Advance's Minerva Service in South East England























Advance's Minerva Community services in Bedfordshire



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Luton Stepping 01582 457114

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Advance's Minerva Service in Bedfordshire helps women involved in the Criminal Justice System to move on with their lives.

Our goal is to reduce re-offending amongst women by providing dedicated support services tailored to women's needs.

Our specialist Advocates work closely with probation, housing, health, children's services and other professionals to get women all the help and advice they need, when they need it, from one place.



I FEEL LIKE A WOMAN AT MINERVA, **NOT AN OFFENDER**

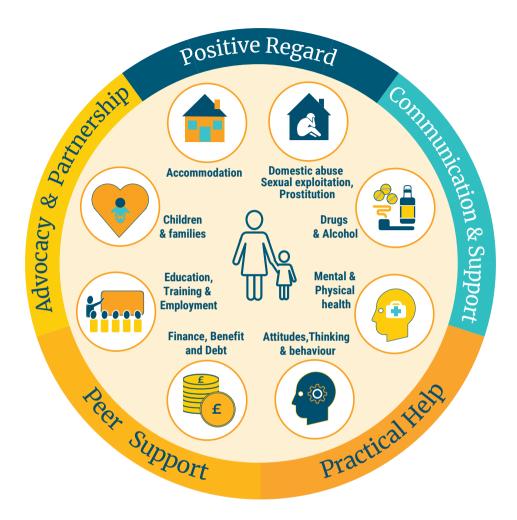
Advance, together with Bedford Women's Centre (Bedford) and Stepping Stones (Luton), offers specialised support to women in the criminal justice system across Bedfordshire:

- Targeted support and advocacy for women to address practical and emotional needs, including outreach services
- ➤ Intensive one-to-one support across all women's rehabilitative needs
- > Safe, women-only local hubs pan-regional and Women's centres
- Access to tailored groups and workshops delivered by specialist providers
- Prison in-reach and Through-the-Gate Support for women in custody within three months prior to their release

Referrals can be made by Probation Practitioners via **Refer & Monitor** only.

Enquiries from all other professionals can be sent to: minerva_bedfordshire@advancecharity.org.uk





1000s
of women supported

We provide holistic support around each woman's personal needs 93% of women reported improved health and well-being