AMIS: An Overview

Abused Men In Scotland

Our Background

Abused Men In Scotland (AMIS) is the leading support and advocacy organisation for male victims of domestic abuse. As Scotland’s only national male domestic abuse charity, we support hundreds of men each year from our Edinburgh head office. As a cause with no government funding, we work tirelessly to support abused men and their children who, without AMIS, would likely have no other options to receive crucial support.

Our Services

Our national helpline provides non-judgemental support, information, safety assessment and relevant signposting tailored to each service user’s situation. In 2019, we supported 450 individual new clients, an increase of 30% from 2018. The ongoing casework we have had also increased by 30% in the past year.

We provide training for other organisations that may encounter abused men, including Police Scotland and the Department for Work and Pensions. We also provide gender-inclusive educational and preventive work with young people across schools and community channels. AMIS is the key stakeholder in voicing and raising the experiences of abused men in policy-making circles and consultations. Our website and social media tools are used to spread our message and engage with people across the country.
The Story
We live in a society that tells the ‘public story’, which is the belief that only males abuse and only females are abused. Although this is often true and should be discussed and challenged, the public story adds to the negative experiences, trauma and even deaths of men across Scotland whose own stories are ignored and demeaned. Through our work, we want to make a nation where all domestic abuse victims are treated equally, and support will be available to help regardless of their characteristics.

The Men
The men we support are real – they have real stories, real trauma and a real need for support. Police Scotland statistics show that 1 in 5 domestic abuse incidents have a male victim, meaning there’s a minimum of 10,000 men reporting abuse each year. The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey revealed that 2.3% of men have experienced partner abuse in the past 12 months (3.6% for women).

“You
AMIS is ready to support these men today. To continue with our life-changing, and sometimes life-saving work, we appeal for your help. Grants, funds and help of all sizes can make a significant difference to our charitable objectives. We have a strategy to grow and develop. We want to support more of the 10,000 men that need us each year.

By considering AMIS, you’ll be saving the abused men in our society from having no other option.

“I cried when I heard yet another news report on TV, with everybody interviewed only speaking about men’s violence to women - when I think about what’s happening to me”

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