

**Women on the Move: the journeys of domestic violence**

# What about the men?

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**Key points:**

- Data from services provides evidence on women's and men's needs
- Where domestic violence is the issue, men are a tiny minority
- Men and women are equally likely to self-refer
- Men are less likely to have children with them
- Men are less likely to relocate to services

## Men experiencing domestic violence

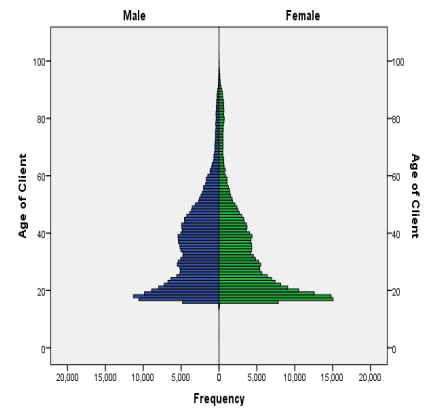
Men seek support on a wide range of issues at an equal rate to women—see the age pyramid of accessing services (right).

But, where domestic violence is the issue, men are a tiny minority—see the age pyramid (below right).

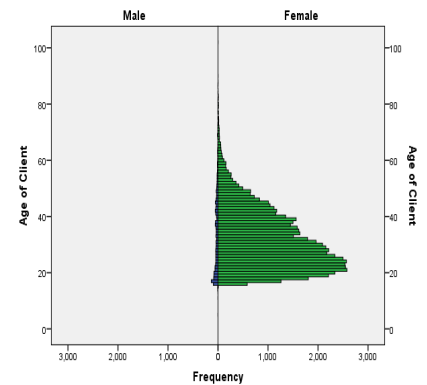
Men make up 3.1% of those at risk of domestic violence, and only 1.7% where risk of domestic violence is the primary need.

## Men and women are equally likely to self-refer

Men are equally likely as women to self-refer to services but more likely than women to be referred by statutory agencies such as Housing and Criminal Justice. In contrast, women are more likely to be referred by voluntary agencies—see graph (below).



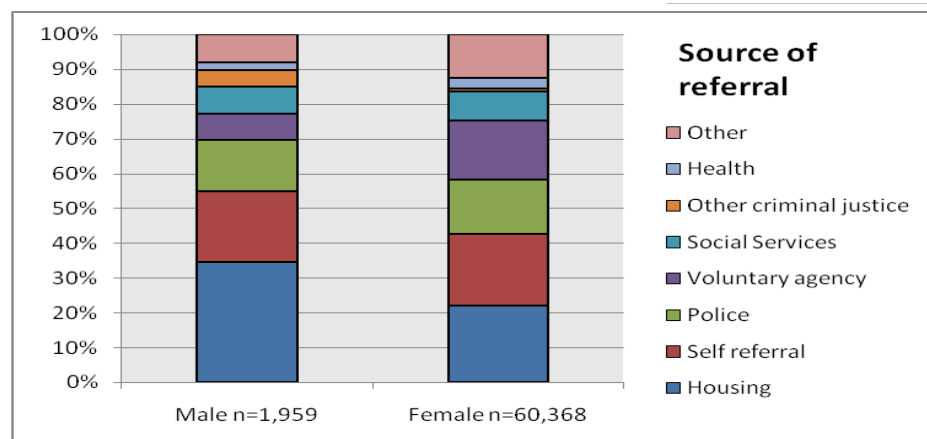
**Accessing services 2009-11—  
all needs  
n=470,533**



**Accessing services 2009-11—  
risk of domestic violence as a factor  
n=61,696**

Data in this briefing from Supporting People Programme of housing-related support services.

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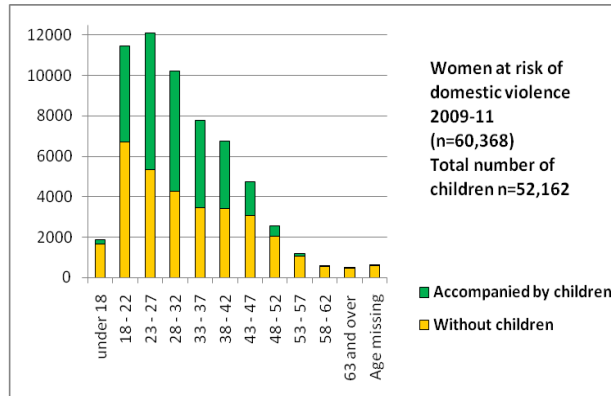
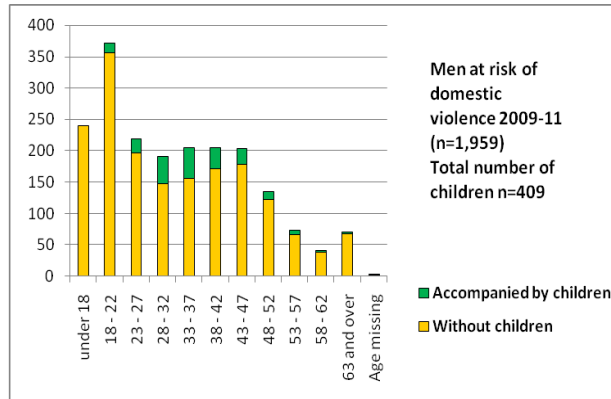


**Men are less likely to relocate to services**

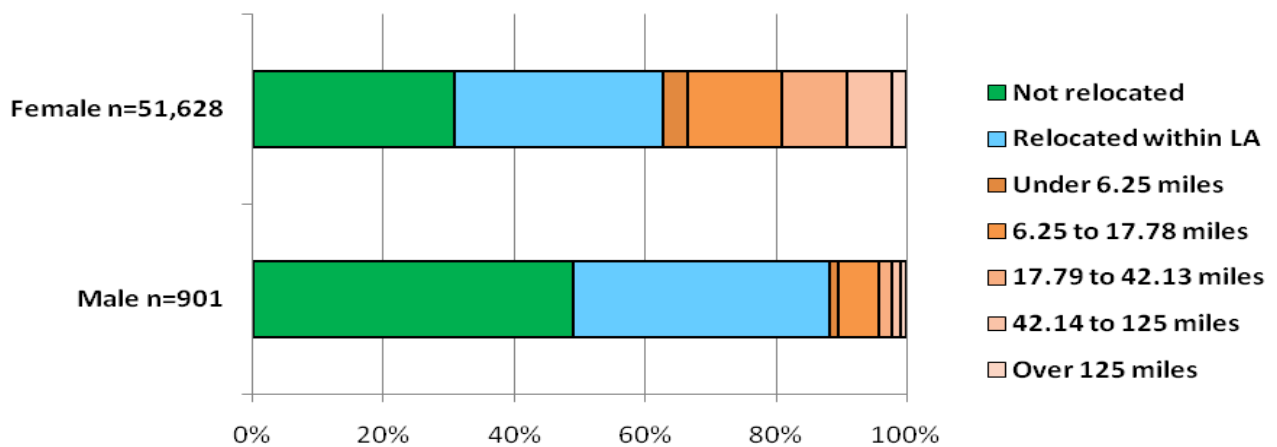
Men are more likely to access services without relocating or in their local authority, whereas women are more likely to relocate and travel longer distances—see graph (below).

**Men are less likely to have children with them**

Just under half (46%) of women going to services have children with them, whereas only 10% of men have children with them.



Accessing support service due to domestic violence as primary need



**The focus on domestic violence journeys is therefore a focus on women's—and children's—journeys.**