



WHISPERS of HOPE

Hoping for a better future, Only believing for good things, Praying for breakthrough, Expecting positive change

Registered Charity No: 1193378

A registered charity providing a supportive and healing environment for women who are experiencing or fleeing domestic abuse or sexual exploitation, who have the added complication of an uncertain or complex immigration status.

We currently offer

- **Avan House** — a safe house for people fleeing domestic abuse and honour based violence, who are also destitute
- **Befriending and one-to-one support** from fully trained volunteers
- **Signposting** to specialist organisations
- **Advocacy support** to effect positive change

For more information and to make a referral

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One third of all domestic abuse cases in this country also have immigration issues. This statistic refers to women who are here as asylum seekers, on spousal visas, family reunion or have been brought/trafficked here illegally. There is no support available for them as they have no recourse to public funds, they are not even able to access a place in a refuge.

Many having survived the tragedy of being forced to leave their homes, country and family, find themselves facing the unthinkable nightmare of domestic abuse. Just when they most need support, they are alone: support networks and even charities are unable to help because public funds have been withdrawn or severely limited.

Whispers of Hope seeks to demonstrate God's love for these precious people by providing:

- ◆ A place of safety for them to stay
- ◆ A drop-in facility for them to receive practical and emotional support within the community
- ◆ Advocacy – lobbying those who have the power to effect change
- ◆ Prayer support
- ◆ Befriending
- ◆ Food, clothing, toiletries, small amounts of finance where desperately needed
- **How Can You Help?**

Please include these women and children in your prayers.

You can consider volunteering with us. We offer full training and support.

You may be able to give financially to the work. It currently costs us £1,300 per month to run the safe house and each woman is given £40 per week subsistence to buy food, toiletries, top up their phone and make journeys. Just giving £10 per month for a year would mean we could provide 3 weeks subsistence for one of our women.

If you would like to make a financial contribution by BACS transfer, standing order or cheque, please contact Deana by email. If you would also like to gift aid your donation we can claim back 25p for every £1 you donate.

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