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## Sheffield women's charity saved

Local charity Vida, which offers therapy to domestic abuse survivors, announced that its financial situation has been secured to at least the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, following the successful campaign to 'Save our Service'.

CEO, Karen Hague MBE, said "we are grateful to all that have expressed concern and support for this charity including The National Lottery Community Fund which has agreed a variation in value and duration of our current grant in recognition of the challenges posed to service delivery and fundraising, caused by the cost of living crisis. This will allow the time to build upon the goodwill expressed for Vida to achieve a financially sustainable operation beyond then".

Clinical Manager, Jane McLaren is delighted that the services for women and girls will continue in Sheffield; "there's much we have to do to ensure we can continue these vital services, as our colleagues in the specialist psychotherapy services highlighted in their written statement of support: services Vida offers are life-saving for those that use them!".

Chair, Marilyn Gregory said "the recent meeting facilitated by Louise Haig MP, with local government, policing, and health representatives to discuss the urgent need for public financial support for Vida's mental health service was very important to us so that our service user's needs are understood. We are grateful for the 24,000+ signatories to our petition calling for an emergency release of funds which will be heard at a public meeting on 6th March 2024."

Vida continues to advocate for local funding to sustain its psychotherapy support for women and girls in Sheffield who have experienced abuse and trauma.

[1 in 4 women experience domestic abuse on average](#), and Vida receives 62% referrals via the NHS e.g, MAPPS, GP's and Talking Therapies.

95% of women who go through Vida's service report a reduction in their trauma symptoms with 83% improving their wellbeing.

## Members of the public who want to support Vida can sign the petition

at <https://chnng.it/Lt7vWVbcTz> donate at [www.localgiving.org/charity/vidasheffield/](http://www.localgiving.org/charity/vidasheffield/) or pledge funds by writing to the CEO [k.hague@vidasheffield.org.uk](mailto:k.hague@vidasheffield.org.uk)



QR code for local giving

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Vida's service costs around £15-20k per month (some volunteer therapist hours are used)  
Vida saves the NHS around £50k per month (based on published NHS data for specialist mental health services).

National domestic abuse statistics: [www.ncdv.org.uk/domestic-abuse-statistics-uk/](http://www.ncdv.org.uk/domestic-abuse-statistics-uk/)  
Sheffield report on domestic abuse: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-67489129](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-67489129)

Costs for specialist NHS services: [www.england.nhs.uk/costing-in-the-nhs/national-cost-collection/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/costing-in-the-nhs/national-cost-collection/)

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