**Biography**

**Duncan Craig OBE**

*Chief Executive Officer & Psychotherapist*

Survivors Manchester

Duncan is the founder and Chief Executive of Survivors Manchester, a ground-breaking VCSE organisation providing therapeutic and advocacy support to over 950 male survivors of sexual violation across Greater Manchester each year.

As a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and later, sexual exploitation, Duncan has both personal and professional experience / knowledge of male sexual violation, leading him to work with Government, NHS England, CPS, various Police Forces and is proud to have been involved in the development of the UK Victim Strategy and Cross-Government position statement on male victims of VAWG crimes.

Along with designing and developing services for male survivors in the community; Duncan has designed and built a trauma-focused service for survivors within the prison and secure estate; and designed a 2 year-pilot project with Police and Crime Commissioner working with sex offenders who are survivors themselves, with the aim of tackling recidivism.

Duncan is proud to have been a consultant on a number of media projects, including BBC Crimewatch, Channel 4’s ground breaking male rape story in Hollyoaks and ITV’s Coronation Street stories of both the rape of David Platt, and later the sexual abuse of Paul at the hands of his mother’s boyfriend.

Since founding Survivors Manchester, Duncan has been a strong advocate of tackling sexual violence and has written for Huffington Post; and co-authored a number of pieces featured in both the press and academic resources.

He has worked across continents alongside many influential academics and leaders, in Iceland supporting the knowledge development of the government and key academics in the needs of sexually abused boys and men; in USA supporting work around missing and exploited children, and survivors of child sexual abuse material (CSAM); in New Zealand focusing on populations of identity (including first nations people) of male survivors; and more recently in Uganda focusing on male victims/survivors of sexual violence in war and conflict.

Duncan was a co-founder of The Male Survivors Partnership ([www.malesurvivor.co.uk](http://www.malesurvivor.co.uk)) and the Men and Boys Coalition ([www.menandboyscoalition.org.uk](http://www.menandboyscoalition.org.uk)) – two networks focusing on addressing the needs of boys and men; and is now a proud Trustee of Sick Festival ([www.sickfestival.com](http://www.sickfestival.com)) an arts organisation and bi-annual arts festival facing up to the complexities of mental and physical health.

In the 2020 New Year’s Honours List, Duncan was invested with an OBE for services to Male Victims of Rape and Child Abuse.

Abstract

Male survivors and the Impact of Silence

Victim/Survivor support, mental health support and the male experience

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“How do male survivors of sexual violence navigate the world if the world doesn’t see them? What is the impact on the idea that boys don’t cry and we have to ‘man up’. As the founder and CEO of Survivors Manchester, a third sector organisation supporting male victims/survivors and as a survivor himself, Duncan invites you to reflect on the real psychological impact of silence and what we can do about it.”