



## **Demanding a rape victim report to the police is abusive behaviour**

We are increasingly concerned about demands for victims of rape and other forms of sexual violence to report to the police. We have seen this in response to both the allegations against Bill Cosby, as well as by "fans" of Ched Evans.

Demanding that a woman report sexual violence is abusive behaviour. It holds women accountable for men's violence. It is unacceptable to put pressure on survivors, particularly since it's quite obvious what happens to many women who do report: harassment and further abuse. [Compulsory testifying is antithetical to victim-centred justice](#); demanding victims of sexual violence report is both victim blaming and abuse.