

## ABIANDA



# Gender Consultant Offer

### MOPAC – Rescue and Response Project

Abianda is part of a MOPAC funded project supporting young Londoners affected by county lines, alongside St Giles Trust and Safer London. We are **inclusive** and support **young women and girls** with known or suspected involvement in county line activity (directly or by association) and the professionals who support them.

Our mission is to secure a **culture shift** in the way services are delivered to young women affected by gangs and county lines, so that:

- they **feel safe** to access help
- they are **no longer a hidden group** in our communities
- they are **free from harm** and abuse

#### We do this by:

- delivering **frontline services** to gang-affected young women (aged 10-25)
- delivering **training and professional development** programmes to professionals who work with them.

Our unique model of practice addresses the barriers that stop young women seeking help. By **asking young women the right questions and offering an equal and transparent relationship** we support them in recognising their own resilience and competence, and to develop the power to change their situation.

The young women we work with may have experienced: sexual violence, physical or emotional abuse, threats towards themselves and their loved ones - including threats to life, gang harassment, assault and coercion into criminal activity. Coercion may have led young women to participate in county lines and drug dealing, to carry weapons and/or to perpetrate violent assaults.

#### <u>Abianda's Gender Consultant can offer you :</u>

- ➤ Training
- > Capacity building and complex case consultations
- Critical review and analysis of service provision for young women affected by county line activity.



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#### <u>We aim to:</u>

- > Support the **embedding of gender responsive service delivery**.
- > Raise awareness of county lines harm.
- > Improve the confidence and capacity of professionals in responding to genderbased violence and exploitation.

The Gender Consultant's practice will endeavour to support you to understand and ensure that **inequalities experienced by young women are addressed** and that they are better connected to services and resources in order to **reduce harm**.

#### **Case Consultations**

Our case consultation slots are one hour long and delivered on a 1 to 1 basis. The framework of the consultation is of **Contextual Safeguarding** and we will work with you and your service to **identify the risk and harm** a young person with County Line activity may experience and **develop a pathway of support** where relevant.

- $\rightarrow$  We work holistically with a **strengths based** and **solution focused** approach.
- $\rightarrow$  This is MOPAC funded service and is **FREE** for professionals to access.

To discuss any possible referrals, a training offer, book a case consultation, schedule regular slots for your service or for any enquires please email our Gender Consultant Lucia at; <u>lucia@abianda.com</u>

#### We are here to support you, don't be afraid to get in touch with us.