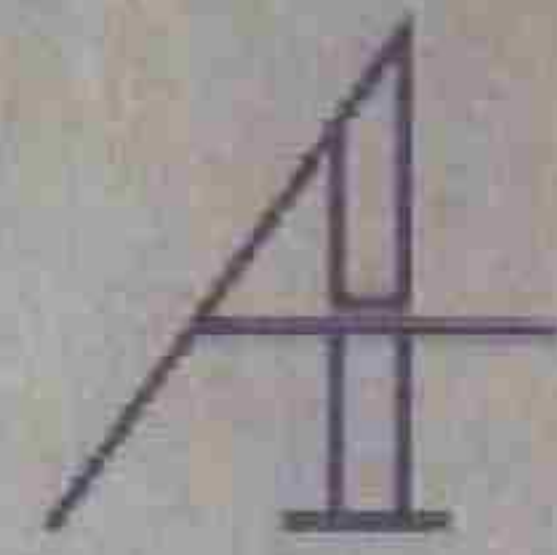


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Further to my recent conversations with Mr. Gerrish, and my submission to him of provisional estimates for the Trust's 1977/80 budget, I am writing to request your Unit's favourable consideration to our application for a further three-year grant towards our administrative expenses.

I append a brief report on the Trust's major activities since the last report we submitted to you in December 1975. I also enclose the final report of our former Field Officer, Ms. Jan McHugh, who unfortunately left us at the end of January to return to the United States; and a series of progress reports from our Youth Officer, Ric Rogers, who joined us on 1st July last year. Though these two Officers were not directly funded through our VSU Grant, their reports indicate the extent of the field work which your support has been instrumental in enabling the Trust to undertake.

Yours sincerely,

DPA

Antony Grey
Director

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Report to the Voluntary Services Unit on Activities since December 1975

1. Introductory

During the period since we submitted our previous report, the Trust has consolidated and expanded its activities in a number of ways. In particular, we have been fortunate in having a Field Officer throughout this time, and a Youth Officer since July 1976, both of whom have initiated a number of projects and activities which have resulted in the Trust's becoming more widely known outside London. Their reports are attached separately, and the remainder of this one briefly documents the Trust's other major activities.

2. Counselling, Training and Research

With the aid of two qualified Senior Counsellors, assisted by some of those who participated in the Trust's 1975 course "An Experience of Psychosexual Counselling", the amount of counselling undertaken by the Trust is currently averaging at least 20 clients a week. The spread of presenting problems remains wide. The level of demand for counselling, and the major importance placed by the trustees on designing and implementing adequate training for psychosexual counsellors, has led the Trust to ask the Department of Health and Social Security for a grant to fund the appointment of a full-time Counselling and Training Officer. This request is currently under consideration by DHSS. A working party on training, convened by the Trust and including members drawn from a wide range of counselling and educational institutions, is now finalising its proposals, which will, it is hoped, attract the necessary professional and financial support to enable a series of counselling training courses to be instituted.

The Trust is discussing with DHSS the possibility of a research grant to study contemporary sexual behaviour and attitudes of young people.

3. Ongoing Projects

(a) Teenagers at Risk: Following the meetings held during the winter of 1975/76, the Trust's Chairman and Director saw senior police officers of London West End C Division in June 1976. The Trust's Youth Officer is involved in a working party which is looking at social needs of young people in the Earl's Court area.

(b) Christian Response to Sexual Variation: Several further meetings of this group took place during 1976, arising from which the Trust's Director saw the General Secretary of the British Council of Churches and requested the Council to carry forward the group's work on Christian attitudes and human sexuality. This request is still under consideration by the Council.

(c) Paedophiles: Several meetings were held with paedophiles and others interested in providing supportive help. It is hoped to publish information on this topic during 1977.

(c) Sex Offenders: Following a meeting with NACRO and officials of the Home Office Prisons Department, proposals are being formulated for the creation of a team of competent befrienders who could undertake prison visiting and after care work. It is hoped this project will