

# 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.

A&E:  
£113

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

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

rehoused:  
£5,300

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.

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

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.

rehoused:  
£5,300

alarms:  
£452

MARAC:  
£11,900

  
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