Our Mission

To strengthen the collective response to modern slavery and exploitation by connecting organisations, sharing expertise, influencing policy and practice, and ensuring victims and survivors are empowered to shape the decisions, services and systems that impact their lives.

How?

- Providing advocacy and support
- Championing lived experience
- Identifying gaps, influencing change
- Raising awareness, building knowledge
- Bringing together partners across sectors

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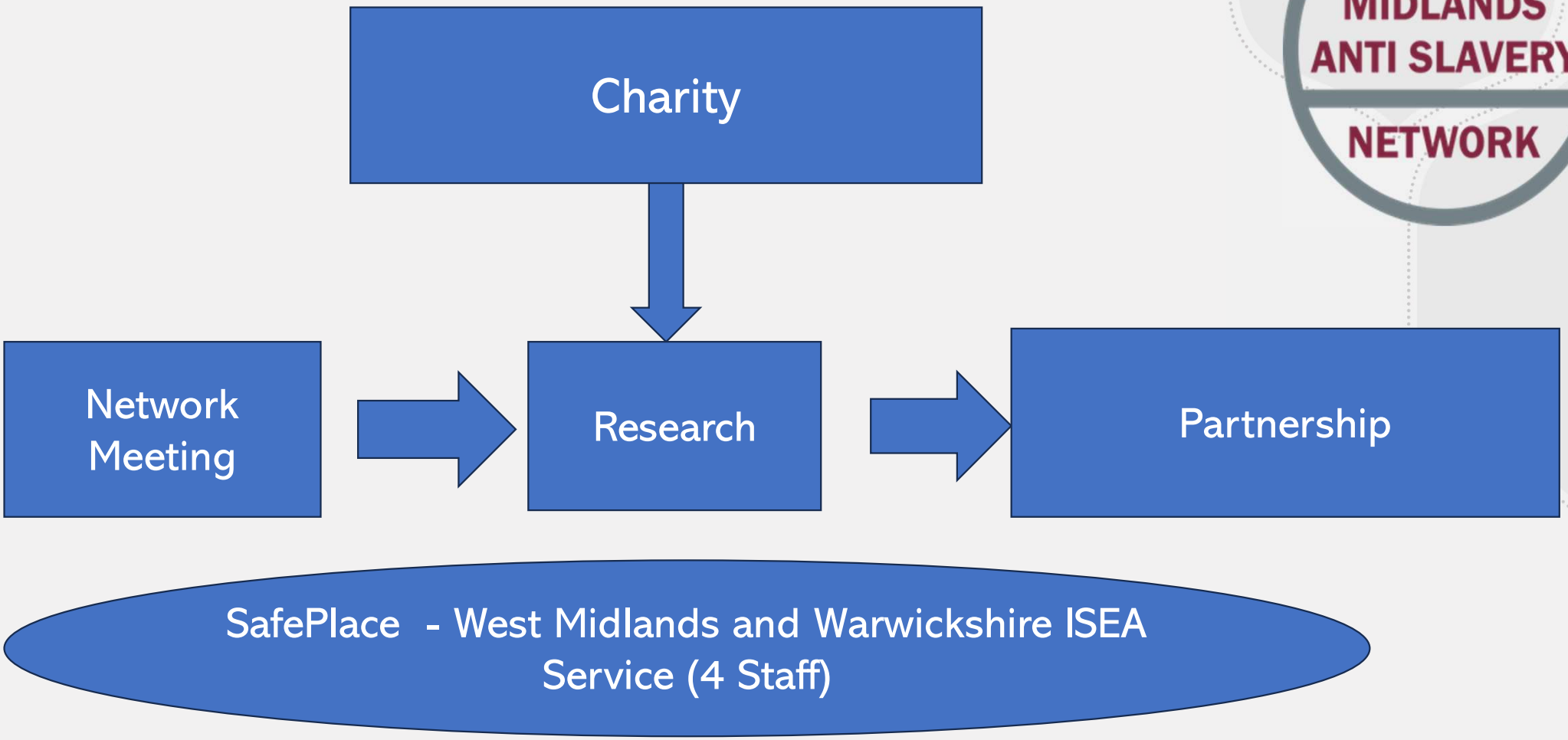
Our Service Offer – 9 Staff



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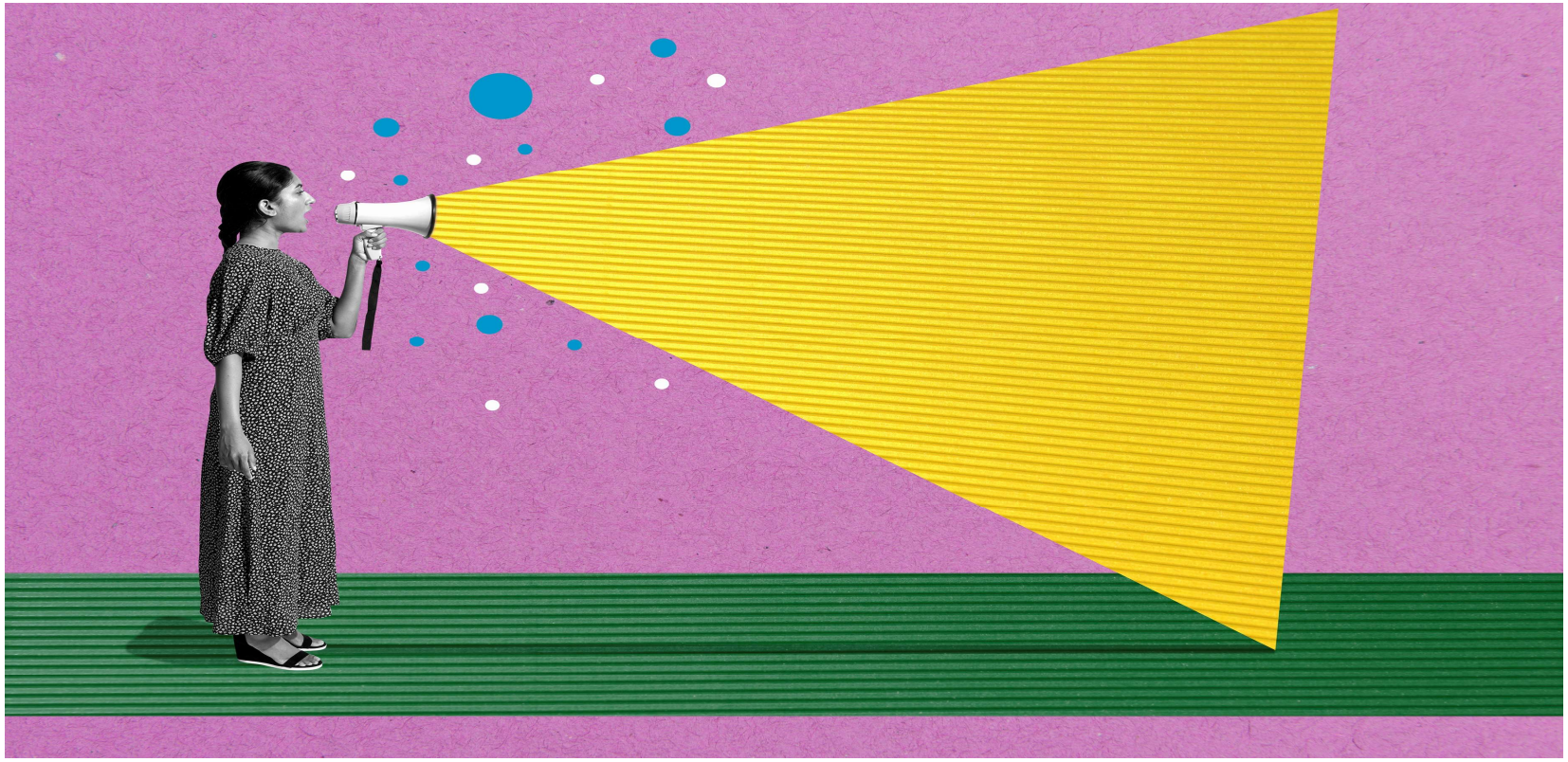
The Importance of Lived Experience – Internal and External!



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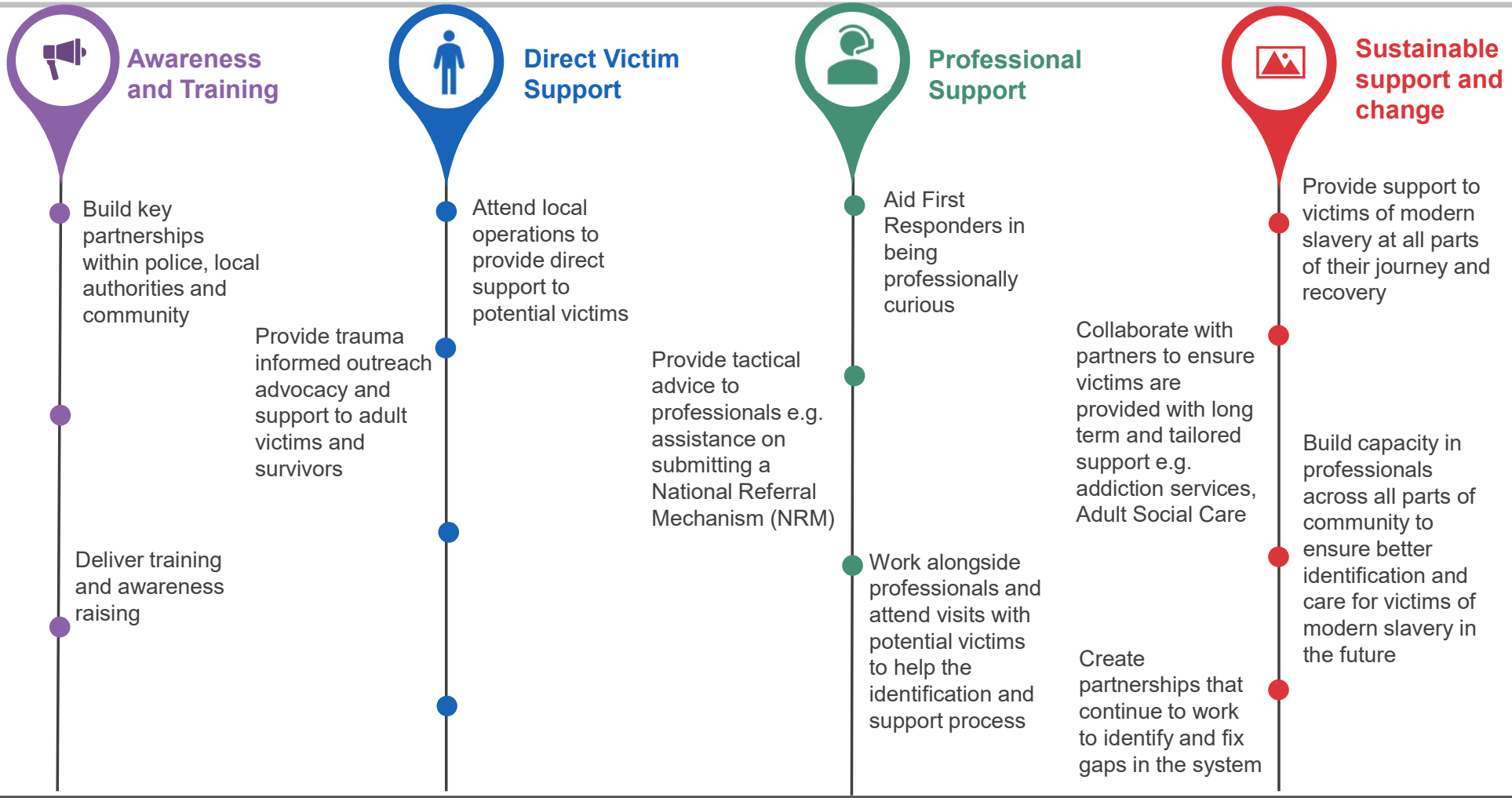
Birmingham City Council Approach

Community Partnership Strategic Lead

Slavery and Exploitation Intervention Officer (SEIO/ISEA)

Independent Slavery and Exploitation Advocate (ISEA)



Outputs

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110 Victims/Survivors Supported (ISEA) 2025 -2026

33 2026 Q1 Referrals

Over 500 Professionals Trained

VOICE Established and Reviewed

33 BCC Concerns 2023

38 Concerns/month 2026

Case Study – ISEA Impact

Police Referral

MDT

ISEA Tasked

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NRM Consent – Previous Negative

ASC Case Closed

Lead ISEA Convenes Meeting

ISEA Support NRM

MSVCC Accom.

RG and CG

Move On Plan!

Outcomes

"This evidences the importance of multi-agency working. This survivor presented with complex needs….. By bringing together specialist expertise, this survivor's voice remained at the centre, and a successful outcome was achieved. I wish all our survivors had similar in place!" – MSVCC NRM Caseworker

Outcomes

“I was anxious to come to SafePlace, but since I’ve come here, I am happier, confident, saferand healthier. I think more places like this should exist. This should be the benchmark.” – Service User

“I found the presentation and discussions insightful and useful, in particular gaining a better understanding of how the NRM works, the definitions of the Act, Meaning, Purpose, Indicators and the list of questions we can ask our Service Users who may become victims of modern slavery and exploitation.” – Partner Agency

“My English is not good but really if it weren't for you and H, I wouldn't be here today. I don't know what to say to thank you for all the kindness you have given me and H. I really can only say thank you I don't know what else to say you are a wonderful person that I am very grateful to all my life. Once again thank you very much.” – Service User

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The Challenges

- Changing Political/Societal Landscape
- Data Poor – The NRM?
- Changing Demographics/Typologies
- Systemic Gaps (First Responder Training, Partnership Appetite)
- Demand – It is Hidden!

Our Difference

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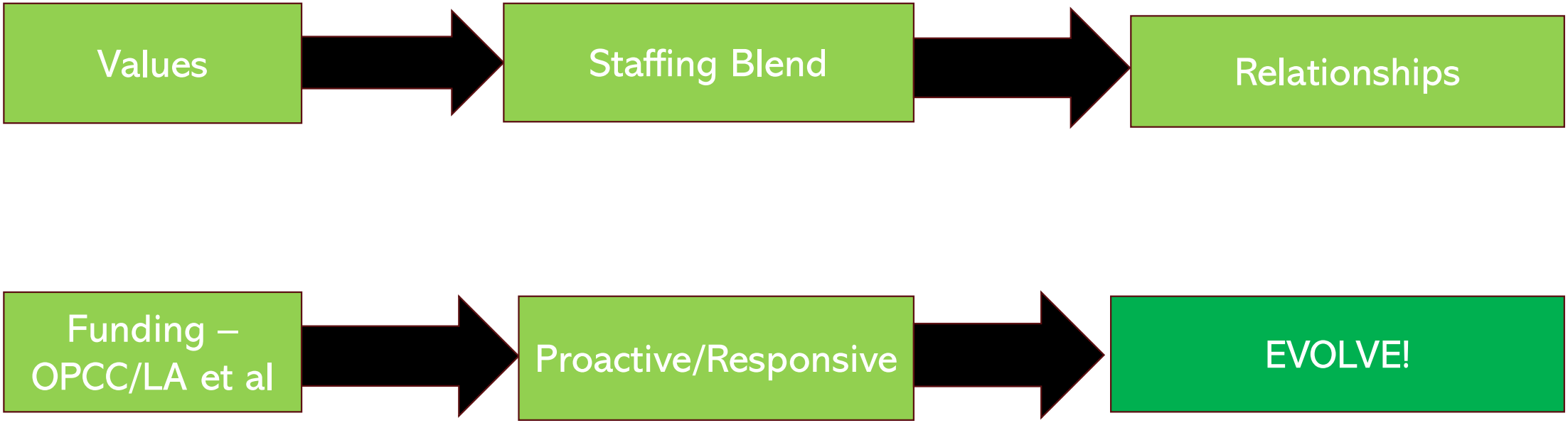
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