



Press Release

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## **National charity hails Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service for opening new refuge**

Following the announcement today that Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service has opened a new refuge for male victims in the county **Mark Brooks, Chair of the ManKind Initiative, a national charity support male victims**, said “We are delighted that Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service has opened this refuge. It shows they are a forward thinking and inclusive organisation. It will provide a much-needed safe space for men to escape to and start rebuilding their lives especially as there is no other similar place in the area. We hope that neighbouring counties and services follow their lead. “

Information about the service can be found here: <http://ndas.co/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/NDAS-Inserts-Latest-PRINT.-Male-refuge-redone.pdf>

There are currently 99 spaces for men run by 24 organisations – 28 places are dedicated for men and 71 can either be more men or women. This is before the new spaces in Northamptonshire are added. The nearest to Northampton is Birmingham, Derby or Essex.

In 2016, 1707 men and 5030 women reported to Northamptonshire Police that they were victims of domestic abuse.

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Notes to Editors

About the ManKind Initiative

The ManKind Initiative ([www.mankind.org.uk](http://www.mankind.org.uk)), is a national charity which runs a help-line, information and referral service for male victims of domestic abuse and domestic violence. It receives 1,800 calls every year from men s (or from people on behalf of victims – often mothers and sisters seeking help).

It created the award winning #violenceisviolence social experiment highlight society's double standards when it comes to domestic abuse against men:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3PgH86OyEM>

### Statistics

- The Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) estimated that 26% of women and 15% of men aged 16 to 59 had experienced some form of domestic abuse since the age of 16, equivalent to an estimated 4.3 million female and 2.4 million male victims, according to the year ending March 2017 CSEW.
- An estimated 7.5% of women (1.2 million) and 4.3% of men (713,000) experienced domestic abuse in the last year.

Source: <http://bit.ly/2nXfpTC>

### Further Information

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