

Thank You!

Another amazing Christmas appeal from Belfast Trust staff to help women and children who are experiencing domestic abuse or people who are homeless. We weren't sure how the appeal would go this year due to the pandemic and the tremendous pressure that people are under but we were genuinely blown away by staff generosity and thoughtfulness in terms of their financial donations, vouchers, toys, gifts, clothes, toiletries and homeware. This really is the spirit of Christmas!

There was over £1000 in cash and vouchers to hand over to Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid and the Welcome Organisation. Members of the Planning and Equality Team met with Kelly Andrews CEO and Liz Johnston from Women's Aid and Kieran Hughes from the Welcome Organisation to showcase the vast array of items donated to provide a better Christmas for people who may be in a refuge due to domestic abuse or homeless and accessing support from the Welcome Organisation.



The two organisations are so appreciative of our annual appeal and can never say enough about what a difference this campaign makes to people who cannot be at home this Christmas. Kelly Andrews told us about “the excitement on the kids' faces when they realise that 'Santa' is able to deliver presents to the refuge and the sheer relief on mother's faces that they can provide some semblance of a normal Christmas for their wee ones”.

Kieran Hughes told us that the warm clothes and toiletries and non-perishable food items as well as the financial donations ensure that they are able to provide ongoing much needed support to the homeless in Belfast at Christmas and throughout the year

A huge thank you to all of you who donated this year – together we are able to make a real difference to the lives and experiences of these people.