

Supporting Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse – Monday 03 July 2023

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Duncan is the Chief Executive of We Are Survivors, a third sector organisation supporting boys and men affected by sexual abuse, rape and sexual exploitation.

Duncan spent the first 10 years of his working life in the theatre, arts and entertainment. Beginning at Granada Studios Tour, to the Palace Theatre and Opera House, then People's History Museum to travelling across the UK as Director of PR and Marketing touring the UK with some of the best shows to come out of the West End and Broadway.

In 2005, Duncan began his training to become a qualified counsellor and decided to have a complete career change after volunteering in a busy City Centre needle exchange. He spent the next few years working within a voluntary sector drug service both in harm reduction and treatment services, specialising in working with male and female sex workers, people affected by HIV and Hepatitis C, and in sexual health.

Duncan qualified from the University of Manchester as an Integrative Counsellor in 2008, having completed his clinical practice in both a voluntary and NHS setting. Always looking for ways to develop his professional practice, Duncan has completed a MA in Counselling, graduating 2010 with Distinction, and plans on developing his work further to undertake his PhD.

It was during his initial training as a therapist that Duncan began to uncover, raise his awareness and finally disclose the sexual abuse and rape he experienced in his childhood and in his later teens. Unable to find the support he needed was the catalyst to designing a service for males in Greater Manchester.