



## *Survivors Stories DVD*

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We tried the amicable agreement of contact between us both, but unfortunately he didn't turn up and that caused great upset to the children. So in the end we went through the courts. But again, courts don't really help. He still doesn't turn up, does turn up. So then he tried the bullying tactic through the court, 'If I can't get to her this way, hey I'm going to do it through the courts.'

And money speaks in courts and I'm on legal aid. You hope that the justice system will help you and it doesn't. I fell let down by the justice system in the fact that, simplifying it and then going into detail, two people can't sort something out and eventually, in my situation, there has been a hundred and one people involved, that no one knows the full story.

I was called an 'over-protective' mother, because I kept a diary and still do for three years. I did charts to show when he had turned up, when he hadn't, when he called, etc, etc how I've given all this flexibility, but the children need stability and regular contact and it was just completely irrelevant in the courts. It was like, 'Oh, here's another one.'

