

Victim Blaming by Police: It's Women's Fault for Not Leaving

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Sgt Harry Tangye @DC_ARVSgt · 4h

There's nothing more frustrating when sitting on a sofa pleading to a woman to try to leave her abusive husband



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Eaves supports 83 women a month. Many more need specialist support. #womensdeservebetter
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We responded with these comments:



Victim Blaming @EVB_Now · 3h

.@DC_ARVSgt You need to read this article "why doesn't she leave"
everydayvictimblaming.com/discussions/does-she-leave @extreme_crochet

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.@DC_ARVSgt @extreme_crochet Then you need to approach your local domestic violence specialist centre for better training since and officer>

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.@DC_ARVSgt @extreme_crochet officer who does not understand the complexity of domestic violence actively puts women at risk

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Obviously, we had no response from the officer from the Devon and Cornwall police. These were also sent to him. Look at the response he gives and those tweets he ignores:



Sgt Harry Tangye @DC_ARVSgt · 3h

@welshpony11 @tweetworld74 @EavesCharity You are not owned, you are an adult with your own decisions, can be done. Offender is a Coward.

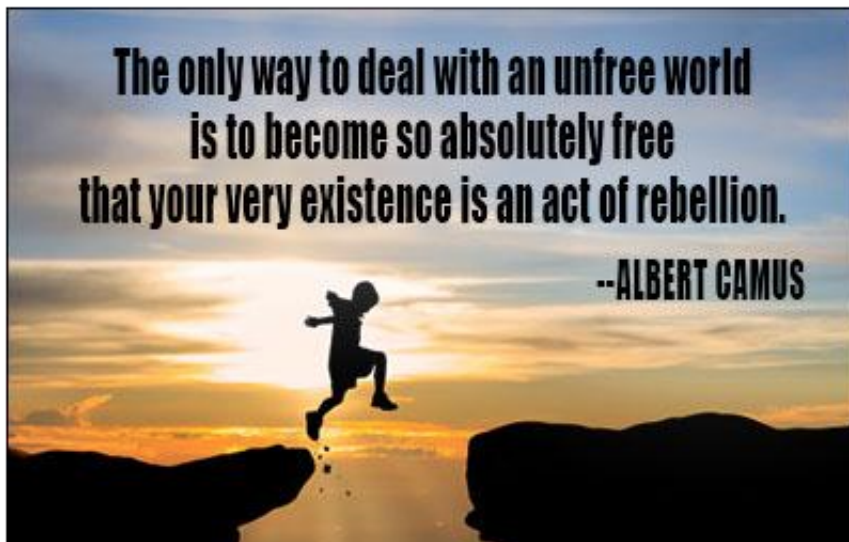
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@tweetworld74 @EavesCharity Better to be free with no money than caged with a million... don't put up with less.



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toodles @tweetworld74 · 4h

@DC_ARVSgt @EavesCharity yet I have to put up with trackers on my phone, finance control, no social life and stress #ifonlyitwasthateasy



Sgt Harry Tangye @DC_ARVSgt · 4h

@tweetworld74 @EavesCharity it's a cliché, but others have been there, one step at a time. Talk to the experts for advice. #CanBeDone

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Sgt Harry Tangye @DC_ARVSgt · 3h

@tweetworld74 @EavesCharity Just have to ring 101, and ask for someone who can give you advice about Domestic Violence. #Confidential



Jean Hatchet @JeanHatchet · 3h

@DC_ARVSgt @tweetworld74 @EavesCharity yes - do that! You do that first. You're the one needs to do it most with yr victim-blaming attitude



Sgt Harry Tangye @DC_ARVSgt · 4h

@welshpony11 @EavesCharity I understand... Where do they start, problem too big to sort #He'sLovelyWhenHe'sNice

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Sgt Harry Tangye @DC_ARVSgt · 3h

@tweetworld74 @EavesCharity Choice to carry on, or to seek official help and have a great opportunity to live a life you want to.



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Sgt Harry Tangye @DC_ARVSgt · 3h

@welshpony11 @tweetworld74 @EavesCharity Safety in numbers, if help is sought from Police and Charities, should not live in fear. #Crime



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Sue Vener @suevener · 2h

.@DC_ARVSgt @tweetworld74 @EavesCharity woman killed on average every 3.3 days by ex or partner. Name the problem #maleviolence



13Evokes of @Evokes13 · 2h

@suevener @DC_ARVSgt @tweetworld74 @EavesCharity This graph might be motivational pic.twitter.com/pEoiZl2ftB



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@Evokes13 @DC_ARVSgt @tweetworld74 @EavesCharity jesus :(



This officer clearly has no understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence. He doesn't realise that leaving is the most dangerous time for women as it drastically increases the chances of experiencing further physical violence or death.

This is why we advocate training for police be done by specialist service providers. Forces across the UK simply aren't doing enough to challenge victim blaming and it's obvious that top-down training from other officers is simply not good enough. This officer is the last person a woman experiencing domestic violence needs to deal with. He hasn't supported her to be safe - instead, he's told women it's their fault.