

# SNOWDROP SO FAR

**August-October 2012** we trained our first **6** volunteer caseworkers, who would take on our first **8** referrals and form the basis for the Project.

**18th of October 2013** awarded the Marsh Award for outstanding contribution to the fight against modern slavery

**June 2015** launched our counselling service designed and provided by professional volunteers Bernie and Eila and supervised by The Helen Bamber foundation

**18th of March 2016** we got a phone call from the **Big Lottery** to confirm our successful application. This funding was an incredible boost which has allowed us to increase and improve our support to more survivors, employ staff members and explore new branch opportunities!

**August 2016** We took our first male referral and began a new chapter at the Snowdrop Project.

**Overview since we first started supporting clients we have supported 89 survivors in a range of capacities.**

**Over the past 5 years the Snowdrop Project increased it's services to include Casework, renovations, befriending, counselling, community activities.**

**1st of May 2012** a group of like minded individuals came together for Snowdrop's launch. Over 100 people came to see them put forward the idea of providing support to survivors of human trafficking beyond the safe house.

**3rd of June 2013** – we were invited to meet the all party parliamentary group against trafficking (APPG).

**13th of October 2014** after about 10 months with the support of Irwin Mitchell we were granted **charity status**. This took a lot longer than Lara or Rachel had expected. It was all worth it when that confirmation email came through!

**18th of July 2015** first ever Jump for Freedom which raised just under £7,000 enabling us to lease our very own office!

**June 2016** we received confirmation of funding from the **Brown Source Trust**. This funding enabled us to start supporting male survivors, stabilise our counselling service and take on an office manager!

**September 2016** After months of sifting through hundreds of applications and interviewing some wonderful people the Snowdrop Project officially went from **0 to a staff team of 9**.