



Case study three: John

Tool 3 - Male victims of elder abuse – Summary of needs as described by victims

This tool is based on the findings of a study by Jacki Pritchard (2002) *Male victims of elder abuse*. Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

<https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/male-victims-elder-abuse-their-experiences-and-needs>

The study notes that very little research is available about older men as victims of domestic abuse. The researcher here interviewed 12 older people who had been victims of elder abuse; men also participated in focus groups which were run for over 300 older people. The research found that men could easily and explicitly state the needs they had, both recently and in the past. These are outlined in the table on the following page.

You can use the table as a tool in case work with older men, to prompt a strengths-based way of working that also highlights the type of support that they might find useful.



Table 1: Summary of needs as described by victims

Needs as described by male victims of elder abuse	What are the strengths and assets in the service user's current support system?	What areas require the support of additional care services?	How will this be provided?	When will this be reviewed, how and who by?
Advice				
Assessment of medical problems				
Assessment of mental capacity				
Company				
Maintaining contact with social worker				
Management of finances				
Permission to talk				
Personal safety				
Physical/basic care				
Place of safety				
Police involvement				
Practical help				
Protection of the abuse				
Reconciliation with the family				
Rehousing/permanent accommodation				
Remain loyal and do one's duty				
Talk about abuse				
Talk about/deal with losses				