

# Eaves Poppy Project

The Poppy Project is an Eaves service which provides support for women 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

(Referral line open Monday – Friday  
9.30am – 5.30pm)



## 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 in the UK who have been trafficked across borders or internally.

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:

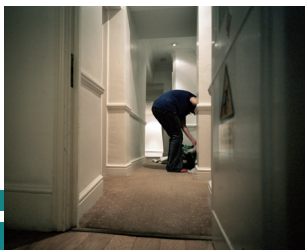
- ✓ Movement;
- ✓ Force, deception or coercion; and
- ✓ Exploitation.

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. Trafficking may take place within a country as well as across borders.

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, parenting support and other support as needed.

Poppy can accommodate 9 women at any one time. We have spaces for both foreign and British nationals. Our bed spaces are located in London and we accept referrals from services based within London.

### **The Poppy Outreach Service**

Poppy can provide short-term support and advocacy to trafficked women across England and Wales who do not require accommodation. We have services based in both London and in the north of England.

Within the outreach team we have a Young Women's Worker who specialises in supporting trafficked women between 16 - 24 years old, a Family Service which specialises in working with trafficked women who have children and also provides reunification support, a Detention Centres and Prisons Worker who can provide advocacy and support to women in those hard-to-reach situations and the LEA Project which provides outreach support to women who wish to exit prostitution.



The level of support is determined on a case-by-case basis, focusing on the needs specifically related to a woman's trafficking experience. Anti-trafficking advocates 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 to or escaped to the UK or was trafficked within 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 advocate 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. Eaves' services are shaped and informed by research to ensure they respond and adapt to the needs of those who come to us for support. Services include;

### **Support to exit prostitution**

Advice, advocacy and sign-posting for women aged 18+ wishing to exit prostitution.

### **Peer mentoring for survivors of sexual violence**

A peer support scheme for women aged 18+ who have experienced sexual violence.

### **Independent Sexual Violence Advocate – for survivors of sexual violence**

Court and police support for women and girls aged 13+ who have experienced sexual violence who live, work or study in the Lambeth area.

### **Life skills – support with housing**

A pan London one to one advice and advocacy service that supports women aged 18+ who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing violence.

### **Journey to Work – education, training and employment**

Preparing women aged 18+ (predominantly those in Lambeth) who have been victims of violence so that they can enter or re-enter the workplace.

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





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