

ManKind Initiative 

National Conference on male victims of domestic abuse

8th annual conference on supporting male victims of domestic abuse

Tuesday 17 November (9.30 -12.30) and Wednesday 18 November (9.30-12.30): Online (Zoom)

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We are a national charity (based in Taunton) and established by both men and women nearly 20 years ago becoming the first charity in Great Britain to support male victims of domestic abuse. Since 2001, we have been at the forefront of providing services, support and campaigning for male victims ensuring that they (and their children) receive the support they need.

We are gender inclusive in our approach to services and believe that all victims should receive support based on risk and need regardless of gender. We do not advocate removing any services or funding from women, only the addition of equitable services for men.

We provide a range of services directly to men including an anonymous national helpline that anyone from the UK can call us (01823 334244). On average, we receive 2,500 victim calls per year. We also receive calls from people on behalf of men including from mothers, sisters and daughters.

We help other organisations to support to men through our Domestic Abuse Support Service ([MIDASS](#)) which includes:

- [Online CPD Accredited Training](#)
- [Online CPD Accredited E-Learning Course](#)
- [Pattern Changing Course](#) for Male Victims
- [Presentations and Conference Speakers](#)
- [Domestic Homicide Reviews](#)
- [Communications and Campaigns Support](#)
- [Support for Employers](#) (Policies and Communications Reviews)

We also run the [Male Domestic Abuse Network](#) for practitioners and professionals which also includes a national directory of services including information on safe house/refuge provision.

We also give male victims a public voice by campaigning for them, taking part in policy consultations, and, sitting on statutory/sector led committees and bodies. This includes our award winning [#violenceisviolence campaign video](#) and regularly featuring in the media.

Training: For details about our training support, please email training@mankind.org.uk or visit [MIDASS](#).



“Supporting Male Victims of Domestic Abuse”

Day 1: 17th November 2020 (09.30 – 12.30)

Session 1 (09.30 – 11.05)

Arrivals and Registration (09.00 – 09.30)		
9.30 - 09.40	Mark Brooks OBE Chair (The Mankind Initiative)	Welcome, housekeeping and key statistics
9.45 – 10.25	Dr Ben Hine Senior Lecturer in Psychology (University of West London)	Analysis of research on male victims presenting to frontline services <i>(Presentation)</i>
10.25 – 11.05	Dr Elizabeth A Bates Senior Lecturer in Psychology (University of Cumbria)	“Things got a whole lot worse after the breakup”: How men's experience of abuse can continue post-separation. <i>(Presentation)</i>
Coffee (11.05 – 11.15)		

Session 2 (11.15 – 12.30)

<i>Trigger warning: Please be aware you may find some of the content discussed upsetting.</i>		
11.15 – 12.00	Paul, Robert and Tony	Male survivors and their experiences (Q&As) <i>(Discussion)</i>
12.00 – 12.30	A mother, and, an ex-partner	The experiences of two women affected by a male victim of domestic abuse. <i>(Discussion)</i>
12.30	Conclusion	

Optional Post Conference Session: Demonstration of newly launched ME Learning/ManKind Initiative E-Learning Course - Supporting Male Victims of Domestic Abuse (20 minutes)

Day 2: 18th November 2020 (09.30 – 12.30)

Session 3 (09.30 – 11.05)

Arrivals and Registration (09.00 – 09.30)		
9.30 – 9.35	Introduction: Mark Brooks	Welcome and housekeeping
9.35 – 10.15	Vesta Ryng Managing Director (Phoenix WoMen's Aid)	Running and funding a refuge/safe house for male victims. <i>(Discussion)</i>
10.15 – 11.05	Mark Grimes IDVA, Development Manager (Liberty Centre) Andy Rodwell IDVA, Male Advocate/ Development Manager (Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services)	Experiences of supporting male victims from practitioners on the frontline. <i>(Discussion)</i>
Coffee (11.05 – 11.15)		

Session 4 (11.15– 12.30)

11.15 - 11.40	Marilyn Selwood IDVA, Services Associate (The ManKind Initiative)	Pattern Changing Online – How it works and how it supports male victims. <i>(Presentation)</i>
11.40 – 12.10	Lori Busch IDVA, Charity Manager (The ManKind Initiative)	National Standards on Supporting Male Victims and Male Domestic Abuse Network <i>(Presentation)</i>
12.10 – 12.25	Mark Brooks OBE, Chair (The ManKind Initiative)	Ideas and tips on running communication campaigns <i>(Presentation)</i>
12.20 -12.30	Conclusion	
Finish		

Outro: Clive Lever (Hon Patron and Ambassador) "[You're Not Alone](#)"

The programme can be subject to change

Speaker Biographies

(not all are listed due to confidentiality)

(1) Mark Brooks OBE, Chair (The ManKind Initiative)

Mark Brooks has been chairman of trustees of the ManKind Initiative for twelve years. He is a senior marketing and communications professional in the charity sector and a qualified domestic abuse services manager.

His key areas of interest are applying equalities policy and communicating to male victims. He regularly appears in the media commentating on the plight of male victims of domestic abuse and male equality issues more widely. He is one of the organisers of International Men's Day in the UK (www.ukmensday.org.uk) and a co-founder of the Men and Boys Coalition charity (www.menandboyscoalition.org.uk) – a group of charities, academics and professionals raising the profile of issues affecting the wellbeing of men and boys. He has stood for Parliament in 2019 and received an OBE for male victims of domestic abuse in the 2019 New Year Honours List.

Website: www.mark-brooks.co.uk and Twitter: @belvederebrooks

(2) Dr Ben Hine, [Senior Lecturer in Psychology](#), (University of West London)

After completing a BSc in Psychology at Royal Holloway, University of London in 2010, Ben went on to complete his PhD at the same institution between 2010 and 2013. His PhD thesis examined the gender-typing of prosocial behaviour across childhood and adolescence, in an attempt to challenge the assumption within the literature that girls were 'more' prosocial than boys. In fact, the body of work produced from his thesis suggested that, when given a greater variety of prosocial actions to judge, children and adolescents actually gender-type some prosocial behaviours as masculine (i.e., providing physical assistance) and that boys may only display prosociality in a way that still allows them to maintain a masculine identity.

Since joining the psychology department at UWL in 2014, Ben have engaged in a number of projects in the area of applied gender psychology. For example, in collaboration with colleague Dr Anthony Murphy, he has explored the manifestation of gender within the criminal justice system, specifically the impact of rape myths in the progression of female and male cases through the criminal justice system. This includes a large-scale project assessing police officers' beliefs and judgements, and an upcoming project examining rape case data in collaboration with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC). His other interests include exploring stereotypes around domestic abuse (specifically male victims) and representations of gender in the media (e.g., in Disney movies).

He is also a co-founder of the Men and Boys coalition (<http://www.menandboyscoalition.org.uk>), a network of organisations, academics, journalists, professionals and leaders committed to highlighting and taking action on the gender-specific issues that affect men and boys such as the high male suicide rate, the boys educational crisis, and fatherhood.

Website: www.uwl.ac.uk/users/ben-hine and Twitter: @drbahine

(3) Dr Elizabeth A Bates, [Senior Lecturer in Psychology](#) (University of Cumbria)

Dr Bates is a Senior Lecturer in Applied Psychology at the University of Cumbria. She is passionate about evidence based practice within the field of partner violence and highlighting the prevalence and severity of men's victimisation.

Her current research focuses on male victims of female perpetrated intimate partner violence and experience of controlling behaviour within relationships. Her previous research has highlighted the frequency of women's aggression and controlling behaviour towards their male partners as well as exploring the often overlooked issue of bidirectional violence.

Website: <https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/academic-staff/all-staff-members/dr-elizabeth-a-bates.php> and *Twitter:* @DrLizBates

(4) Paul Chivers

Paul is an IT teacher from Swindon and has a daughter. He was a victim of domestic abuse throughout his marriage. His wife was sentenced to 16 months in prison in April 2015.

He is now a trustee, ambassador and Hon. Patron of the charity.

(5) Robert Wells, Founder, [Domestic Abuse Business Support](#)

Robert is the founder and director of Domestic Abuse Business Support ([DABS](#)). This aims to help to support and protect employees, (regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity or social and workplace position) and the businesses that they work for, against the very real threat, of domestic abuse in the workplace.

Robert is a domestic abuse survivor, published author, business mentor, life coach, passionate public speaker, and, army veteran.

"I never thought that I could become a victim of this terrible crime, however, I now know that we're all at risk, as are the businesses that employ us. I was deliberately targeted at work by my abuser. As a result, I have a detailed understanding of the traumatic affect that this can have.

Website: <https://www.d-a-b-s.co.uk/> and *Twitter:* @DABSupport

(6) Vesta Ryng, Managing Director ([Phoenix WoMen's Aid](#))

As a survivor of Domestic Abuse and after studying social policy at degree level in the mid 90s, Vesta became aware of Domestic Abuse services for women and became involved in that field of work in 1999. It was during her time at Doncaster Women's Aid that she directly supported all victims. This included males that approached the service who were struggling to be believed, were embarrassed about the abuse, had no one to talk to, nowhere to go and needed support.

In the first instance it seemed simply a matter of signposting them to male victim services but the clients would come back and say that no one was picking up the phone or that the services weren't getting back to them.

Many would return, or not leave, because of the children, the family pets, the loss of job if they moved out of area as they would lose their job if they moved (Male refuges didn't exist

in the North, back then). 20 years on, with Phoenix WoMen's Aid, Doncaster has now got dedicated provision for male victims with 2 men and boys' refuges and 3 self-contained flats.

(7) Mark Grimes IDVA, Development Manager ([Liberty Centre](#))

I am the development Manager and qualified Independent domestic violence advisor (IDVA) at the Liberty Centre in West Lancashire, I have worked there for the last 3 year. The majority of my work is supporting male victims and survivors of abuse. I have supported males for over 20 years in various roles both in the UK and in New Zealand. My background is in children's services and in the voluntary sector.

(8) Andy Rodwell IDVA, Male Advocate/ Development Manager ([Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services](#))

While previously working in the entertainment industry for 2 decades, I also lived an unconventional life in a 'commune' for 10 years, where I became increasingly uncomfortable with the levels and methods of control, and what I have later learned to be routine serious abuse.

After leaving this group, I completed a degree in Behavioural Studies, followed by post-grads in Psychology and Anti-Social Behaviour Management. I then worked for Norwich City Council for 14 years dealing with neighbourhood management issues. During my time with the council, I became a domestic abuse champion, and became increasingly conscious of the impact of domestic conflict in my general caseload.

Following a restructure, I ended up working for Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse services around 2 years ago. I currently work exclusively with Males who have been referred as 'High Risk', and I also answer an 'Advice and Support' line for men who wish to speak either when in distress or for more casual advice and support.

(9) Marilyn Selwood IDVA, Services Associate ([The ManKind Initiative](#))

Marilyn Selwood has been involved in Domestic Abuse services for over 15 years. She began by working with the local DA outreach service and Avon & Somerset Police to create a survivor group (SEEDS) with funding from The Evaluation Trust. Marilyn delivered training and presentations to organisations such as Yarlinton Housing Association, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service, Avon & Somerset Police, CPS and Somerset County Council. Marilyn worked with GOSW (Government Office of the South West) as a survivor voice for the VAWG strategy.

Marilyn went on to become an IDVA and then progressed to be a manager for the commissioned Integrated Domestic Abuse Service in Somerset managing IDVAs, outreach workers, referral coordinators and refuges. Marilyn was responsible for the delivery of Domestic Abuse Awareness Training throughout Somerset and sat on various forums and strategic panels such as the MARAC Steering Group. She completed the SafeLives Specialist Service Managers qualification in 2015.

Marilyn is a member of the Avon & Somerset Police Independent Advisory Group as a specialist critical friend for the force. She also volunteers as an Appropriate Adult for the Youth Offending Team.

At the beginning of July 2017 Marilyn joined The ManKind Initiative as Service Associate and is focusing on [delivering ManKind's CPD accredited training](#) and support.

Follow Marilyn on Twitter: @marilynselwood1

(10) Lori Busch IDVA, Charity Manager ([The ManKind Initiative](#))

Lori Busch has experience supporting domestic abuse victims going back 30 years. She has been directly involved with supporting domestic abuse victims and their families in the UK for over 10 years and completed her IDVA training in 2015.

Lori is responsible for raising awareness of the needs of male victims of domestic abuse. She does this through presentations, workshops and training to both statutory and voluntary agencies across the country. She is also a member of several advisory groups ensuring voices of male victim experiences are heard.

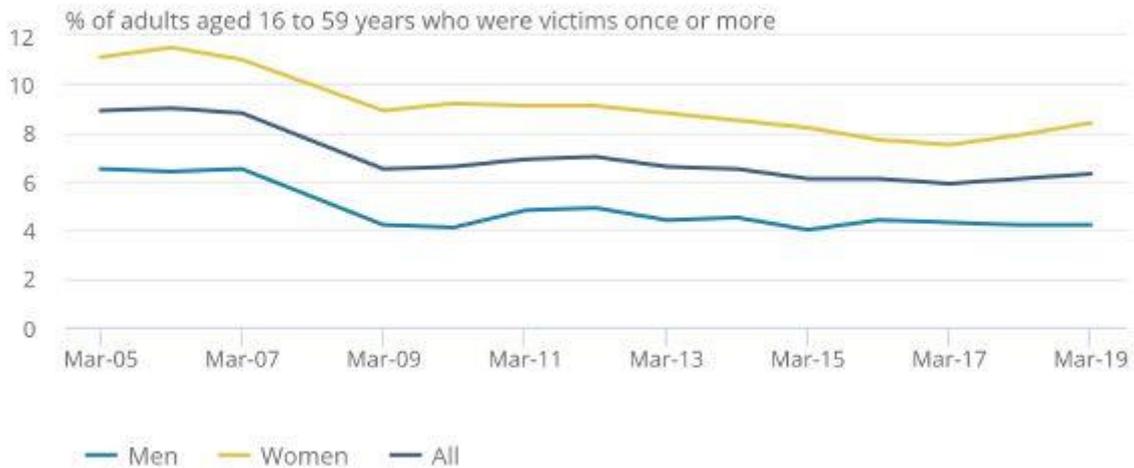
She is also responsible for the operation of our Helpline as well as staff and volunteer training. In addition Lori offers assistance to other organisations who wish to set up new services for male victims.

Male victims of domestic abuse and partner abuse:
[50 key facts](#)

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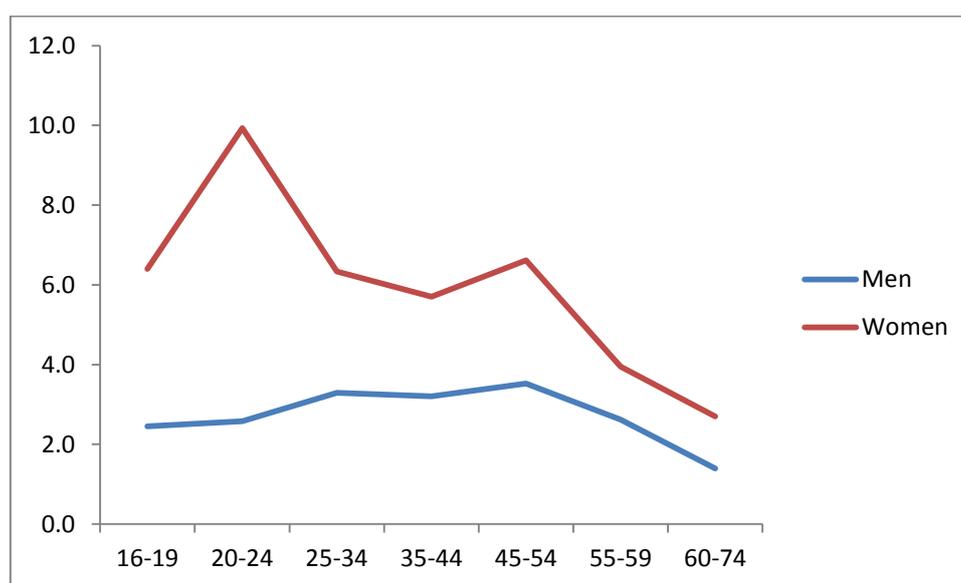
- (1) 13.6% of men and 28.4% of women and aged 16 to 74 have experienced some form of domestic abuse since the age of 16 (2017/18), equivalent to an estimated 2.9 million male victims and 6 million female. **For every three victims of domestic abuse, two will be female, one will be male.** One in four women and one in six to seven men suffer from domestic abuse in their lifetime.
- (2) 3.8% of men (786,000) and 7.5% of women (1.6 million) were victims of domestic abuse in 2018/19 equating to a ratio of two female victims to every one male victim. **For every three victims of domestic abuse, two will be female, one will be male.**

The difference between the prevalence of domestic abuse for men and women is at its lowest since the year ending March 2005. The 3.7 percentage point difference between men and women in the year ending March 2019 compares with a peak difference of 5.1 percentage points in the year ending March 2010.



- (3) In 2018/19, 9.2% of men (equivalent to 2.1 million men) and 21.6% of women (5.3 million women) said they had experienced partner abuse (non-sexual) since the age of 16. **For every three victims of domestic abuse, two will be female, one will be male.**
- (4) In 2018/19, 2.5% of men (equivalent to 516,000) and 4.8% of women (equivalent to 1 million) experienced partner abuse (non-sexual). **For every three victims of partner abuse, two will be female and one will be male.**
- (5) **There has been a significant fall in partner abuse for both men and women over the past 14 years for victims between 16 and 59.** The percentage of men stating they experienced partner abuse in 2004/05 was 4.6% (752,000) and in 2018/19, it was 2.5% (514,000). For women, the fall was from 8.6% (1.333 million) to 5.4% (1 million).
- (6) In 2018/19, domestic stalking by a partner/ex-partner was experienced by 0.6% (111,000) of men and 1.7% of women (279,000). Since the age of 16, the figures were 3.0% men (621,000) and 9.8% women (2.1 million). **For every four victims of stalking, three will be female and one will be male.** For male victims of stalking, 32% of the perpetrators have been current or ex partners (since the age of 16). For women 45% of the perpetrators have been current or ex partners.

- (7) In 2018/19, 1.0% of men and 1.3% of women were victims of force at the hands of their partner. **This is near parity.** Since the age of 16, the figures were 6.4% of men and 15.8% of women.
- (8) In 2018/19, since the age of 16, 0.5% of men (103,000) and 6.3% (1.5 million) of women had been sexually assaulted (including attempts) by a partner.
- (9) Whilst broadly speaking younger people are more likely to be a victim of partner abuse, there is a peak in the 45-54 age range for men and women. In 2018/19, 3.5% of men and 6.6% of women stated they were victims of partner abuse in that age range.



- (10) The percentage of gay men (3.2%) or bi-sexual men (3.3%) who suffered partner abuse in 2018/19 is more than for heterosexual men (2.8%). Lesbian women (7.6%) and bisexual women (9.1%) as a percentage also suffered far more partner abuse compared to heterosexual women (5.6%)
- (11) Men who are separated or divorced are more likely to suffer partner abuse than those who are married. 7.5% of divorced men (14% women) and 12.3% separated men (18.1% women) suffered partner abuse in 2018/19 while only 1.6% of married men (2.3% married women) did. For cohabiting men, the figures were 4.1% and 6.3% for women.
- (12) There is no clear distinct pattern regarding male victims and their occupation. For men in management, 2.8% said they suffered from partner abuse in 2018/19 (4.4% women) as did 2.7% of men (4.2% women) who had never worked/long-term unemployed and 1.4% students (8.3% women).
- (13) Men and women who are disabled are more likely to be a victim of partner abuse than those who not disabled. 4.3% of men (10% women) with a long-term illness or disability were victims of partner abuse in 2018/19 compared to those with no long-term illness or disabilities, the figures are 2.5% men (4.9% women).
- (14) The highest region for partner abuse in 2018/19 was the West Midlands for both men (4.2%) and women (6.4%).
- (15) 12% of men and 15% of women who were victims of partner abuse suffered three or more incidents in 14/15. 1% of men had suffered 50 or more incidents as had 2% of female victims.
- (16) Of those that suffered from partner abuse once or more in 17/18, 45.7% of male victims had suffered from force (28% of women), 2.9% of male victims had suffered from sexual assault (6.2% women) and 18.1% suffered from stalking (23.4% women).

- (17) In 2017/18, of those that suffered from partner abuse 32% men and 23% of women suffered a physical injury, 2.1% of men (3.4% women) suffered from severe bruising or bleeding, whilst more men (4.3%) suffered from internal injuries or broken bones/teeth (0.4% women).
- (18) In 2017/18, 41% of men who suffer partner abuse have emotional and mental problems (52% women).
- (19) In 2017/18, 11% of male victims of partner abuse (7.2% women) had tried to take their own lives.

England and Wales	Adults aged 16 to 59		
	Men	Women	All
	Percentage		
Any physical injury	31.8	22.7	25.5
Minor bruising or black eye	19.4	17.3	18.0
Scratches	17.1	8.7	11.3
Severe bruising or bleeding from cuts	2.1	3.4	3.0
Internal injuries or broken bones/teeth	4.3	0.4	1.6
Any other physical injury (including poisoning)	1.1	4.0	3.1
Other effects	47.5	55.8	53.3
Mental or emotional problems	41.2	52.4	48.9
Stopped trusting people/difficulty in other relationships	20.8	26.1	24.5
Tried to kill self	11.0	7.2	8.4
Other effect (including becoming pregnant or contracting a disease)	0.5	1.0	0.9
Unweighted base - number of adults ²	122	319	441

- (20) Of those seeking medical attention because of partner abuse in 17/18, 26.4% were male (73.6% female).
- (21) Nearly half of male victims fail to tell anyone they are a victim of domestic abuse (only 51% tell anyone). They are nearly three times less likely to tell anyone than a female victim (49% of men tell no one as opposed to 19% women). This has worsened since 2015/16 where the figures were 61% for men (88% women).

What has changed is that men and women are less likely to tell someone they know personally (fall from 55% in 2014/15 for men to 44%). More men though are likely to tell the police (26.1% from 23%) whilst there has been a big fall in the numbers of women telling the police (33.4% now when in 14/15 it was 43%). It still means that though that only 1 in 6 men (15%) will tell the police they are a victim.

Only 10.7% of men will tell a health professional (20.8% women).

Who victim had told personally about the partner abuse experienced in the last 12 months, by sex, year ending March 2018 (figures in brackets are 2014/15)

England and Wales	Adults aged 16 to 59		
	Men	Women	All
	Percentage		
Told anyone	50.8 (61)	81.3 (88%)	72.4 (81)
Told someone known personally	43.7 (55)	73.5 (80)	64.8 (73)
Family or a relative	25.3 (44)	46.2 (59)	40.1 (55)
Friend or a neighbour	31.6 (28)	53.3 (43)	47.0 (39)
Work colleague	13.6 (17)	11.0 (17)	11.8 (17)
Told someone in an official position	26.1 (23)	33.4 (43)	31.2 (37)
Police	14.7 (10)	18.4 (26)	17.3 (21)
Health professionals	10.7 (11)	20.8 (23)	17.7 (19)
Lawyer, solicitor or other legal professional	5.5 (4)	6.9 (6)	6.5 (5)
Local council department	6.6(0)	4.7 (1)	5.3 (1)
Other government agency	0.6 (6%)	1.8 (9)	1.5 (8)
Told other support professional or organisation	24.1 (14)	34.2 (32)	31.1 (27)
Counsellor or therapist	19.6 (11)	24.2 (22)	22.8 (19)
Victim support	2.5 (3)	10.8 (7)	8.3 (6)
Helpline	4.7 (2)	5.9 (4)	5.5 (3)
Specialist support service	1.2 (1)	7.3 (6)	5.5 (4)
Told somebody else or another organisation	3.2 (5)	5.1 (5)	4.5 (5)

(22) The number of women convicted of perpetrating domestic abuse has increased six fold since 04/05. It has increased from 806 in 04/05 to 4,599 in 2018/19 (74% conviction rate). In 2018/19, 55,486 men were convicted (77% conviction rate). The highest figures were in 15/16 with 5,641 women and 69,675 men convicted.

- (23) In 17/18, 16 men died at the hands of their partner or ex-partner compared to 80 women (certainly not two women per week)

England and Wales

	Apr '07 to Mar '08	Apr '08 to Mar '09	Apr '09 to Mar '10	Apr '10 to Mar '11	Apr '11 to Mar '12 ²	Apr '12 to Mar '13	Apr '13 to Mar '14	Apr '14 to Mar '15 ³	Apr '15 to Mar '16 ^{4,5}	Apr '16 to Mar '17 ⁵	Apr '17 to Mar '18 ⁵	Apr '18 to Mar '19 ⁶
	Number											
Male victims												
Victim acquainted with suspect												
Partner/ex-partner ⁷	25	23	11	15	9	13	16	11	16	13	9	16
Female victims												
Victim acquainted with suspect												
Partner/ex-partner ⁷	80	101	95	98	87	79	85	83	75	79	63	80

- (24) One in every five victims of forced marriage is a man (21%).
- (25) The average male victim calling the ManKind Initiative helpline is 42, is 5ft 9in tall and weighs 13st. The average female perpetrator is 40, is 5ft 4in tall and weighs 10st 7lb.
- (26) Currently, there are 37 organisations with 204 Spaces with only 40 of those places are dedicated for men. Many parts of the UK have no or limited places at all – for instance London has no spaces. There has been an increase as in February 2016, the figures were 18 organisations with c70 spaces, of which 24 were dedicated to male DV victims only. At a snap shot review on 26 March 2018, of the 102 places available at that time, there were only 10 spaces anywhere in the UK. Further research of four refuge providers in January 2018 showed men were travelling an average of 160 miles to access safe accommodation.
- There are 269 refuge service providers in England providing 3,649 bed spaces across the country and sanctuary for many of the “12,000 women and their 12,000 children” who are forced to flee their homes each year due to domestic violence.
- (27) 13% of men (61% women) who are rough sleepers is due to partner abuse (85% of all rough sleepers are male). Due to the gender proportions of rough sleepers, this means as many men (in volume terms) sleep rough due to partner abuse as women.
- (28) On at least 120 occasions in 2010, a caller decided not to accept refuge or safe house accommodation because they were too far away and would mean having to completely uproot their lives, often having to leave their children and their job behind.
- (29) The NSPCC reported that 18% of boys and 25% of girls had been victims of physical violence at the hands of their girlfriend or boyfriend. 4% of boys had been victims of severe physical violence (11% of girls).
- (30) In 2013/14, on average high-risk victims live with domestic abuse for 2.6 years before getting help (men who call the ManKind Initiative helpline have suffered for an average of 6 years).

(31) Men don't leave abusive relationships for various reasons – the top 10 reasons being:

- concern about the children (89%), marriage for life (81%)
- love (71%)
- the fear of never seeing their children again (68%),
- a belief she will change (56%),
- not enough money (53%),
- nowhere to go (52%),
- embarrassment (52%),
- not wanting to take kids away from their mother (46%),
- threats that she will kill herself (28%)
- he fears she will kill him (24%).

(32) Young women in a student survey are just as likely to be aggressive towards their partners as men, possibly even more.

(33) In 2018/19, the police reported that 25% of all domestic abuse crimes were committed against a male victim.

(34) In 2018, 174,733 men reported to English and Welsh police forces stating they were a victim of domestic abuse (73,000 in 2012) as did 514,081 women (311,000 in 2012). 25% of all victims who report to the police are male.

(35) One in four victims of revenge porn are male.

(36) Less than 10% (88%/97%) of male victims of partner abuse in Scotland are victims at the hands of a male perpetrator.

	Male Victim	Female Victim
Male Perpetrator	9%	97%
Female Perpetrator	88%	1%

(37) In 2014/15, according to the ONS only 7% of male victims of partner abuse identified a male partner as the perpetrator of their abuse, and of those who provided an answer, 83% (45/54) reported a lone female perpetrator as against 13% (7/54) a lone male perpetrator.

Sex of perpetrator of partner abuse, by sex of victim, year ending March 2015 CSEW

England and Wales	Adults aged 16-59		
	Male	Female	All
	Percentage		
Male	7	59	43
Female	45	2	15
Both male and female	2	1	1
Don't know/can't remember	15	6	9
Don't wish to answer	32	32	32
Unweighted base - number of adults	283	834	1117

- (38) There are c240 organisations providing services to male victims in March 2020. In 2012, the figure was c70.
- (39) 59% of the men who call the ManKind Initiative helpline have never spoken to anyone before about the abuse they are suffering and 70% would not have called if the helpline was not anonymous. 66% have children in their household (2018/19)
- (40) Callers to the ManKind Initiative helpline state they are suffering from these forms

Emotional	95%
Physical	68%
Financial	23%
Sexual	3%
Psychological	41%
Coercive control	13%

- (41) According to police forces who provided information, the last figures available show that in 2017, only 3% of those who used the Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme ("Clare's Law") were men.
- (42) The Office of National Statistics (ONS) reports that male victims (59%) of partner abuse are far more likely (female victims 40%) to perceive what happened to them as **not being** domestic abuse (2014/15).

(43) In a report called: MAKING LEGISLATION WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY FOR VICTIMS by IBB Solicitors, the following information was found: 34% of men stated they had experienced being in a coercive /controlling relationship.

When asked about bullying behaviours, men were just as likely to experience most of the issues asked about. There are a few exceptions where men were more likely to experience the issue than women.

- Monitored or controlled spending, 29% of men vs. 22% of women.
- Suspected partner of spying on you / your activity, 30% of men vs. 23% of women.
- Partner deprived you of or limited your food, 24% of men vs. 11% of women.
- Partner intentionally destroyed possessions or deleted important emails or texts, 27% of men vs. 20% of women.

- Partner hid / took away a phone / tablet / computer, experienced by 24% of men vs. 14% of women

Amongst those who said they had experienced bullying or abusive behaviour, nearly half of men (48%) said they did nothing about it, significantly higher than the figure for women (33%).

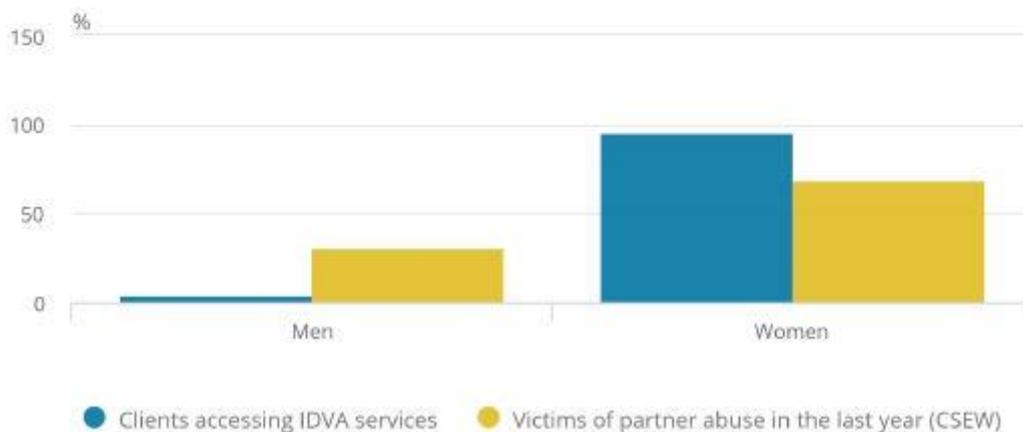
By contrast, women were much more likely to say they had ended the relationship (37%) compared with only 1 in 6 (16%) of men experiencing issues.

- (44) In terms of victims experiencing economic abuse 40% are men (60% women). One in seven men (15%) and one in five women experience financial abuse (21%) A larger proportion reported financial abuse post-separation: one in five men (21%) and one in four women (25%) within the full survey. This might be explained by the fact that financial settlements are often contested when relationships end. Some respondents reported that post-separation their partner kept taking them to court resulting in additional financial costs. Men were more likely to report this (61%) than women (39%).
- (45) Only 4% of victims of partner abuse accessing IDVA services in the year ending March 2018 were men. This is despite the fact that 34% of victims of partner abuse are men, showing more male victims are not accessing IDVA services than female victims.

Year ending March 2018, Insights IDVA data and Crime Survey for England and Wales

Figure 18: Sex of clients accessing Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) services and sex of victims of partner abuse in the last year

Year ending March 2018, Insights IDVA data and Crime Survey for England and Wales



- (46) Only 5% of cases (4,336) discussed at MARACs (high risk victims) involve a male victim even though when it comes to victims of force there is broadly parity between male and female victims (see facts 7 and 17). The figures should therefore broadly reflect a ratio of 2 female (66%) / 1 male (33%).

Cases discussed at multi-agency risk assessment conferences (MARACs), by police force area, region and sex of victim, year ending March 2018¹

England and Wales

Area Name	Number of cases discussed	Male victims		Female victims	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
ENGLAND AND WALES	88,461	4,336	5.0	82,024	95.0

- (47) According to the Victims Support In just over one-fifth of valid cases flagged as domestic abuse-related, the victim was male (21%). This contrasts to the gender breakdown of victims accessing specialist domestic abuse services such as IDVAs and MARACs, where a much smaller proportion of victims were male (4% and 5% respectively).

According to the ONS Report "This could indicate that male victims are less likely to seek out, be aware of or engage with specialist domestic abuse services, or are not signposted to specialist domestic abuse services. Male victims are also deemed less likely to be eligible for these types of support in terms of their risk level, and are therefore dealt with through multi-crime services. The majority of valid multi-crime service cases flagged as domestic abuse-related were referred by the police (95%)."

- (48) British Medical Journal research published in 2019 on the barriers to initial disclosure and help-seeking by male victims of DVA found five key themes. *fear of disclosure, challenge to masculinity, commitment to relationship, diminished confidence/despondency* and the *invisibility perception of services*.
- (49) Only one woman was convicted of coercive and controlling behaviour in 2018 (305 men) which given the numbers of men who are victims of partner abuse shows that the police/CPS are not seeking convictions for this crime regarding female perpetrators.
- (50) Of those sentenced for breaching non-molestation orders, only 5% of women received an immediate custodial sentence (8/157) whilst 15% of men did (380/1590). The average sentence for a woman was 2.9 months and a man was 4.4 months. It would suggest women breaching these orders are treated more leniently than men.

In the family courts about 7% of those applying for non-molestation orders are male and 13% seeking occupation orders are male.

Table 19: Number of domestic violence orders in Family Courts in England & Wales by gender of applicant, year ending March 2012 to the year ending March 2019^{1,2}

England and Wales								
	Apr '11 to Mar '12	Apr '12 to Mar '13	Apr '13 to Mar '14	Apr '14 to Mar '15	Apr '15 to Mar '16	Apr '16 to Mar '17	Apr '17 to Mar '18	Apr '18 to Mar '19
	Number							
Non-molestation orders								
Male	1,004	1,061	1,302	1,463	1,548	1,530	1,827	2,002
Female	17,776	17,909	21,125	21,525	21,131	21,425	23,391	24,597

Unknown	817	676	817	905	950	1,132	1,157	1,269
Occupation orders								
Male	300	287	288	221	261	251	288	293
Female	2,710	2,373	2,395	2,253	2,027	1,964	1,960	1,986
Unknown	75	63	60	62	71	76	65	64

Source: Ministry of Justice

1. Totals in this table may not match other tables on non-molestation orders and occupation orders (and those available in the [Family Court Statistics Quarterly publication](#)). This is because some older domestic violence cases have more than one applicant.

2. Figures may differ to the figures published in previous releases. This is because data on domestic violence orders by gender of applicant are extracted from a live administrative database where data may be amended or received late.

50 Key Facts: Sources

The key ONS reports can be found on this page called Domestic abuse in England and Wales overview: November 2019: <https://bit.ly/3aj64fz>

These reports include:

- Domestic abuse prevalence and trends, England and Wales: year ending March 2019: Report - <https://bit.ly/38f7GWh> and Data - <https://bit.ly/3ajXVrm>
 - Domestic abuse victim characteristics, England and Wales: year ending March 2019: Report - <https://bit.ly/2VyvfXq> and Data - <https://bit.ly/3acxG5Y>
 - Partner abuse in detail, England and Wales: year ending March 2018: Report - <https://bit.ly/38epe4X> and Data - <https://bit.ly/38faSRL>
- (1) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2019 (<https://bit.ly/3cXPfc9>) - Table 1a and 2a
 - (2) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2019 (<https://bit.ly/3cXPfc9>) - Table 1a and 2a
 - (3) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2019 (<https://bit.ly/3cXPfc9>) - Table 1a and 2a
 - (4) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2019 (<https://bit.ly/3cXPfc9>) - Table 1b and 2b
 - (5) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2019 (<https://bit.ly/3cXPfc9>) - Table 1b and 2b and ONS Stalking: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales (year ending March 2019) <https://bit.ly/2TYNYtT> - Table 8
 - (6) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2019 (<https://bit.ly/3cXPfc9>) - Table 1b and 2b

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- (12) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2019 (<https://bit.ly/3cXPfc9>) - Table 6a
- (13) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2019 (<https://bit.ly/3cXPfc9>) - Table 6a
- (14) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2019 (<https://bit.ly/3cXPfc9>) - Table 7a
- (15) ONS BCS Focus on Violent Crime and Sexual Offences 2015/16 <http://bit.ly/2kqolyb> Table 4.15 on <http://bit.ly/2l4azUK>
- (16) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2018 <https://bit.ly/2FY8UYc> Table 13
- (17) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2018 (<https://bit.ly/2FY8UYc>)- Table 14-15
- (18) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2018 (<https://bit.ly/2FY8UYc>) - Table 14-15
- (19) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2018 (<https://bit.ly/2FY8UYc>) - Table 14-15
- (20) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2018 (<https://bit.ly/2FY8UYc>)- Table 16
- (21) ONS domestic abuse: findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales: year ending March 2018 (<https://bit.ly/2FY8UYc>)- Table 24 and 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>
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