

1993:

- Cookstown and Dungannon Women's Aid established.
- "Bringing It Out in the Open," Monica McWilliams and Joan McKiernan; HMSO 1993,
- Women's Aid Federation NI publish "The Foam Sprite," a book of poetry by the survivors of domestic violence in Northern Ireland and those involved with Women's Aid.

·· 1995/96:

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- Ards Women's A receives funding
- for a new centre in

Bangor.

- Taking Domestic Violence Seriously, Monica McWilliams and Lynda Spence, HMSO 1996
- published. • PBNI introduces programme with
- perpetrators of domestic violence.

- Inter-Agency groups established in each H&SST area.
- Coleraine Women's Aid opens new purpose built refuge in Coleraine.
- Cookstown & Dungannor
- Women's Aid open
- Resource Centre in
- Cookstown



24 Hour Women's Aid Regional Telephone Helpline set up by Women's Aid Federation. First group of Helpline Volunteers trained.

- Ballymena Women's Aid established.
- Fermanagh Women's Aid opens a refuge in Enniskillen.
- Tackling Domestic Violence A Policy for Northern Ireland, is issued by the NIO/DHSSPS.

- • Regional Forum on Domestic Violence established representing Government departments and statutory and
- voluntary agencies in Northern Ireland.
- 'Children Under Stress Education and Training Programme' was launched by Women's Aid Federation NI. This was designed to support all those involved in the care and protection of children who may be affected by domestic violence.

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- Women's Aid Cross-borde Conference 'Effective Interventions in Domestic Violence' held in Slieve Russe Hotel, Co Cavan organised Women's Aid Federation NI
- • 'No Fear' Heading for Healthy Relationships preventative education programme launched by Women's Aid Federation NI.
- The Protection from Harassmen (NI) Order. Provides that a person must not pursue a course of conduct which amounts to arassment of another and which he knows or ought to know amounts to harassment of another.

• **1998**:

- Omagh bomb causes destruction and disruption to Omagh Women's Aid Market Street Centre.
- 'Violence on the Edge' Research and Training pack for working with ethnic minority communities officially launched by Women's Aid Federation NI.
- Paths to Prevention Conference organised by Regional Forum on Domestic Violence.
- Newry Women's Aid open Resource Centre in Newry.

· 1998/99:

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Refuges in Ballymena, Lisburn and Craigavon opened.

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North Down and Ards Women's Aid opens a Resource Centre in Newtownards.

Craigavon Women's Aid

becomes Craigavon and

Banbridge Women's Aid.

launches their website.

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New purpose built refuge

• Fermanagh Women's Aid opens

Resource Centre in Enniskillen.

opened by Omagh Women's Aid.

• Family Homes and Domestic Violence (NI) Order passed and implemented. This Order allows victims of domestic violence to obtain protective orders from the court. The order created Non-Molestation and Occupation Orders.

• • "Ending the Pain and Healing the Hurt A Practical Guide for Faith Communities Responding to Domestic Violence," is published by Regional Forum on Domestic Violence.

- Ballymena Women's Aid
- open two resource centres
- one located in Ballymena and the other in Antrim.
- Lisburn Women's Aid
- officially incorporated into the
- structure of Belfast Women's
- Aid, to become Belfast &
- Lisburn Women's Aid.

- New purpose built refuge opened
- by Newry Women's Aid.
- Women's Aid Federation NI
- launch multi-lingual information leaflets.
- Women's Aid Federation NI release a new training video, "Hurting, Coping, Growing – Children and Domestic Violence."

- NIHE Supporting People funding arrangements are introduced for
- refuge accommodation provision.
- Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid opens Adelaide Park Resource
- Support and Outreach Centre.

• **2002/03**:

Helping Hands Activity Pack launched by Women's Aid Federation

Foyle Women's Aid open Rose House, seven self contained flats for Women and their families.

During the last 14 years Women's Aid Federation managed 212,215 calls to the 24-Hour Domestic Violence Helpline

- Government publishes joint NIO/ DHSSPS strategy, "Tackling Violence at Home – A Strategy for Addressing Domestic Violence and Abuse in Northern Ireland."
- The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order. The legislation gives added protection to victims of domestic violence, takes account of human rights issues and increases the criminal penalties for breaching the protective civil orders.

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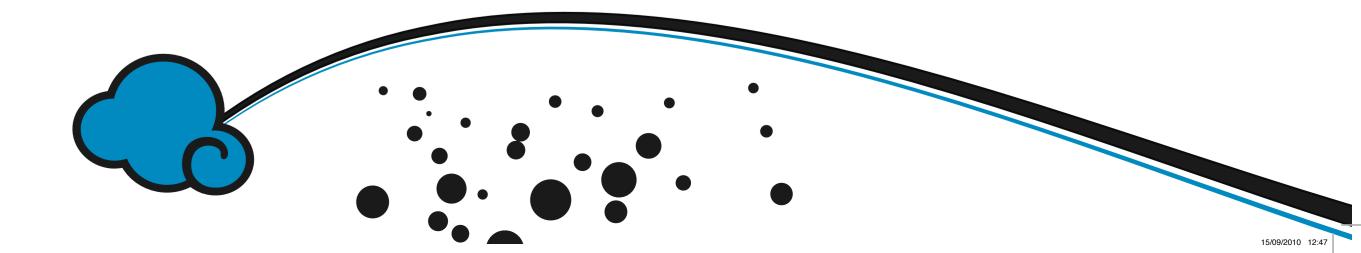
- Coleraine Women's Aid is renamed
- Causeway Women's Aid
- Service Level Agreement established
- with Women's Aid Federation NI
- to manage the freephone 24 Hour
- Domestic Violence Helpline, which
- is funded by the Domestic & Sexual
- Violence Unit. DHSS&PS: Northern
- Ireland Housing Executive and Community Safety Unit, Northern
- Ireland Office.

- 'Women with no or limited
- resource to public funds', A report
- of findings was launched by
- Women's Aid Federation NI.

• 2009:

- Fovle Women's Aid open their new "Secret
- Garden," in the grounds of their refuge.
- Pilot project with Women's Aid established
- to support women victims of sexual
- exploitation and human trafficking in
- Northern Ireland.

- Women's Aid Federation receive a Voluntee
- Development Agency award at Stormont, for
- creating a 'Garden of Oasis' for Helpline volunteers
- Women's Aid Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergu
- Larne & Newtownabbey open their newly
- refurbished resource centre, called the "Naomi
- Centre".
- Craigavon and Banbridge move to a new Resource Centre.



- Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid rebuild their South Belfast refuge.
- Crossing Borders: preliminary research on human trafficking in Northern Ireland' was launched by Women's Aid Federation NI.

"You and Me Mum" a ten week programme for mothers supporting children and young people who have lived with Domestic Violence, is developed by Women's Aid Federation NI and showcased at the Raising the Standards Conference in Guernsey.