

AUGUST 2020 UPDATE: CASES AT AL-FIDAA FOUNDATION WHITE DOOR CENTRE

23 victims recorded for the month of August 2020 at the Al-Fidaa Foundation White Door Centre, 239 Durban Road, Korsten. Referrals included: Department of Social Development, Nationwide Treatment Centre, Al-Fidaa Foundation Skills Development Centre, Department of Justice and Society Against Abuse of Men South Africa.

The following are brief summaries of some cases seen:

1. Female who is allegedly being abused is anxious to seek assistance. Client was encouraged to approach the Department of Justice. Ongoing counselling was offered.
2. Stressed female reported that her partner was gunned down and now she fears for her life and the life of her dependants. Client is unemployed and dependent on child support grants. She is seeking other accommodation in hopes of being safe.
3. Female reported that she is being allegedly physically abused by her life partner. Client chose not to be referred for services as she was already being assisted by another service provider.
4. Distressed female reported that her family member is allegedly neglecting her child. The client claims that the child is subjected to witnessing domestic violence and alleged financial abuse. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
5. Female reported that she has attempted suicide; the client has been under severe emotional and physical strain due to responsibilities that have become overwhelming. She is also trying to assist a family member who needs 24 hour care and supervision. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client.
6. Female reported that she is being denied parental rights and responsibility. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client.
7. Worried father reported that he is being denied care and contact with his child. Client disclosed that he sought assistance from government departments, but the outcome was not satisfactory. Client was referred to Society Against Abuse of Men South Africa.
8. Female sought assistance for her underage family member who is allegedly abusing substance. Client was referred to Nationwide Treatment Centre.
9. Desperate mother needs help with her adolescent child who allegedly exposes herself to harmful activities causing great concern for her safety. Client sought assistance from other service providers but the situation has not improved. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client and her family.

10. Minor reported that she does not want to be in the care of certain family members due to family challenges that occurred in the past.
11. Female sought assistance as she is struggling to find employment. The client feels helpless and receives no assistance from her family. Client is receiving a disability grant but feels that that the grant is not enough to sustain her dependents as well as herself.
12. Concerned mother disclosed her children are in the care of her husband and she is worried if her children are attending school. The parents are not on good terms.
13. Adult female who is the sole caregiver for a differently abled family member disclosed that she is unable to find employment as she has to care for her family member and processing of a disability grant application was delayed due to lockdown.
14. Female reported that she is using the resources provided by Al-Fidaa Foundation White Door Centre and she is working on being reunited with her children.
15. Female reported that her husband lost his job due to Lockdown/ Covid-19; he was the sole breadwinner in the house. Client complained that their home is overcrowded and the ir socio-economic circumstances has deteriorated drastically since there is no income.
16. Client was referred to the Al-Fidaa White Door Centre from the Department of Health; was referred to the Al-Fidaa Foundation Skills Development Centre by the White Door Social worker.
17. Elderly female estranged from her family and needing accommodation. Client reported that she does not wish to be reunified with her family but would prefer to reside on her own and pay for her accommodation utilising her pension.
18. Female who has been caring for a minor reported that she has does not receive financial compensation or assistance from the child's biological parents. Client disclosed that the child receives a child support grant but the child is not benefitting from the grant. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.

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