

Press Release

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## **Landmark domestic abuse prosecution shows how men are victims of controlling and coercive behaviour too**

Following the prosecution of Jordan Worth for seven and half years after pleading guilty to controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate relationship, wounding with intent and causing grievous bodily harm with intent, **Mark Brooks, Chairman of the ManKind Initiative, a national charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse, said:**

“This is the first high profile prosecution where the new laws on coercive and controlling behaviour have applied to a male victim which makes it a real landmark case. The terrible ordeal this young man went through once more sends a clear message that domestic abuse is a crime that affects both men and women as victims. We sincerely hope that he receives the support he needs to get his life on track.

“Given that he was rescued due to the clear thinking and actions of his neighbours who called the police, it shows how when it comes to domestic abuse everyone has to look out for men in the same way they rightly do for women who they believe are victims.”

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**Notes to Editors**

**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).

It received 1,500 calls from male victims (or from people on behalf of victims – often mothers and sisters) every year.

## **Media**

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