

Press release

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### **ManKind comments on Kelly Brook**

Commenting on the revelation that actress/model, Kelly Brook hit two of her former boyfriends, Mark Brooks, the charity's chairman, said:

"I am extremely disappointed that there is no public backlash against the actions of Ms Brook as if the genders were reversed then their rightly would be. It would then lead the news agenda, politicians would be speaking out and social media would be alive with comment. Sadly, because men are the victims there is a deathly silence which shows how far we need to go before all victims of domestic abuse are treated the same."

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**Notes to Editors**

#### **1 About the ManKind Initiative**

The ManKind Initiative ([www.mankind.org.uk](http://www.mankind.org.uk)), based in Taunton, Somerset, is a national charity which runs a help-line, information and referral service for male victims of domestic abuse and domestic violence. The help-line number is 01823 334244 (weekdays 10am-4pm and 7pm-9pm).

It received 1,500 calls from male victims (or from people on behalf of victims – often mothers and sisters) in 2012, an increase from 1,000 in 2011.

#### **Media**

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