

November 2017 UPDATE: CASES AT AL-FIDAA FOUNDATION WHITE DOOR CENTRE

17 victims recorded for the month November 2017 at the Al-Fidaa Foundation White Door Centre, 239 Durban Road, Korsten. Referrals included a local police station and the Department of Social Development. The following are brief summaries of cases seen:

1. 30 year old mother of 1 feeling anxious due to the alleged verbal abuse she regularly endures from a neighbour about the victim's relationship with an elderly gentleman, unrelated to the neighbour.
2. 36 year old wife and mother of 4 reportedly abused by her spouse on a regular basis. The victim is heart sore and feeling hopeless at the state of her marriage. She alleges that her husband's accusations of infidelity on her part are completely unfounded and hurtful. Communication between the couple is severely strained.
3. 27 year old wife and mother of 2 finding it increasingly difficult to cope with her husband's alleged addiction. According to the victim, he openly abuses drugs in the home and physically assaults her.
4. 18 year old unemployed single mother to an 8 month old baby seeking counselling. According to the victim, the father of the child abandoned her as soon as he found out about her pregnancy and does not support the child in any manner. The victim feels lost and alone as she is unable to rely on support from her family either.
5. 24 year old unemployed mother of a toddler seeking assistance for the physical abuse endured at the hands of her partner. The victim alleges that he has abused not only her but also her child and she has taken steps to report the matter.
6. An unemployed couple approached the centre for assistance. The victim alleges she and her husband is homeless and currently residing in the bushes. The couple were residing with a family member but due to a physical altercation with the family member were now homeless. The couple had unsuccessfully attempted to find alternative accommodation.
7. 40 year divorced father of 1 battling his long-time addiction to alcohol and slowly realizing that he has lost out financially but also in terms of his marriage and a relationship with his daughter over the years. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
8. 53 year old male seeking assistance as he is in dire straits; the victim has been unemployed since his retrenchment 3 years ago and now battling to support a family of 6 members.
9. 34 year old mother of 3 - one a 3 week old baby. The victim resides with a friend but feels strongly about finding other accommodation due to the living conditions of the house, which the victim alleges is always damp and is certain this is affecting her children.
10. 52 year old grandmother and grandchild who witnessed the fatal shooting of an unknown male in their area approached the centre for counselling. The event traumatized the victim and her grandchild, leaving them to fear for their safety.
11. 39 year old male victim relocated to Port Elizabeth from Gauteng for a job opportunity but was attacked and robbed upon his arrival in Port Elizabeth. The stab wound required some surgery and hospitalization for a week. The victim is now stranded in Port Elizabeth.
12. 55 year old mother of 3 distraught after being robbed of her SASSA grant after withdrawing it, leaving the family penniless for the month.
13. 55 year old female struggling to make ends meet, seeking assistance and enquiring about applying for an Identity Document.

14. 30 year husband and father of 2, struggling to keep put food on the table. The family rely entirely on the grandmother's (victim's mother n law) pension but this is not enough to sustain them as the mother in law suffers a chronic heart condition and needs her medication.
15. 52 year old mother of 6 residing with a sibling and his family in a cramped 2 bedroom flat confided in the White Door Centre counsellor about her struggles. The victim feels hopeless about her financial situation as there is no fixed income even though her brother goes out every day in search of casual jobs to put food on the table.
16. 23 year old unemployed wife taking in the children of a family member who is allegedly an addict. According to the victim, the biological mother of the children is in possession of the Sassa social grant cards but she abuses the money; purchasing alcohol and drugs. The victim is currently working with a social worker to suspend biological mother from withdrawing and abusing the grant funds.
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21. 41 year old wife and mother of 3 approached the White Door Centre for assistance and counselling. The victim separated from her spouse several years ago and suffered a mental breakdown after which she alleges she has lost parts of her memory. Upon being admitted to a local hospital, she was diagnosed with diabetes, HIV and cancer. The victim feels lost and is trying desperately to make sense of her life as she feels she has lost everything to live for.