



# Men in Scotland: Surviving Domestic Abuse



# The Gender Effect

□ The Gendered Definition of Domestic Abuse -->

-The Public Story-

“Domestic Abuse is perpetrated by men against women”



- The impact on men experiencing domestic abuse →
- Minimisation
- Stigmatisation
- Marginalisation
- Alienation



# Statistics- What We Know

2011-12- **9,569** recorded incidents of Domestic Abuse in Scotland with Male victim- Female Perpetrator

**659** recorded incidents of Domestic Abuse in Scotland with Male victim- Male perpetrator

(Scottish Government 2012)



# Statistics- What We Know

2010/11 Scottish Crime and Justice Survey

Estimated **257,000** men and **403,000** women had experienced domestic abuse from age of 16

Underreporting- **42%** of men and **19%** of women had not told anyone

**9%** of cases with male victim were reported to the police

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# Physical Abuse

“I was engaged to a female who physically abused me...who broke ribs...struck me with a glass...it has actually resulted in me trying to take my own life...which I’m quite ashamed to admit”

“Every time she lifted her hand it broke my heart.”

-Harry



# Emotional Abuse

“My ex-partner, who I have a child to...she’s using the child as a weapon...I would prefer that she actually struck me.”

“...and withdrawing...threatening to withdraw contact, and telling me that my contact was at an absolute minimum now because I will not pay her expenses anymore.” –

- Sam



# Threats

“I can’t take it anymore...and she was now you know...telling me...she was threatening me to...you know...if I’m not giving the money to her...all I’m earning...everything...if I’m not giving her something like that...she’s going to...kick me out...kick me out from this country...”

-Zahir





# Diversity

Asylum Seekers & Refugees

Black Minority Ethnic Men

Disabled Men

Gay, Bisexual and Trans Men

Heterosexual Men

Fathers

Rural Dwellers

Older & Younger Men



# Support

- Someone to talk to;
- More awareness amongst services;
- Housing support;
- Temporary accommodation;
- Friendly court system;
- Help to address child contact concerns;
- Counselling;
- Peer support;
- Confidence building and assertiveness skills.



# Barriers facing Men

- Stigma
- Getting a loved one in trouble
- Effects of domestic abuse
- Children
- Services
- Resources
- False allegations









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