



NOTICE OF PENDING CLOSURE OF CHARITY OPERATIONS

Both Parents Matter Cymru & AEGIS male domestic abuse support services regret to announce the cessation of all operations effective 23.59 on 23rd December 2025.

Having served Wales since 18th December 2009 as specialist support providers for male victims of domestic abuse, our organisation has depended on donations and funding from various sources. Unfortunately, current funding has expired, and, despite considerable efforts, we have not secured financial support for continued operations in 2026 and beyond.

After thorough consideration, the management team and Trustees have made the decision to conclude services from 23.59pm on Tuesday 23rd December 2025. We will notify our clients and associated partners of this development in the coming days.

New Cases:

From Wednesday the 26th of November 2025, we will accept new cases only where we can undertake legal aid assessment and referral to a family law solicitor. Where legal aid is not available, unfortunately, we will be unable to take on further cases due to limited capacity and the necessity to maintain safe workloads for existing clients. IDVA/ISVA support for new clients will also cease from 26th November 2025.

From Monday 15th December 2025 we will no longer take any Legal aid cases on either to ensure we can manage the case loads we have before 23rd December 2025.

Effective 23.59 on 23rd December 2025, we will no longer provide advice or guidance to clients, and the charity will discontinue its operations.

Throughout the years, our management team—Paul, Nick, and Sharan—have diligently supported male victims of abuse, attended court proceedings with clients, facilitated group meetings both in-person and online, and coordinated Buddy events for fathers and children seeking emotional support. The services provided by our charity have been unique within Wales and England.

We extend our gratitude and best wishes to all clients for their future endeavours. Our commitment has always been to support and advocate for those who needed us most.

Both Parents Matter Cymru has consistently supported an average of over 700 new cases annually in Wales, excluding past client engagements. We are proud of the positive outcomes achieved through our charity, including holding abusers accountable and providing emotional assistance via our Buddy scheme and organised family activities.

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Our Staff:

The charity employs three case advisors, each Safelives IDVA trained and accredited, with Nick additionally Safelives ISVA trained and accredited. Their dedication and professionalism have greatly benefited our clients. Although all team members—Paul, Nick, and Sharan—are contracted part-time, they work full-time hours, driven by commitment rather than compensation.

Our volunteers have played an invaluable role in supporting the charity and its Buddy scheme, and we express our sincere appreciation to each of them for their service to fathers and families.

We anticipate that, beginning 1st January 2026, there will be a significant gap in support services for male victims of abuse, particularly concerning access to legal aid letters. We have frequently received referrals from England due to our expertise in this area.

To our funders, your support has enabled the charity to assist and safeguard over 8,000 men in Wales alone. Your grants have made an important difference for fathers and families.

To the solicitors with whom we have collaborated, we thank you for your commitment to supporting male victims of abuse.

While this closure is regrettable, we wish all stakeholders and clients continued success in future matters.

Latest statistics for 2024 /2025 for Male victims of Abuse:

Male MARAC stats year ending march 2025

This is where a Man has been taken by us or others to MARAC conference with other agencies, such as Police, NHS, Housing, Children services and other professionals where danger to a male victims life is Present.

8068 total Marac cases for male victims of abuse, year ending March 2025 across England and Wales.



For Wales only the stats are below:

<u>FORCE</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>MALE VICTIMS</u>
Dyfed Police	222 Male victims taken to Marac	
Gwent police	78 male victims taken to Marac	
North Wales police	223 Male victims taken to Marac	
South Wales Police	627 Male victims taken to Marac	

<https://safelives.org.uk/research-policy/practitioner-datasets/marac-data/>

The Office for National Statistics has up to date [redeveloped statistics for 2023/24](#) and these should be used (see listings below).

The Office for National Statistics also [produced combined figures](#) including sexual abuse, domestic abuse and stalking for 2024/25 (5.1 million people – 3.2m women (12.8%) and 2m men (8.4%)).

Summary/Overarching Statistics (Up to Date)

- One in five men (21.7%) said they have been a victim of domestic abuse in their lifetime (5.1 million). They consist of 41% of all victims. ([ONS](#)) (2023/24)
- One in fifteen men (6.5%) said they were a victim of domestic abuse in 2023/24 (1.5 million men). They consist of 40% of all victims. ([ONS](#)) (2023/24)
- One in five to six men (18.3%) have been a victim of partner abuse in their lifetime (4.3 million). They consist of 40% of all victims. ([ONS](#)) (2023/24)
- One in twenty men (4.7%) said they were a victim of partner/ex-partner abuse in 2023/24 (1.1 million men). They consist of 39% of all victims. ([ONS](#))
- One in fourteen men (6.9%) have been a victim of family abuse in their lifetime (1.6 million). They consist of 39% of all victims. ([ONS](#)) (2023/24)
- One in thirty eight (2.6%) said they were a victim of family abuse in 2023/24 (608,000) . They consist of 42% of all victims. ([ONS](#)) (2023/24)



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- Only 4.8% of victims of domestic abuse being supported by local domestic services are men according to SafeLives data. This highlights how few men are being supported for local domestic abuse services (ONS 2022/23).
- Start of 2025 , across the UK there are only 128 dedicated male refuge spaces.
- 21% of male victims (2022/23) fail to tell anyone they are a victim of partner abuse – which is big improvement as previously it was 49% in 2017/18. The figures for female victims are 18.2% (2022/23) and 19% (2017/18). (ONS 2022/23).
- 6.5% of male victims & (2.8% women) have considered taking their life due to partner abuse in 2022/23.
- In 2023/24, 8 men died at the hands of their partner or ex-partner compared to 58 women. Over ten years, 120 men have been killed in by a partner/ex-partner compared to 699 women (ONS 2023/24). Of the 40 men killed in domestic homicides involving a partner or ex-partner between April 2020 and March 2023, 33 were by women and 7 by men.
- **Male Victims of Stalking (2023/24)**
- **2 million men have been a victim of stalking in their lifetime** (8.7% men – one in 11 men – 30% of all victims)
- 540,000 men were victims of stalking in 2023/24 (2.3% men – one in 43 men – 35% of all victims)
- **528,000 men have been a victim of stalking in their lifetime by a current or ex-partner** (2.2% of men – one in 45 men – 21% of all victims)
- 89,000 men were victims of stalking by partner/ex-partner in 2023/24 (0.4% of men – one in 250 – 28% of all victims)
- **234,000 men have been a victim of stalking in their lifetime by a family member** (1.2% of all men – one in 83 men – 23% of all victims)
- 42,000 men were victims of stalking by a family members in 2023/24 (0.2% of all men – one in 500 men – 30% of all victims)
- **878,000 men have been a victim of cyber stalking in their lifetime** (3.7% men – one in 27 men – 34% of all victims)
- 180,000 men were victims of cyber stalking in 2023/24 (0.8% of men – one man in 125 – 28% of all victims)



Office for National Statistics

source: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/stalkingfindingsfromthecrimesurveyforenglandandwales>

Additional details and stats care of ManKind <https://mankind.org.uk/>

<https://mankind.org.uk/statistics/statistics-on-male-victims-of-domestic-abuse/>

What have we done for male victims of abuse that contact us?

Our Charity has assisted around 4000 new clients since 2020, with Paul, Sharan and Nick doing all the case work between them.

1. We have assisted with court applications
2. We carry out risk assessments and legal aid assessments
3. We Instruct solicitors to act* on legal aid cases for a client
4. We attend court proceedings in the family court and criminal courts
5. We attend professional meetings with social workers for example
6. Paul sits on the Cafcass cymru advisory board
7. Nick has sat on the DWP advisory board for victims of abuse
8. We offer Guidance and advice and help with statements for clients who do not have solicitors acting for them.
9. We take sexual abuse victims to local "SARC" and fully support them
10. We operate on a multi-agency approach and work with police forces and other professionals to ensure the correct safety and support plan is in place for clients.
11. We provide our flagship Buddy support scheme which is for emotional support for fathers and events for families to overcome Adverse childhood experiences and emotional trauma.

And so much more!

As above we are very concerned the gaps that are now going to appear for Male victims of abuse seeking help and support moving forward.

Whist we all wish we could continue moving forward, we can at least hold our heads high knowing what a difference we have made to supporting male victims over the years. And we sincerely wish everyone the best moving forward.

For and on behalf of Both Parents Matter Cymru

Dated 26/11/2025

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