

Ramsgate man has sentence for domestic abuse increased following referral to the Court of Appeal

News story

Adam Fleming has sentence for grievous bodily harm increased after his case was referred under the Unduly Lenient Sentence scheme.



A Ramsgate man guilty of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to do so has had his sentence increased after his case was referred to the Court of Appeal by the Solicitor General, Alex Chalk QC MP.

Adam Fleming, 27, inflicted life-changing injuries on his ex-partner after he severely beat her in the home they shared. His attack left the victim with a traumatic brain injury, meaning she now requires full nursing care and has to use a wheelchair.

On 7 December 2021, Fleming was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment with an extended licence period of 4 years.

Following the sentencing, the Solicitor General referred Fleming's sentence to the Court of Appeal under the Unduly Lenient Sentence (ULS) scheme.

On 03 March 2022 the Court of Appeal found his original sentence to be unduly lenient and increased it to 17 years and 6 months' imprisonment plus 4 years on licence.

Speaking after the hearing, the Solicitor General, Alex Chalk QC MP said:

Adam Fleming's savage attack has left his former partner with life-changing injuries, and she will never be able to live independently again as a result. No sentence can rectify the appalling damage done by Fleming, but the increased sentence shows that cowardly domestic abusers can expect to go to prison for a long time.

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