

## Petitioner submission of 6 August 2022

PE1909/K: Remove the "gender-based crime" domestic abuse narrative and make it gender neutral and equal

### Equally Safe (VAWG) vs Stats

Equally Safe (VAWG) claims that domestic abuse is a result of male privilege and patriarchy.

Scottish stats shows this is not the case.

### **Suicide Stats, 2021 (released 2nd August 2022)**

- 795 suicides
- 75.03% were male ([1](#))

### **Drug Deaths, 2021 (released 28th July 2022)**

- 1330 drug deaths
- 70.2% were male ([2](#))

### **Homicides 2020-21 (26th October 2021)**

- 58 victims
- 83% were male ([3](#))

Stats directly contradict that men in Scotland have privilege and patriarchy is enabling them to oppress others.

### My Experience 2022

5th April 2022

### **Police Scotland: Failure to Record and Investigate my Domestic Abuse Report**

- I received new evidence showing domestic abuse towards me by my abuser (who I previously reported to Police Scotland)
- 5th April 2022, police attended my home and I reported domestic abuse and provided evidence.

- Police failed to record my report properly or investigate it.
- In a record of the meeting, police falsely claimed I was seeking advice.
- I have submitted a complaint about this.

7th April 2022

### **Police Scotland: Evidence of Unconscious Bias**

- A police record on their IVPD system referred to me as a perpetrator of domestic abuse in relation to an incident I was **not** involved in.
- I made a complaint.
- After investigation, Police Scotland stated the following, "*...I must conclude that the VPD does display 'unconscious bias' in both the original and its current form. This is because it does not reflect your previous interactions with police regarding domestic abuse*".
- This is evidence of unconscious bias towards me as a male victim of domestic abuse.
- I have submitted a further complaint about this.

12th April to 30th July 2022

### **Police Scotland: My Arrest and Profiling**

- 12th April 2022, 5 days after my domestic abuse report, police attend my home as an enquiry.
- 30th April 2022, police attend my home and state I am to be arrested.
- 18th May 2022, I was arrested for a Communication Offence. It is still unclear what this was about, with no evidence shown to me. My female abuser's name was mentioned.
- Police conducted investigations until 30th July 2022 where police confirmed the matter was closed.
- I have submitted complaints for profiling, harassment and abuse by the Police.

22nd July 2022

### **Police Scotland: Evidence of Profiling**

- Police Scotland IVPD recording system records me as a perpetrator multiple times.
- I contested this via the police data team.
- 22nd July 2022, Police Scotland data team confirm 5 records incorrectly referred to me as a perpetrator.

- 4 records that had "*classification of 'perpetrator' removed*"
- 1 record "*after re-assessment, record deleted as considered to have been recorded in error*".
- Clear example of profiling and bias in police records

If the committee refers to my submission PE1909/B you see similarities and consistency with 'My Experience 2019-2021'.

## Police Scotland

### **VAWG, Police Scotland and DCC Malcolm Graham (January 2022)**

- 19th January 2022, the BBC reported that "*...Malcolm Graham, says the current police approach is aligned to Scottish government's Equally Safe Strategy and the National Police Chiefs' Council Strategy to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls...Work has commenced on the development of a bespoke Police Scotland Strategy to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls, to ensure **women and girls are respected and live free from all forms of violence, abuse, exploitation and harassment***" (5)

Police Scotland are pushing ahead with a sexist, biased and stigmatising strategy that excludes and ignores male victims of domestic abuse.

## SNP

in my view, there is a culture of condoning and enabling sexual harassment and abuse in SNP.

### **Patrick Grady, Sexual Harassment (June 2022)**

- The SNP MP behaved sexually inappropriate to a member of staff (6)
- The SNP were criticised for their response, "*...triggering widespread criticism of party leaders for appearing to downplay the severity of Grady's conduct and failing to take faster action against him*" (7)

### **Patricia Gibson, Sexual Harassment (August 2022)**

- The female SNP MP behaved sexually inappropriate to a member of staff (6) "*included ...asking him to "come home and shag me" and repeatedly propositioning him.*" (8)
- SNP investigation stated, "*...In this context it is highly unlikely that [he] would have felt any kind of physical threat or vulnerability as a man. It is discriminatory to suggest that the impact of sexual*

*harassment of a man by a woman is 'the same' as sexual harassment of a woman by a man." (9)*

**SNP, Hannah Bardell Head of Comms Social Media (April 2022)**

- Head of Comms for SNP MP made a public comment on social media in relation to UK Governments VAWG strategy acknowledging male victims
- She stated, "*Men not only gaslighting their victims, but the Government too. Nice :) :) :)*"
- I raised a direct complaint to Hannah Bardell's office. The tweet was removed. There was no apology given.

*I can provide the committee with social media and police report evidence.*