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A Call for Change Helpline: Reaching domestic violence abusers who want to change

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SPRINGFIELD — When the pandemic began, many people in abusive relationships were locked down at home with the person harming them.

Asking survivors of domestic violence to get a restraining order or go to a shelter or hotel was not practical, said JAC Patrissi, a trauma clinician, author and founder of Growing a New Heart, a collective of professionals who work on issues including domestic violence and social justice. “People were looking for ways to address the spike in intimate partner violence under the conditions we were facing,” she said.



Tempestt Wilson is an operator for Call for Change phone line. © Leon Nguyen | hnguyen/masslive.com/TNS

“The only thing we can do right now is to ask people being abusive to stop being abusive,” said Monica Moran, manager of Domestic Violence Prevention Projects at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and a coordinator of the Southern Hilltown Domestic Violence Task Force.

A solution: a helpline for people harming their partner who want to change.

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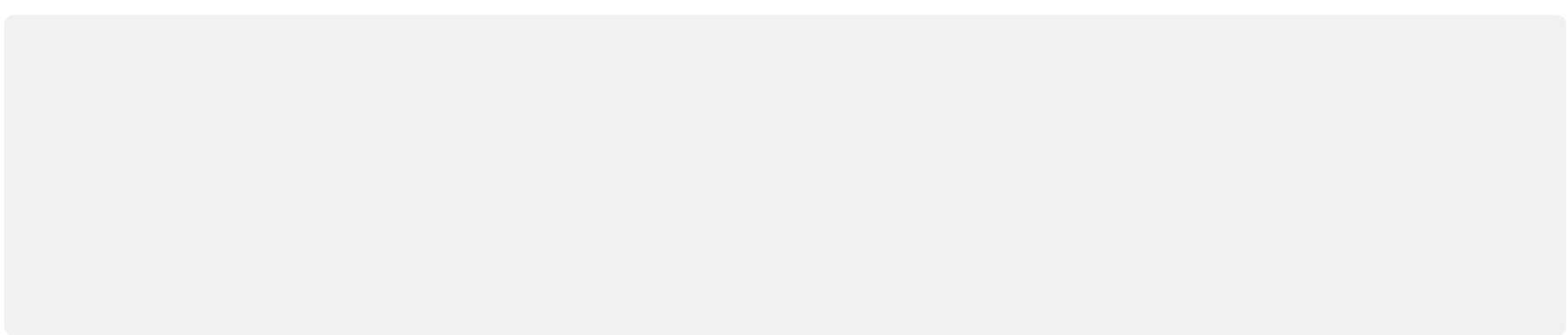


A man was taken to hospital from Greenergy Biofuels Teesside © Google

An investigation is under way after a man suffered serious injuries at a fuel plant.

Police and the ambulance service were called to Greenergy Biofuels Teesside, on Seal Sands Road, near Middlesbrough, at about 09:00 BST on Tuesday.

A spokesperson for the company confirmed a "full" investigation was under way.



The Health and Safety Executive said it was "aware" of the incident and was making inquiries.

The man was taken to James Cook University Hospital for treatment.

"We can confirm an incident took place on Tuesday 7 May at our Teesside biofuel plant," a spokesperson for Greenergy said.

"Ambulance were in attendance, and someone was taken to hospital."

The North East Ambulance Service said it had dispatched an ambulance crew, a specialist paramedic, a clinical team leader and a Hazardous Area Response Team (HART) to the scene.

It also requested support from the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS), who attended by road.

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