

# The SAFE Project

**The SAFE Project is a sexual health service for those working in the commercial sex industry across Birmingham and Solihull.**

## Mission statement

The SAFE Project seeks to promote the health and well-being of those who have worked, are working or are at risk of becoming involved in the commercial sex industry. To reduce the harm associated with sex work and to empower them to make positive choices.

The SAFE Project does not strive to control, reduce or promote commercial sex work.

Our service is completely confidential and we will not discuss anything you tell us with any other services if you don't want us to.

There may be extreme circumstances when we need to involve other agencies without having to ask for your consent. This would be in the case of child protection issues, terrorism or if you tell us you intend to seriously harm yourself or someone else.

# What we do

## Street Outreach

We are out and about during the week across Birmingham.

We provide a safe space to talk about any issues that are important to you – if you are having problems with your health, sexual violence/domestic violence, alcohol and drug use, housing, welfare rights, legal issues, workers will be happy to discuss with you and sign post to other services if needed.

You can get hot drinks, condoms and lube, sexual health and drugs information and advice including ugly mugs.

## If you work indoors...

...in a flat, sauna, massage parlour we can visit you to bring you condoms and supplies, ugly mugs, sexual health testing, information and advice. Our workers will always be happy to talk to you about any other issues.

## SAFE clinic

We have a sexual health and family planning clinic in Birmingham; you can get Hepatitis B vaccinations, smear testing as well as STI testing, contraception and condoms. No appointments are needed and it's completely confidential.

If you have suffered sexual violence at any time in your life, a Sexual Violence Prevention Worker will also be available for you to talk to.



## Ugly Mugs

Have you been threatened, raped or assaulted when working? You can talk to an outreach worker who will take details if you feel able to discuss it and will offer you advice and support.

We print sheets called 'Ugly Mugs' giving details of attacks and the attacker to warn you of these incidents.

We can also help to refer you to a SARC centre. These centres are safe locations where victims of sexual assault can access medical care and counselling, quickly and sympathetically.

The SAFE project works closely with RSVP who offer empathic services to support and inspire children and adults of all genders who have been affected by sexual violence and abuse. RSVP has a specialist advocate for female sex workers.

## Are you looking for routes out but don't know where to begin?

We can work with you to look at alternatives, help you with housing, sorting out your benefits, education and training, and refer you to any other agencies you think will help you. We know it's a big step and will support you in every way possible.

Trafficking – if you have been moved into or around the country by someone who is threatening or frightening you and forcing you to work, you have a right to protection and we can help you to get it.

# How to contact us

All our Outreach Workers have mobile phones.  
You can call any number for more details of our services;

**07917 172409**

Senior Sister

**07973 600849**

Nurse

**0121 237 5700**

ask for the SAFE team

**SHSSAFE@uhb.nhs.uk**

SAFE team

**www.uknswp.org**

National Ugly Mugs (NUM)

**umbrellahealth.co.uk**