

Charity Name	Ashford Domestic Abuse Forum
Charity Number	1163689
Bank Details	<p>Lloyds Bank 81 High Street Ashford TN24 8SS</p> <p>Account No: 01842227 Sort Code: 30 90 28</p>
Trustees	<p>Patricia Morss (dob 17.8.43) The Hollies Pluckley Ashford Kent TN27 0ST</p> <p>(Appointed Chair and Trustee August 2019)</p> <p>Elizabeth Mary Tweed (dob 23.2.47) 46 High Street Charing Kent TN27 0HZ</p> <p>Helen Julia Foad (dob 9.6.59) Stone Cottage Pound lane Ashford TN23 3JE</p> <p>Jane Katharine Ross-Smith (dob 12.02.69) Mostyn Lodge Ashford Road High Halden TH26 3LY</p>
Date of Incorporation	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015
Number of Volunteers and Employees	0
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Annual Report : January 2019 – December 2019	<p><i>The aims and objectives of ADAF are :</i></p> <p><i>To relieve the needs of victims of domestic abuse in the Borough of Ashford by:</i></p>

- (i) Supporting and encouraging programmes and initiatives designed to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse*
- (ii) Providing and supporting training opportunities on dealing with domestic abuse*
- (iii) Encouraging and promoting the sharing of information, experience and best practice in tackling domestic abuse*
- (iv) Promoting and supporting the collection of statistical information on domestic and to use the same in developing services*

During the period January 2020- December 2020 ADAF achieved its aims and objectives within the borough of Ashford as follows:

ADAF has continued to run the One Stop Shop which is where anyone suffering from coercive or physical abuse has access to legal and practical information aimed at ensuring their safety. Data from this source is used to seek and allocate resources. One Stop Shop ran as normal for January and February. With the advent of lockdown in March it was forced to close face to face support and people requiring support were signposted to the Rising Sun's ( a local Domestic Abuse charity) advice and support helpline . The change to the service was advertised through literature and online .Once lockdown ended a temporary One Stop was set up at the Repton Manor Community Centre due to the usual venue remaining closed. This ran along the same lines as the One Stop Shop with agency representatives available on a rota to provide support and advice but with all necessary covid regulations implemented .Unfortunately this also had to close once the second lockdown came into force.

ADAF also recognises the need for ongoing support once there is no danger from a perpetrator so has been at the centre of arranging recovery programmes in the Ashford area. During 2020 courses had to

	<p>stop due to Covid however training of facilitators of the Phoenix programme continued and arrangements were made to facilitate courses virtually. By the end of the year 2 facilitators had been trained to facilitate the course virtually and 102 ladies contacted to offer a place on a course starting January 2021. Arrangements were also made to organize a course within the Ashford Refuge which as a self contained Bubble could run the course face to face.</p> <p>The chair of ADAF has regularly attended virtual meetings with the Chairs of other Domestic Abuse Forums within Kent to share best practice and combine resources .The Chair has also attended Community Safety Partnership meetings to liaise with other agencies in respect of Domestic abuse services within Ashford. The Forum has continued to hold its regular meetings of trustees and the whole Forum virtually.</p> <p>ADAF has continued to liaise with other agencies in respect of a new community hub in Tenterden which it is intended will include support for families suffering domestic abuse.</p>								
<p>Annual Accounts: January 2020 - December 2020</p>	<p>. Financial summary for the annual accounts period...</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£</p> <table> <tr> <td>Opening balance</td><td style="text-align: right;">11,656</td></tr> <tr> <td>Income</td><td style="text-align: right;">6000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td><td style="text-align: right;">881</td></tr> <tr> <td>Closing balance</td><td style="text-align: right;">16,775</td></tr> </table> <p>Significant transactions</p> <p>Income Ashford Borough Council "Help to survive DA" component of action plan - £5000 Police and Crime Commissioner - £500 Expenditure Insurance for Forum - £302</p>	Opening balance	11,656	Income	6000	Expenditure	881	Closing balance	16,775
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	<p>Starter packs for emergency relocations - £500</p> <p>Income - for this financial year, the main income was in the form of grants from the District Local Authority and the Kent PCC in support of Forum project activities</p> <p>Expenditure - for this financial year, there were...expenses associated with running costs/overheads of the Forum including insurance...provision of emergency funding for clients of the Forum</p> <p>Net Balance - there has been net gain of around £5,000 across the financial year as Forum activities (and therefore expenditure) have been limited by Covid restrictions. There were a lower number of transactions throughout the financial year.</p> <p>Risk Management - All income/expenditure is managed through the Forum's local business bank account.</p> <p>All expenditure is authorised by more than one accredited signatory.</p> <p>There is separation of duties in relation to finance management - there is financial decision making and reporting at each meeting of the Forum/Trustees.</p> <p>Sphere of Operations - there was no direct expenditure outside of England and Wales.</p>
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