

News Release

Any Man Can...be a victim of domestic abuse

A campaign to raise awareness that men can be victims of domestic abuse has been developed by the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board, in collaboration with the Cwm Taf Morgannwg VAWDASV (Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence) Steering Group.

This was in response to a recommendation from a [Domestic Homicide Review](#) into the death of a man in the Cwm Taf area due to domestic violence.

The campaign, which has been named “*Any Man Can...*” aims to highlight the issue of domestic abuse against men and to raise awareness of where they can go for information, advice and support in Rhondda Cynon Taf, Merthyr Tydfil and Bridgend.

The statistics show that:

- One in every six men will be a victim of domestic abuse in their lifetime.
- Over 500,000 men suffer abuse from their partner.
- One man per fortnight is killed by a current or ex-partner.

(Office for National Statistics (ONS) report 2017/18)

Despite these figures, domestic violence and abuse against men is believed to be an under-reported crime and this is often due to barriers such as fear of not being believed or being accused as the perpetrator, embarrassment at talking about the abuse, and feeling 'less of a man'. “*Any Man Can...*” aims to help to break down these barriers and encourage victims to get the help, support and practical advice that is available throughout Cwm Taf Morgannwg.

Men have exactly the same rights as women to be safe in their own homes. All public services have a duty to provide their services to everyone, whatever their gender or sexual orientation. . Men are protected by exactly the same laws as women — anyone who has assaulted another person, regardless of the gender of either, can be prosecuted.

Any Man Can...be a victim of domestic abuse.

Any Man Can...access support.

If you are experiencing domestic abuse and need someone to talk to for support and guidance, please get in touch.

Rhondda Cynon Taf

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01443 494190

Merthyr Tydfil

Teulu.mac@smt.org.uk

01685 388444

Mobile/Text Service - 07539 170396

Bridgend

info@calandvs.org.uk

01656 766139

Live Fear Free (24 hour helpline)

0808 80 10 800

If you are experiencing domestic violence and you need emergency help, phone the police on 999.

For further information, visit www.ctmsb.co.uk

You are not alone.

Notes to editors:

The **Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board (CTMSB)** is a statutory partnership made up of the agencies that are responsible for safeguarding children and adults at risk in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg area. The Board ensures that agencies in the region have effective arrangements in place to ensure that people of all ages, living in the region, are protected from abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm. This also involves preventing abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm from happening.

A **Domestic Homicide Review** is a report which is produced following the death of a person through violence, abuse or neglect by someone with whom he/she had been in an intimate relationship with or someone from the same household.

These reports are produced with input from a number of agencies, with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death so that measures can be put in place to prevent, where possible, such incidences happening in future.

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