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Night Shelter 19-20

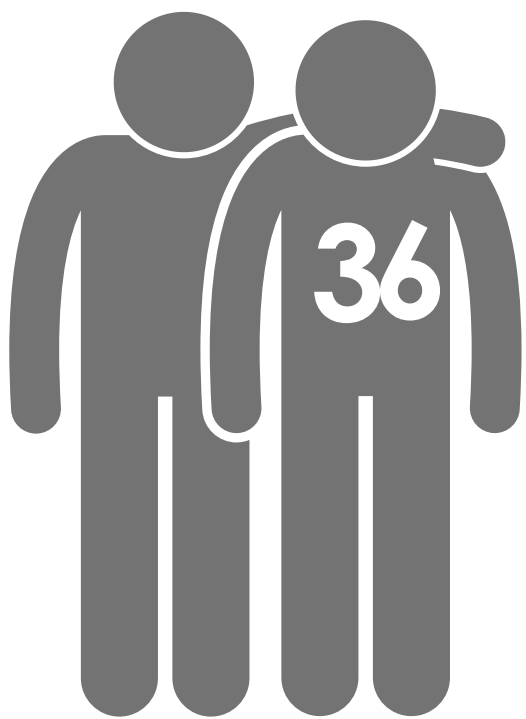
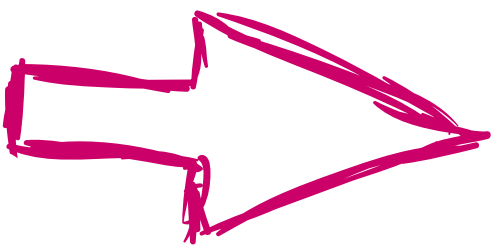


“ The night shelter is very good. The volunteers and the food are the best. ”

Night Shelter guest

“ Volunteering at the night shelter for the past few years has been a blessing in many ways, firstly I didn't feel so sorry for myself, the amazing gift of being able to help in some way, definitely helped me. ”

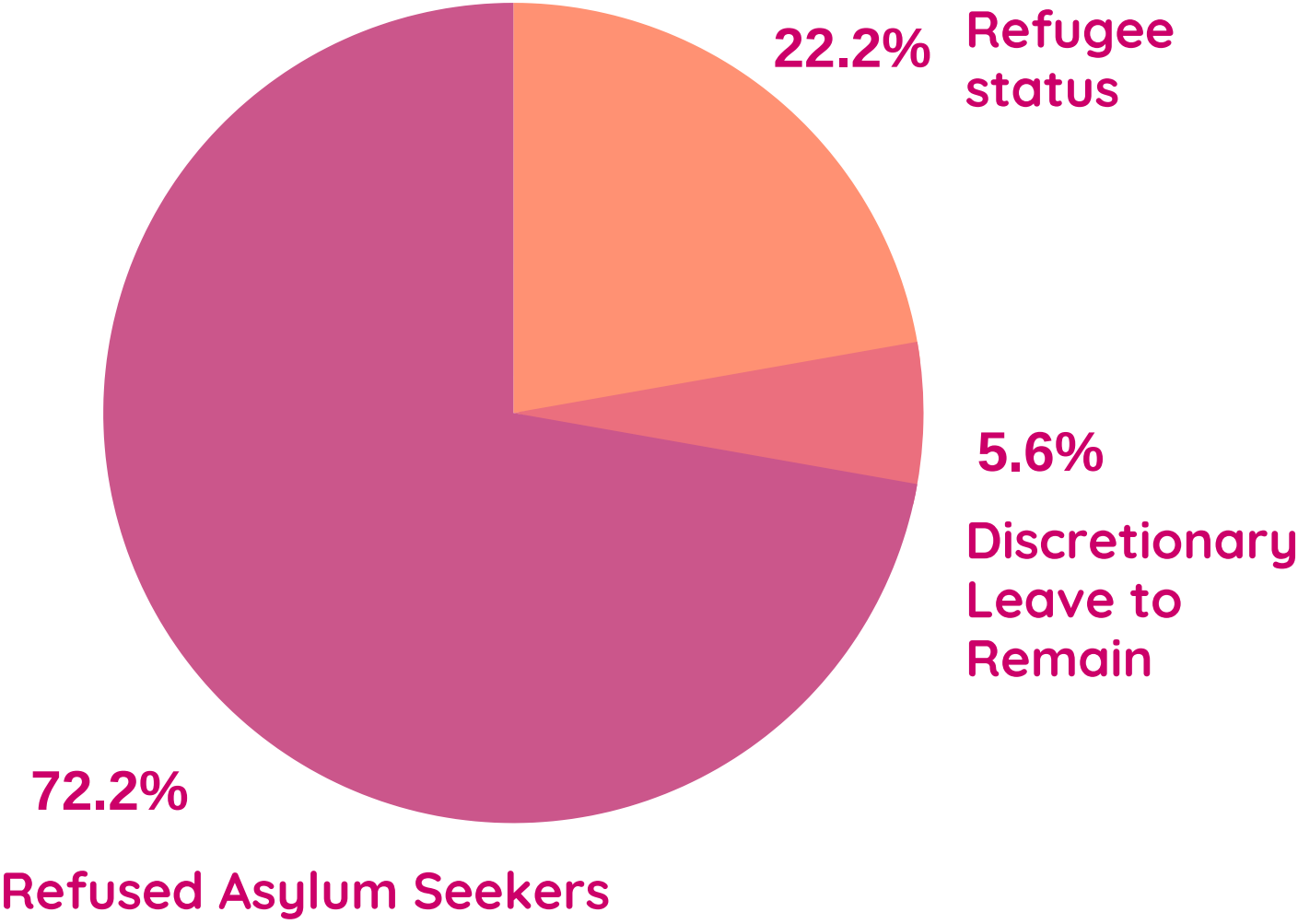
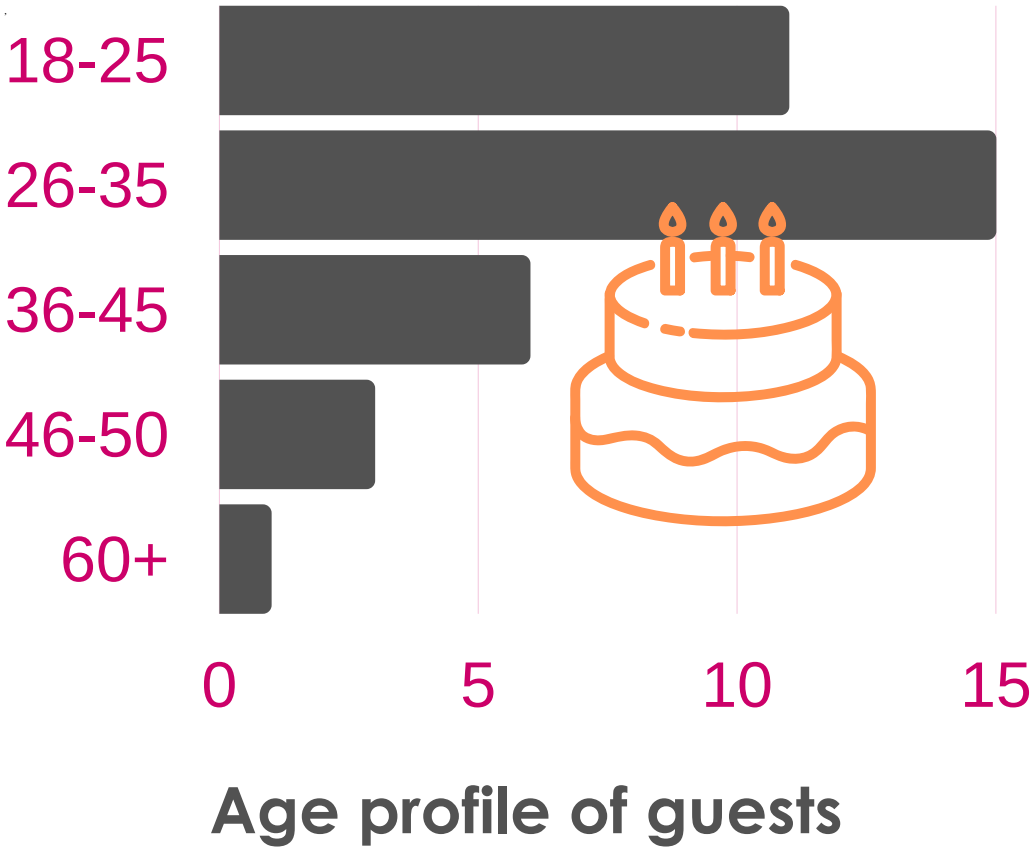
Night Shelter volunteer



- Albania 1
- Afghanisatan 1
- Belarus 1
- Chad 1
- Egypt 1
- Eritrea 7

- Ethiopia 6
- Gambia 1
- Iran 2
- Iraq 2
- Kenya 1
- Kuwait 1

- Libya 2
- Nigeria 1
- Rwanda 1
- Sierra Leone 1
- Somalia 1
- Sudan 5





wonderful warm welcome
generous hospitality
support
dignity & respect

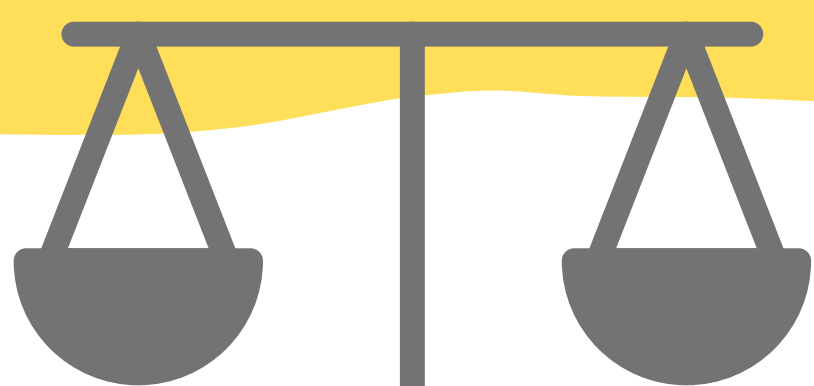
20+

FMH
volunteers



NEW

Highlights



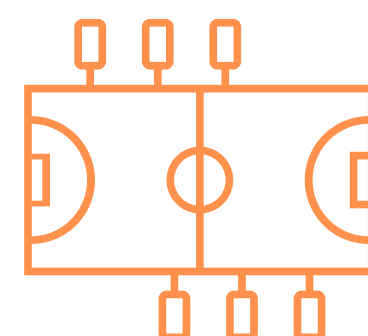
1 hour free
advice a from
solicitor



ABEN funding



BNS
VENUES



WEEKLY

Drop In
Sessions

accessed

119 times

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Manchester
Homelessness
Emergency
Accommodation
Action Group

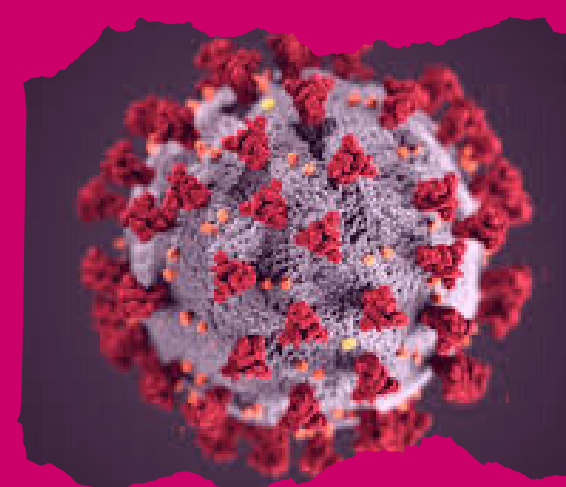
Standards

But then...



Sadly, we made the difficult decision to close the BNS early due to the coronavirus. March 23rd was our last night. It was the right decision to make but our work did not stop there.

We had eleven remaining guests who had nowhere else to go. After many emails and calls, we recieved confirmation that Manchster City Council could provide enough rooms for our guests in hostel accomodation. We're grateful to the council and their homeless team who worked hard to make sure some of the most vulnerable people in the city were safe.



I and Tom, one of our Friends Meeting House volunteers, met with the remaining guests that last night on the 24th. Armed with takeaway pizzas we explained what was happening. Once reassured that they'd be safe and supported we arranged an Uber to transport them to the two different locations where they'd be staying; Stretford and Gorton.

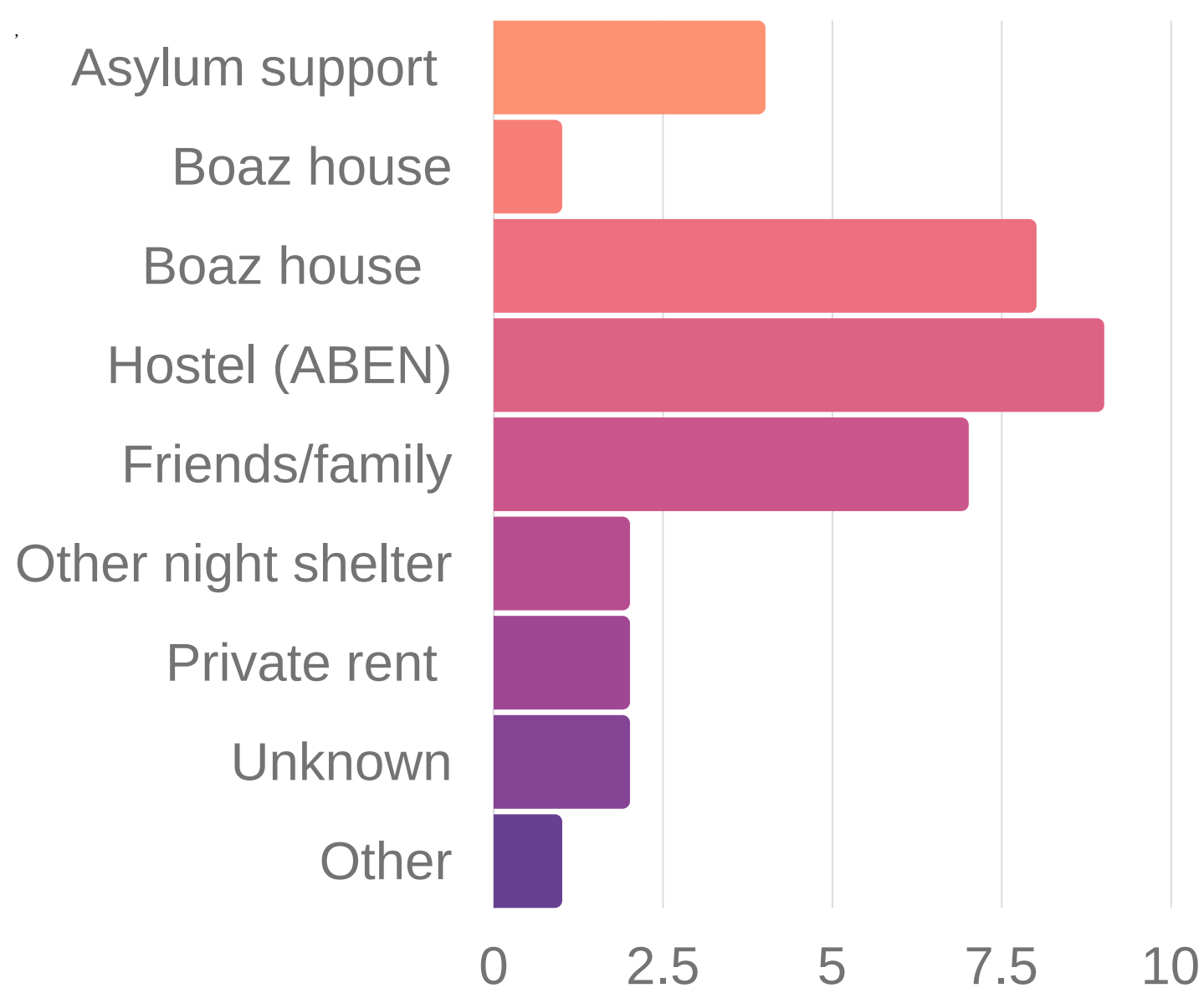
The next day we put together some basic food parcels to take out and went to check that they were all doing well.

We have continued to offer support with weekly food parcels and regular phone calls, as well as delivering Red Cross money. A wonderful team of night shelter volunteers signed up to a rota to provide hot meals every evening and some kindly paid for takeways to be delivered where we had gaps. We also received food from another charity, Cracking Good Food.

We are so very grateful for this amazing generosity at a time of huge uncertainty.

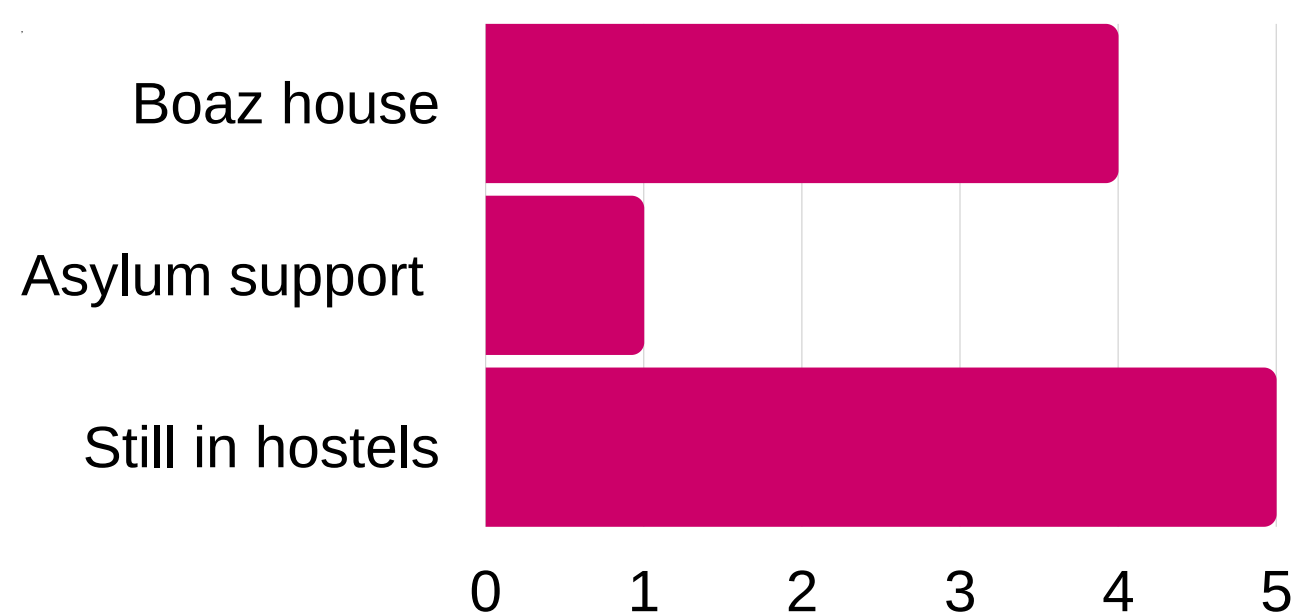
Vron Earp, Boaz Night Shelter Coordinator





What happened to guests who stayed in the Night Shelter during the season?

What happened to guests who went into hostels when the Night Shelter ended?



The Boaz Night Shelter has been both a challenge and an inspiration for our church members. We've been inspired as a church to reach out to the cause and overcome every obstacle put in our way...The impact of meeting and serving our clients with our volunteers and others is immeasurable.



Night Shelter venue coordinator

I want to say a personal thank you to everyone who has been part of our night shelter team during 2019-20. We are so grateful for your time, your energy and commitment, even as things had to change and evolve due to COVID-19. We don't know what the future holds for our night shelter in the year(s) ahead but we hope you will stay in touch with us and continue to share our vision to end destitution for people seeking sanctuary in the UK. Thank you for being part of our night shelter story!

Ros Holland, Chief Exec

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