

Press release

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Statement on Peter Hook Revelations

In the wake of the revelations that musician Peter Hook was a victim of domestic abuse, **Mark Brooks, chairman of the ManKind Initiative, said;** “It is very rare yet welcome when a well-known public figure like Peter Hook speaks about being a male victim of domestic violence. This whole area remains one of Britain’s great last taboo subjects.”

“Many men do not recognise that they are a victim and when they do they fear that they won’t be taken seriously and feel a sense of shame.

“Somebody of Peter Hook’s stature coming forward will make a huge difference in not only giving men the confidence to come forward but it will also open society’s eyes to the fact that men as well as women are the victims of domestic abuse.”

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Notes to Editors

About the ManKind Initiative

The ManKind Initiative (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 1,400 calls from male victims (or from people on behalf of victims – often mothers and sisters) every year.

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