

Yorkshire MESMAC

Supporting people who sell sex indoors

Introductions

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Safe space to ask questions



May be some topics that might make
some people feel uncomfortable.

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Who are sex workers, and why do they sell sex?

Sex workers are women, men and transgender adults who are over the age of 18 and **voluntarily** sell sex.

Children, or people who are forced into selling sex are **not** sex workers, they are being sexually exploited. For example, being coerced by a partner.



Supporting sex workers who work indoors



Home working

- Usually in calls in their home
- Advertise online, social media, word of mouth
- Often have security system either friends, cameras etc
- It often main source of income and preferred work



Saunas/Massage Parlours

- Usually ran by one person
- Secure rooms with others in the building, customer vetting and security measures
- Usually have someone running as reception for admin and timekeeping



Weekly rent houses

- Known as going on "Tour"
- Landlords offer weekly rent
- Usually 'nice' houses

Supporting sex workers who work indoors

- Providing testing and condoms lube dental dams etc
- Offering outreach services
- Supporting women to report incidents without discrimination
- Providing in person support to appointments
- Mutual multi-agency working if someone accesses another service
- Specific worker for sex workers
- Making sex workers aware of people through NUM
- Yorkshire and the Humber advertising



Building a safe space

- Gaining trust within the sex work community
- Having trained and educated staff and a non stigmatising environment





Know your services

Yorkshire MESMAC

Hull - 01482 291190

Leeds - 0113 244 4209

Bradford - 01274 395815

Rotherham - 01709 242202



What we can provide:

Free Condoms, lube,
period products and beppy
sponges

Free sexual health testing
and advice

Thank you 😊