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Letter received on behalf of a domestic abuse Campaign (Mr R)

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Dear Mr R,

Thank you for your email of 18 December 2016 to Brandon Lewis MP regarding the Government's response to male victims of domestic violence and abuse. As I am sure you can appreciate, the Minister receives a large amount of correspondence and is unable to reply personally to each item received. Your email has therefore been passed to Direct Communications Unit at the Home Office and I have been asked to reply.

The Government recognises that women are disproportionately affected by domestic abuse which is why our approach is framed within a violence against women and girls strategy. However, the Government is also clear that men can be victims of domestic abuse and I would like to reassure you that we are committed to supporting all victims of domestic violence and abuse, and to bringing all perpetrators to justice, regardless of gender.

The strategy set out an ambitious programme of reform to help ensure that by the end of this Parliament no victim of abuse is turned away from the support they need, while services are transformed to support early intervention – stopping violence before it happens, preventing abusive behaviour from becoming entrenched, stopping perpetrators moving from one victim to the next and bringing more perpetrators to justice.

To achieve these goals, the Government has pledged funding of £80 million between 2016 and 2020 for domestic abuse services. This funding will support core services, as well as a network of rape support centres and national helplines, including the Men's Advice Line.

From 2017, this increased funding will also support the launch of a dedicated Service Transformation Fund to support, promote and embed the best local practice and drive major change across all services so that early intervention and prevention, not crisis response, is the norm. Our support to promote effective local commissioning will focus on ensuring the needs of all victims, regardless of gender, are met.

Thank you for writing on such an important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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