Your name

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MP or Councillor’s Name

Address

Date

Dear (MPs / Councillors Name)

I am writing on behalf of Women Friendly Leeds to show my support for the vital continuation of Women’s Night Safe Space, a static bus based in Leeds city centre every Saturday night, providing crucial services and a non-judgemental safe space for women and girls. This important project is facing a threat of closure due to lack of funding, and so I urge you to help however you can.

Ran by Women Friendly Leeds and the Safer Leeds Partnership, The Women’s Night Safe Space team provides safety guidance and resources, medical assistance, free phone charging, support with ordering taxis, a safe place to report incidents to the police, and help signposting to longer term support.

The social value Women’ Night Safe Space creates in Leeds is significant. It helps alleviate growing pressures on A&E and the police, and it increases signposting to statutory and other third sector services, often reaching women who would not seek the support elsewhere. The service is well respected and trusted by all night time economy partners and stakeholders.

Women Friendly Leeds reported that 72% of women in Leeds had experienced harassment or assault in venues such as; pubs, clubs and restaurants. 75% of women feel uncomfortable, or very uncomfortable in the city centre at night time.

Women’s Night Safe Space has developed trust since its launch in November 2022, having a proven positive impact on women and girl’s nights out, including:

* Supporting a total of 1006 women
* Preventing 49 admissions to A&E
* Supporting 39 women to make reports to the police
* Ensuring 284 women get home safely
* Finding 43 women who were missing and alone

Based on government figures, Women Friendly Leeds estimate that Women’s Night Safe Space has saved at least £9,513 for A&E departments in Leeds in its first year.

I would be most grateful if you would consider highlighting this concern to relevant parties or potential partners that could support Women’s Night Safe Space going forward.

For more information or to discuss funding, please contact EmilyT@womenslivesleeds.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

(Your Name)