

**Press Release**

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**Sharon Edwards: Conviction for Murder of David Edwards**

Following the conviction at Manchester Crown Court of Sharon Edwards for the murder of her husband, David Edwards, a solicitor from Chorley; Mark Brooks, Chairman of the ManKind Initiative, a charity supporting male victims of domestic abuse, said:

“We welcome this conviction and wish to pass our thoughts to Mr Edwards’ family.

“This appalling tragedy proves once and for all that men, as well as women, are victims of domestic abuse. The fact that Mr Edwards was a solicitor shows that it makes no difference what background or job a man has, he can still be at risk of this terrible crime. It can happen to any man, anywhere and from any background.

“It is vital that men in these abusive relationships seek help from the police, call helplines and speak to those they trust. A decade or so ago, men may struggle to have been believed, that is not the case now, there is real help out there.”

Men suffering from domestic abuse can call the ManKind Initiative helpline on 01823 334244 or visit our website [www.mankind.org.uk](http://www.mankind.org.uk)

If a man is in danger he must call 999

**Facts**

1 in 6 men and 1 in 4 women suffer domestic abuse in their lifetime

One in three victims of domestic abuse and partner abuse is male

In 2014/15:

- An estimated 600,000 men and 1.3 million women are victims of domestic abuse.

- An estimated 500,000 men and 1.1 million women are victims of partner abuse
- 19 Men and 81 women were killed by a (ex) partner in 2009

These figures are produced by the [Office for National Statistics](#)

**Full facts can found here:**

For facts on male victims of domestic abuse:

<http://new.mankind.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/30-Key-Facts-Male-Victims-Mar-2016.pdf>

**Notes to Editors**

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