

Gratitude and Prayer Requests for The Light House

Firstly, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support from Queens Road, particularly throughout the entire journey of The Light House. Your generosity has played a vital role in transforming countless lives through the support we offer.

Prayer Requests

Financial Sustainability

As always, income remains a pressing concern. In the current climate, funders are becoming less likely to give, making us increasingly reliant on donations from churches and individuals. The cost of staff, operational systems, and the overall running of The Light House is substantial. We means-test our clients, heavily subsidising fees—even for those paying the full rate. Our highest fee for professional counselling at Light House is £45 per session, significantly lower than the typical £60+ cost that is often charged by some other providers. Please pray for continued financial provision so that we can sustain and expand our work.

Parking Challenges

We are facing significant difficulties with parking at The Light House, which has worsened over the past few years. Many people appear to be parking for Ball Hill, and an increasing number of local residents own multiple vehicles. As a result, staff, volunteers, and clients struggle to find parking. To make matters more challenging, we have been notified of proposed parking restrictions on Argyll Street, including permit requirements. This would only displace the issue onto surrounding streets. Both we and St Margaret's Church have submitted appeals, and we ask for prayers that these restrictions do not go ahead and that a better solution—such as increased free parking—can be found.

More Associate Counsellors

We are in great need of additional associate counsellors. Many of those who train with us move on to paid positions, making it difficult for them to continue supporting us afterwards. Please pray for more counsellors who feel called to serve and support our mission.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. They make an immeasurable difference in the work we do!

Here are some things our clients have said about how the Light House has helped them

"I feel more peaceful and hopeful for the future. I feel stronger and better able to deal with things as they arise. I could not have wished for a better counsellor who was very intuitive and understanding. I felt totally safe and accepted and was able to express myself freely. I want to give my sincere thanks to the Light House for what they have given me. I thank God for organisations like this who fill the gap in a very overstretched system."

"These sessions have helped me so much in dealing with past anger, loss and expectations of myself. It's made me excited for the future to understand who I am and what matters to me and brings me joy."