

Woodside Bereavement Service The Listening Ear

Introduction to the 'Friends' of
WBS

About the Service

■ **What is Woodside Bereavement Service?**

- Woodside Bereavement Service grew out of an increasing need in the area for a supportive Christian-based bereavement service for all who have suffered loss.

■ **Who are we?**

- We are volunteers, trained as bereavement counsellors, who give one to one support on a regular basis.

■ **Where are we?**

- We work in the London Borough of Croydon and surrounding areas.

About the Service

- **Who uses the service?**

- The Bereavement Service is open to any person, male or female, of any age, sexuality, ethnic origin, culture or religion. Those using the service might be: parents whose children have died; survivors of disasters; children or adults who have lost parents; mothers whose babies have died through cot death; people whose friends or relatives have been killed in accidents; women who have suffered from miscarriage or termination of pregnancy; those who have lost partners; in fact any who have been bereaved or suffered loss in any way and feel that we can help them; including pre-bereavement counselling for the terminally ill (including HIV/Aids) & their carers.

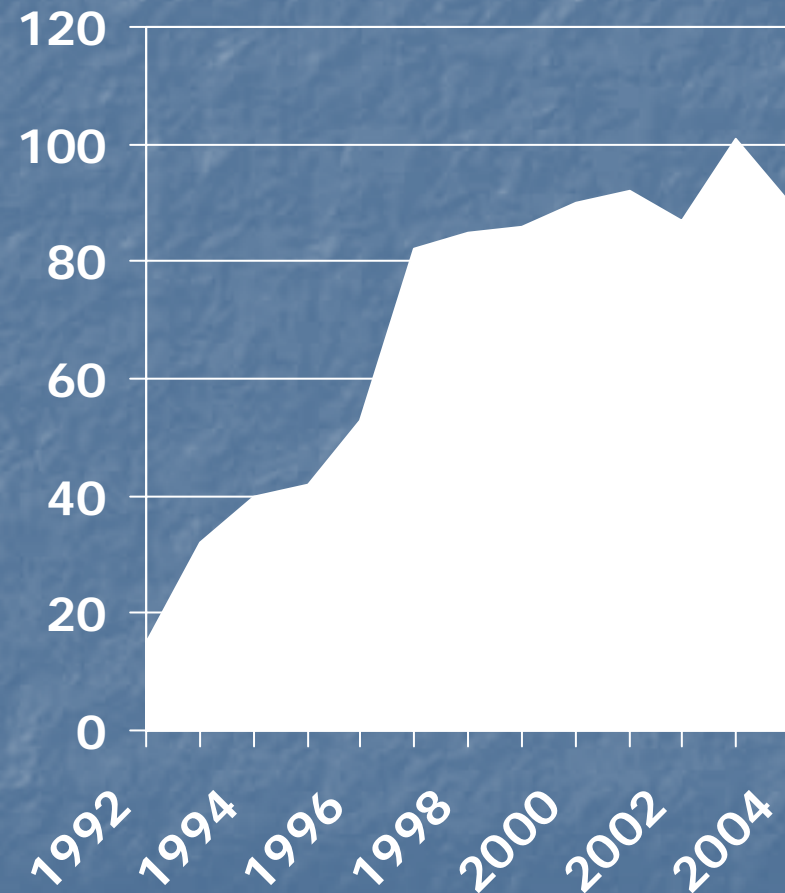
- **How much do we charge?**

- Our service is free to all, but we rely on voluntary donations.

Who have we helped

Since WBS started in 1992 we have helped over 900 people with 1 to 1 or group counselling.

Today we are finding the cases more complex to resolve with the average case now taking 16 weeks.



What is 'Friends' ?

- A way you can help support WBS
- Provides WBS a stable platform to run it's service to the community
- Enable WBS to become more widely known in the borough
- Provide encouragement to the volunteers in this demanding work

What you get for becoming a 'Friend' of WBS

- Bimonthly prayer letter
- Quarterly newsletter
- Invitation to our annual AGM
- Invitation to our fundraising activities and events
- Diary of events for the coming year

What we do with your help

- Run a centre for one to one and group counselling
- Support 16 volunteer counsellors
 - Supervision
 - Ongoing Training
- Pay for a part time administrator
- Run an extensive annual training programme

Interested ?

Then please take one of the forms or speak
to a member of WBS management
committee

Thank You