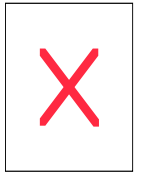




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GUERNSEY WOMEN'S REFUGE



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Guernsey Women's Refuge

Guernsey Women's Refuge was opened by Lady Coward at its' present address on 18 September 1998. It is a registered charity that currently runs one Refuge and an Outreach Service. We are affiliated to Women's Aid Federation England (WAFE), which is a national organisation, helping to link together and co-ordinate the work of individual refuges, to train and to campaign on behalf of women and their children experiencing domestic abuse.

Providing Accommodation

Guernsey Women's Refuge provides temporary, emergency accommodation for women and their children experiencing physical, emotional, psychological and/or sexual abuse. Women and their children can come to The Refuge at any hour of the day or night. The Refuge can accommodate five families.

Women can stay as for as little as an hour or as long as two months, although they can stay longer in special circumstances. A woman may just come in overnight for safety in a crisis; she may decide to stay a few days if she needs space to think; she may decide to stay in the Refuge while she takes legal proceedings or she may decide to stay until she is re-housed into temporary or permanent accommodation.

During this year, Guernsey Women's Refuge has accommodated 30 women and 20 children

Support for Women

The Refuge provides a safe and supportive environment for women at a time of crisis. Staff offer advice and support in a non-directive, non-judgemental way, so women are able to make their own choices. The Staff offer help and support to women in their dealings with all relevant agencies.

Advice Line Tel. 01481 721999

Women can phone the Refuge for advice and support any time 24/7.

During this year there have been 44 contact calls