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# WOMEN'S SUPPORT PROJECT



Working to end  
violence against  
women since 1983



Amplifying the voices of survivor's and those affected by VAWG.  
Highlighting links between different forms of male violence.  
Promoting interagency responses to the abuse of women and children.  
Identifying and addressing unmet and emerging needs.

Work is informed by an understanding of the links and overlaps between different forms of violence, discrimination, and oppression

Support Scottish Government & partner agencies to broaden the agenda to address all areas of VAWG, particularly commercial sexual exploitation (CSE)



# The Encompass Network



**SCOTLAND'S NETWORK SUPPORTING  
THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SEX INDUSTRY**

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A platform for frontline staff working in services across Scotland to increase and share their knowledge and skills around CSE.

Our vision is a Scotland where services and staff are confident and skilled in supporting women who sell or exchange sex.

[www.cseaware.org](http://www.cseaware.org)



# Making the links

- . CSE and its different forms
- . The links between CSE and other forms of violence against women and girls
- . The dynamics and factors that push women and girls into selling and exchanging sex
- . The realities and needs of women involved in the sex industry



**WARNING**

**ADULT CONTENT**

THIS SITE CONTAINS EXPLICIT SEXUAL OR  
OTHER MATERIAL THAT IS ONLY FOR ADULTS OVER THE AGE OF 18 OR OLDER









**Solution**

**Problem**

# LOAN AGREEMENT

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEBT

Entered into between:

[Signature]  
[The Lender]

and

Samuel M. Smith  
[The Borrower]

1 Amount of loan  
The Lender hereby agrees to lend the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
out hereunder.

2 Payment of loan to Borrower  
It is agreed between the parties that payment of the  
loan shall be made by the Lender to the Borrower  
before the expiry of three business days after the completion  
of the loan. The Borrower may terminate the loan  
at any time and shall not be entitled to interest for the period preceding  
the termination of the loan.

of loan

shall endure for a period of \_\_\_\_\_  
exemption from the Usury Act.



Is that exploitation?





*"Female Wanted For Sex –  
Hi I am looking for a female for company  
and give me regular sex.*

*I am 28 single male with free  
accommodation if you like.*

*Condom free is preferred anyone 18-25s is  
fine (students and single mum's welcome),  
and if you fancy getting pregnant that's an  
added bonus. If you are already pregnant  
that's cool too.*

*So if interested when email me with a bit  
about you and we can go from there thanks.  
Pic appreciated"*



Is that exploitation?





Rex's  
Crisp  
pack

Ruffles



Is that exploitation?



Sex for rent is an abhorrent, exploitative practice which is preying on vulnerable people who are already facing housing difficulty.



Shelter Scotland absolutely condemns this crime and anyone involved in the exploitation of anyone regardless of who they are or where they are living.









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[redacted]



Albion  
Brothel  
0 [redacted] 5  
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20 [redacted]



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Brothel  
07 [redacted]  
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M [redacted]  
Brothel  
07 [redacted] or 07 [redacted]  
M [redacted] Terrace



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We are now providing an Incall Service within the city centre of Edinburgh

New to OnlyFans?  
Want to go from 0  
to \$1,000/month  
FAST?

Name:

Email:

YES - I WANT TO  
KNOW

email privacy

7,100 READERS  
BY AWEBER



Anthony Sirius, Manoah Labranche, Lorenzo Diaz, Hugo Matias and Antoine Blanco.



Is that exploitation?



# Sarah's story

and it's done, and then you go  
and do what you've gotta do.





What happens between 2 adults is their own business

It's a financial transaction for a service

She gave her consent

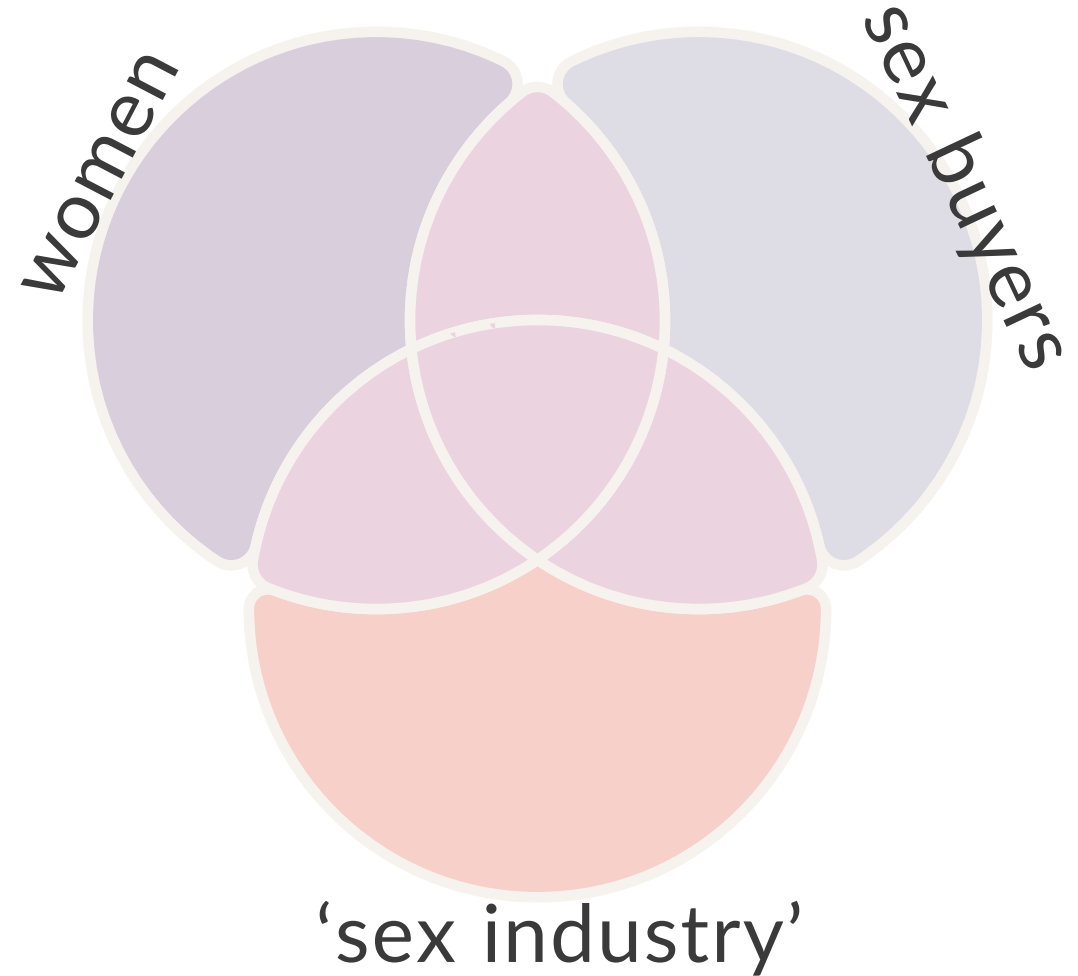
She has capacity to make decisions

She has made a poor lifestyle choice

She's a sex worker

# THE NOT-SO-SIMPLE NARRATIVE...

“  
*‘Sexual services can be  
exchanged for money or  
goods between **two**  
consenting adults’*  
”





The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of several UK banknotes scattered across the surface. Visible denominations include £20 and £50 notes. The colors are primarily red, purple, and green. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Exploitation of vulnerability and inequality, either by individuals or by the sex industries

**Individual perpetrator**

**Industrialised perpetration**

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For many women, the complex factors which pushed them into prostitution remain while they are involved and are barriers to deal with when exiting.

Vulnerability





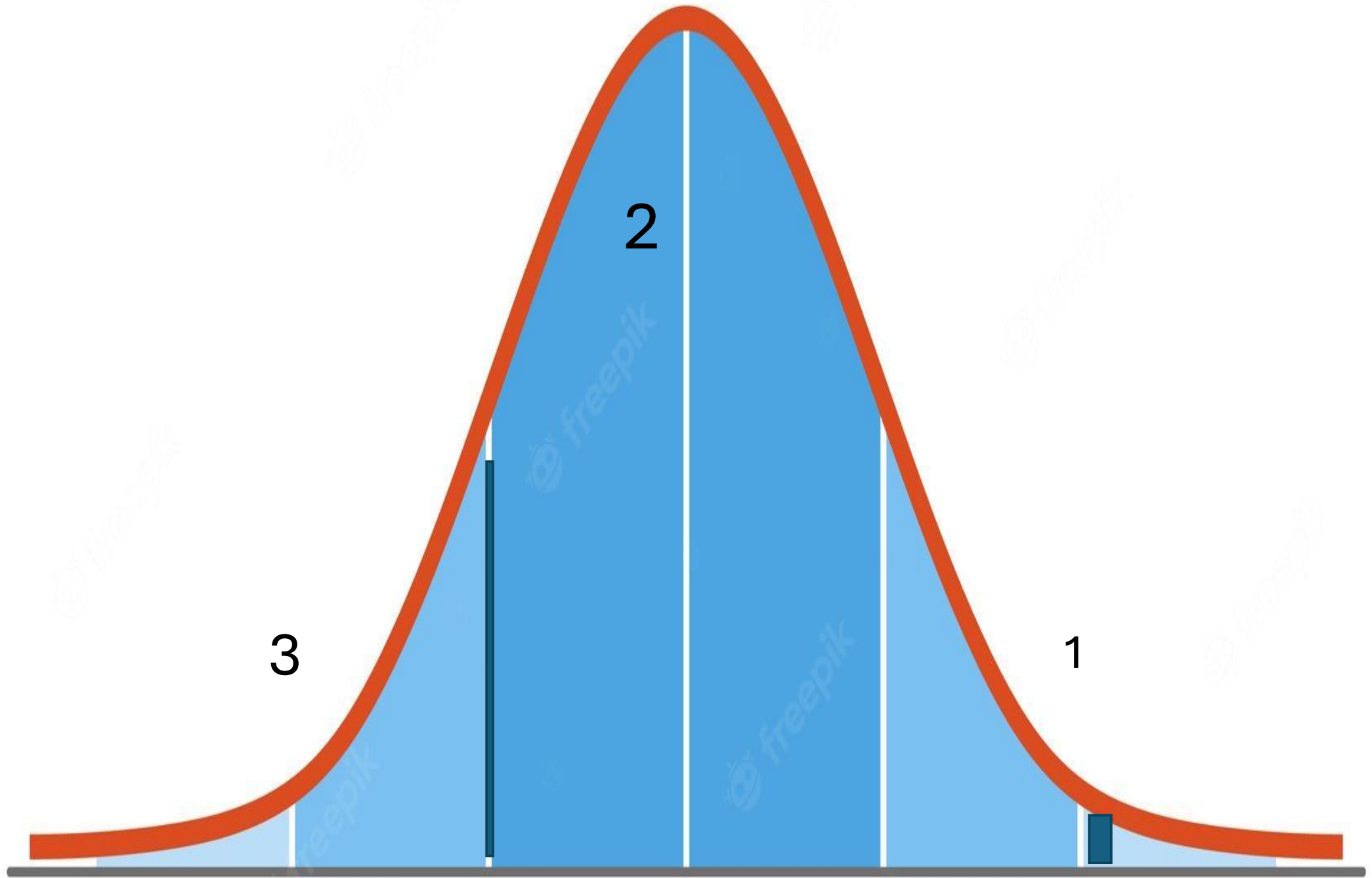


What can put a  
women in a  
vulnerable  
position for  
CSE?

1. some selling sex = pleasurable and lucrative career choice, or as a therapeutic vocation.
2. substantial proportion of individuals (mainly women and trans women) are selling sex to get by financially,
3. many individuals in prostitution who are subject to acute exploitation and serious and sustained harm.

The nature and prevalence of prostitution and sex work in England and Wales today - Hester et al, 2019.





- Poverty / finances / debt / loan sharks / benefits
- Employment – low paid / precarious
- Housing – homeless,, rent / mortgage
- Disabilities – employment availability
- Health issues eg physical
- Substance use / alcohol use
- Caring responsibilities
- Involved in criminal justice / prison
- Pressure / coercion partner / pimp
- Backgrounds and experiences of abuse
- Care experienced
- Lack supportive network
- Migrant women – NRPF
- Peer group / contacts already involved– recruited into





**These vulnerabilities create the context in which people are actively targeted, recruited, coerced and trafficked into the sex trade.**



Approx 72,800 UK –  
88% are women.

Most are mothers.

Home Office. (2004).

Paying the Price: A Consultation Paper on Prostitution





# Over-representation of marginalised groups:

- women in poverty,
  - women experiencing domestic abuse,
  - Women facing or experiencing homelessness
  - Women using substances
  - Women health needs
- 
- migrant women,
  - women from ethnic minorities,



The UK is subject to an escalating 'cost of living crisis' that will cause untold harm for women in Scotland, with **disabled women, BME women, younger and older women, lone parents, unpaid carers and women with insecure immigration status** at even greater risk of deeper poverty and destitution.

- <https://www.engender.org.uk/content/publications/Engender-ICESCR-pre-sessional-shadow-report.pdf>



An illustration of a woman with long brown hair and bangs, looking over her shoulder. She has a tattoo of a rose on her left shoulder. The background is a mix of teal and purple with abstract shapes.

I didnt choose  
prostitution

Prostitution choose  
me

Bridget Perrier: [tgam.ca/TheTrafficked](http://tgam.ca/TheTrafficked)

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## SUPPORT NEEDS

The organisations identified the following as support needs for women.

SUPPORT AREA	NUMBER OF WOMEN	NO. OF WOMEN IN EVERY 10 WITH THE SUPPORT NEED
Addictions	59	
Benefits	64	
Civil Justice Issues	5	
Criminal Justice Issue	30	
Debt	47	
Digital Access	47	
Exiting	36	
Finances	75	
Homelessness	55	
Housing	71	
Immigration	25	
Interpretation	18	
Mental Health	86	
Practical Assistance	71	
Safety	78	

# ENCOMPASS SNAPSHOT BRIEFING 2022



Over a week in October 2022 the seven specialist CSE organisations that make up the Encompass Network supported **101 women** who had been involved in selling or exchanging sex or images.

The Encompass organisations are Another Way (Edinburgh), Routes Out (Glasgow), Vice Versa (Dundee), Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (Perth & Kinross), Aberdeen Cyrenians, Alcohol & Drug Action Aberdeen and TARA.












From this snapshot we were able to identify the following characteristics about the women supported.





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SUPPORT AREA	NO. OF WOMEN	NO. OF WOMEN IN EVERY 10 WITH THE SUPPORT NEED
Mental health	45	
Safety	43	
Substance use	42	
Benefits	42	
Housing	37	
Physical health	35	
Practical assistance	31	
Finances	30	
Sexual health	24	
Debt	24	
Homelessness	21	
Criminal justice issues	19	
Intimate relationships	14	
Civil justice issues	10	
Digital access	7	

ENCOMPASS SNAPSHOT BRIEFING 2023



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impacted by  
cost of living –  
90%

Mental health  
issues –  
86%

substance use  
issues –  
61%

Physical health  
issues/disability  
– 19%

Learning  
disability –  
4 %

experienced  
violence/abuse –  
79%

Dom abuse –  
59%

CSA –  
27 %

first involved  
under 18 –  
18%

has been  
homeless –  
63%

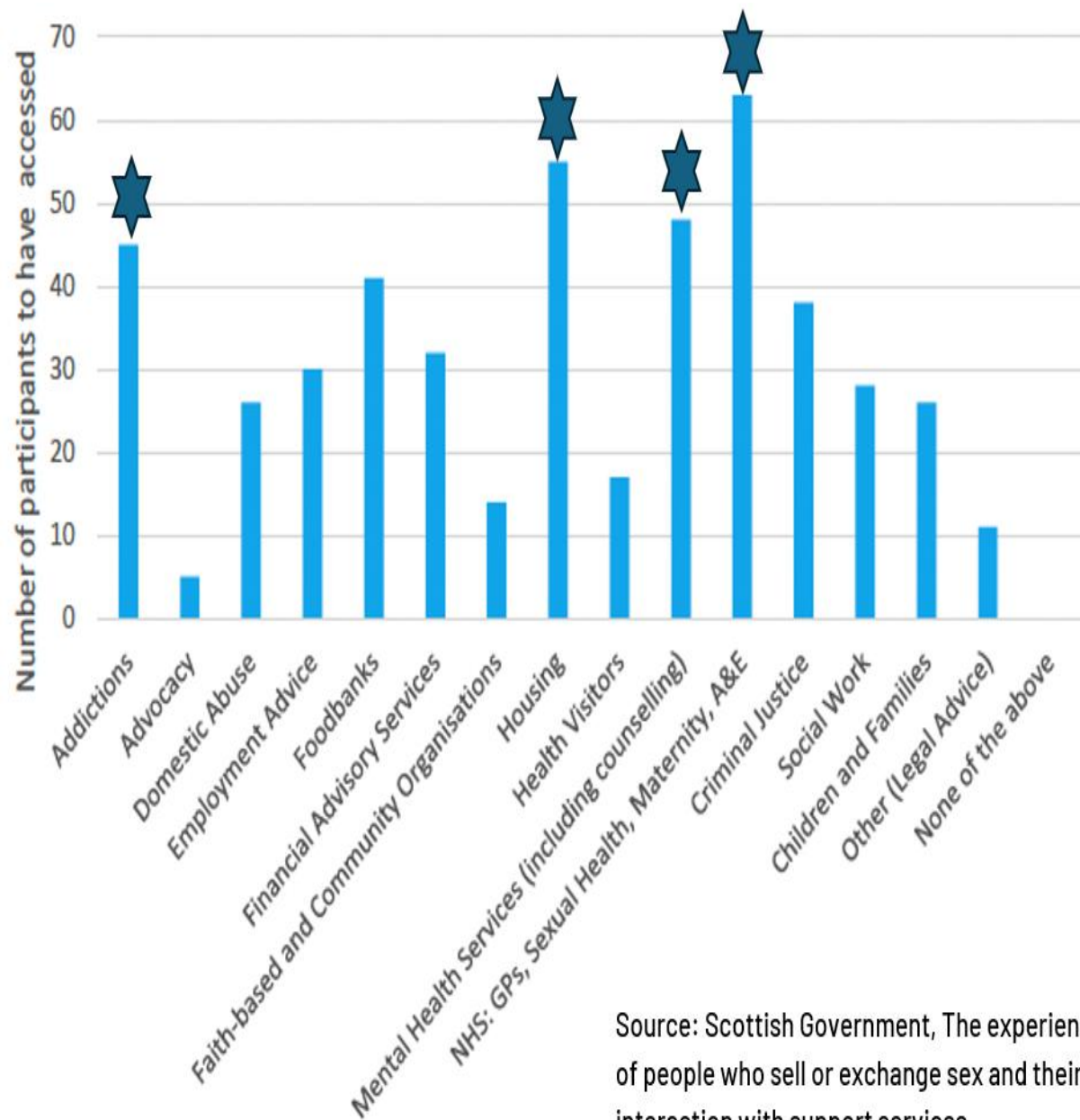
has criminal  
convictions –  
41%

links to  
organised crime  
– 29%

LAC –  
14%

## Lived Experience Engagement: The experiences of people who sell or exchange sex and their interaction with support services

July 2022



Source: Scottish Government, The experiences of people who sell or exchange sex and their interaction with support services





Which of these  
issues do you  
work with?

**CRUMBLING**  
UNDERNEATH



"I think I was putting mask on to make other people think, "Eh look she's fine she's looking fine she's doing good."

But inside I really wasnae fine. Far fae fine. Crumbling Underneath."





I was off my head with that first punter. I remember I had boots on... he's asked us to put them on the dashboard. I remember that. It's funny what sticks in your mind isn't it?





“I wasn't prepared for that life, not at all.

If anything did happen, I didnae have any'hing to protect myself wi'.

I had a nail file. That was it.”

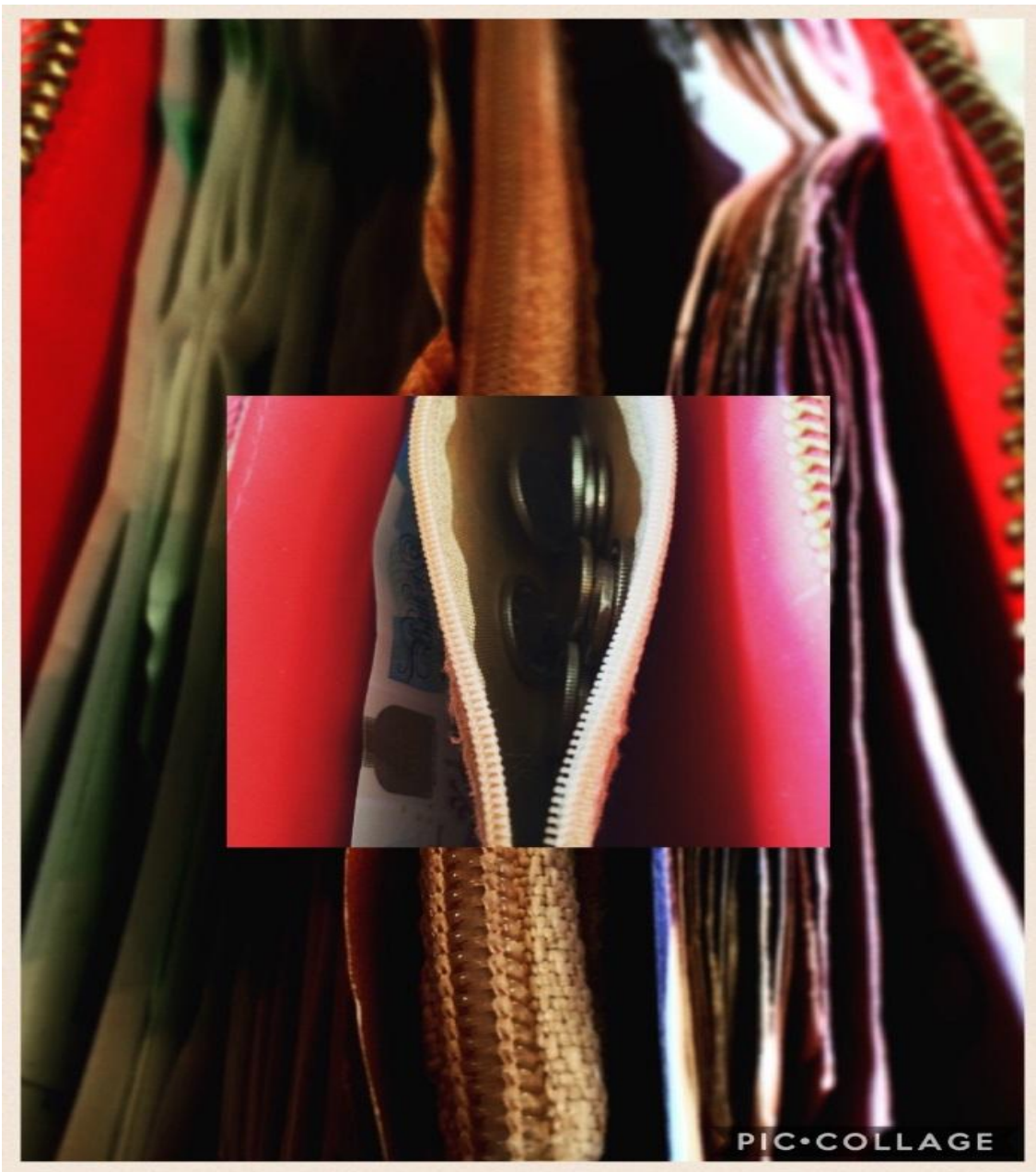


That money – it didn't stay wi' you.

Nah.

In one hand and into a smack dealer's hand, so they were the ones that were getting the money from it. From the punter to me to the dealer.

It never stayed with me.



## “Easy money”

The money doesn't last. You can make the money but once you're not new anymore, the money is harder to come by.

Oh when you're new, it's basically like you're fresh meat.

It's something new for a customer to try and once they've tried you, you're not new anymore.





At the start I used to drink my way through it. I would drink on every shift, just to try and put it out of your head. Drugs were involved. That's how you coped. I got to a stage where I couldn't do that anymore. But I was still choosing to do the job so I suppose that's when it affects you more. When there isn't anything to cushion that blow. When the buffer isn't there.



I had to be drunk that whole first month. I had to drink like every day to get tipsy and drunk. A bottle of vodka. If I wasn't drunk or something, I couldn't go in the room with the customer. I was feeling shy, I didn't know what to do.





## “One week”

When I arrived, he said if I want to go sleep, I must sleep with make-up on and everything be ready. If someone's calling I have to answer phone even if I'm sleeping.

So you kinda have to be available and ready, twenty four hours. All the time.

I was like, “Really?” Sometimes I had to wake up and to take the customer straight away, middle of night and early morning.



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## Edinburgh street girls



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Registered: 2 months ago  
Posts: 1

Where have all the girls gone?? I remember Salamander street was the favourite but no one last couple of nights. Anyone know where to find the street girls now in Edinburgh?



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# ‘I can scan an agency website just as I do a takeaway menu and say ‘yes, I’ll have that tonight’.’

STERLING ANGEL (76)

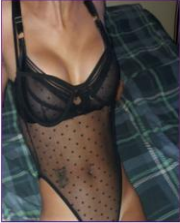


35 year old Female

Incall: £140  
Outcall: £140

!!! FOR SALE!!! Sexy, Naughty, Hungry for cock&constantly HORNY NYMPH with insatiable sex drive selling Pleasure!!! <VERY LITTLE LIMITS, ALMOST NO TABOOS, UP FOR MOST THINGS >. ☺☺TRY ME☺☺ HAVE FUN, FUCK EACH OTHER and

RadKitty (80)

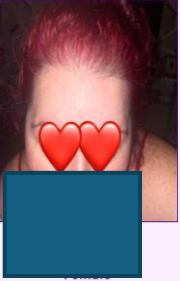


40 year old Female

Incall: £150\*  
Outcall: £200\*

♥SCOTTISH BRUNETTE♥ PHONE CHAT♥ SEXY CAM GIRL♥ FAKE BOOBS♥ PERFECT SMALL FEET♥ WATERSPORTS♥ SLIM FIGURE♥ NAUGHTY CHAT♥ BJ QUEEN♥


Ripshotyblitch25 (1)



Local gal up for fun 100% genuine nothing fazes me so if u have any weird and wonderful requests please do message if that's what your into and happy to send pictures of feet ect. If you receive my number please dont harrase me

Incall: £100  
Outcall: £105

5 (5)




46 year old Female

Incall: £110  
Outcall: £130

here for you to use at your m also a very filthy lassie , sk me , i might be able to your fantasy

Bondage Lisa Is Back (51)

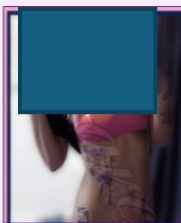


42 year old Female

Incall: £180  
Outcall: £200

Hi Lisa Is Back ready for some fun

Darci (109)

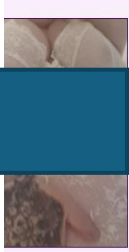


32 year old Female

Incall: £120  
Outcall: £200\*

Please read my profile inc Q&A's before contacting me, ty🙏 I DON'T MEET CLIENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE ESCORT FEEDBACK!

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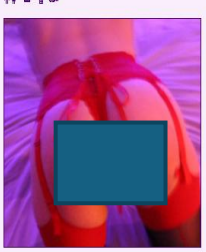


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Emily04 (81)

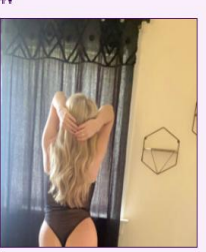


38 year old Female

Incall: £180  
Outcall: £200

SCOTTISH LASS!!

SweetGal (0)

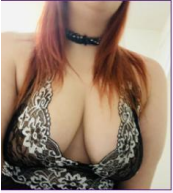


25 year old Female

Incall: £140  
Outcall: £200\*

Based in the heart of Glasgow, I'm your perfect girlfriend experience / girl next door

xxRedheadsCarla (11)

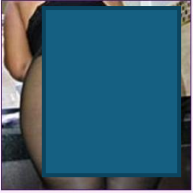


31 year old Female

Incall: £130  
Outcall: £115

ck Out My Website 🍷 Scottish y Curvy Redhead \*Full On \*DFK\*OWO\*DEEPTHROAT\*CIM\* test pussy on aw 🍷

sammi.seductive (26)

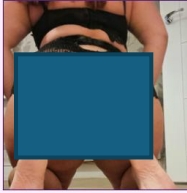


53 year old Female

Incall: £100  
Outcall: £200\*

Sensual Naughty hands

Sweetgirl89 (62)

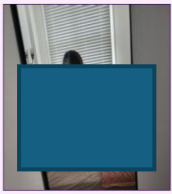


32 year old Female

Incall: £120  
Outcall: £130

• Curvy • Scottish • Bubbly • Gen Squirter ;) • Amazing oral skills •Booty •Please read my profile before contacting me

Synthia.W (28)

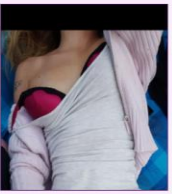


25 year old Female

Incall: £130  
Outcall: £150

★ NEW GIRL IN A TOWN ★ OWO ★ DFK ★ GFE ★ DEEP THROAT ★ BIG BOOBS ★

Undevandevy (41)




40 year old Couple MF

Incall: £300  
Outcall: £170

♥SEXY SCOTTISH COUPLE♥ CLUCKOLD MEETS♥ 3 SOME MEETS♥ HOT CAM SHOWS♥ HUMILIATION♥ PHONE CHAT♥ PERFECT SMALL FEET FOR YOU FOOT FETISH LOVERS♥ DEEPTHROAT♥

SAUCYaimers (0)




36 year old Couple MF

Incall: £150\*  
Outcall: £150

HOT HORNY COUPLE for your pleasure

LilaDay (61)

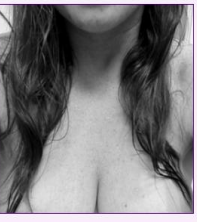


43 year old Female

Incall: £120  
Outcall: £140

FULL GFE, kissing, oral, anal. Pretty little MILF needs to cum for you xxx

Curvyamz (149)




29 year old Female

Incall: £120  
Outcall: £150

Genuine, relaxed 100% Scottish,I am a completely independent unique GIRL NEXT DOOR, ;) :P

Sweetchloexx (0)



32 year old Female

Incall: £140  
Outcall: £16

DEEP THROAT \* OWO \* BDSM \* GFE \* SCOTTIS

“I have a good sex life at home so I only punt for variety... sometimes I want something quick and sleazy in a parlour, getting a hand job or blowjob while the wife’s shopping and you have a few minutes to spare before you meet up again and take her home.”



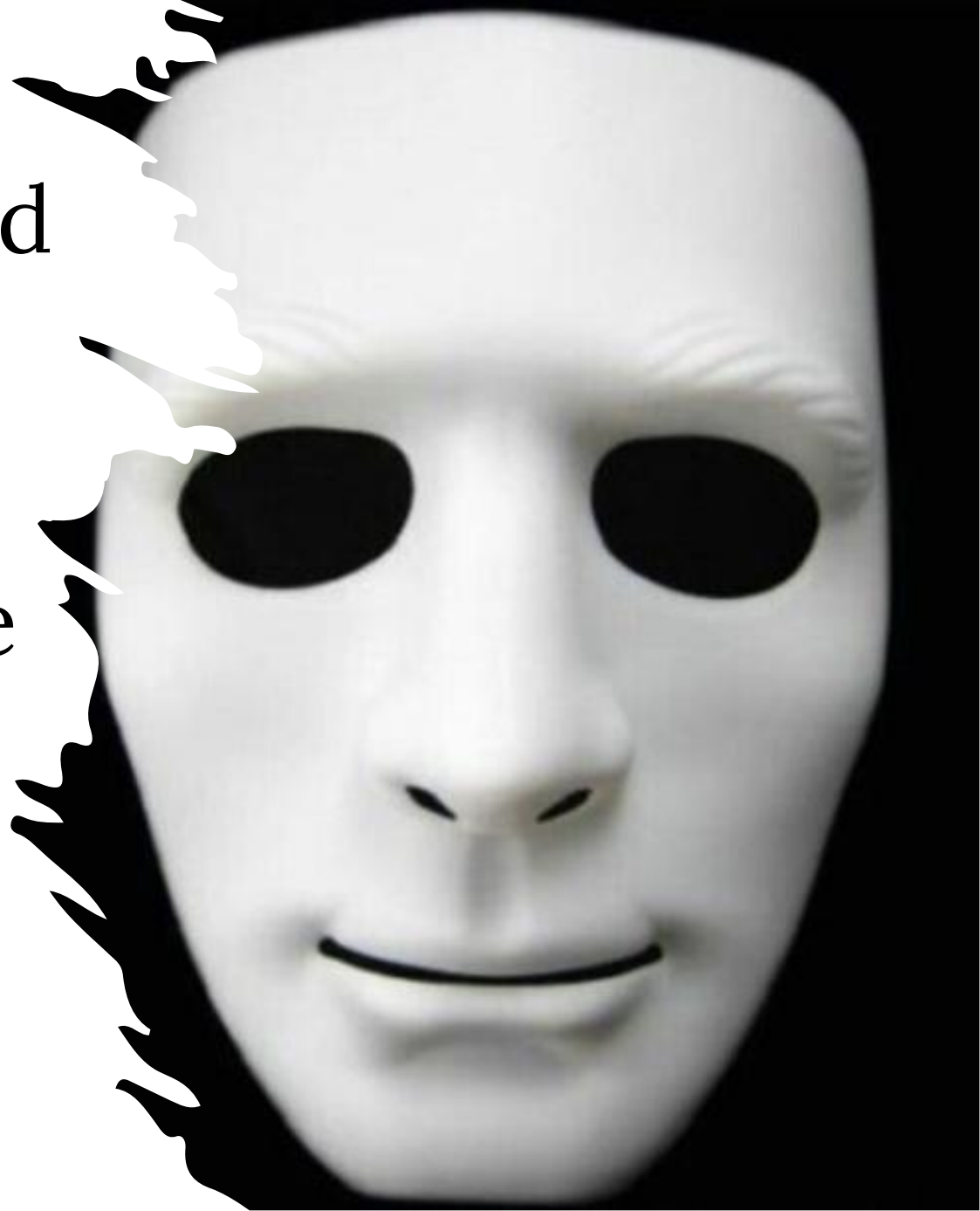


‘I punt because I love slim, pretty young girls and at my age there is no chance of meeting those type of girls in my normal life... I punt because I like young, pretty girls who are young enough to be my daughter — or in some cases my granddaughter.’



‘For me it is a power thing,  
having the power to hurt and  
degrade if I want with no  
consequence. Anal is an  
ultimate act and involves  
submissiveness, hence more  
power to me.

I do it with very small  
attractive petite oriental  
escorts pretty often.’



‘ Visited... a Japanese girl who was not quite right and during my visit showed me a piece of paper with “I have no choice” written several times on it. Question is, is she free or is she held, unable to get away by criminals who are using her?’







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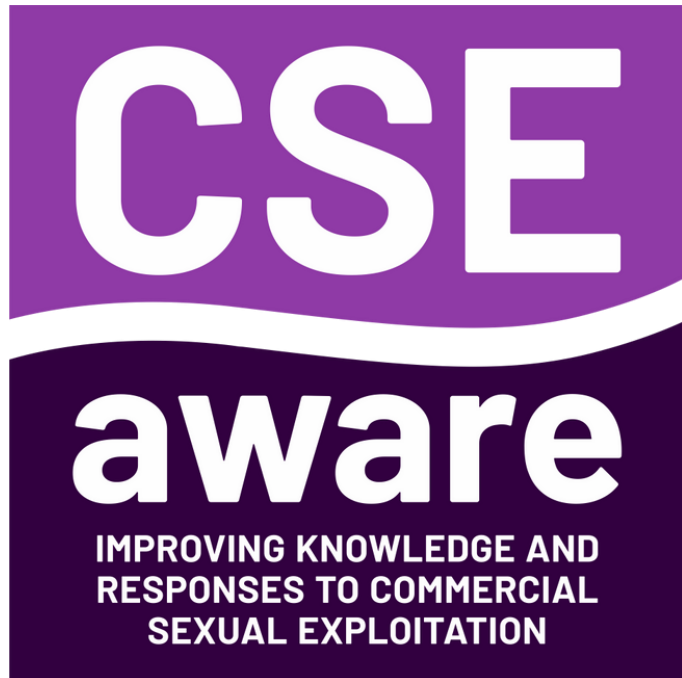
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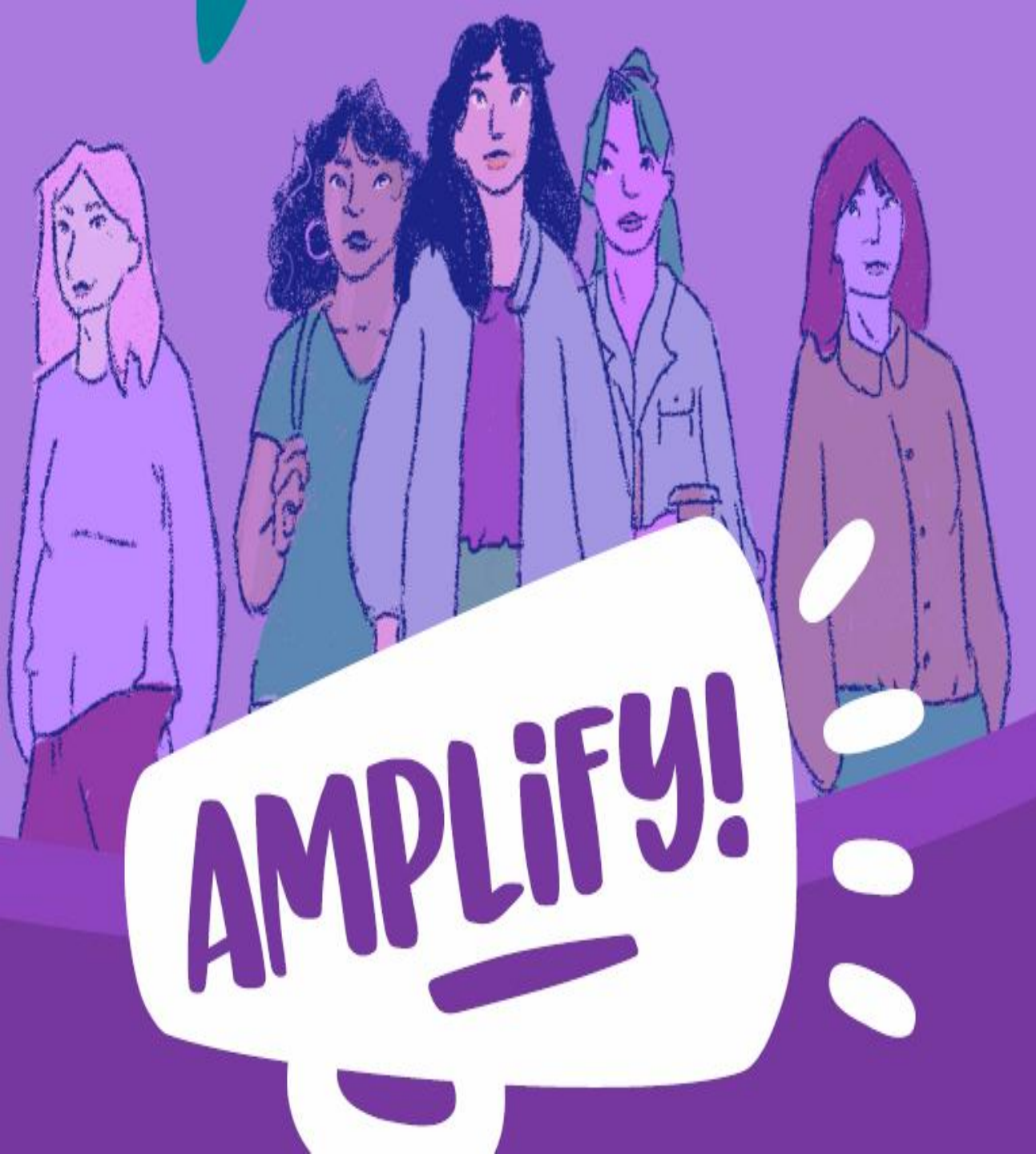


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# CSE Aware

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## *What is Amplify?*

Amplify aims to ensure that affected women have opportunities for their voices to be heard by those with the power and responsibility to make decisions about approaches, policies, and services in Scotland. We want to connect with women and explore issues like:

- What leads women into the sex industry
- Women's choices and ability to consent when selling sex
- How women set boundaries
- How the sex industry/sex buyers push women's boundaries
- Barriers to justice after an experience of sexual abuse or violence
- Women's options to move on from selling sex.



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