



Letter No 39  
**Eighteen and Under**



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Dear Joe,

Thank you for your letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009. We are very grateful for your help with our application to become approved providers of services with Dundee City Council and the related delays in our grant payments from the Violence Against Women Fund. In your letter you asked me to keep you informed as to how things are progressing so I am now sending you an update of the current situation.

Following our meeting with you we received two quarterly payments from the Violence Against Women Fund which was a great help to us. However, we are now in exactly the same position as before. The payments which were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 have not been made and we have again used our reserves to keep our Taywise project going. This project is for young women involved in sexual exploitation and those who are in danger of becoming involved. We have spent a lot of time and effort reaching these extremely vulnerable young women so it is particularly important that the project continues so that we do not leave them without support. These are hard to reach women who would not under any circumstances contact statutory agencies.

We have spoken to Sandra Lorimer who is assessing our application to become Approved Providers for Dundee City Council and she has assured us that this is progressing. To date we have had no other contact with anyone from the council.

The above is not a complaint and we certainly do not want to cause any problems for anyone but, as we are in a recession, the fact that we have had to use our reserves once again is causing severe problems for our organisation as a whole. We continue to be willing to resolve this matter but it has taken much longer than anticipated and we are at a loss as to how to reach a timely and satisfactory conclusion. Any further help or advice you can give us would again be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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