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Stockport MBC
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Stockport Clinical Commissioning Group
Tampon Tax Fund**

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And a big 'thank you' to the many individual donors, including our regular givers and those that have donated directly at the Centre or through the **Just Giving** website.

Your support is greatly appreciated

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The Women's Centre is here to help any woman who lives or works in Stockport.

*If you are a first-time visitor come to one of our drop-in sessions on **Tuesday or Thursday** mornings, any time between **10am and 12pm**. **Other drop-ins are on Tuesday afternoons 1pm-3pm or Wednesday mornings 10am-12pm**. We have an additional drop-in session on **Monday** mornings (also 10am-12pm) that has a particular focus on domestic abuse. Or, give us a ring first if you have any questions. So sorry - we are not able to offer parking facilities to visitors, but please let us know in advance if you have a mobility issue.*

For more information on any of the articles or events please call us on
0161 355 4455

The Women's Centre



THE WOMEN'S CENTRE
SUPPORTING WOMEN IN STOCKPORT



NEWSLETTER

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Greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance



The Alliance is the region's network of women's centres that support women in the criminal justice system. Supported by Police and Crime Commissioner Tony Lloyd and probation criminal justice partners, the Alliance has been awarded £1,125,000 over the next three years from the Big Lottery Fund (Women and Girls Initiative)

and the Government's Tampon Tax Fund. Greater Manchester has been held up nationally for its innovative approach to women in the criminal justice system, which brings together police, probation, health and other agencies—including those from the voluntary sector—to tackle the underlying issues of reoffending, such as mental ill health, drug and alcohol abuse and domestic violence.

Tony Lloyd said: "This is another positive boost to the trailblazing work we're doing in Greater Manchester to transform our approach to tackling reoffending. Many women [offenders] are victims themselves, with complex home lives and often children to care for. Doing all we can to divert these women from jail and prevent reoffending is beneficial not only to the women themselves, but society as a whole. Greater Manchester's women's centres provide a lifeline to hundreds of women, giving them the help and support to rebuild their lives. This much-needed funding will safeguard this work and help it to thrive."

Clare Sorrell, the Women's Centre Chair, said "we are delighted that the Centre is part of this innovative work, and excited that this money will help women to build sustainable lives and leave crime behind".

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An invitation to our AGM

The Centre's AGM is on

**Friday 18th November 2016, at 11am
Baptist Church, Thomson Street Stockport SK3 9DR.
All are welcome. Light refreshments afterwards.
Please contact the Women's Centre if you plan to attend.**



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A big 'Thank You' to all our funders and supporters.



Centre wins share of 'Tampon Tax' funding

THE WOMEN'S CENTRE
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The Women's Centre is celebrating after sharing in a pot of money from the recent budget. As featured on the front page, the Centre is a member of the **Greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance** which made a bid for £375,000 from the Government's £12 million 'Tampon Tax' fund.

Greater Manchester Women's Support Alliance is made up of nine local charities that provide support services to women in the criminal justice system, and those at risk of entering the system, across all ten boroughs in Greater Manchester.

The Alliance operates the 'whole system approach' which means women can receive help and support wherever they find themselves in the criminal justice system. Police custody suites can refer women to their local centre, magistrates courts can require women to attend courses, and workers can visit women in prison and provide support to them on release.

GM Women's Support Alliance Partners

The nine local charities that provide support services to women in the criminal justice system, and those at risk of entering the system, across all ten boroughs in Greater Manchester:

- WomenMATTA (Manchester and Trafford)
- Together Women Project and Salford Foundation (Salford)
- Eve's Space-Urban Outreach (Bolton)
- Stockport Women's Centre
- Tameside Women and their Families Centre
- Petrus Community (Rochdale and Bury)
- Partners of Prisoners (Oldham)
- Well Women Centre (Wigan and Leigh)
- Women of Worth (Bury)



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The Alliance of Positive Relationships

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Stockport Alliance for Positive Relationships (APR) is a service that offers help, advice and support for individuals and families experiencing domestic abuse. The range of services the APR offers includes a helpline for people to call for advice, signposting to other services and also to refer into the APR service; one to one casework sessions; group programmes and preventative workshops in schools.

The Alliance partners are:

- ◆ Stockport Women's Centre
- ◆ Stockport Without Abuse
- ◆ Stockport Homes
- ◆ Relate GMS



If you would like to contact the Alliance for Positive Relationships, please ring the helpline on 0161 477 4271 (Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm).

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF ALL OUR SERVICES

Domestic Abuse Drop-In

The Centre holds a specialist domestic abuse drop-in every week.

If you are working with a woman who needs advice on any aspect of domestic abuse please contact the Centre for details of this drop-in.

Suicide Prevention Alliance

The Women's Centre has been involved with the Stockport Suicide Prevention Alliance, which has set up a useful resource for those affected by suicide.

Please see www.stockportsuicideprevention.org.uk for more information. As part of our commitment to helping prevent suicide, the Centre's Counselling and Psychotherapy Service Manager (Jo Taylor) has collaborated with the public health team at Stockport Council and the Samaritans to deliver training for volunteers and workers in Stockport who might encounter suicidal people. The training has been delivered to a variety of organisations including: firefighters, public transport workers, housing workers, staff at Stockport College and some staff and volunteers from the Women's Centre. Further dates will be arranged in the autumn, when this training will be offered to staff and volunteers at the Women's Centre.