



impact report 2019 - 2020





We believe no survivor of slavery should ever have to sleep on the streets

This year has been one of strengthening our foundations in order to be able to extend our reach to those most in need.

It's been so exciting to train new hosts and see them welcome guests into their homes and hearts. This year we reached the incredible milestone of providing 1000 nights for our guests – nights of safety, acceptance, warmth and security.

As you read this report, you will see that all that has been achieved is because of our hero hosts, those individuals who give regularly, our funders, prayer supporters and our partners. This truly is a team effort and we are so grateful for all who join us.

With some strong foundations and an experienced and wise Board of Trustees, we are heading into the next year focusing on finding more homes for survivors, particularly in Bristol and Sheffield and equipping our fantastic hosts to offer excellent environments for their guests.

This is not simply a job for us. Our hearts are in everything we do – from the welcome cards we send to new guests to the meetings we have with our partners. We want to see survivors of slavery living the lives they deserve – realising their own hopes and ambitions.

Thank you for walking this journey with us and our guests.

Your support is changing people's lives.

Jared & Helen



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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:

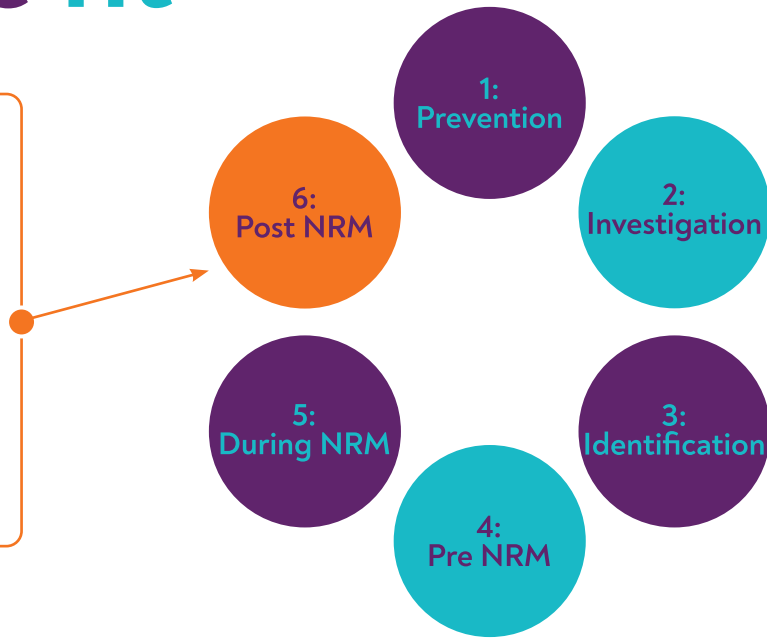
- Children under 18
- People with complex mental health issues or current substance misuse issues that are not being treated.
- Those with unspent convictions (including convictions for violence).

where we fit

There is a huge gap here for people with no recourse.
Estimated need - 840 bed spaces.

Estimated less than 15 bed spaces are currently available across the UK.

This is where we operate and prevent re-trafficking and homelessness



1: Prevention - A21, Hope for Justice, Stop The Traffik, Justice & Care, others.

2. Investigation - Police forces, border force, National Crime Agency, Hope for Justice.

3. Identification - Hope for Justice, Police forces, border force, National Crime Agency.

4. Pre NRM - Salvation Army (emergency housing in B&B's or safe houses, Ashlana (Sheffield) - 2 spaces / Caritas Bakhita House (women only, 13 spaces) / Derbyshire County Council (3 spaces) / WMASN (Men only, 3 spaces) / Ella's (Women only, 8 spaces), Migrant Help / St John of God Raham UK. There is also a gap here.

5. During NRM - Housing in with one of the 13 subcontractors around the UK or outreach support. (Only around 30% of survivors are in safe houses)

6. Post NRM - Council / private rented accommodation if enough income **or homeless if not** / National Asylum Seeking Accommodation (NASS) / Local Authority (with recourse), Restore (3 spaces, with recourse) Spring Housing (with recourse)



our staff and volunteers

We employ two part time staff – Jared, our CEO and Helen our Operations Director..

We have five trustees who provide legal expertise, charity sector leadership, business leadership, mental health and finance expertise as well as robust scrutiny and accountability for the organisation.

As well as our awesome hosts we have 7 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!



our partners

- 7 partnerships with agencies to provide ongoing support or employment opportunities for survivors and this number is growing all the time.
- 45 referrals resulting in 11 placements

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, The Clewer Initiative, Justice & Care, Spring Housing, Medaille Trust, IJM and the Salvation Army

“The work Hope at Home does to support the most vulnerable survivors of modern slavery is really invaluable to support organisations in the sector. Hope at Home fills an important gap in services, particularly for individuals who have fallen through the cracks in the system and are left with nowhere else to turn but street homelessness or vulnerable, precarious or unsuitable short-term solutions. The hosts create welcoming, safe spaces for our clients that help give them the stability they need for a short period to start to take steps forward with their lives.”

Rachel Medina, Snowdrop



Welcome
please
Come In

our guests

12

guests placed

9

with Positive Conclusive Grounds decisions

2

with Negative Conclusive Grounds decisions

1

with Reasonable Grounds decision



7 female



4 male



1 transgender



Nigerian, Slovakian x 2, Romanian x3, Bangladeshi, Iraqi, Pakistani, Jamaican, Kenyan, Iranian

**1000
NIGHTS**

Prior to being hosted with us, our guests were all either homeless or vulnerable to homelessness. Some were sofa surfing, some being evicted from Home Office Accommodation with no access to employment or benefits, some were leaving safehouses with the intention of finding employment and a home of their own. Two of our guests were sleeping in a tent.

Hope at Home has given me a forever family

I'm grateful for being accepted and not having to talk about my past.

I think this house is what a family must feel like.

Placements have been from 1 week to 8 months

88% of our guests have had positive move-ons including moving into independent accommodation and returning to home office accommodation.

Our guests have taken part in training, volunteering, community groups and employment.

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 Bristol and Sheffield because of our strong partnerships with other agencies in those areas.

We have 25 active hosts - a huge development

We enjoy hosting with Hope at Home because we have the space at home and want to use it; because we are very glad to help someone find a safe place off the streets; and we really appreciate being supported by people who know what it is like hosting. It is encouraging to see a vulnerable person gradually becoming more confident and at ease.

I've always believed sharing what I have is the right thing to do, but it can be hard to find wise opportunities to put this into practice. Hope at Home have given me the perfect opportunity to share my home with maximum effect.

When people say 'why do you do it?' I say 'why wouldn't we?' We have a spare room and somebody needs a safe, loving place to stay - we are after all commanded to love our neighbour. It's also a good witness to those around us and it's fun."

a note from helen

One of the highlights of my job is sending 'welcome' cards to our new guests when they have moved in with their hosts. I love knowing that someone is safe from the dangers of the streets. I then watch as the relationships between guests and hosts blossom and the guests feel accepted and safe to begin rebuilding their lives. I love catching up with hosts each week, hearing their stories of cooking together, playing chess, celebrating first Christmases and laughing over language differences. And then it's thrilling to watch guests moving on, into their own homes and finding new lives for themselves knowing that we've helped to make that happen."



our training & awareness raising

We've trained
17 sets of new
hosts this year.

We have
delivered
training to
other schemes.

We've spoken
at 10 events
and reached
over 1000
people.

We have inputted
into the 'Hosting Her'
research conducted by
Commonweal Housing.

Survivor stories

*Names have been changed to protect guest's identities

DANIEL & ELENA

Daniel* and Elena* were survivors of exploitation. Sadly, after leaving their safehouse they had no housing options and were living in a tent. This left them extremely vulnerable to being exploited by traffickers all over again. When the Snowdrop Project referred them to us, our hosts welcomed them in with hot showers, hot meals and a warm, comfortable bed to sleep in.

Without having to worry about staying safe at night, they were now able to look for council accommodation. Their caseworker helped them to find a flat and when they moved in, their hosts bought them a week's worth of groceries as a 'welcome to your new home' present! A few weeks later, Daniel and Elena turned up on the host's doorstep with a huge bunch of flowers to say thank you.

ANYA

Anya* needed short term accommodation while she waited for council accommodation to be available.

Anya was very shy when she first moved in and, as a survivor of domestic slavery, she kept trying to please the hosts by doing jobs around the house. However, after a few weeks of being accepted for who she is, she settled into family life and enjoyed cooking her delicious Bangladeshi food for the hosts to enjoy. She helped on their allotment and was delighted when they took her out to the local beauty spot for the day. She also applied for jobs and had several interviews.

With support from the Snowdrop Project, Anya was allocated council accommodation after three months and moved in to begin her independent life.

DAGMAR

Dagmar* was referred to Hope at Home from Unseen's safehouse. As a European National, she was able to work in the UK but not able to claim housing benefit. She moved in with Hope at Home hosts until she found a job in the area and was able to save up for a deposit. She continued to be supported by an outreach worker from Unseen.

When Dagmar first moved in, she slept so badly that she decided to look for a job that offered night shifts. After a few weeks with the hosts, she began to sleep well at night and so found a daytime job instead! Dagmar loved the host's dog and would often help with dog walks and enjoy meals with the family making them all laugh with her dry sense of humour. During her stay with the hosts, she received a large amount of compensation and the hosts supported her to open a bank account for this money.

After six months and using her compensation money, Dagmar found a flat of her own and was able to move out and live independently.

Thank you!

Special thanks to:

Our Freedom Fighters who give regularly and those who have made one-off donations including Bromsgrove and Redditch Soroptomists, Droitwich Spa High School, Holy Trinity Church Oxford, Newsong Community Church, The Church at Junction 10 and Kings Church Redditch.

Our Funders: Sir Halley Stewart Trust, Avon Trust, McGhee Trust, National Lottery Awards for All, Allen Lane Foundation, Woodward Charitable Trust, Ashworth Charitable Trust, SMB Trust, Catalyst Social Action Fund, Cuckoo Trust, Albert Hunt Trust, W F Southall Trust.

Our hosts who open their homes and their hearts to people with such commitment and love.

Our volunteers who have given hours of their time to exhibit at events, chat with people, help with funding research, make phone calls, create social media posts and generally be awesome!

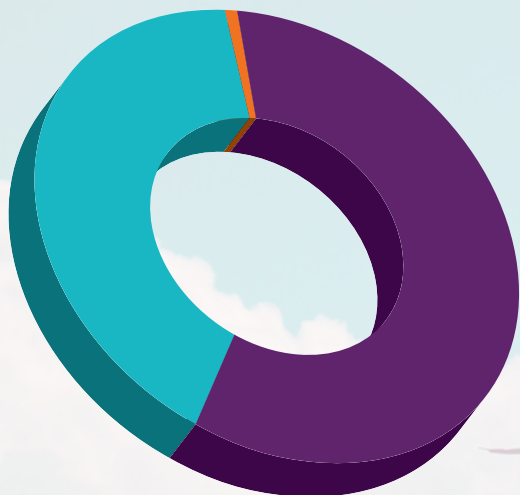
Our Trustees: We have an incredible Board of committed people who are experts in their fields. We are so grateful for their wisdom and scrutiny.

Dominic Llewellyn for working with us this year to provide strength to the organisation's foundations, endless questions, phone calls and encouragements.



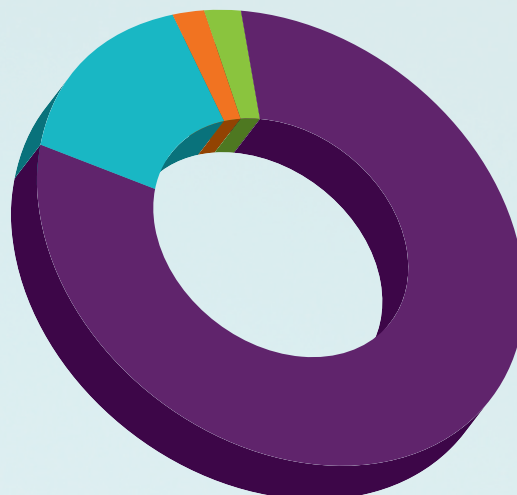
our funding

income



Trusts and Grants	£60,162	58%
Donations & fundraising	£42,252	41%
Training & other	£781	1%
Total =	£103,195	100%

expenditure



Delivering services	£63,818	80.5%
Support costs	£12,000	15%
Partnership working	£1,654	2%
Governance	£1,938	2.5%
Total =	£79,410	100.00%

In 2019, for every £1 spent on fundraising
Hope at Home have raised £42.