

# **COUNSELLING SUPPORT AFTER AN ABORTION**

Choosing to end a pregnancy is never easy. There may have been many confusing or conflicting thoughts going through your mind. Often the decision is made in difficult circumstances and done privately, so you may have no one around who knows what you have been through. If you do feel able to share with those around you, they may not know how best to support you. Our trained counsellors are here to listen to you without judgement, and create with great care, a safe space for you to share how you are feeling, and the impact your experience has had on you.

# **FEELINGS**

After the procedure there is often a sense of relief, however feelings of regret or loss are also possible, either immediately, months or many years later. Your emotions can vary in depth according to what's happening and where you are. If you think you would like to talk about how you're feeling, we are here to listen. You may feel unsure how talking can help, but giving voice to what you think and feel can help you understand why you feel as you do. Everyone is unique and so our counsellors are here to support you unconditionally as you process your emotions in a way that suits you best. Whether you have just had an abortion or it's now months or even years later, we are here for you.

Quote from a client's thank-you letter: "I didn't know how talking itself was going to change anything, but I'm so glad I came. You have helped me be able to connect with myself and get my confidence back. Thank you so much."

#### **OUR SFRVICE**

Jakin has Counsellors and Support Workers specifically trained in this area of Pregnancy Loss, who will help you explore the emotions you are feeling and help you make sense of them. Our counselling is free so that no-one is excluded. A call to Jakin will be answered by our Counselling Coordinator who will arrange to meet with you to assess the best counsellor for your needs. You can come for a one-off session or for regular weekly or fortnightly sessions for up to two years. Once you have committed to counselling, we hope you will understand that it is important that you keep your appointments, knowing that others may be on our waiting-list longing for their chance to get started.

# Please check our website\* for more information about us

## **CONTACT US**

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Please call, text or email Jakin 9am-5pm weekdays, whether you want to talk, know more about our service or wish to make an appointment. Our Coordinator will take your call or message.

Please leave a message on the answerphone if out-of-hours or if the coordinator is unavailable (as counselling)

Counselling sessions are held mostly at:

Saffron Resource Centre, 432 Saffron Lane, LEICESTER, LE2 6SB and also at Jakin (HQ), The Kings Centre, 56 Bull Head Street, WIGSTON, LE18 1PA

Open Hands Support Centre, 23-25 Highfield Street, Highfields, LEICESTER, LE2 1AB

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