

Aims and Objectives

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Aims

To express Christian love, understanding and compassion in the community of Mid Sussex by offering three specific services:

1. Non-judgmental, free and non-directive support for those facing an unplanned or complicated pregnancy
2. Free counselling support (through the Time to Heal programme) for those who are struggling following a termination, miscarriage or stillbirth
3. An educational programme for local secondary schools and youth groups

The Haven is solely a caring initiative. It is not a campaigning group and does not seek to be involved in the pro-choice/pro-life debate.

It is essential that all our voluntary trained advisors are motivated by Christian love and that they have undertaken appropriate training.

Objectives

To respond to women and their partners facing an unplanned or complicated pregnancy by:

- Providing a safe and confidential environment where they can express and discuss their feelings.
- Giving truthful and comprehensive information upon which they can consider their options

To provide emotional support for our clients, whichever option they choose.

To provide counselling which will assist the emotional healing of those dealing with the trauma of pregnancy loss and abortion.

To use our education programme in local schools, colleges and youth groups to raise awareness of the Haven Pregnancy Counselling Centre and issues surrounding unplanned pregnancies.

To ensure that our Advisors go through a rigorous selection and training process so that they are equipped to offer counselling for our clients, using appropriate training course materials.

To motivate the local Church to respond to issues relating to abortion and unplanned pregnancy, both practically, and in prayer.

To liaise and communicate with other caring initiatives and local professional services wherever possible for the benefit of our clients.