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DR NADIM SAFDAR
FATHERS4JUSTICE

INTRODUCTION

Fathers4Justice are calling for urgent political action to address the unprecedented public health emergency affecting Britain’s men and boys. Fathers are three times more likely to die after separation than mothers, and suicide is now the biggest killer of men under 50.

Unlike women, who are represented by a Minister for Women & Equalities, men and boys have no dedicated political representation.

That’s why we are calling for the creation of a new post, a Minister for Men & Boys, to give them an equal voice in government.

We are also calling for a fully funded ‘safety net’, focused on tackling the alarmingly high rates of male suicide, depression and other health issues linked to family breakdown.

Finally, we believe that Shared Parenting is responsible parenting, and are calling for referendums in the UK, Scotland and Ireland, to give mothers and fathers automatic Parental Responsibility and a legal presumption of 50/50 Shared Parenting and Child Support after separation.

Men and boys urgently need an equal voice representing their interests. We ask the government to act now to ensure men and boys receive the support they deserve and need.

Matt O’Connor, Founder, Fathers4Justice

OUR 3 POINT MANIFESTO FOR MEN & BOYS

1. A Referendum on Shared Parenting

To give mothers and fathers automatic Parental Responsibility and a legal presumption of 50/50 Shared Parenting and Child Support after separation.

2. A Minister for Men & Boys

To give men an equal voice in government on men's issues and meaningful political representation.

3. A National Safety Net for Men & Boys

A fully funded safety net for men and boys including a telephone and internet Life Line, and a National Health strategy targeting the causes of male suicide, depression and other health issues.

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FAMILY RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

Fathers4Justice are calling for a fair deal for families after separation, where fathers are treated equally and with dignity in line with the fundamental human rights protecting families.

Article 16, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

“Men and women are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution...the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.”

Article 8, European Convention on Human Rights

“Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.”

Article 9, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

“Children must not be separated from their parents.”

“We want to see a fair deal for families after separation.”

DARRYL WESTELL
FATHERS4JUSTICE



MANIFESTO FACT SHEET

The **biggest killer** of men under 50 is **suicide**.

CALM 2013

MEN ARE

35%

more likely to die from cancer.

(Except breast cancer) Cancer Research UK, Excess Cancer Burden in Men 2013

1 in 3 children live without their father.

Office for National Statistics 2012

3.8 million children live in fatherless homes.

Office for National Statistics 2012

2 in 3

murder victims are male.

Crime Survey, England & Wales 2014

£1,546

The cost to each taxpayer of family breakdown every year.

The Relationship Foundation 2015

DADS ARE

3 times more likely to die

after separation than mothers.

Department for Work & Pensions 2015

75%

of all suicides involve men.

CALM 2013

40%

of domestic violence victims are men.

PARITY 2010

59%

of the prison population are fathers.

Prisoners Families 2013

1 in 4 children

don't consider their father to be part of their family.

Childwise 2007

£47 billion

The cost of family breakdown each year.

The Relationship Foundation 2015

84%

of the hidden homeless are men.

CRISIS 2011

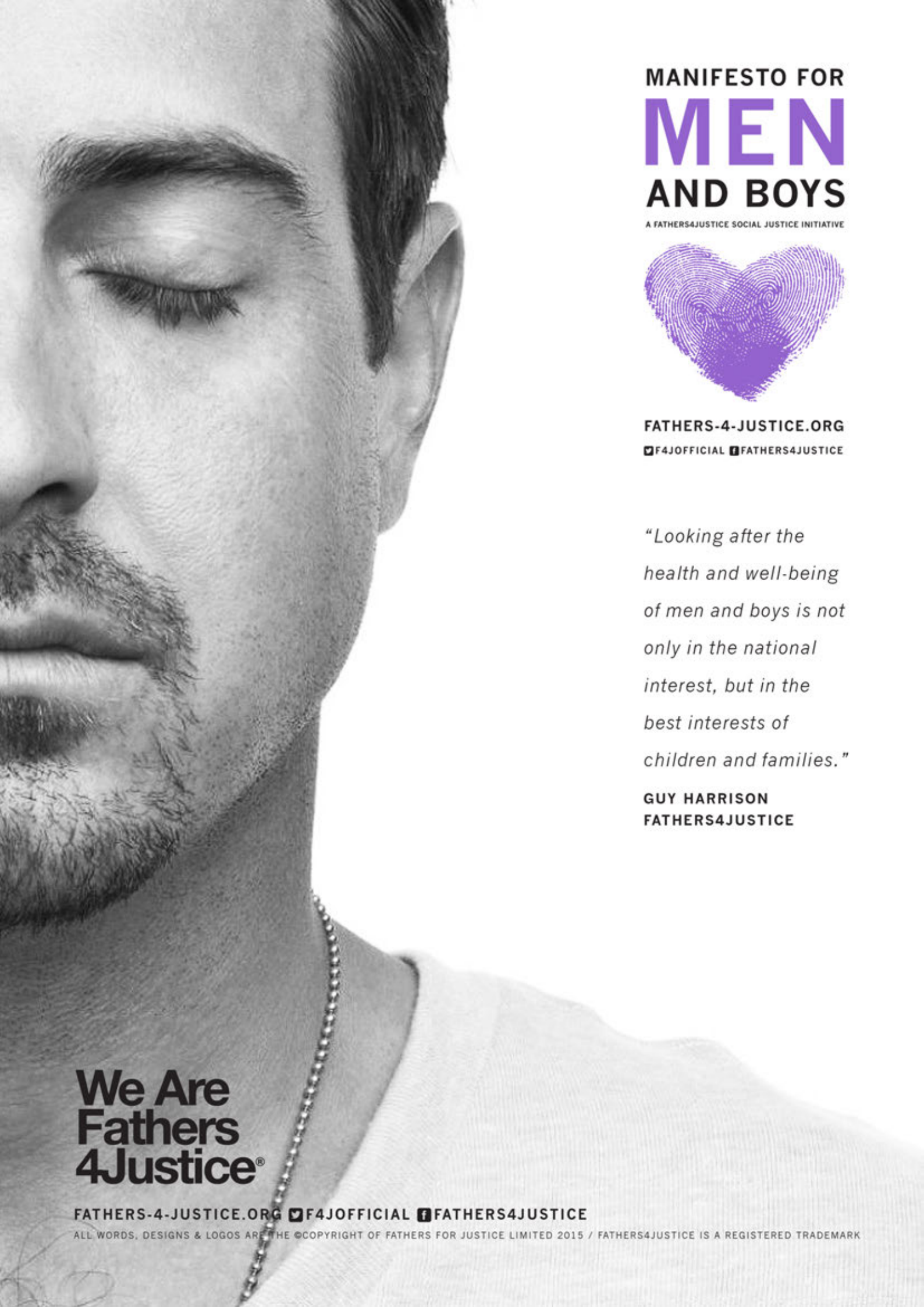
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“Looking after the health and well-being of men and boys is not only in the national interest, but in the best interests of children and families.”

GUY HARRISON
FATHERS4JUSTICE

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