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Mr Tim Passmore  
Police & Crime Commissioner for Suffolk  
Police Headquarters  
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Dear Police and Crime Commissioner

**Re: Domestic Violence Support Contract**

I am writing on behalf of The ManKind Initiative charity which supports male victims of domestic abuse across the UK to thank you for ensuring that you made funding available for male victims services from the recent government grant.

Our charity is actively trying to raise the voice of male victims with Police and Crime Commissioners to ensure they are not forgotten when it comes to service provision especially given that one in five victims who report to the police are male – albeit this hides the large volume of underreporting (men are twice as likely not to tell the police they a victim than female victims are – however there is too much underreporting from both genders).

With regard to the provision of services contract that you have put out to tender, could I urge that as part of the assessment process that you ensure the successful service is able to, and will, provide support for male victims in the same way they rightly would for female victims in the county. The ManKind Initiative will not be applying.

Lastly, I will be through social media urge any male victims in Suffolk to take part in the research you are conducting with University Campus Suffolk as this is a really important project and one you should be congratulated for in creating and supporting.

Thank you again for making funds available for male victims and ensuring their voices are heard in the county and that there is support for them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M J Brooks".

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