

Sunwop

Sheffield Working Womens
Opportunities Project



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WHO IS SWWOP?

- SWWOP has supported women involved in sex work in Sheffield for over 33 years.
- Includes street sex work, women working out of properties or online.
- SWWOP is a female-only space. I'll be using the term 'sex workers', 'women' and 'she' as this best reflects the clients we support.
- Provide outreach support to male gendered sex workers who identify as female and men who identify as male but have female SW identities.



WHAT DO WE DO?



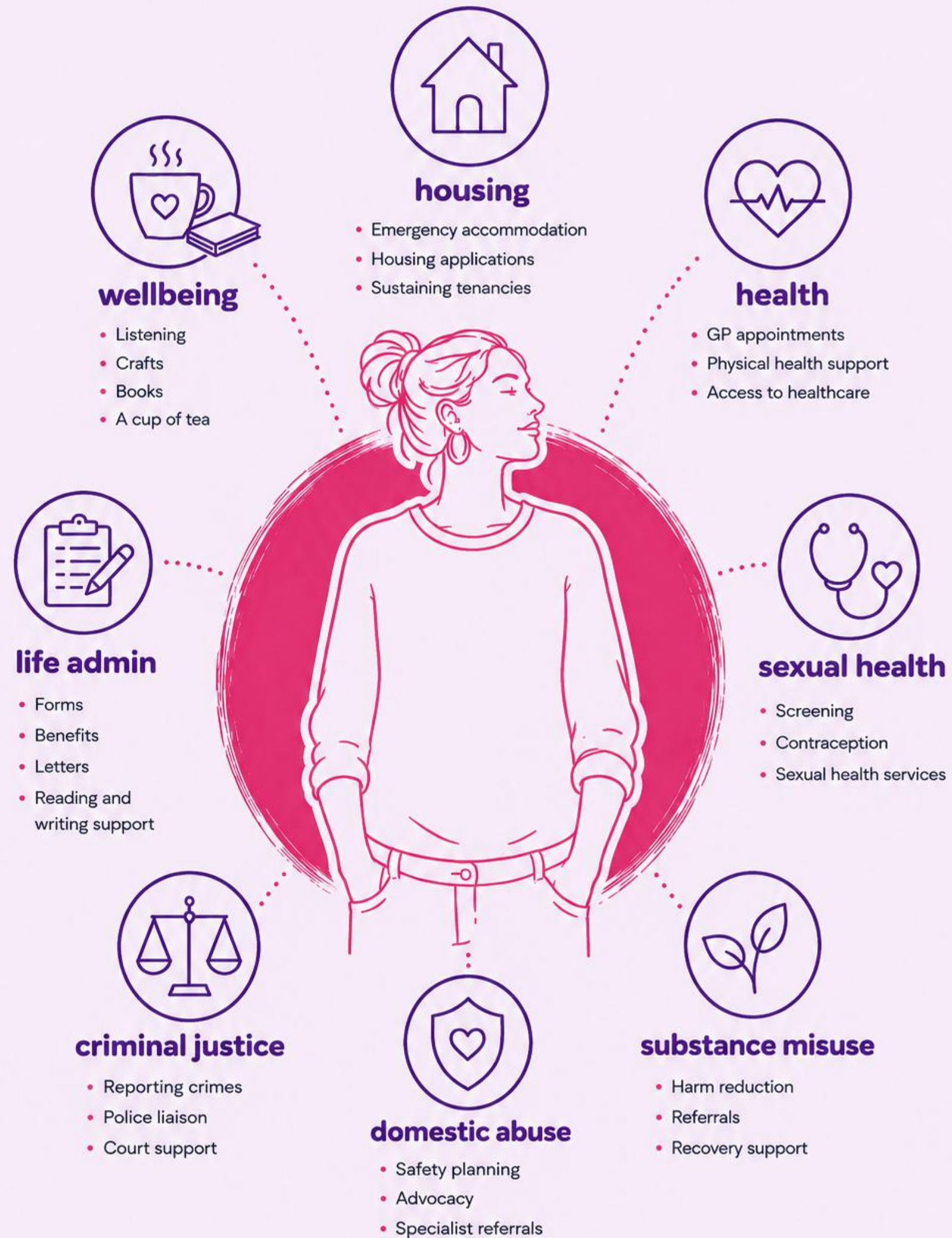
Weekday drop-in 10am-2pm

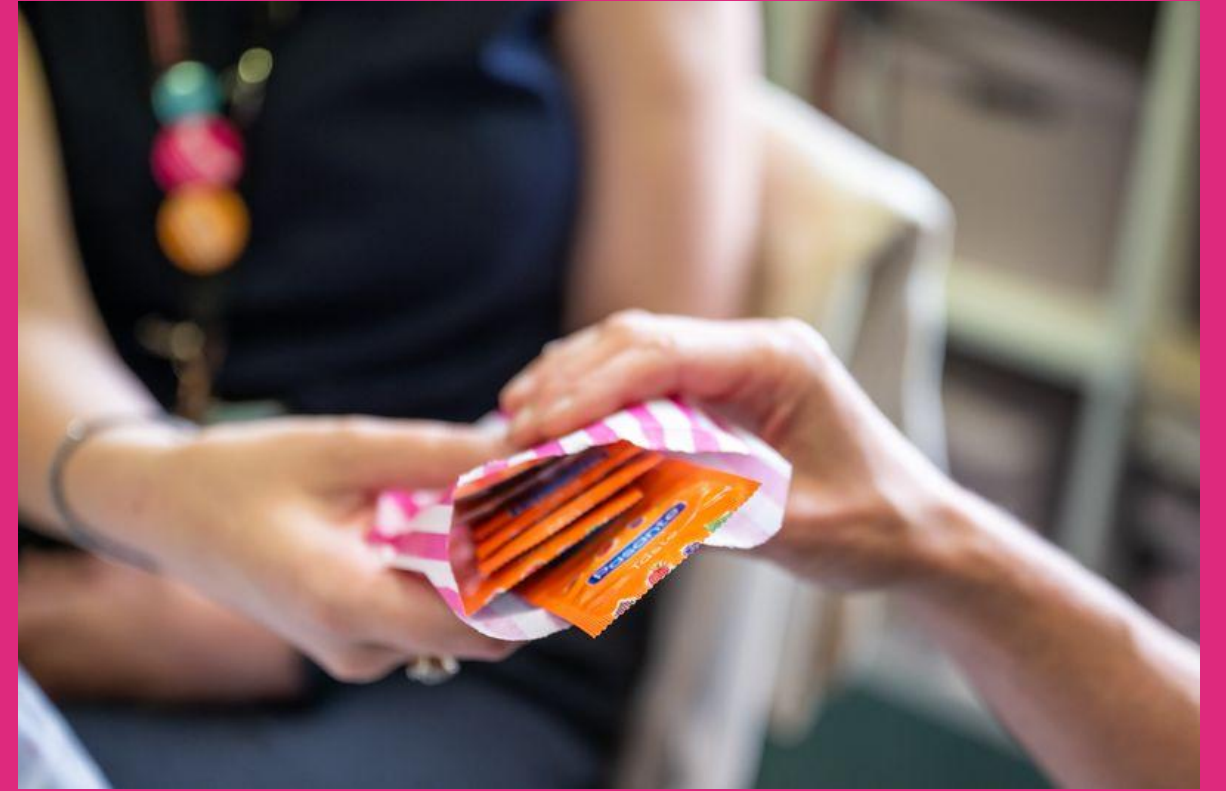


'Johnny Van' weekday evenings

CORE MISSION is to “support women to look after themselves and enable them to make informed choices about their lives.”

HOW DO WE HELP?





OUR INSIGHT

- Grassroots, real-time statistics for Sheffield.
- The cost-of-living crisis.
- Veteran sex workers returning to the beat after decades.



WHY DO WE HELP?

- For most clients, sex work is not their preferred 'choice', but the consequences of not doing it are worse.
- Violence/sexual violence, abuse, exploitation, trauma, deprivation, homelessness, substance addictions, mental health issues are a daily reality.



Street sex working women are **12 X MORE LIKELY TO BE MURDERED**

The London Study 1999 & Sage Journals 'Sex work and Occupational Homicide' Jan 2018

Client E's journey

1

Reaching out



After sudden death of long term partner.

2

Building trust



Persistence and patience of our Substance Misuse Worker.

3

Stabilising & safeguarding



Successful period on a methadone prescription, then acceptance onto our Buprenorphine programme.

4

Practical support for change



Connecting with GP and sexual health nurses, addressing previously unchecked health concerns.

5

Securing a home



Accepted onto a Target Housing programme.

6

Building a brighter future

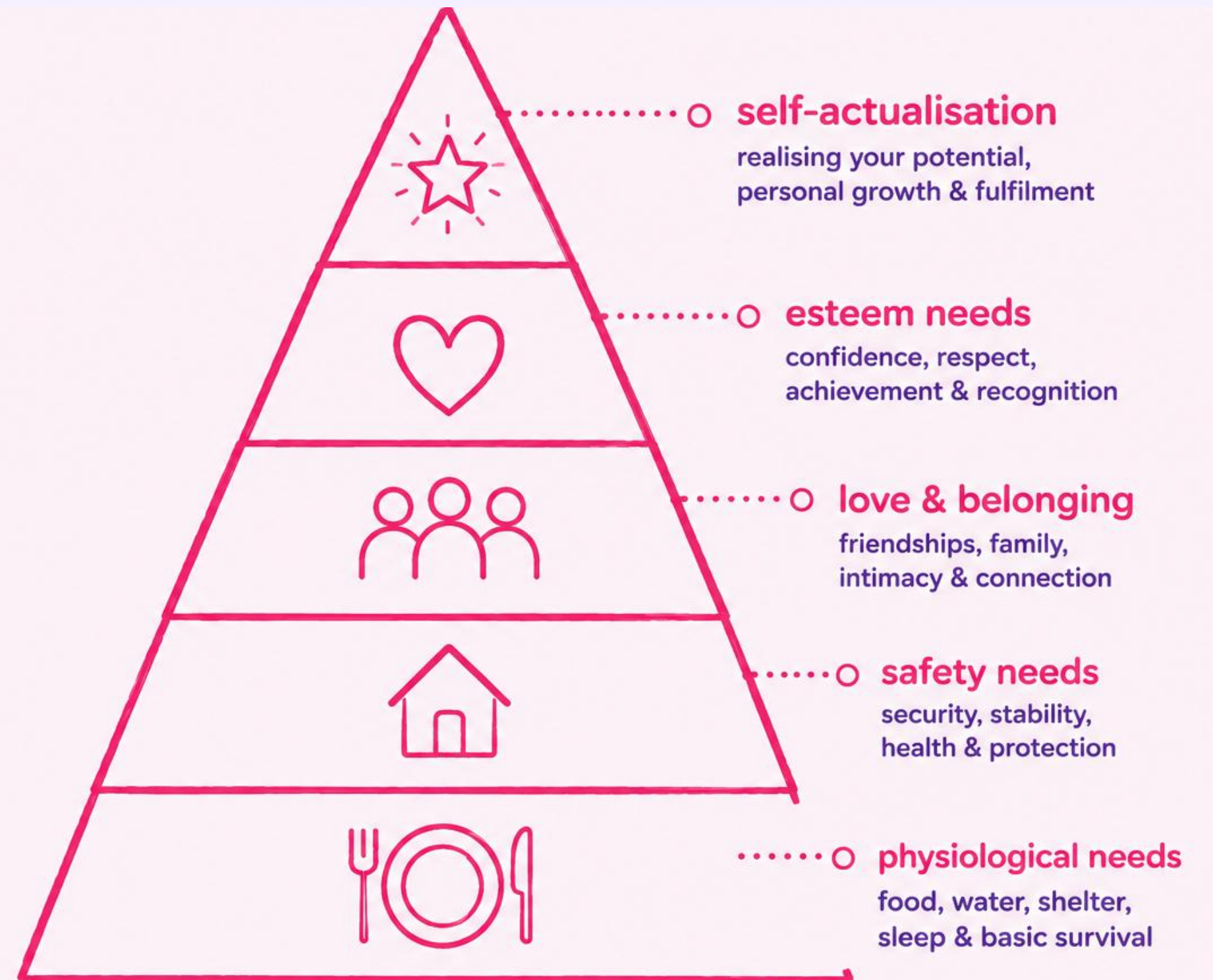


Stable in her tenancy and growing from strength to strength.

LIFE CHANGING IMPACT

- When a woman's basic needs are met, and she is treated with dignity and respect, she can move away from fight or flight-led decision-making and make healthy, long-term choices for the future.

Maslow's Hierarchy of Need:



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run, walk, swim,
bake, whatever you
like!



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