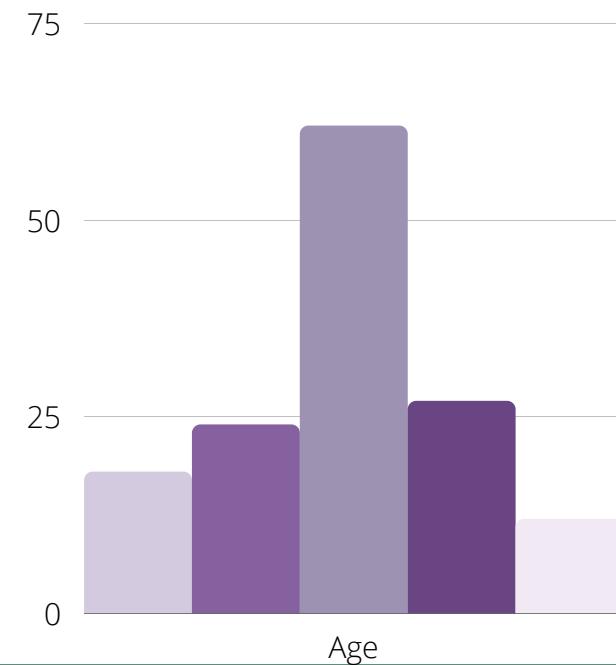




SNAPSHOT 2021

AGE

The majority of women (62) supported were between the ages of 30 and 40, 24 were between the ages of 25 and 30 and 11 between 50 and 60 with 1 women over the age of 60 and 18 between 18 and 25. .



HEALTH NEEDS

Of the 150 women supported the following information was disclosed by them about their health needs:

24 (16%) had a physical disability these included Fibromyalgia, Arthritis, diabetes and COPD

121 (80%) had disclosed a mental health issue, the majority of women (102) experienced anxiety and or depression, some women had been formally diagnosed with PTSD, Complex PTSD, EUPD, BPD while many others displayed other trauma symptoms.

6 (5%) of the women supported had disclosed they were being assessed for a learning disability

71 (47%) of the women supported disclosed they had an addiction issue (for 46 (31%) of the women poly-drug use was an issue). Women disclosed using the following substances:

- 16 women disclosed using alcohol
- 44 women disclosed using heroin/opiates
- 40 women disclosed using cocaine/crack
- 37 women disclosed using Valium/Street Valium/Benzos/Jellies
- 3 women disclosed using cannabis



ETHNICITY

- 85 (57%) of the women supported were born in the UK,
- 19 (12.5%) of the women supported were from Vietnam, and
- 15 (10%) of the women supported were from China

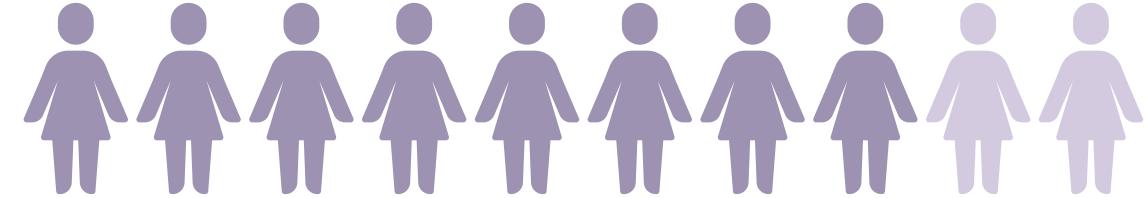
The remainder were from a variety of countries including Somalia, Gambia, Thailand, Poland, Albania, Romania, Kenya, Nigeria, Iraq, Russia, Tanzania, Sierra Leon, Czech Republic, Brazil and Hungary.

LINKS WITH OTHER FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

35 (23.5%) of women disclosed experiences of Childhood Sexual Abuse (this increases to 36% if we remove women supported by Tara*)

81 (54%) of women disclosed experiences of domestic abuse (this increases to 83% if we remove the women supported by Tara*)

8 in 10 women had experienced domestic abuse



OTHER

32 (21%) women had disclosed that they had, had children removed from their care, this affected 51 children and young people.

5 women supported by organisations other than TARA had No Recourse to Public Funds.

- TARA work with women who have been trafficked and do not routinely capture information on CSA or previous experiences of domestic abuse

INVOLVEMENT IN CSE

From this snapshot we found that women were sometimes involved in multiple areas of the 'sex industry' and that the demarcation between on-street and off street isn't always as straight forward as is sometimes presented.

- 47 (31%) of the women supported disclosed they were currently or had been involved in on-street prostitution
- 14 (9%) women disclosed they were involved in saunas
- 20 (13%) women disclosed they were involved in escorting (a mixture of in and out calls)
- 14 (9%) women disclosed they were involved mainly online
- 1 woman disclosed involvement in sugar daddyng
- 3 women disclosed involvement in lap dancing/stripping
- 7 women disclosed exploitation including sex for rent and having sex to pay off partners debts

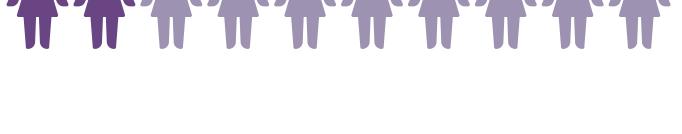
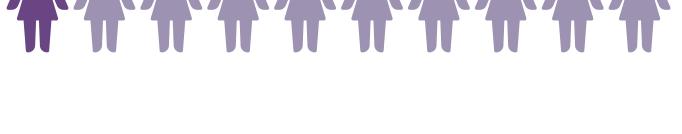
58 (38.5%) of women had been trafficked of those for whom information was provided 41 had been trafficked and exploited within the UK and 24 abroad some women had been exploited both in the UK and abroad and had been moved through multiple countries.

22 (22.5%) of the 97 women supported (by organisations other than TARA) had exited and were no longer actively involved in selling or exchanging sex or images but still required support.

31 (20%) of women disclosed that they were under 18 when they were first involved in selling or exchanging sex or images, 3 women disclosed that had shared intimate images online under the age of 16.

SUPPORT NEEDS

The organisations identified the following as support needs for women:

Support Area	Number of Women	Number of Women in every 10
Addictions	68	
Benefits	71	
Civil Justice Issues	6	
Criminal Justice Issues	30	
Debt	42	
Digital Access	44	
Exiting	42	
Finances	83	
Homelessness	33	
Housing	79	
Immigration	22	
Interpretation	36	
Mental Health	89	
Practical Assistance	74	
Safety	81	