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Kent Musician composes fundraising song to help male victims of domestic abuse recognise they're not alone.

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Maidstone resident, Clive Lever has composed a song "You're Not Alone" to raise awareness of male victims of domestic abuse, to encourage them to get help and to raise funds for the ManKind Initiative helpline. He has performed and recorded it in collaboration with Bud Martin, a long-term friend and musical collaborator.

The song can be downloaded via Virgin Money Giving at this website and a request for a donation to the charity's helpline is asked for in return.

The song's title derives from the charity's core message "You are not to blame, You are not weak, You are not alone" alongside the Government's anti-domestic campaign – "You are not alone"

Clive is an honorary patron of the charity and is dedicated to ensuring the voices of male victims are heard and are better supported, whilst recognising that male and female victims alike need and deserve the same high standard of support.

Clive Lever, said: "It's a pleasure to use music, which I love, to support male victims of domestic abuse, who are too often forgotten, or whose existence is too often actively denied.

"I want to give those men hope, especially as so many during lockdown will have suffered behind their front doors and not knowing who to turn to and how to escape. Men can and do escape from domestic abuse and this is the message I hope this song helps them hear."

Mark Brooks, Chair of the ManKind Initiative, said: “Clive’s song is a real inspiration. It gives a clear message to men that they are not alone and importantly that they can reach out for help and leave. Any money raised because of this song will be used to continue to fund our helpline which solely relies on donations from the public.”

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Notes to Editors:

(1) The ManKind Initiative (www.mankind.org.uk) is the leading national charity which runs a help-line providing, practical information and emotional support for male victims of domestic abuse and domestic violence. The help-line number is 01823 334244 (weekdays 10am-4pm) which relies on public donations. It also runs an accredited training course, a national conference and a national services directory.

(2) Key facts about male victims of domestic abuse can be found at:

<https://www.mankind.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/50-Key-Facts-about-Male-Victims-of-Domestic-Abuse-and-Partner-Abuse-March-2020-final.pdf>

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