects include:

The Scarlet Centre is a drop-in centre offering advice, support and information to vulnerable women affected by violence, such as domestic violence, rape, sexual abuse or prostitution, and the consequences of violence. The aim is to empower women to become independent.

The Amina Scheme is a peer mentoring scheme for women who have experienced sexual violence, run by specially-trained women volunteers who have also experienced sexual violence in the past.

Eaves' Research and Development works to eliminate all forms of violence against women through research, campaigning, lobbying, policy development and training.

To find out more about Eaves or to refer to another Eaves service call 020 7735 2062.



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