



Yasmin's Journey

The true story of a domestic violence survivor, and what could have been

-  What **actually** happened
-  What **could have** happened with needs-led intervention



Yasmin has always suffered from OCD and depression. She meets her partner in 2012 and moves in soon after.

After 4 months the abuse starts when she discovers he is a heroin addict.



After the first violent instance she attends A&E.

She is kept safe in hospital overnight, until she can be moved to a refuge.

overnight: £1,779

A&E staff call the police, and a nurse refers her to the A&E IDVA.

IDVA: £648

She is discharged with painkillers.

A&E + callouts: £102,938

advocacy + mental health support needed as result of abuse: £1,660

refuge: £9,500

The refuge helps her access mental health support.

Eventually she is referred to the local housing team.

He beats her regularly. She sees A&E every fortnight. She calls the police more than 50 times but doesn't feel supported to leave.

After 6 months she moves into private accommodation, where she regularly sees family and friends.

fare: £13,700

rehousing: £5,300

She is housed near the perpetrator. He regularly breaks in, until she agrees to move back in with him.

She now lives in supported housing because she can not live independently. She can not contact friends or family in case they lead him to her.

fare: £2,018,943

After she moves back in the violence starts again, and he begins injecting her with drugs against her will.

After 5 days she makes it upstairs, setting off the upstairs alarm. He is arrested but escapes a custodial sentence.

supported housing for rest of life: £47,323.50 per year

He tries to burn down the house with her inside. She flees and a MARAC assesses her as high-risk. Alarms are put in a new property.

rehousing: £5,300

alarms: £452

MARAC: £11,900

He breaks in and the downstairs alarm fails. He holds her hostage, repeatedly raping and injecting her.

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Katrina's Journey

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She is recognised as having needs and being at risk because of the abuse.

They know that without support, she might keep returning to the relationship.

She is referred to a specialist domestic violence service, which helps her build financial and emotional independence.

She is helped into work and feels in control of her finances.

fare: £2,365

advocacy + group work: £365

After the first physical incident she calls the police. The police and social services perform a risk assessment.

callout: £2,000

She fears her child will be taken into care, so she tells social services they have split up. Because of this she is not considered high risk.

She goes to a hostel, and he tracks her down.

They marry and have a second child in 2000.

After daily harrassment she returns to the relationship, believing she is safer staying with him if she can't escape from him.

Katrina falls pregnant soon after meeting her partner. He is very controlling, and they have an on/off relationship.

He keeps all financial assets in his name, and forces her to take out £95,000 of debt in her name.

school meals: £370 / year (6 yrs)

housing benefit: £3930.26 / year (6 yrs)

3 x re-housing: £5,300 each time

child tax credit: £3,299.60 / year (6 yrs)

She and her children are made homeless 3 times in 3 years. They rely on benefits and food banks to survive.

fare: £63,499.16

In 2010, he ends the relationship, and the house is reposessed when he stops paying the mortgage.

She works four jobs, but is advised to drop down to one by the job centre.



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