



# Lucy's Mum and Dad think she can't hear the fights and shouting. She can.

When children have witnessed domestic violence it can leave scars. Even if children are not physically harmed, they are likely to suffer lasting emotional and psychological damage. But you can change this by getting the support you and your family need.

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## James thought he could stop the abuse by keeping quiet about it, but he soon learnt that nothing would ever be enough for her.

1 in 6 men will experience some form of domestic abuse during their lifetime. Male victims are nearly twice as likely than a women to not tell anyone about partner abuse. There is support out there.

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# Arthur doesn't understand where his money goes, his daughter tells him he just gets confused.

Domestic abuse has no age barrier and isn't always carried out by partners. Older people can be particularly vulnerable to harm and exploitation. If your instinct tells you something isn't right, don't keep it to yourself.

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# Jane worries about what Pete will make her do when she goes to bed tonight.

Sexual violence is often a part of domestic abuse, and serious sexual assault is most likely to be committed by someone known to the victim. Being in a relationship with someone does not mean you should be forced to take part, watch or be subject to any sexual act you do not want.

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