

# **WiSER: A SPECIALIST SERVICE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS EXPERIENCING VAWG AND SEVERE AND MULTIPLE DISADVANTAGE**

**CAMDEN, ENFIELD, HARINGEY & ISLINGTON**

## Service Eligibility Criteria

Women experiencing VAWG and severe and multiple disadvantage are frequently excluded from services and/or find it hard to engage with support. WiSER targets women who have not engaged with support services for an extended period and whose experience of VAWG intersects with severe disadvantage, increasing their vulnerability and risk. WiSER aims (with a psychologically and trauma informed approach) to use assertive outreach to enable women to access support, increase their self-esteem, reduce their risk and make safe choices.

To be eligible to access this service, a woman **must**:

- Be experiencing violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- Be 16 years or over

She must also be experiencing **at least four** of the following forms of severe and multiple disadvantage

- Homelessness
- Substance misuse
- Mental health/physical health issues
- Insecure or uncertain immigration status
- Affected by or at risk of prostitution
- History of offending behaviour
- History of children being removed from her care and/or at risk of further removals

All referrals will be sent to [wiser@solacewomensaid.org](mailto:wiser@solacewomensaid.org) where the Service Manager will assess their eligibility for the service. The WiSER Service Manager is able to exercise limited discretion when assessing how individual women meet these eligibility criteria, and will ensure diversity across the project.