

Scottish Sentencing Council submission of 1 February 2023

PE1887/K: Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act

Thank you for your letter dated 11 January 2023 requesting that the evidence gathered during consideration of the petition 'Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act' is taken into account as part of the Council's development of sentencing guidelines. I am responding on behalf of the Council.

The Council takes an evidence-based approach to guideline development, and is at an early stage of gathering evidence in preparation for developing a guideline on domestic abuse offences. As part of that development process, the evidence gathered during the discussion of the petition 'Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act' will be included for consideration.