

PE2064/E: Ensure that under 16s charged with rape are treated as adults in the criminal justice system

Petitioner written submission, 27 November 2024

I thank you for the opportunity to send in a written submission.

Getting it Right for Every Child is failing our innocent children.

Education starts in the home. Young boys and girls should be taught to respect their peers and to know their worth. That should be incorporated in an educational environment also.

The statistics provided by The Lord Advocate make for horrific reading. Cases of rape are rising every year and they are becoming more violent.

Since this petition started, I have had parents reach out to me from all over the country regarding their sons and daughters.

Does a child not only need to be raped or sexually assaulted but murdered too before you take action?

You have no idea of the devastating impact this crime has on the children and their families.

The justice system is wrong.
It's 2024, nearly 2025.

How many more victims have been added to the statistics?

Predators are walking free with behaviour therapy and a green card to pass go. No criminal record or registry on the sex offender's register. They are free to do it again and again because there's no deterrent in place.

This is of huge public concern, and the LAW is a creature of politics. It shouldn't be like this for our children. We are supposed to protect them the best we can as parents.

You are supposed to protect them with the powers you can and should use.

The current policy of the Scottish Government is keeping young criminals out of the Justice System!

These aren't shoplifters, vandals, or kids getting up to no good.

They are rapists & sexual predators. Social work don't have the expertise to "treat a rapist with therapy"

You can't cure a rapist. They need to be on a sex offender's list and punished for their crimes against girls or boys.

They ruin lives, shatter dreams, destroy souls and it never goes away.

It affects the rest of your life.

Please, I beg you to change the law for future generations of children.

We would like something good to come out of our and every other victims' horrendous journey.

We need some justice for the victims.