

Press Release

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ManKind Initiative supports Alex Skeel's in his call for men to get help and believe they can escape

Call 01823 334244 (www.mankind.org.uk) if men want support

Following the sentencing of Jordan Worth this week for seven and half years for domestic abuse against her partner and survivor Alex Skeel, he has stated that

- “I just want to use my situation to help other people who are going through a similar ordeal to show them you can get through it”, and,
- “You're far more of a person if you speak out. You're only going to get better if you talk about it.”

Mark Brooks, Chairman of the ManKind Initiative, a national charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse, said: “It is vital that men who are suffering in the same way that Alex did come forward to the police, their GP, speak to helplines and trusted friends and family to find a way of escaping. Brave Alex shows that you can get through this, that people will listen to you, will believe you and will support you.

“Men are far less likely than women to speak to someone about domestic abuse and we really hope that Alex's message gives men the strength, knowledge and hope that they can escape and rebuild their life. Not enough women come forward either but more men are reluctant to do so and as society we need to change that for all victims -- far too many are suffering in silence behind their front door.”

Male victims (39%) are over three times as likely as women (12%) not to tell anyone about the partner abuse they are suffering from. Only 10% of male victims will tell the police (26% women), only 23% will tell a person in an official position (43% women) and only 11% (23% women) will tell a health professional.

Source: ONS BCS Focus on Violent Crime and Sexual Offences 2014/15 <http://bit.ly/1p8CGI0>
Table 4.28 on Appendix Table: <http://bit.ly/1M1diC5>

For more statistics on male victims of domestic abuse, please visit:
<http://www.mankind.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/35-Key-Facts-Male-Victims-March-2018.pdf>

Male victims, and those who want information on behalf of male victims can call 01823 334244 (weekdays 10am-4pm) and visit our website www.mankind.org.uk for more information. The charity receives 1,800 calls from male victims (or from people on behalf of victims – often mothers and sisters) every year.

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The ManKind Initiative (www.mankind.org.uk), based in Taunton, Somerset, is the first charity in Britain to support male victims (since 2001) is a national charity which runs a help-line, information and listening service for male victims of domestic abuse and domestic violence. The help-line number is 01823 334244 (weekdays 10am-4pm)

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