



# Call For Participants

Information and support for those harmed by children and young people who are referred to the Children's Reporter



## What is this project about?

SCRA and Victim Support Scotland want to gather views on the type of information and supports that should be available to victims, and how this should be delivered. The information gathered will be used to guide Victim Services in the future, as well as how to balance the rights of victims and children who commit offences.

This project has been reviewed by SCRA's independent Research Ethics Committee.

## Why are we researching this?

The Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 was passed in June this year and will come into force over the coming months. As well as extending the protection of the Children's Hearings System and Kilbrandon Principles to all children under the age of 18, the Act also addresses how information and support services should be delivered to victims of children who are in conflict with the law.

## Who do we want to speak to?

We want to speak to victims about their experiences of being offered information and support. We may want to speak with their parent or guardian, if the victim is a child.

We also want to speak to young people who have committed offences, and the adults who have experience of working with them.

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## What do we want to know?

We want to ask victims how they feel about:

- The information that is currently shared with victims.
- The information that will be shared with victims in the future.
- How the rights of victims and children who commit offences can be balanced.

We want to ask young people who have committed offences, and adults who have worked with them, how they feel about:

- Being offered and receiving information and support services for victims.
- The type of information and supports victims want to receive.
- How information and support should be offered to victims in the future.
- How the rights of victims and children who commit offences can be balanced.

## How can you help?

We would like to arrange interviews with children, young people and adults from the following groups:

- Adult Victims of a child or young person who have sought information or support through contact with VIS and/or Victim Support services.
- Young people (aged 14-25) who have experience of being a victim as a child.
- Parents or carers of children or young people who have been harmed by another child or young person.
- Young people (aged 14-25) who have been referred to the Reporter on offence grounds.
- Young people (aged 14 -25) who have not had contact with the hearing system because they were dealt with by another route.

## Next Steps

If you, or your organisation, are aware of anyone who meets the criteria and might be interested in taking part, we would be grateful if you could pass on this information. Alternatively, if they give permission, please pass on their details and we will get in touch directly.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact the lead researcher Judy Warburton using the contact details below.

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