

Sebastian's story

Problems began in Sebastian's relationship with his partner once they started living together and she became pregnant. He is 6ft and his partner is 5ft 3 inches.

After suffering months of violent abuse, he decided he could take no more and decided he should leave but his partner threatened that if he left he would never see his son again.

His partner's abuse has been increasing and over the last four years, he has been assaulted ten times, receiving black eyes, being constantly spat at and recently he had a chair thrown at him with such force that it shattered on him. He is not allowed to go to bed before his partner – if he does she comes in and turns all the lights on and begins shouting at him to prevent him from getting to sleep.