



Press Release

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BRISTOL CHARITY AWARDED £18,400 TO SUPPORT WOMEN SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales has awarded a grant of £18,400, over two years, to Unseen which supports women over the age of 18 who have been trafficked for sexual exploitation predominantly from Africa and Eastern Europe. The funding will go towards the salary of a support worker.

The charity runs a safe-house in Bristol where women are helped to come to terms with their experiences. Counselling, access to medical and sexual healthcare, legal advice and activities in the community including gardening and life skills are offered. Unseen also provides on-going support programmes to women once they leave the safe-house to ensure their long-term recovery.

Rebecca Wingate-Saul, Fundraiser at Unseen said: “Unseen exists to help rebuild women’s lives - many of whom have been beaten, raped and suffered psychological trauma. We very much welcome the funding from the Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales which will go towards the salary of a support worker who is central to providing the one-to-one support women need, and will help us sustain our essential services.”

Emma Beeston, Grant Manager for the West of England at the Lloyds TSB Foundation

for England and Wales said: “We are pleased to support the much needed work of Unseen. The Foundation has a long history of funding charities that make a significant difference in improving the overall life choices and chances of women who have been victims of abuse.”

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales supports charities that help disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. Local or regional charities with an income up to £1 million and national charities with an income up to £5 million can find out more about the funding criteria and grant programmes at www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk.