

Women and Girls Initiative  
Final Impact Report  
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A Way Out (Blossom Project)	The project aims to establish an outreach, engagement and targeted support service, working with young women aged 16-24 facing severe and multiple disadvantage, complex needs or vulnerabilities who are identified as at risk of being sexually exploited and involved in prostitution. The project will target hard to reach women including those who are homeless, in pockets of deprivation and children excluded from schools.	Stockton-on-Tees	Stockton-on-Tees	North East	£558,620	4
Ashiana Network	The project aims to continue improving the lives of women and girls from Black, Asian minority ethnic and refugee communities in Waltham Forest and throughout North East London. The project will maintain Ashiana Network's specialist bespoke refuge and develop the holistic, wrap-around provision to provide advice, advocacy and counselling services for survivors of violence and an increasing number of women fleeing conflict zones.	Waltham Forest	Waltham Forest	London	£678,618	5
Aspire learning, Support and Wellbeing CIC	The project will introduce services that will address currently unmet needs including mental health and social isolation. There will be four strands to the project: peer mentoring and befriending, confidential listening and advocacy, social support groups, and a women's wellness service.	Chester Le Street	County Durham	North East	£499,030	5
Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid	Specialist refuge accommodation and support in the community for young women aged 16 to 25 affected by all issues of violence against women and girls including forced marriage, honour based violence or female genital mutilation, rape or sexual abuse. Each will be supported individually to build their confidence and have the strength to take ownership and responsibility of their lives. Further support will include a helpline, drop-in sessions and outreach work.	Birmingham	Birmingham	West Midlands	£747,300	5
Birth Companions	This project aims to extend the support to vulnerable mothers in prison and in the community providing support for a greater number of women for a longer period of time; and to create new opportunities for their beneficiaries to gain skills and confidence, thereby reducing isolation and improving well being for vulnerable mothers.	Hackney	Hackney	London	£647,533	3
Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid	The project is aimed at sustaining the tailored support for victims of domestic abuse with complex needs such as drug and alcohol dependencies, mental health problems. The organisation will recruit outreach workers who will develop partnerships with local stakeholders; work with schools and other organisations on healthy and safe relationships; co-ordinate activities and workshops with young girls at local youth clubs; provide support through tailored one to one sessions; provide peer support opportunities.	Bromley	Bromley	London	£656,095	5
Changing Pathways (formerly Basildon women's Aid)	The Independent Stalking Advocacy Service will be based on the research and learning from Paladin. It will help around 300 women per year who have been stalked following an abusive relationship to take control back. Support from highly experienced professionals will include access to refuge accommodation, outreach support services, Independent domestic violence advocates, counselling services and help with practical, emotional, physical and financial difficulties.	Basildon	Basildon	Eastern	£377,437	3
Chayah Project	"Young women aged 16-25 years who are survivors of DV, experiencing difficulties through homelessness and family breakdowns and who would otherwise turn to gangs for support will be matched with older women who will act as their mentors. Young women will be empowered to unlock their own potential through a comprehensive support network that will cover their individual academic, social and emotional needs and development."	Nottingham	City of Nottingham	East Midlands	£250,000	3
Claudia Jones Organisation (Lead partner)	The project will focus on preventing domestic abuse and raise awareness of child sexual exploitation and female genital mutilation. The partnership will help break down barriers that prevent women and girls them accessing mainstream services; support victims and survivors and help build the capacity of African and Caribbean women's organisations in Hackney.	Hackney	Hackney	London	£748,249	4

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Harbour support services	The aim of the project is to offer an extended recovery service to women and girls who have been supported in Harbour's existing crisis services but would benefit from ongoing support to enable them to achieve sustainable changes, leading to a life free from abuse and where they are able to achieve their full potential.	Hartlepool	Hartlepool	North East	£745,125	3
Hibiscus Initiatives	This project aims to set up a new woman only community based hub that will enable Hibiscus Initiatives to expand the range of support services they offer to foreign, Black, Asian and ethnic minority, refugee and migrant women affected by the criminal justice system. The project aims to help the women reduce instances of re-offending, and promote justice, respect and reduce inequalities.	Islington	Islington	London	£750,000	5
Hillcroft College	Hillcroft College's proposed project aims to engage women in learning and development, especially those furthest from education, by providing excellent residential study opportunities and exceptional support services. This will be achieved through the provision of increased support and access to improved specialist services for women prior to becoming students, during their period of study, and after their studies have finished.	Surbiton	Kingston upon Thames	London	£749,500	4
Housing For Women	The Re-Connect project is to provide a refuge for women leaving prison with issues including mental health, substance and alcohol misuse and safety from domestic abuse. The project will home women in London over a six month period, giving them accommodation and intensive practical and emotional support with the aim to improve self confidence and health, reduce re-offending and bridge the gap to independent living.	Lambeth	Lambeth	London	£697,819	5
Inspiring Futures Partnership CIC	Local women will be encourage to become shapers and leaders of women's services provided through the Centre in Oldham. Women will be able to develop their strengths, develop resilience, self-management skills and build positive relationships. Two groups comprising service users, front line staff and representatives from partner organisations will bring together women and empower them to 'get their voices heard' and facilitating a joined-up approach to service delivery.	Oldham	Oldham	North West	£249,995	3
Island Women's Refuge and Domestic abuse services (Wow! Women on the Wight)	WOW! Centre is a new safe place for island women to go to as a one stop shop for women and girls to access information, support and companionship. They will support women and their children who have experienced violence against them and/or other issues such as poor physical and mental health, alcohol and drug abuse and offending behaviour. A steering group of island women will be involved in all aspects including staff recruitment of staff, finding premises and the services and support needed.	Shanklin	Isle of Wight	South East	£450,000	4
Keighley Association For Women and Children's Centre (lead partner)	The project will engage with women and girls who are at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation, violence and grooming in the Keighley area. They will work with women and girls to give them the confidence to not fall into grooming by men and older boys. The project will also develop community awareness around myths and stereotypes within the Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee community surrounding gender roles and equality.	Keighley	Bradford	Yorkshire and Humber	£500,000	4
Latin American Women's Aid	The three key aspects to the project are as follows: to increase the range of specialist support services delivered through their women only community hub; to fulfil an identified need for the provision of additional refuge space and emergency accommodation; to train beneficiaries as peer mentors through the provision of emotional and practical support, including providing temporary accommodation to women in crisis in their own homes.	Hackney	Hackney	London	£750,000	5
Leeds Women's Aid (Lead for Women Lives Leeds consortium)	This partnership project aims for many more women and girls in Leeds to have their needs met and be empowered to lead safer, healthier lives. The project will address 'postcode' gaps in services, improve the networks and access to existing services, increase the voice of women within the city, develop peer support networks and increase services for women with complex needs, young women and newly arrived women. The most vulnerable women and their children experiencing domestic violence will benefit from the recruitment of a team of complex case workers offering awareness and advice activities. A virtual women's centre will provide a single point of information to enable women to access the support and services they need to enable women to be empowered to live safer, healthier lives.	Leeds	Leeds	Yorkshire and Humber	£2,022,528	4
Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services	A project to provide early intervention and prevention of harm to women and girls living with domestic abuse (DA). It will utilise three full time case workers to raise awareness of DA and provide practical and emotional support to enable victims and their families to be safe. It includes 24 hr helpline, three refuges in Norfolk, outreach services, drop in centres, hospital, police and court advocacy for female and male victims and a children and young people's outreach service.	Norwich	Norwich	Eastern	£606,315	5

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London Black Women's Project	The project objective is to enable women and girls to identify their needs and agree their support, to develop resilience, confidence and independence. The beneficiaries of the project will be Black, Asian, ethnic minority and refugee women and girls who are fleeing, suffering or at risk of domestic and sexual abuse in the London boroughs of Newham, Haringey, Redbridge and Tower Hamlets.	Newham	Newham	London	£400,000	5
Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge Ltd (now EVE) - lead partner	New ways of empowering women and children who have been victims of domestic violence to enable them to develop resilience, confidence and independence. Support organisations will work together to help survivors be safe, healthy and empowered. The programme will also include work with the perpetrators to reduce the risk of reoffending. Learnings will be shared with similar organisations nation-wide.	Northampton	Northampton	East Midlands	£600,442	3
Noa Girls	The aim of the project is to upscale current service delivery, and support young Orthodox Jewish girls to increase self-esteem and lead more productive, healthier and meaningful lives. Currently their services are over-subscribed and Noa Girls are struggling to keep up with demand, this funding would enable them to respond without delay by providing more key working hours for the girls.	Barnet	Barnet	London	£402,276	5
North Devon Against Domestic Abuse	A temporary refuge to women and children who have fled domestic abuse and support and aftercare to any woman who has left refuge with ongoing holistic services. The only refuge left in Devon it extends its services nationwide. A discrete bus will travel around rural North Devon as an additional access point. Women will be encouraged to determine their own futures, whether this involves returning home or starting a new life elsewhere, integrating fully and sustainably back into the community.	Barnstaple	North Devon	South West	£677,813	5
One Voice 4 Travellers Limited	A project to provide culturally sensitive safe accommodation for Gypsy Traveller and Roma (GTR) women and their families who are in a crisis situation. It will raise awareness of domestic violence within the community through awareness raising courses and work to build trusting relationships between GTR communities and voluntary and statutory service providers.	Wisbech	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	Eastern	£404,809	5
One25 Limited	Around 230 women who are trapped in, or vulnerable to street sex work will be supported to break free and build new lives away from violence, poverty and addiction. They will be reached through a women only drop-in centre, and night outreach, operated from a van which goes out to the women working on the street to provide a safe haven and practical support. Caseworkers will empower women to take control of their lives and provide them with support for as long as they need.	Bristol	City of Bristol	South West	£749,813	5
Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre	OSARCC has found through consultation with their service users under 18 (4% between October 2014-September 2015) that over 40% were currently experiencing or have experienced abuse as a child. They will work with girls aged 14-18 and specialist organisations to provide therapeutic support, peer mentoring, online support platforms and outreach and consent workshops. They will also aim to secure commitment to End Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy in Oxfordshire.	Oxford	Oxford	South East	£712,642	5
Pathway Project	Women and girls who are experiencing or affected by domestic abuse will be supported through refuge, counselling and outreach. Independent Domestic Violence Advisors and Independent Sexual Violence Advisors will provide support and volunteers and ex-service users will be trained as peer mentors. There will be focus on awareness and prevention by engaging with hard to reach women and girls. Three core areas will cover First Steps, Early Intervention and specific support for young women and girls.	Lichfield	Lichfield	West Midlands	£550,000	5
POW Nottingham	RAiSE, a network of support will be put in place for young women and girls who have been victims of sexual exploitation, including migrants, to enable them to access practical and emotional support services to give them the knowledge and skills to exit sex work. POW Nottingham also seeks to affect larger societal change through advocacy and training, increasing public awareness and providing the tools needed to engage local and national communities around issues of sex work and sexual exploitation.	Nottingham	City of Nottingham	East Midlands	£593,993	5

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Rahab Project	This project aims to enable them to proactively engage with more women involved in sex work in a range of new settings, particularly those who have been trafficked for the purposes of indoor sex work. The project also aims to build Rahab's capacity and operational infrastructure. Rahab's operations are focussed in Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster - the two London boroughs with the highest number of women working 'off street'.	Kensington and Chelsea	Kensington and Chelsea	London	£660,720	4
Rape Crisis England and Wales	A new way of supporting women and girls who are survivors of sexual violence through an online platform which will empower them to get support and provide choice on how and when they access services. The online platform will complement existing face to face and helpline support by offering web-based counselling, forums, web and video chat and self-help tools that women can access when they feel safe to do so.			England Wide	£3,066,384	5
RISE (Refuge, Information, Support and Education) (lead partner)	"Female survivors of domestic and sexual abuse will be provided with help from short-term crisis support through to longer-term guidance. RISE has seen an increase in clients and anticipates it will increase by a further 33%. The new project will focus on preventative work and provide women with a platform to become independent by producing their own services and support others. Brighton and Hove is a pilot site for the Change That Lasts framework developed by the national Women's Aid federation."	Brighton	The City of Brighton and Hove	South East	£740,036	4
Rising Sun Domestic Violence & Abuse Service Limited (lead partner)	Project Liberty will support girls and young women between 11 and 24 years to eliminate the risk of abuse and empower girls to be free from coercive relationships and improve their life chances and aspirations for the future. Figures have shown an increase in young girls deemed at risk in relationships in the area. Long-term support will include helping them with recognition of their emotions, coping strategies and improvement in their confidence and self-esteem.	Canterbury	Canterbury	South East	£520,043	3
Room To Talk CIC	Women on remand or serving short term sentences within Styal Prison will be supported to help them address mental health issues, increase personal resilience, reduce re-offending, and exposure to sexual violence and substance misuse. A hub within the prison grounds will mean women serving longer and shorter term sentences can access psychotherapy and counselling. Support will continue after release during their 12 month licence period to reduce the risk of them being exploited or subject to sexual violence.	Northwich	Cheshire West and Chester	North West	£199,998	3
Saheli Ltd (lead for Manchester BAMER consortium)	Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee women in Manchester will be provided with comprehensive support to enable them to lead independent lives. Support will cover areas such as domestic violence, mental health, as well as practical and emotional support, confidence and self-esteem building and self-development. Women will be reached through community buildings local to their family homes, often the only place they visit.	Manchester	Trafford	North West	£1,282,252	4
Savera UK	As a result of Savera identifying an increase in the number of cases of domestic abuse reported to the police from within the Merseyside BAMER communities they will be expanding their support for women at crisis point. This will include 1-2-1 services to help deal with the immediate impact of domestic abuse or harmful practice along with continued support. Support teams will be trained on cultural awareness, understanding abuse and harmful practice to awareness among young people in schools and communities.	Liverpool	Liverpool	North West	£333,028	3
Solace Women's Aid	The project aims to create leadership amongst young women and girls to reduce the incidence of violence. The objective is to provide a service and work to achieve a cultural change. The beneficiaries of the project will be girls and young women of different cultures, in care and care leavers as well as minority groups and Irish travellers from Haringey and Islington.	Islington	Islington	London	£675,663	5
Somali Integration Team (now Women's Integration Team)	"This project aims to support Somali women to enhance their life chances through creating a new Somali Women's Hub where women can access a range of skills development sessions; support women to develop their own 'Somali Women Task Force' to make local mainstream providers more accessible."	Tower Hamlets	Tower Hamlets	London	£150,000	3
SERICC (lead partner)	A partnership project to work with Essex Police to ensure women and girls have an immediate point of contact for assessment and support. It will work to address the often multiple and complex issues facing women and girls including those from diverse communities and those with disabilities to reduce waiting times in accessing support to help prevent longer term detrimental physical and emotional impact.	Grays	Thurrock	Eastern	£741,265	3

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Southall Black Sisters	The aim of the project is to sustain, up-scale, strengthen and evaluate areas of the organisation's work as a specialist Black, Asian, minority ethnic and refugee centre in West London. Through advocacy and prevention they will work with women to empower them to prevent, escape and recover from gender based violence. The need for this service is highlighted by the levels of domestic homicide, honour killings, forced marriage, FGM, dowry abuse, suicide, self-harm and violence amongst BAMER women.	Southall	Ealing	London	£498,998	5
Stitches in Time	This project aims to establish five 'Sewing Support Network' groups over the next four years in community centres and schools across the borough, which it is envisaged will become peer-led, sustainable support networks. Stitches in Time provide support services for primarily Bangladeshi women in Tower Hamlets, helping them with issues including language barriers, poverty, social isolation, unemployment, domestic abuse and health issues.	Tower Hamlets	Tower Hamlets	London	£223,680	4
Stockport Women's Centre (lead for Greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance)	Women from BAMER communities, young women and women with learning disabilities in and leaving the prison system will be provided with specific support. One to one support will include tailored plans to help reduce the risk of reoffending such as help with housing, mental health, substance misuse, education, employment, domestic abuse, confidence/self-esteem levels. Women will be supported to identify needs, risks, and relevant support networks, and link into and access specialist local service provision.	Stockport	Stockport	North West	£749,879	3
The Angelou Centre	The aim of the project is to open a specialist refuge for the North East and provide ongoing longer-term, sustained support to women survivors that builds up their abilities to lead lives free of violence and abuse. The main issue the organisation would like to address is those women with no recourse to public funding, having no refuge or bed-space within the mainstream refuges that are state funded.	Newcastle Upon Tyne	Newcastle upon Tyne	North East	£742,153	5
The Girls' Network	The Girls Network will expand its work with teenage girls and young women aged 14-19 from the least advantaged communities with female mentors from their network of professional women. The mentors will meet regularly with the girls to help the explore career opportunities, develop their skills, confidence and self-esteem and providing them with the support for them to achieve their own goals through education and beyond.			England Wide	£746,720	5
The Marylebone Project	The Marylebone Project is a supported housing project and daily drop-in centre that provides a range of support services for homeless women. The project offers access to a nurse one day per week, food, warmth, shelter, clothing and washing and laundry facilities as well as accommodation, general support, specialist support, advocacy, life skills, personal/professional skills development and move on/resettlement services.	City of Westminster	City of Westminster	London	£691,756	5
The Nelson Trust	Women with complex problems will be supported to enable them to experience less chaos, establish great stability, reduce stress and feel empowered to have greater control of their lives. Working from two centres in Gloucester and Swindon, keyworkers will support women with various issues including dealing with domestic abuse, poor mental health, money issues and addiction. Support will include one to one and out of hours help, washing and cooking facilities or simply a meal.	Gloucester	Gloucester	South West	£720,870	5
The New Futures Project	Young women and girls who have been subject to child sexual exploitation and are at risk of moving into street prostitution will be supported through advocacy and long-term support due to their increased vulnerabilities. They will be offered an intensive programme of support for at least one year including education, mental and physical health, drug and alcohol dependency to help them overcome their previous experiences and make positive changes.	Leicester	City of Leicester	East Midlands	£203,643	5
The Nia Project (lead partner)	The aim of the centre is to provide a 'women only' space that will provide a both a safe space for women and girls, aged 11+ to meet and somewhere for them to access services and support. Barking and Dagenham has high levels of multiple deprivation, the highest rate of reported domestic violence in London and high levels of reported sexual violence demonstrating a growing need for a service that can address multiple and complex issues.	Islington	Islington	London	£650,000	3

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The Snowdrop project	Female survivors of trafficking and modern slavery will be referred to the project through safe houses. An assigned caseworker will create a care plan identifying their most pressing needs with access to counselling and other support services and activities. This will empower women to develop personal goals and independent living skills so that they can eventually navigate day-to-day challenges themselves.	Sheffield	Sheffield	Yorkshire and Humber	£411,794	3
Together Womens Project (VIBE Project)	Vulnerable young girls who may be at risk of falling into harmful behaviours will be supported at an early stage in their teenage years. Consultation identified key triggers which start negative behaviour such as inter-generational impacts, poor health and poverty. Girls will be reached through local schools, children's and youth offending services and given tailored support including healthy relationships, power imbalances and positive sexual behaviours.	Sheffield	Sheffield	Yorkshire and Humber	£1,238,116	5
Trevi (lead partner)	Project Sunflower will support and empower women who are accessing drug and alcohol services in Plymouth to help them raise their aspirations and move towards work and employment, this will include a social enterprise where women can design and make textile and leather goods. Support will also include the woman's children ensuring that they stay together. With the right support the aim is will not fall back into abusive relationships or addiction.	Plymouth	City of Plymouth	South West	£600,307	3
Venus working together with young women	Venus will work with women who have lost their children to public care or adoption to empower them to manage their own lives. Venus will get involved early when their are further pregnancies and provide support the year after to reduce the likelihood of their new child going into care. Other areas of help will include parenting training, interventions with regards to substance misuse and support to help women to build supportive relationships with family members and friends to build their support network.	Liverpool	Sefton	North West	£416,863	5
VIDA Sheffield (lead partner)	Women and girls will tackle abuse in all its forms with the support of five experienced organisations that are offering a joined-up approach, with particular focus on addressing currently unmet mental health and recovery needs. Each will bring its own specialism and focus including outreach, awareness raising, family support, preventative education and group therapy. Women entering the project through any of the partner organisations will have access to the full range of services and long-term support.	Sheffield	Sheffield	Yorkshire and Humber	£750,000	4
Wild Young Parents Project	Support for young mums up to the age of 23 whose children are at risk or going through safeguarding interventions and/or care proceedings. They will be supported individually to provide and arrange support including access to psychological help, housing and money, parenting, health and also develop their skills and ambition. The project aims to provide early intervention to help them develop their parenting skills and in time be strong enough to help other women in similar situations.	Redruth	Cornwall	South West	£296,398	5
Women And Girls Network (Indigo Project)	The project aims to promote sustained recovery for survivors of violence. This project will enable beneficiaries with very complex needs to move from their chaotic and traumatic livelihood to improved wellbeing and participation in community life. Additionally the project will benefit those who have not received the mental health support they require because they do not meet the threshold for acute mental health services.	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hammersmith and Fulham	London	£705,717	3
Women in Prison	Health Matters will support mental and physical healthcare needs of women in two prisons, Bronzefield and Downview. Women in prison are often unaware of their healthcare needs including mental health, pregnancy, hepatitis & HIV and trauma. Women will receive 1:1 support and advocacy. They will also run in-custody workshops, offer advice and information, and distribute healthcare literature designed specifically for women in prison including articles written by women in prison.	Sutton	Reigate and Banstead	South East	£499,706	3
Women at the Well	The aim of the project is to support and empower women trapped in prostitution. The project will work with women involved in street-based prostitution including those trapped by organised crime and are enslaved within the sex trade industry. The ambition for the project is in response to the local need of the Metropolitan Police who require the support of an agency with experience of working with street sex workers and victims of trafficking.	Camden	Camden	London	£638,570	3

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WomenCentre Ltd (1325)	Young women and girls aged 13 to 25 at risk including those with acute mental health issues, within the criminal justice system, victims of domestic violence and their children will benefit from support to prevent crisis. By engaging early in their lives it is hoped that they can develop the skills to move themselves out of disadvantage. Project workers will be trained as their advocates, navigators and coaches to enable individuals to make better choices and take control of their progress.	Halifax	Calderdale	Yorkshire and Humber	£514,529	5
Womens Aid (in partnership with SafeLives)	The aim is to transform the lives of women and girls by a systemic change to policy, practice and commissioning that promotes early intervention and reduces the prevalence, impact and tolerance of domestic abuse. Women and children will find safety from abuse earlier and be better supported to recover and achieve independence, agencies involved will be presented with a clear approach unhampered by differences of view within the sector, and commissioners of services will adopt a tried and tested approach.			England Wide	£5,750,733	5
Women's Community Matters	The one-stop shop for women specific services will offer a range of support covering a range of areas including employability, healthy relationships, personal safety, information education and one to one emotional support. It has been working with women to identify new areas of need and this will now include physical and mental health courses, Maths, English and ICT. There will also be volunteer-led activities and family based sessions to help improve relationships.	Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow-in-Furness	North West	£734,000	5
Young Women's Outreach Project	"Young Womens Outreach Project supporting young women and young mothers aged 11-19yrs in the North East. Now providing additional support with a specialist Young Mothers Outreach Worker, Counselling provision and Domestic Violence and CSE worker.The project aims expand their work to the surrounding areas of Gateshead, to provide specialist help for the growing number of young women experiencing domestic violence/abuse and those in need of counselling support and offer outreach work that informed young mothers of their rights and their entitlement to benefits and housing support."	Gateshead	Gateshead	North East	£364,251	5
You're Cherished (now Cherished)	There has been an increase in demand by local schools for the organisation's You're Cherished courses for young and vulnerable girls. They will now build on their existing work to engage with girls, young women and families within the community. Creative activities will explore topics such as family, friendship, managing emotions and body safety enabling girls to grow in confidence, self-esteem and character, providing a foundation to make positive lifestyle choices and fulfil their true potential.	Sutton Coldfield	Birmingham	West Midlands	£250,301	5
The Zinthyia Trust	Women and girls will be empowered to tell their stories, in a safe way, of female genital mutilation, honour based violence and forced marriages. The aim is to reach out to others facing similar situations who can access vital support including counselling. Others will receive training in helping to identify women and girls in need of support and share guidance with other organisations in the area.	Leicester	City of Leicester	East Midlands	£249,516	3