



If your (ex)partner continues to be abusive, do not hesitate to contact the police.

If you require further information about this service please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on these phone numbers:

07789 932 404

07789 928 944

If you are unhappy with the service you have received please contact the Team Manager on **01349 781 777**.

Criminal Justice Services

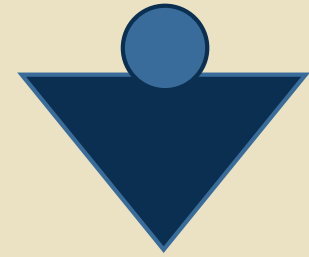
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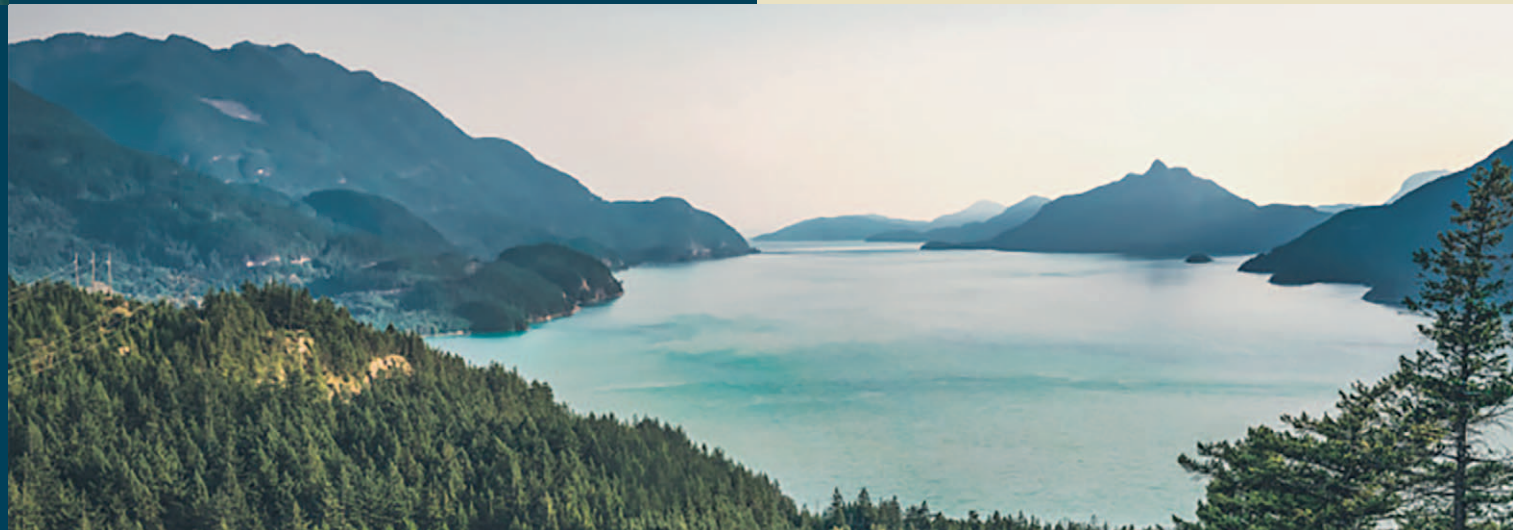


The Caledonian Women's Service

Information for Women whose (ex)partners are being assessed for the Caledonian Men's Programme

The Caledonian Programme: Assessment Information

The man is assessed by a social worker who collects information on his pattern of offending, risk of re-offending, the impact of his offending and his motivation to change. A report is submitted to court outlining the man's suitability for the programme.



Why have we contacted you?

The Court have asked that your partner is assessed for the Caledonian Men's Programme.

Your perspective is important and as part of this assessment we would like to meet with you to obtain your perspective on your (ex) partner's behaviour and to inform you about the Caledonian System. Any information you give us will not be shared with him.

What is the Caledonian Women's Service?

The Caledonian System is an approach to addressing men's domestic abuse and improving the lives of women, children and men.

Caledonian Women's Service Workers don't work or meet with the men on the programme, however they are also part of the Caledonian System and they work closely with men's social worker and group workers.

Regardless of the Court outcome a Women's Service Worker will contact you and offer to:

- Provide you with advice and practical and emotional support.
- Help with safety planning, in relation to the risk posed to you and your family by your (ex)partner.
- Advocate, on your behalf, where required.
- Help you access other services to support you and your children and work with you to keep your children safe.
- Answer any questions you have about the men's programme.

Support you may wish from the service

- You may just want a listening ear.
- You may want someone to call you weekly or monthly, or even just send a text every once in a while.
- You may want support with practical things like housing.
- You may want help for your children, or for your (ex)partner.
- You may want regular face to face contact or support with a whole range of issues which are affecting you.

Why has the Court asked for this assessment?

- The Sheriff is concerned by the nature of the offence against you.
- Men's abuse towards their partners is treated seriously in the Sheriff Courts across the Highlands.
- The Court is considering making him the subject of a Community Payback Order which will require him to attend and complete this programme.
- The Court is concerned about your future safety and this is one of the options that they can consider.



Your (ex)partner will know that a service will be offered to you but he will not be told if you meet with us.

We recognise that everyone is impacted by domestic abuse differently, and if you choose to meet with us we can discuss the various options available.