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Freedom Programme Evaluation from WAVE DV Centre between June and November 2012.

62 women were referred to the WAVE Freedom Programme. 48 women completed the programme.

16 of them had children in the care of the local authority.

28 of those children were subject to child protection plans and described as in need of safeguarding. (This was formerly known as the 'at risk register')

37 of the women who started the programme reported that they suffered from depression.

24 of those women were taking prescribed anti depressants.

After completing the programme only 4 of the women still had children who remained in care.

12 of them still had children who were subject to child protection plans.

15 women now reported that they were depressed.

12 women were still taking prescribed anti depressants.

SUMMARY.

As a result of attending the Freedom Programme at the WAVE DV Centre:

12 out of 16 women had their children returned from care.

16 out of 28 women had their children's names removed from the child protection plans.

25 out of 37 women said they no longer suffered from depression.

12 out of 24 women were no longer taking anti depressants.