

**Peterborough Women's Aid**

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# Who is effected ?

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Domestic abuse and sexual violence is very much prevalent in today's society with an estimated 1.2 million women and 800,000 men experiencing domestic abuse and over 333,000 women being sexually assaulted in a year Government statistics state 1.3 women and 1.6 men will be victims of domestic violence at some stage of their life.  
(UK statistics)

# Spotlight #1

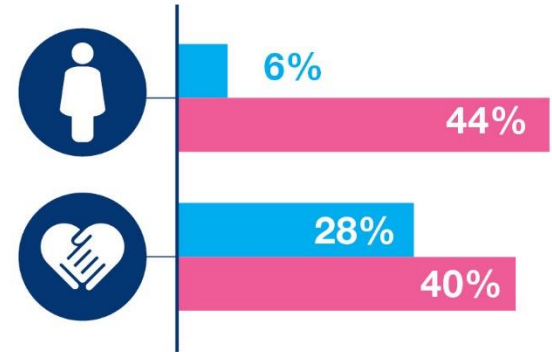
## Older people and domestic abuse



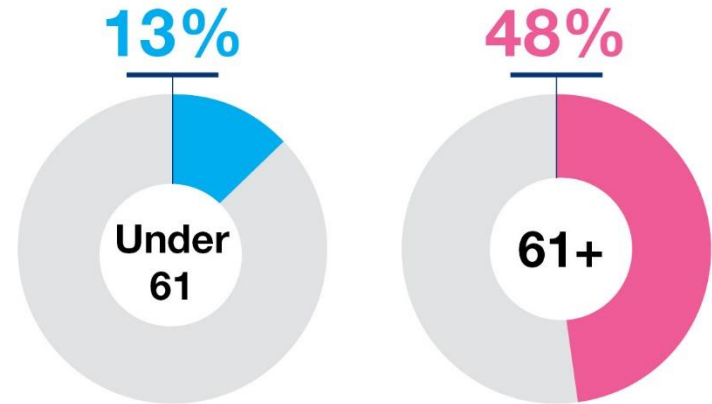
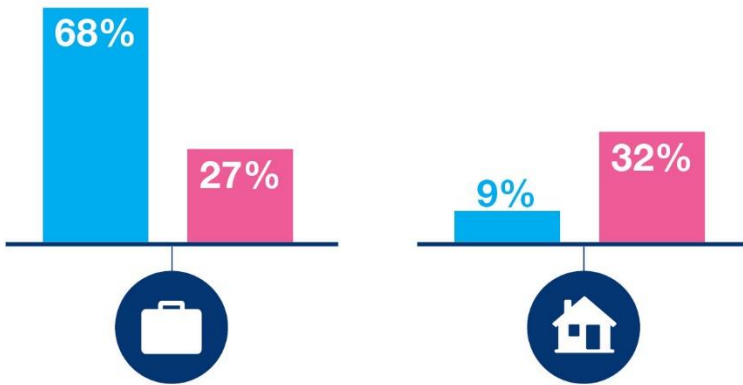
Source: SafeLives Insights, 2015-16

Victims aged 61+ are much more likely to experience abuse from an **adult family member** or **current intimate partner** than those 60 and under

- Victims aged 60 and under
- Victims aged 61+



Older victims are **less likely to attempt to leave** in the year before accessing help, and **more likely to be living with the perpetrator** after getting support



Older victims are significantly **more likely to have a disability** – for a third, this is physical (34%)



# Case Study - Iris

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## **Save Lives Marac Data High Risk Victims February 2017**

### **Adult Social Care added as ninth core agency**

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Approximately 120,000 individuals aged 65+ have experienced at least one form of abuse but only 3% of victims aged 60 or over are accessing specialist domestic abuse services supported by the Marac model.

Disabled victims are also underrepresented – it is estimated at least 13,600 disabled victims experiencing high risk domestic abuse are either not supported by a Marac, or their disability is not identified by the Marac process (out of 16,000 victims experiencing high risk abuse in total).

In 2015-2016 none of the 925 referrals of disabled victims to domestic abuse services were from adult safeguarding. These figures show the improvements in response we still need to make for vulnerable adults; significant users of adult services.





# Common judgements made around victim behaviours

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**Q: Why don't they just leave?**

**A: They stay because the fear of leaving is greater than the fear of staying.**

**They leave when the fear of staying is greater than the fear of leaving.**

# Services Across CAMBRIDGESHIRE County

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**Cambridgeshire  
& Peterborough**  
Domestic Abuse & Sexual  
Violence Partnership

**[www.cambsdasv.org.uk](http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk)**



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# Advocacy service (IDVAs)

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**Peterborough:** currently under PWA  
service know to **SASP**

Tel 01733 552200

[saspreferals@wa-peterborough.co.uk](mailto:saspreferals@wa-peterborough.co.uk)

**Cambs IDVA** service based within MASH  
Chord Park

Tel 01480 847718 (professionals)





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Cambridge City & South Cambs

**Cambridge Women's Aid 01223 361214**

[www.cambridgewa.org.uk](http://www.cambridgewa.org.uk)

East Cambs, Fenland, Huntingdonshire

**Refuge 07787 255821**

[www.refuge.org.uk](http://www.refuge.org.uk)

Peterborough

**Peterborough Women's Aid 08454 102 123**

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## Working in partnership

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We have to work together to achieve our goal of ending violence against women and girls. It is not a task for central government alone. We will need to work with families and communities to change attitudes. Local authorities, police and crime commissioners, voluntary and community organisations, community safety partnerships, the NHS and more, will need to work together to meet the needs of their local communities.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/call-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-action-plan](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/call-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-action-plan).