# Coercive Control A victims perspective

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#### My Experience

Continuous Calls & texts

Come to my house (night times)

Damage property

Lied about having illnesses (cancer, mental health assessments)

STI's

Suicide (me and him)

Death threats to my family and friends,

Turn up at school/Nans/Work (or threat of)

Convinced mutual friends it was me, 'just talk to him'

Aggression (uncontrollable screaming)

Drug Use

Violence or threat of, especially strangulation

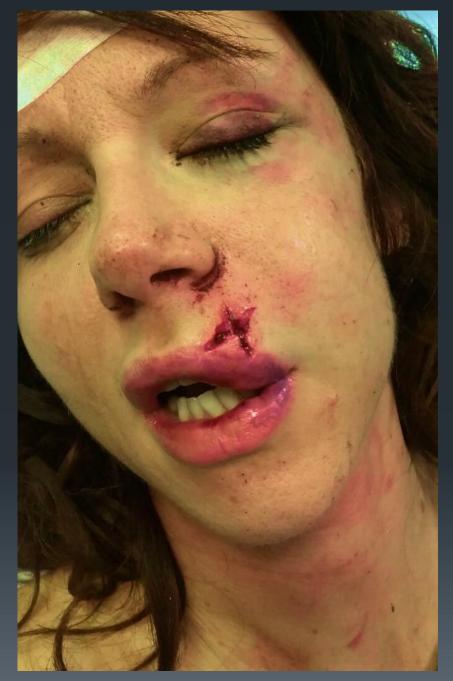
Obsessed with violence and porn

**Sexual Coercion** 

Stalking & Harassment

### My Response

- Answer calls in time (difficult at night)
- Torture- Sleep deprivation
- Answer door quickly
- Sexual coercion
- He had control







#### Supporting Victims

If the agencies do not understand coercive control how can the victims be helped?

- Trust
- Communication
  - Be un-judgmental
  - Keeping themselves safe is not to be criticised
  - Work with victim
  - Experts at dealing with perpetrator- LISTEN
  - Look at the bigger picture

When communication is strained perpetrator has better opportunity of breaking her down

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