



Women's  
Work  
*Turning a new leaf*

Supporting women with complex needs

National Impact Award Winners 2008  
Kings Fund & GSK Champion of  
Champions Award Winner 2012  
National Diversity Award Finalist 2016  
Derby Evening Telegraph Business  
Awards NFP Winner 2017

# Women's Work Annual Review Summary 2016 – 17



We are fortunate to have developed long term and engaging relationships with a number of Trust Funders and partners, which have enabled us to maintain our key activities and develop new initiatives in the past year. We are particularly proud of our Peer Mentoring project and our partnership with Framework delivering opportunities and change for women ready to take the next step on their recovery journeys.

We have supported, 738 women in desperate need this year, we have also witnessed a marked increase in the numbers of women requiring intensive support for mental health crisis.

There is continuing pressure on public and community health care provision, which we believe has had an impact on the numbers of women presenting to our service in crisis.

This has impacted on the type and length of intervention we can offer, which historically has been a very flexible delivery model and was responsive to changing needs. It has become evident that our capacity to operate this model may no longer be viable and a more streamlined model of care and intervention is the way forward during these particularly challenging times.

Looking forward we will continue to evaluate the external environmental trends we are exposed to and try to adapt our approach to service delivery to ensure we can continue to meet the needs of our service users effectively and efficiently. Our search continues for a new operational space and we hope, in the coming year to make some progress in delivering a safe and welcoming space for the women of Derby.

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*Dionne Reid CEO*

For well over a decade Women's Work has developed and delivered initiatives that seek to protect vulnerable and disadvantaged women and their families. This year has seen no exception. Looking back over the past twelve months it would seem that all the hard work continues to be recognised, as the organisation was nominated, shortlisted and won the Derby Evening Telegraph Business NotForProfit Organisation award and our CEO, Dionne, won the Derby and Derbyshire Inspirational Woman Award 2017.

I'm sure you are aware that all charities continue to work in very difficult financial times. In addition to the regular round of funding applications, during this past year a number of local groups have become aware of our work and have raised funds on our behalf. As Chair to the Board, I thank them sincerely, all additional financial help makes such a difference. I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the board to thank the bank of Peer Mentors and volunteers who help support the organisation, the women and their children. Without them it would be difficult to plan and deliver activities such as fun days out for the Little Links project, involvement in Derby's International Women's Day, trips to the countryside and the wonderful Variety Gala Concert at Derby Cathedral where the Women's Work Choir were simply fantastic.

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*Ros Kershaw Chair*

## Anna

Anna 37 has had a traumatic life, exposed to violence, abuse and drug addiction. She found herself estranged from family and working on the streets of Derby. Anna has a terminal illness and no one to support her through it apart from Women's Work, who are supporting her and ensuring, she is treated with dignity for the rest of her short life.

## Women's Work (Derbyshire) Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ending 31 March 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted funds (£)	Restricted funds (£)	Total 2017 (£)	Total 2016 (£)
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	3	3,675		3,675	3,488
Charitable activities	4	4,787	434,383	439,170	398,378
Other income	5	4,057		4,057	11,145
Investments	6	82		82	119
<b>Total income</b>		<b>12,601</b>	<b>434,383</b>	<b>446,984</b>	<b>413,130</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds		1,260	-	1,260	744
Charitable Activities	7	13,273	430,430	443,703	392,369
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>14,533</b>	<b>430,430</b>	<b>444,963</b>	<b>393,113</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<b>(1,932)</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>20,017</b>
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,932)	3,953	2,021	20,017
Fund balances at 1 April 2016		121,933	199	122,132	102,115
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2017</b>		<b>120,001</b>	<b>4,152</b>	<b>124,153</b>	<b>122,132</b>

### Our Peer Mentors Comments

I love helping others

Peer Mentoring boosts morale

I'm attached to my badge



A few wise words

You only fail when you stop trying so remember ladies we rise by lifting others.

## Some of our achievements this year

**111**

Individuals who attended the Freedom Programme are better informed about Domestic Abuse

**20**

Individuals completed the 12 week Strengthening Families Programme and have improved parenting skills

**87%**

Parents feel their parenting skills have improved after working with the Link Work Project

**83**

Families were supported by the Link Work Project with housing, debt and drug problems

**488**

New referrals into Women's Work

**16**

Individuals were supported by Women's Work to exit street sex work

**70**

Outreach drug safety information packs distributed

**6,948**

Sexual Health Interventions (contraception and brief intervention)

**82%**

Women have improved life skills through workshop attendance

**24**

Service Users have been assessed and underwent a course of counselling

**738**

Unique service users supported this year

**32**

Individual volunteers contributed 1659 hours

**8**

Service User Peer Mentors trained

**14**

Children are happier and show improved confidence and coping skills following engagement

**140**

Food Parcels were distributed

### Women's Work (Derbyshire) Ltd National Award Winners

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