



**hope at  
home**



restoring dignity, rebuilding lives

**annual report 2018 - 2019**

# Hope at Home is working towards a world without slavery and supporting survivors into sustainable freedom along the way



Since we formally began operating in March 2018 our hosts have provided **427 nights**, with a **social value of £8,540\*** in safe warm beds to guests from **5 different nations**. Those are nights that would otherwise be spent on park benches, in public spaces, friend's sofas and where the risk of re-trafficking is great.

This has only been possible with the incredible open hearts and homes of our wonderful hosts, the support of a number of individuals giving, trust funders and partners with whom we have collaborated to provide holistic support for the survivors that we have placed.

Our personal thanks and gratitude go to all of these people, helping us bring sustainable freedom and see lives change, one person at a time.

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\*based on a cost of £20 per night for emergency shelter type accommodation

## modern slavery facts and figures



## our response

We host adult survivors of modern slavery of any nationality, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or political persuasion, whether or not they have access to employment or benefits. Many survivors referred to us would be homeless and destitute on exiting the safehouse, thereby vulnerable to being re-trafficked, so we do our very best to provide a safe and stable home for them to begin to rebuild their lives.

We do this by recruiting and training hosts to welcome a survivor into their homes for an agreed period of time. We support the hosts throughout the placement and we work in partnership with other agencies who provide support for the survivors (guests) accommodated by our hosts.

We ask referrers searching and extensive questions to ensure that guests are suitable for being hosted. As part of the referral process, prospective guests sign a 'Guest Agreement' compiled by the hosts which include boundaries and house rules. All our hosts are visited and assessed at home, trained, provide references and undergo DBS checks as well as being supported with ongoing contact from our Hope at Home central team. These actions and safeguards ensure that placements are as happy and successful as possible.

### We are unable to host:

- Children under 18
- People with complex mental health issues or current substance misuse issues that are not being treated.
- Those with unspent convictions (including convictions for violence).



# our staff and volunteers

We have two part time staff: Jared our CEO and Helen our Operations and Development Manager.

We have 5 Trustees who have been excellent in supporting us to build a solid base for growth this year.

As well as our awesome hosts we have 5 volunteers who help us organise events, build relationships with churches and exhibit for us at larger events. They have served joyfully, donating over 300 hours of work to support the cause – thank you all!

- 7 partnerships with agencies to provide ongoing support or employment opportunities for survivors and this number is growing all the time.
- 10 referrals resulting in 5 placements.
- 100% referrers found the referral process smooth, informative and would use the service again.

**Referrer feedback includes:**

*Fantastic organisation and service – I am not sure what we would have done without this as our client was in crisis and at real risk of becoming street homeless and therefore being abused/re-trafficked. – Adavu*

*An invaluable service. I will be telling others in the diogel trafficking project about it. – Bawso*

*It was so healing for SK to be with the hosts. Every time she talks about them her face lights up. What you are doing is showing survivors what love is. – Adavu*

*We want to thank Hope at Home for the excellent support they provided to our client, they were receptive and flexible to understand our client's needs and special circumstances. We were in close contact with Helen to update our client's case evolution and the volunteer family's availability. The process of meeting the family and moving on was smooth and positive for all the parts. It is our perception that the volunteer family came from a high-quality process of selection and training, they appeared open and established positive boundaries. Our client expressed her satisfaction and gratefulness towards the Hope at home program one week after moving in with the family. – Unseen UK*



**A huge THANK YOU to all our partners and referrers with whom we have worked and developed relationships over the last year including: The Snowdrop Project, Unseen UK, Adavu, City Hearts, Bright Future programme and the Co-op, The Sophie Hayes Foundation, Fresca Group and The Clewer Initiative.**

**our  
guests**



5

guests placed

3

with Positive Conclusive  
Grounds decisions

2

with Negative Conclusive  
Grounds decisions



4 female



1 male



Nigerian, Romanian, Slovakian, Albanian and Kenyan



427 nights as of 20 March 2019



100% guests felt their hosts were welcoming and understanding



1 guest reports that she now has friends and is enjoying volunteering in the community



1 guest reports she is now able to manage her anger in a healthier way



1 guest is enjoying playing chess with his hosts



100% guests felt safe with their hosts



Stays for our guests have varied from short term (a few weeks) up to 8 months

*“Hope at Home is a home that has a great passion for human beings. And people who come in after I have left will be able to keep their hope moving.”*

*“I experience a lot in Hope at Home. Coming to this place has given me a breakthrough to the situation I have.”*

## our hosts

Hosts are ordinary people who have spare rooms and big hearts. We do not ask for qualifications or particular understanding of modern slavery (we provide this in our training) and hosts are not paid.

We are looking for hosts all across the UK but with particular emphasis on West Midlands, Sheffield, the North West and Bristol because of our strong partnerships with other agencies in those areas.

7 hosts are active and a further 4 are in training.

7 sets of hosts have either pulled out after training or are on hold for various reasons.

100% of our hosts agreed that Hope at Home provided training that was accessible, informative and gave them the knowledge they needed to begin hosting survivors of modern slavery.

100% of hosts who have had a guest placed felt supported by Hope at Home and were able to contact us with any queries.

## our training & awareness raising

We have trained over 35 hosts both within our organisation and for other hosting schemes.

We have reached over 1600 people with awareness raising talks and events highlighting the issue of Modern Slavery and the response of Hope at Home.

We have spoken at over 13 community or church events across the nation and signed up over 117 supporters who now give, volunteer or host with us.



“Really clear and professional training and support”.

“Thank you so much. We really enjoyed the training and meeting other potential hosts too. We felt that the training itself was varied and interactive, which was great. Thank you for being flexible to our needs and availability too. You guys are really friendly and approachable and we feel well equipped and empowered to host. Thank you for all you’re doing!”

“We feel well supported by Hope at Home.”

# Anwuli's story

*Anwuli lost her husband 20 years ago and found herself living in poverty with three hungry children. After doing odd jobs and relying on the generosity of friends, she decided to take up a job offer in the UK to pay for her children's education. Arriving in the UK, her passport was removed and she was forced to work in her employer's home, looking after their children and house, with long hours and no breaks. The wages she hoped to send home to her children never materialised.*

*Anwuli was a domestic slave for ten years before a member of the public alerted police to her living conditions. Sadly, instead of being recognised as a victim of human trafficking, she was arrested and detained in an immigration centre. Highly traumatised in the immigration centre, she wanted to end her life. Thankfully, she was picked up by the Salvation Army, referred into the National Referral Mechanism and taken to a safehouse.*

*Unfortunately, Anwuli's sub-standard legal advice led to her receiving a negative conclusive grounds decision. She had just a few days to leave the safehouse and knew nobody else in the UK other than her traffickers. She had no money and wasn't able to access benefits or employment.*

*Her safehouse support worker referred her into Hope*

*at Home and we were able to place her with a family. Within a few weeks, Anwuli was laughing, joking and dancing in the kitchen with her new hosts. She started helping out at a community kitchen drop in once a week and then volunteering at a local charity. She made friends and found purpose. She enjoyed Christmas and Pancake day for the first time. Her hosts helped her to find better legal advice and support from Kalayaan, a charity dedicated to supporting domestic workers, and she began to hope for her future again.*

*Her safehouse support worker described Hope at Home as an 'invaluable service'. Her Kalayaan caseworker said:*

*"Hope at Home is the only charity I am aware of which supports vulnerable victims of trafficking who were required to exit a mainstream support and therefore your services are so vital. Anwuli is extremely vulnerable. She endured several years of abuse and exploitation and she is still very much affected by these experiences. If not for your support she would almost certainly fall back into abuse and exploitation and she would have been re-trafficked by another perpetrator. Having a stable home and the support she has received from you has put Anwuli on her way to recovery. She is now much more in control of her life and has a more positive outlook."*

Thank you



**Special thanks to our funders:**

A number of regular individual givers – you know who you are – THANK YOU!

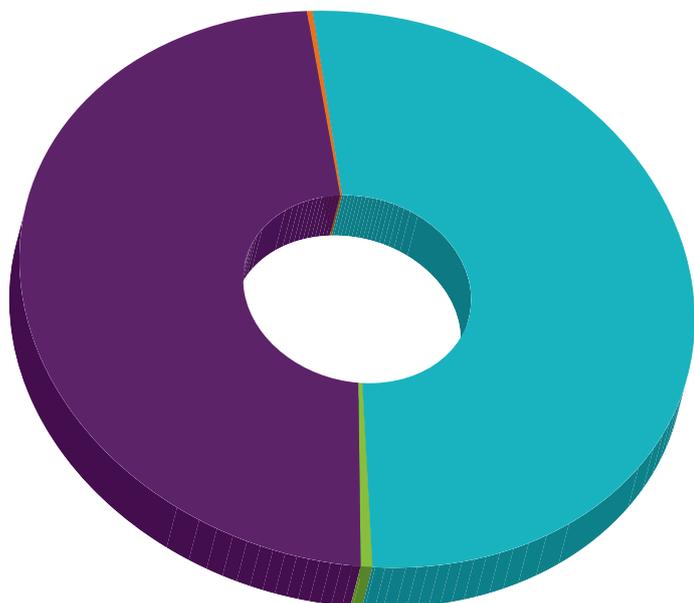
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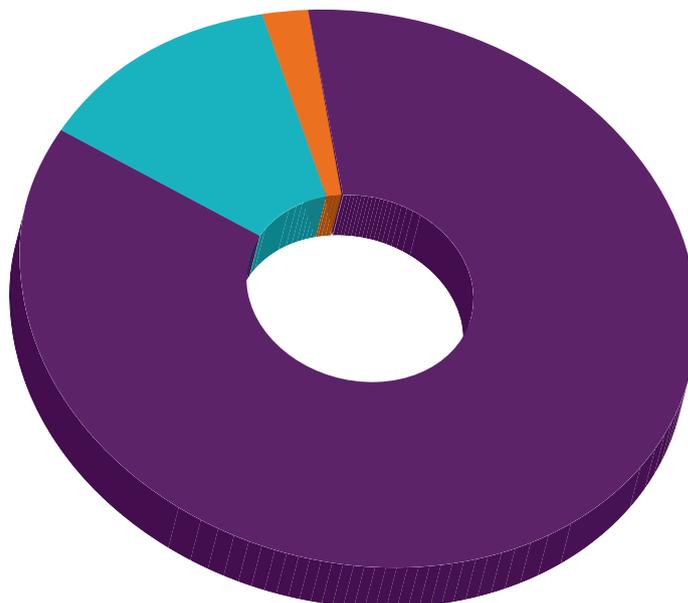
## our funding

income



Donations & fundraising	£31,572	51.52%
Trusts & grants	£29,179	47.62%
Corporate	£300	0.49%
Training & other	£225	0.37%
Total =	£61,276	100.00%

expenditure



Delivering services	£29,834	83.59%
Support costs	£4,394	12.31%
Partnership working	£683	1.91%
Total =	£35,691	100.00%

In 2018, for every £1 spent on fundraising  
Hope at Home have raised £31



### STAFF, HOSTS & VOLUNTEERS

2 part time staff

5 trustees

5 volunteers donating over  
300 hours of work

We have 15 hosts across the UK



### PARTNERS

7 partnerships – see website for details

10 referarals and 5 placements

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### TRAINING & AWARENESS

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### FUNDS

75 individuals  
fundraised over £11,500

4 churches gave over  
£20,000