

COMMUNITY REPORT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY: BASED ON 2016-17 STATISTICS COMPILED BY THRIVE COALITION MEMBER AGENCIES



SHELTER

109 women served

120% occupancy rate (Cornerstone - 14 beds per Ministry of Community & Social Services)

78 women unable to be served in shelter due to lack of space & funding

105 women served through transitional support and housing programs



COUNSELLING

22 individuals received sexual assault counselling

475 individuals supported through community counselling



CHILDREN

271 case referrals related to children exposed to adult conflict/partner violence

99 children/dependents served in shelter

57 children/dependents unable to be served in shelter due to lack of space & funding



ACCESSING SERVICES

86% of women reported having a positive experience in receiving support

57% of women reported having to wait to receive support

2-4 number of times women sought support through the year



WHAT WE HEARD

Most frequent program areas women sought support in:

- Counselling
- Legal Services
- Employment Services

Common barriers women face when seeking support services:

- Transportation (cost and distance)
- Operating Hours
- Affordability



HEALTHCARE

41 annual average of female emergency department visits related to partner abuse or maltreatment

21 violence against women cases responded to at Port Hope Northumberland Community Health Centre

13 women and pediatric (16 & under) visits to the sexual assault and domestic violence nurse examiner at Peterborough



POLICE

580 domestic occurrences reported by Ontario Provincial Police, Cobourg Police Services and Port Hope Police Services

104 occurrences where criminal charges were laid



LEGAL

120 new violence against women cases where charges were laid in court

71 women served in the family court support program



VICTIM SERVICES

397 responses to domestic violence

178 responses to sexual assault

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